



CACTUS CHRONICLE



MISSION STATEMENT

The Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society (LACSS) cultivates the study & enjoyment of cacti & succulent plants through educational programs & activities that promote the hobby within a community of fellow enthusiasts & among the greater public.

Monthly Meeting Program : August

Q *and* A SESSION

presented by : Sandy Chase, Artie Chavez, John Martinez & Karen Ostler

Rather than our usual Individual Speaker presentation, this month we will be presenting a Q&A session for our members on August 2nd, 2018. We did this last year, and being that we had such a wonderful turnout at our festival, signing up 14 NEW individual members & 14 NEW family memberships, our second monthly meeting following our festival, it seemed like an appropriate time for this. At our Welcome/Hold Area tent, we received many questions regarding our festival, our Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society club, upcoming events, & more. The idea came about as a suggestion by our member, Sandy Chase. Therefore, I chose 4 of our Member-Experts, feeling that they represent a great cross-section of all things drought resistant plant-related. I am confident that a number of our other Member-Experts will happily join the various Q&A conversations as the topics fly! All in all, I believe this will stimulate a multitude of interesting topics & discussions satisfying our members' concerns, especially benefitting our newest members.

Suggested topics could be: Concerns regarding the recent severe heat wave we have been experiencing; Questions related to the festival; The upcoming Inter-City Show; Our club's Annual Fall Sale; Suggestions for members who don't have room or cannot afford a greenhouse; & Tips for those members who live in smaller living areas. Don't forget to bring plants you have questions about!

See next page for our panel & their respective bios.

Ron Behar
V.P. Programs

MEET THE EXPERTS



SANDY CHASE

Sandy entered into the Cactus & Succulent world in 1984 when she purchased 20 plants, each in 2 1/2" pots, for \$0.50 each. To this day, she still owns one of those plants. Sandy has amassed quite a collection of Cacti & Succulents over the years. She has held a position in every office in the LACSS, & she calls herself a "life member." Sandy was privileged to co-chair the 2001 convention hosted by the LACSS, held in Woodland Hills, California. It was also her good fortune to be part of a 3+ week trip to Africa, with 8 friends from the club, where they saw many plants in habitat in 2010. Sandy has put together many educational displays for the LACSS, the CSSA, & Inter-city shows. Sandy looks forward to serving many more years in any capacity that will help our society grow.



ARTIE CHAVEZ

Artie has been a collector & grower of rare unusual succulents since the young age of 14. He has held numerous board positions for the LACSS for over 30 years, he is a member of the CSSA, & numerous other local clubs. With extensive travels to Mexico, Africa, & throughout the United States, his knowledge of plants & habitat make him an excellent grower. His staging of Cacti & Succulents has been featured in the Daily News & his style has influenced the art of staging in the cactus & succulent shows throughout California. He is a co-owner of a Cactus & Succulent nursery, Desert Creations in Northridge, CA. Artie is the creator of one of the most unique Cactus & Succulent shows sponsored by the LACSS each June at the Sepulveda Garden Center in Encino.



JOHN MARTINEZ

John currently lives in Moorpark with his wife, Linda & is a retired Los Angeles Fire Department Battalion Chief. He is a member of several local garden clubs & a past volunteer at the Huntington Botanical Garden. John has a deep fondness of nature & has been growing xeric plants most of his adult life. Over the past six years he has shared a co-operative succulent growing compound in Somis with 3 like-minded growers of cactus, succulents, and other exotics. Aside from maintaining his plant collection, John's time is divided between gardening, golf, photography, occasional fly fishing, & grandchildren. As a native of Southern California, John attended California State University, Northridge where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Art.



KAREN OSTLER

Karen's interest in cactus started in 1979, when she acquired 7 cactus plants, 3 of which she still has, all Mammillarias. She became involved in the cactus societies in the mid-80s & is currently a member of 6 local societies as well as the CSSA. After living in the San Fernando Valley for many years, Karen & her husband, Martin moved to the high desert mountains with an elevation of 4,100 ft & had to learn how to grow plants all over again. She loves every challenging moment of it.

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Sylvia Strehlo**MONTHLY DRAWING**
Leah Imamura & Juana Williams**KIDS OUTREACH**
Nicolene Bova

A Word From Our President



Wow! It's hot! Someone told me the last time it was this hot was 2008. Some of my plants really are showing signs of stress. My plumerias got terribly burnt. I just have to keep an eye on them. I talked to a couple of growers who said their greenhouses reached nearly 125°. Hope everyone was able to keep themselves & their plants cool.

