

## GENERAL MEETING

Sunday - October 13, 1:30 pm

We will meet in the Hall

### "Nature and Cactii from Patagonia"

Presentation by Guillermo Rivera

The program will take us to a part of South America where people seldom travel in search of cacti. This is probably the reason why so many collectors and hobbyist alike are not very familiar with some genera such as *Pterocactus*, *Austrocactus*, *Mahiuenia* etc. Most people visit Patagonia in search for beautiful landscapes, snowcapped mountains, glacier lakes surrounded of pristine forests, incredible wildlife on the coast, among many other attractions.

The truth is that, even though we can find all those things, there are over 40 species of cacti that grow at these latitudes. Because of their isolation, these plants are seldom known to most collector or cacti enthusiasts. Also, because of their habitat, these cacti would tolerate colder weather, and some of them even more humid conditions in the winter than plants from Northwestern Argentina.

This talk will attempt to show you the diversity of these poorly known plants as well some beautiful scenery from Northern Patagonia.



*Pterocactus*



*Austrocactus*

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## President's Message

I hope members who attended the September meeting were impressed with the wireless microphone; I certainly was. We still have a learning curve to climb as we learn how to transfer the headset from one person to another. Perhaps we could use the hand-held microphone at the head table and allow the guest speaker

to wear the wireless mic until he or she announces the mini-show awards. We certainly don't want to have Mike Short standing at the control station adjusting the volume every time the headset is transferred with a new speaker. Thank you, Mike.

I've never hid my *Opuntia*-phobia and was prepared for an uninteresting presentation from Jon Rebman. But Jade had told me his talk would be terrific and I confess to agreeing with her after hearing what Jon had to say. I think everyone learned a whole lot more about the various climatic regions in Baja and how the flora varies from one to another. I sure wasn't prepared to see aspens growing in meadows above 8,000 feet. If you missed Dr. Rebman, I recommend that if you get a chance to attend one of his talks elsewhere, that you make an attempt to attend.

Several key members were on vacation and missed the September meeting, including Danny and Carol. But nobody complained about the lack of coffee or tea, perhaps because Carmen Shearer brought iced tea that slaked some thirst. I'd also like to thank Nancy Jengo for coming in early to help with the sign-in process. Irene Brenner might have helped there too, but I didn't notice, sorry Irene.

We received a nice "Thank You" letter from the White Point Nature Conservancy. Thank all of you who brought in cuttings and Jackie Johnson who assembled them into a very nice dish garden for the Conservancy's silent auction. As I've said before, it feels good to contribute to worthy projects in the community.

I'd like to thank David Okihara for coming in early at 11:30 a.m. to set up chairs and help me set up tables; a task he has been doing for several months now without me asking him to do so. He and Bob Caplan shared the task of putting them away. I also appreciated members who sell plants for putting their tables away. I'm not necessarily asking more members to come early or stay late to do these task, but I'm sure David would appreciate someone to help with the chairs and it would be nice to have company when I turn out the lights and close the doors when I leave at 5:00 PM.

Everyone should remember we are only one-person deep in almost all club activities. If you are responsible for a task, it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to do it. Informing me that you will be absent is good, but that doesn't mean I'm responsible for finding your replacement. To some extent the Chairs of our standing committees can help you, but several tasks require knowledge of what the task requires ahead of time. Maybe it's time to recruit and train some backups.

Dale La Forest  
President



## September Mini Show

### FIRST PLACE WINNERS

#### CACTUS

**Open Class**  
Jim Hanna

*adenium arabicum*

**Novice Class**  
Phyllis DeCrescenzo

*opuntia vulgaris*

#### SUCCULENT

**Open Class**  
Laurel Woodley

*opuntia decumbens*

**Novice Class**  
Judy Unrine

*adenium obesum*



## South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society MINI SHOW FINAL RESULTS - (as of September 8, 2013)

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Bjerke		3	Capaldo	31	17
Caplan	13	17	Causey	8	12
DeCrescenzo	33	20	Duke	58	38
Dunn		1	Gardner	6	46
Hines	4	7	Hanna		31
Jengo		1	Kohlschreiber	3	
Jenkins	2	1	La Forest	6	11
Jackie Johnson	19	20	Williams	3	
Bernard Johnson		7	Warzybok		10
Kelly	16	4	Woodley	18	16
Carol Knight		15			
Neely	49	33			
Ross		2			
Shearer		7			
Tanner	12	14			
Unrine	4	10			
Veits	4	4			
Wilk		10			
Wood	1	2			