On Sunday, July 8th, I had a terrific & educational time at the clubs' fieldtrip to learn about bees. We were treated to some really interesting & tasty honey. One of the things that stood out was that if you really need to use pesticides, spray in the evenings when the bees aren't active. That will help out the bee population.

We have 2 great club activities coming up & we could use a few volunteers. The first is the 33rd Annual Inter-City Show & Sale on August 11th & 12th. We actually need people to help set up on Wednesday through Friday, August 8th through August 10th. Sunday, August 12th, we need more people in the afternoon for the breakdown. Please let John Martinez know if you can commit to a couple of hours that weekend. I encourage both rookie & experienced members to show their plants. This show is judged with levels. It is extremely satisfying to get recognition for your precious specimens.

The next event after the Inter-city Show is our club's Fall Sale. This sale was amazing last year & was led by Kal Kaminer. There were wonderful plants available for members & the public to purchase. Each of the pro growers offered future plant of the month specimens for people to purchase. If you are looking for a few special or hard to find plants to show, you won't want to miss this event September 15th. Mark your calendars! We could use some people to help out, so please contact Sandy Chase to sign up.

While you are at it, also mark your calendar for September 22nd, for the LACSS Garden Tour. These are always incredible field trips where our members share their gardens with the club. We are going to be visiting Randee & Marty Lefflers' garden, then we are going to the garden of Steve & Tiffani Bresnick. Please RSVP for this event to Diane Miller at (818) 882 1856 or by email at dianemiller@socal.rr.com & be sure to include "LACSS Garden Tour" in the subject line.

I am happy to say our festival committee has wrapped up the 2018 Festival with a wonderful meeting. Mark your 2019 calendar for June 8th & 9th, 2019 for next year's festival. Great job, Festival Committee!

I always look forward to the panel discussion format we'll have at our August 2nd meeting. Bring in your questions, problem plants, or pictures & let our team of experts help you out. There is always something to learn at these sessions.

If you find yourself with a little extra time, maybe you would like to help volunteer for the club. Please talk to me at the meeting or email me at kimokakes1@yahoo.com or just pick up the phone (818) 679 6548.

Kim Chavez

PLANT OF THE MONTH

JULY RESULTS

SUCCULENT - ECHEVERIA

ROOKIE

FIRST	ECHEVERIA AGAVOIDES CV. LIPSTICK	DEBI HEAPS
SECOND	ECHEVERIA SP.	NICOLENE BOVA
THIRD	ECHEVERIA 'BLACK PRINCE'	DEBI HEAPS
	ECHEVERIA AGAVOIDES 'EBONY'	DEBI HEAPS

NOVICE

FIRST	ECHEVERIA PULVINATA	RON BEHAR
SECOND	ECHEVERIA GIANT BLUE	RON BEHAR
THIRD	ECHEVERIA SETOSA VAR. DEMINUTA	NANCY NEYMARK
	ECHEVERIA SP.	RON BEHAR

ADVANCED

FIRST	ECHEVERIA PURPUSORUM	ROXIE ESTERLE
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OPEN

FIRST	ECHEVERIA AGAVOIDES 'EBONY'	JOHN MATTHEWS
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CACTUS - MATUCANA, OROYA

ROOKIE

FIRST	MATUCANA MADISONIORUM	COLLIN O'CALLAGHAN & KIMBERLY TONG
SECOND	MATUCANA MADISONIORUM	COLLIN O'CALLAGHAN & KIMBERLY TONG
THIRD	MATUCANA MADISONIORUM	COLLIN O'CALLAGHAN & KIMBERLY TONG

NOVICE

FIRST	MATUCANA PAUCICOSTATA	RON BEHAR
SECOND	OROYA PERUVIANUS	RON BEHAR
THIRD	MATUCANA (W/YELLOW FLOWERS)	RON BEHAR

ADVANCED

OPEN

PLANT OF THE MONTH 2018

AUGUST

Thelocactus, Hamatocactus
Adenia

SEPTEMBER

Mammillaria "Black Spines"
Bursera

OCTOBER

Espostoa, Oreocereus
Jatropha, Monadenium, Pedilanthus

NOVEMBER

Crest, Monstrose
Crest, Monstrose

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY!

PLANT OF THE MONTH 2019

JANUARY

Epiphytic Cacti
Dudleya

FEBRUARY

Echinocactus
Sarcocaulon

MARCH

Epithelantha, Encephalocarpus
Pelecyphora, Aloe Hybrid

APRIL

Gymnocalycium
Haworthia

MAY

Small cacti & succulents staged as
miniatures

JUNE

Favorites

JULY

Mammillaria with hooked spines
Lithops

AUGUST

Rebutia
Commiphora

SEPTEMBER

Astrophytum
Euphorbia from Madagascar



PLANT OF THE MONTH ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO 3 SUCCULENT PLANTS AND 3 CACTUS PLANTS FOR EACH MEMBER. THIS APPLIES EVEN WHEN THERE ARE MORE THAN ONE GENUS OF SUCCULENT OR CACTUS. THE THEORY IS TO MAKE SURE THERE WILL BE ENOUGH SPACE FOR ALL ENTRIES.



AUGUST PLANT OF THE MONTH

THELOCACTUS including HAMATOCACTUS

BY KYLE WILLIAMS

Photo Credits: Kyle Williams

Thelocactus are spectacularly beautiful cacti with dense multicolor spination, well shaped tubercles, and large colorful flowers. They have been a favorite with collectors since they were first discovered. Thelocactus is a small genus in the cactus family, with only 11 or 12 species. In addition to the species, there are also half a dozen legitimate varieties, and a large number of less legitimate varieties that can be found in reference books and collections. The larger number of questionable varieties is due to variability of some of the species between populations from isolated locations.

Thelocactus are found from Southern Texas through central Mexico, mostly in the Chihuahuan Desert, but extending into brushland and thorn scrub in the western parts of its range, and into the Rio Grande Plains region in Texas. Thelocactus bicolor has the largest range, extending from central Chihuahua in the west into Texas in the north, and as far south as San Luis Potosi. The plants are generally small with prominent spines. They are notable for having big, showy flowers that range in color from white to pink to yellow.

Thelocactus are easily grown, tolerant of heat and moisture, but not cold and moisture. They benefit from protection from being cold and wet, although plants

left unprotected during the last several winters survived in good shape. Some species develop fairly large tap roots, and should be planted in deep enough pots to give them room to grow. They are easily propagated from seed, and this is the best way to develop a good collection from different populations. They can also be propagated from offsets, with a cutting allowed to dry, and then replanted.

The relationship between species of Thelocactus and other genera is somewhat uncertain. There is evidence to suggest the genus may need to be broken up, or at least have some species transferred into it. Originally, the genus was split out of Echinocactus, but isn't thought to be especially closely related to it today. Several other genera have been linked to Thelocactus, including Echinomastus, Leuchtenbergia, Glandulicactus, and Ferocactus. In addition the genus Hamatocactus has been bounced around between Thelocactus, Ferocactus, & Hamatocactus with some taxonomists dividing it up between the three, with some species being moved into each genus. More studies of DNA are needed before this can be sorted out. Until then keep calling them Thelocactus and enjoy the plants!



Thelocactus setispinus



Thelocactus bicolor



Thelocactus buekii



Thelocactus hexaedrophorus

AUGUST PLANT ^{OF} THE MONTH

ADENIA

BY KYLE WILLIAMS

Photo Credits: Kyle Williams

This month we are looking at *Adenia*, a very interesting genus of caudiciform plants from Africa, Madagascar, and Southeast Asia. If you see this name and say "I know that plant, its the Desert Rose!", sorry, you'd be wrong. That is *Adenium*, which we'll look at in a couple months. *Adenia* forms a fat somewhat lumpy base with



Adenia glauca

numerous branches that are actually stiff vines. It may seem odd to say the plant has stiff branches but is a vine, but that's what we have here! At this point it is worth mentioning that *Adenia* is in the Passifloraceae, or Passion Flower family. Passion Flowers are tropical vines that climb over everything. So imagine in the distant past a tropical vine that over many generations spread out from the tropics into drier, more arid regions, eventually reaching the desert. In evolutionary terms, you'd need to change from a lush tropical plant to one that has adapted to xeric conditions. A good way to do this is to start storing water in your base. This leads to the fat bases we see today. Keeping lush green leaves isn't a good idea either. So (in most cases) you'll find that *Adenia* has small leaves. Along the way the soft vines stiffened up, becoming more branch like but still keeping some elements of a vine. In particular the branches are long and straight and grow indefinitely. These branches also have tendrils which grab on to other plants. Even in the desert that can be useful, as it can grab onto nearby shrubs to keep the stems upright and therefore more exposed to the sun.