### 2013 PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM)

	Cactus	Succulents
January	Mammillaria - Hooked Spines	Kalanchoe
February	Variegated Cacti	Euphorbia with Caudex
March	Crested / Monstrose	Gasteria
April	PLANT SHOW AND SALE	
May	Turbinicarpus / Leuchtenbergia	Tylecodon
June	Parodia / Notocactus	Pachypodium
July	Lobivia / Echinopsis / Trichocereus	Senecio
August	Astrophytum	Variegated (All)
September	Opuntia - Flat Pad Varieties	Adenium
October	<b>Cereus / Columnar Cactus</b>	<b>Sedum</b>
November	Discocactus / Melocactus	Lithops
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

#### PLANT OF THE MONTH RULES – (revised January 2010)

Up to 3 plants may be entered in each of the two categories: **Cactus** and **Succulent**

##### Entries may be in either the Novice or Open Class

Novice entries must have been held by the owner for at least 3 months.

Only plant condition will be judged, not the pot or other enhancements.

Open entries must have been held for at least 1 year. All aspects of the entry will be judged, including plant condition, and pot.

##### JUDGING

Entrants will receive 6 points for First Place, 4 points for Second Place, 2 points for Third Place and 1 point for showing a plant that is not disqualified. The judge may award one First Place and up to (2) Second and (2) Third Places in each category. No award will be given if plants are not deemed to be of sufficient quality. At the discretion of the judge and/or Mini-Show Chair, a plant may be disqualified or removed due to disease or infestation or because it is not the correct genera.

## SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH – SEDUM

Sedum is a genus of about 400 species of leaf succulents, from the old and new world in the Northern Hemisphere. They vary in habit from annual groundcovers to shrubs. The flowers usually have five petals, seldom four or six. There are typically twice as many stamens as petals.

Well known European Sedums are *Sedum acre*, *Sedum album*, *Sedum dasyphyllum*, *Sedum reflexum* (also known as *Sedum rupestre*) and *Sedum hispanicum*. Leaves of many species turn red in late fall; some cultivars have brilliantly colored or variegated foliage. Many sedums have showy pink, red, or purple flowers in fall. Others bloom from May through August with white or yellow flowers.

The best sedums for the perennial garden are hybrids.

Some creeping or low-growing species sedums make good groundcovers for dry, sunny or lightly shaded sites.



*Sedum sieboldii*



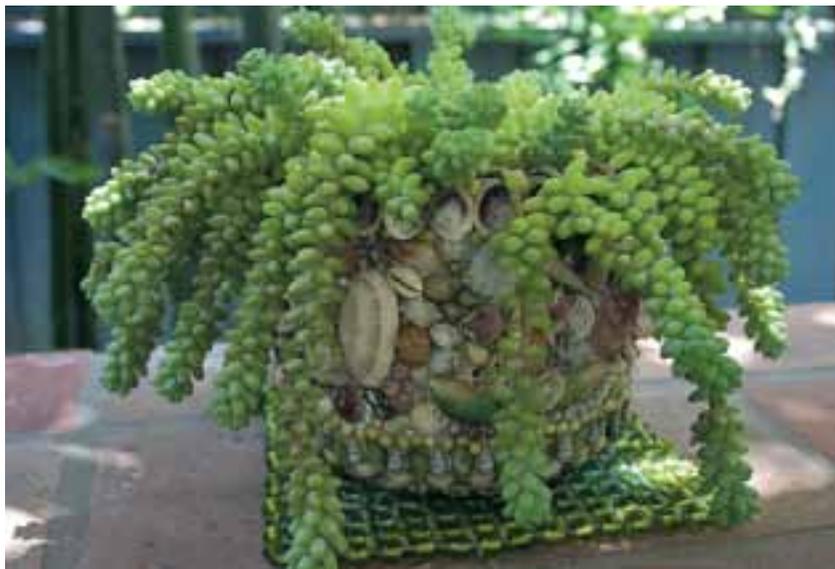
*Pork n Beans Sedum (Sedum rubrotinctum)*