Adenia consists of approximately 100 species, yet only around 10 or so are regularly seen in cultivation. Some, like *A. glauca* and *A. spinosa* are easy, fast growing plants that can go from a small plant to one with a caudex a foot in diameter within a few years. In our region we can grow those plants in the ground, and mature specimens can be over 3 feet diameter. I don't mean a 100-year-old plant in Africa, but plants less than 20 years old right here in Southern California! To achieve this rapid growth be sure to water plants regularly during the warmer months. These plants don't like drying out completely and in the summer may need nearly as much water as a regular, non-succulent plant. Those are the easiest and best species to start with, but as your interest in these plants grow you may start to notice species like *A. globosa* and *A. pechuelli*, which are extremely unusual and attractive, but extremely slow growing and expensive to obtain.

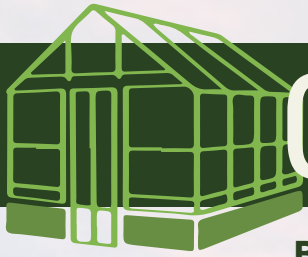
Adenia aren't especially prone to pests and disease but can get the standards like mealybugs and spider mites. There is one unique pest to be aware of however. The Gulf Fritillary is a common orange butterfly seen commonly in the summer. The caterpillars are generally known to eat *Passiflora* vines exclusively. If you look them up online that's what you'll see everyone say. Remember when I said *Adenia* was a close relative of *Passiflora*? Well, these butterflies know this too! They will fly around a cactus and succulent collection, landing only on *Adenia* to lay their eggs. Soon after orange and black caterpillars hatch and systematically eat all the leaves but touch no other plants. The best control is to pick the caterpillars off the plants when you see them. The most useful pesticide is a BT spray, which contains toxic bacteria that the caterpillars eat.



Adenia pechuelli



Adenia glauca



GREENHOUSE NOTES

BY KAREN OSTLER

August is here and with it our summer heat. Many of our plants will slow growth and go into a state of semi dormancy, but don't be fooled into thinking you can ignore them. Some of the Aizoaceae; the group of plants we all used to refer to as Mesembryanthemaceae; are putting out new heads and getting ready to burst into growth with the first signs of cooler weather and the shorter days of Autumn. Many of the Cacti are still growing, just more slowly than they do during the cooler days of spring. Many of the caudiciforms are going strong, happy with the heat.

All of them need to be watered. The Aizoaceae just a tiny sprinkle; the Cactus a little more and the caudiciforms a lot more.

Do some research. There's that word again. Spend some time figuring out what your plants need and when they need it. I could spend days, weeks, months, explaining what each genus needs, but you need to learn it on your own. I can only give you a general estimate, based on my experiences. Here in the mountains, my growing conditions and watering schedules are light years different from when I lived in the Valley. But certain facts hold true...growth slows in the heat of summer for most Cactus and Succulents.

Notice, I said most.

Right now, every one of my Operculicaryas and Fouquierias are growing madly and I'm watering them to match; every three to four days. I know the Vitaceae; Cissus and Cyphostemmas are growing strongly, as are the Moraceae; the Ficus and Dorstenias, and they all need a similar watering schedule. I also feed my Operculicaryas and Fouquierias fairly heavily at this time of year, giving them the fuel they need for all that growth.

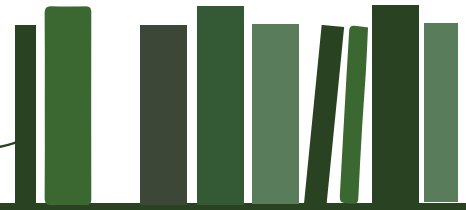
Burseras, Commiphoras, and all of the Cucurbits; Ibervillas, Gerrardanthus, Kedrostis; are all growing gangbusters as well.

That's where the research comes in; if you don't do it, how will you know if your plants should be growing? No matter what you grow they all need to be watered, the question is, just how much. Observation can tell you a lot but not everything; are your succulents wilting mid-day? It might not be lack of water, but merely normal response to the heat and if you water in response you could over water the plant and kill with kindness. I always err on the side of benign neglect; if you're unsure of what the plant needs; give it just a little, just enough to keep all those little feeder roots alive, but not so much you have it floating away to the greenhouse in the sky.

Happy growing!

Karen Ostler

From the Stacks of the Library



BY JOYCE SCHUMANN

For several years, LACSS has accumulated many old Cactus & Succulent journals. Most are not in print anymore & obviously they are OLD. At the last two Festivals, we sold many of them but still have a collection of odd & sundry journals. We have decided to offer some of them to our members at the Freebie table. They provide a fantastic historical background for our hobby that cannot be found on the internet. Names, travels, taxonomy trial & errors, environmental issues (even then) & so on are found in these "walk down memory lane" journals. They will be offered sporadically over the next several months. I hope you enjoy them as much as I have. (And the price is right.)

For this month, one of the offerings is "DINTERIA", the Namibia Scientific Society Journal. We have about 125 booklets of various dates including 1981, 1982, & 1997. I suggest you go to the website www.namscience.com.na/about-us for some background information about the organization.

For those of you who enjoyed the bi-lingual "Welwitschia" book last month, I have a better challenge for you. The second journal being offered is "Obrazkovy minilexikon sukulentov". We have about 30 of those written in, maybe, Polish or Czechoslovakian. This journal is mostly photos & the plant names are in our familiar Latin form so it will be easy for you to find a very old photo of your favorite plant.

I am hoping that Nels Christianson will offer his review of the latest CSSA Journal, Vol. 90, No. 2, Summer, 2018 for our Chronicle. Just to pique your interest though, the ISI offerings are announced. Look for this issue this month at the library table.

Continuing in our bi-lingual theme, the new book offering for this month is "100 Cactus Argentinos." This is written by Roberto Kiesling & Omar E. Ferrari, published in 2005 & written in Spanish. Lots of excellent photos, most in habitat. The next time the **PLANT OF THE MONTH** is "Cactus of Argentina," this is the book you will need!

In the meantime, step right up & CHECK IT OUT.

See you soon,

Joyce Schumann

MEMBERSHIP PAGE

BY ILONA BURATTI

FYI - MEMBER NEWS:

The July meeting was a full house, with 83 signing in (thank you), 26 guests (wow), 12 new, & 45 returning members.

We were happy to see two couples come in just in time for the program! If your time is short, showing up for an excellent program is the way to go. Ernesto was fantastic, as always.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU (OUR MEMBER VENDOR)



BRYAN CHAN a hobbyist plant grower/hybridizer and has been a LACSS member since the early 1990's. He maintains a semi large plant collection consisting of Bromeliads, Orchids, Succulents, Cacti & Bulbs. Of his hybrids, Dyckia in the Bromeliad family has been his most successful & are being grown by other Dyckia enthusiasts worldwide. Even though Bryan has a stronger interest in hybrids, he does grow many other species. He continues to build his collection with new additions every year. His other interests

include woodworking & playing guitar. He determines which plants are ready a couple of days before the meeting, usually a variety of Cactus, Succulents, & Bromeliads. Stop by & visit Bryan.

Visit all our Member Vendors, ask questions, buy a plant. Rookies can enter their newly purchased plants in **PLANT OF THE MONTH**, forms are in front. Participate!

We are very busy at the Membership Area, your signing in & wearing your name badge (for security and friendship reasons) is very helpful. If you forget your badge, just fill out & paste a sticky one on your shirt.

At about 6:15 we were officially going crazy at the desk, & I conscripted a guest, Andrea Monroe who joined LACSS, sat down, welcomed & signed in 26 guests. She did a fantastic job helping us out, thank you Andrea! Al will be back for our next meeting.

If you have any problems, write them in our Silver Book. It will get fixed.

See you in August, stay cool.

Ilona Buratti



WELCOME!