*Sedum 'Angelina'*



*Sedum caudicola*



*Sedum burrito*



*Sedum Spathulifolium*

## CACTUS OF THE MONTH – CEREUS COLUMNAR CACTUS

The term cereus is used to describe cacti with very elongated bodies, including columnar growth cacti and epiphytic cacti.

According to Cactiguide the word cereus was commonly and freely used to describe any tree-like cacti. Even in the Cactus and Succulent society, the word cereus was commonly used to describe most tall green columnar cacti.

Genus Cereus was first genera for such cacti, one of the oldest cactus genera, and the circumscription varies depending on the authority.

Any of various large cacti (genus Cereus) of the western U.S. and tropical New World. The genus is the largest in the cactus family.



*cereus forbesii*



*Cereus hexagonus*



*Cereus validus*

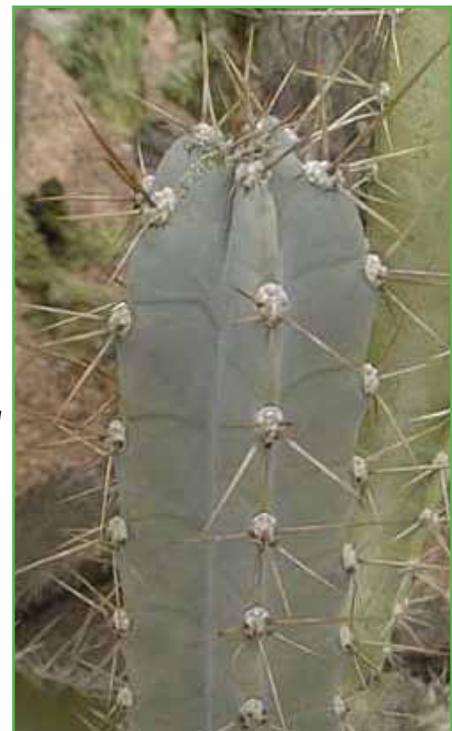


*Cereus Peruvianus Monstrose*



*Cereus spgazzinii*

*Cereus huilunchu*



**OCTOBER'S PRESENTER:  
GUILLERMO RIVERA**



*Guillermo Rivera  
Born in Argentina.  
Owner of South  
America Nature Tours  
(former Cactus  
Expeditions), a  
company dedicated  
to the organization of  
tours for the last 12  
years, throughout South  
America (Chile,*

*Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador),  
Mexico and South Africa, with emphasis on plants  
(bromeliads, cacti, and orchids), and birding.*

*Former researcher at the University of Cordoba,  
Argentina. BS degree in Biology University of Cordoba  
MS Marine Biology. Northeastern University. PhD in  
Botany University of Cordoba.*

*Next year we are planning another trip to South  
Africa, as well as a new trip to Madagascar. Both of  
these trips will focus on the succulent flora of these  
places. For more information please contact Guillermo  
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or visit website: [www.southamericanaturetours.com](http://www.southamericanaturetours.com)*

*Other talks can be on Brazil, Peru, Argentina, Chile,  
South Africa....*



*Maihuenia poeppigii*

**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT – 2013  
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 2 & 3     SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND  
SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
9am - 4pm both days  
SHOW AND SALE -  
L.A. County Arboretum  
(See address above)

**REFRESHMENTS FOR OCTOBER**

Volunteers for October refreshments are:  
Danny Westfall                     Lou Hagemier  
Mary Lopez

The September snacks were provided by:  
Hank Warzybok                     David Okihara  
Judy Unrine

Many thanks to all!

**Kitchen Volunteers** – Please see Carol Causey after  
the meeting if you would like to help with kitchen  
cleanup.

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Next up in November:  
Discocactus  
Melocactus  
Lithops