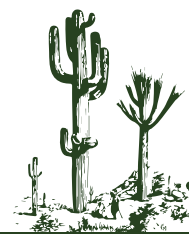
JULY'S NEW MEMBERS:

MATT DAVENPORT
ANTONETTE & NIO DECACE
EMESE GASPAR
JERI HUGHES
DEBORAH LOMBARDI
ANDREA MONROE
BEN & ROBERTA MOROWITZ
GEORGIA ROIZ
CHRISTOPHER STINNETT
CHARLOTTE YERKE

BE SURE TO BRING A FLAT BOX FOR YOUR GOODIES, PICK UP YOUR NAME BADGE (IF ORDERED), YOUR ROSTER, MEMBERSHIP CARD & WELCOME PLANT.

P/S: IF WE GOT YOUR NAME WRONG, PLEASE EMAIL: NEWSLETTER@LACACTUS.COM WITH SUBJECT "NAME CHANGE"

LACSS BEE FIELD TRIP: HOW DID IT GO?



Thank you to Robin, Dan, Madison & Jen at The Valley Hive & Topanga Nursery for hosting a wonderful & educational introduction to bees, one of our favorite pollinators! During our July 8th visit, Madison gave an engaging presentation where we learned some fascinating facts about bee behavior. Here are a few:

- Bees play an important role in helping to produce one-third of our food supply.
- Bees can make a glue-like substance, called propolis, from the resin & sap they gather from trees.
- Worker bees can have multiple jobs over the course of their lives.
- Bees collect water to bring back to the hive for temperature control of the hive.

These amazing creatures face their share of survival challenges. There are multiple factors that contribute to what is commonly known as colony collapse disorder.



Five factors were discussed during the presentation; pesticides, monocultures, varroa mites & other natural threats, urban infringement, climate change.



Inside, we had the pleasure of getting a close-up look at the observation hive. We spied the queen bee with her attendants & were able to observe some of the bees communicating through movement.



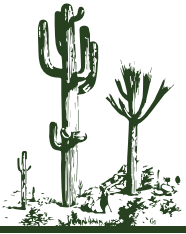
And then, there was the honey tasting. The side-by-side taste comparison was a wonderful way to experience the distinctions between the flavors of these delicious local honeys; Sage, Wildflower, Orange, Buckwheat, Avocado Citrus Honey & more, all delicious.

As people who appreciate our natural world, what can we do to help? There are 4 simple things we can all do to help bees survive & thrive: Educate others about the value of bees and how to help them survive, provide a water source, plant plants that bees like in your garden such as lavender, fruit trees, etc., if you must use pesticides, spray at night. Toxins can dissipate before the bees come out in the morning.

After the presentation and honey tasting, we explored the nursery & the wide variety of plants available. It was a lovely way to wrap up the morning.

Thank you to LACSS for sponsoring this trip & thank you to all the members who came out on this hot July morning! Your participation makes these outings a success!

Diane Miller



UPCOMING LACSS GARDEN TOUR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

Please join us Saturday, September 22, 2018 for our next LACSS Garden Tour. We will be visiting two beautiful hillside gardens.

Place: Home of Randee & Marty Leffler

Time : TBD

Address: (in Encino) provided after you RSVP

The Leffler's garden features harmonious, drought tolerant, hillside landscaping, large succulents, & poolside container gardens. The diversity of flora on the property includes succulents, cactus, native plants, fruit trees & traditional favorites complimenting each other to make up a tranquil & welcoming garden space. Come see how Randee's and Marty's use of colorful foliage helps make their garden exceptional.



Place: Home of Steve & Tiffani` Bresnick

Time : TBD

Address: (in Sherman Oaks) provided after you RSVP

The Bresnick's garden is a lushly planted, oak studded, 3-acres hillside featuring rare cycads, palms, & other tropical plants with succulents throughout. The Huntington inspired cactus garden, which contains over 100 cactus specimens, has been updated since our visit last year. Come see the wonderful changes Steve & Tiffani have made!



Please wear sturdy shoes as you would for a hike. The Bresnick's garden is on a hillside. There are about 100 steps from the top of the property down to the cactus garden. There is a long staircase at the top and a short one at the bottom as well as dirt and decomposed granite pathways. Please feel free to bring a walking stick, if you'd like.

Light refreshments will be available. Please wear your LACSS badge.

Please RSVP for this event to Diane Miller at (818) 882 1856 or by email at dianemiller@socal.rr.com. Please include "LACSS Garden Tour" in the subject line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Don't
forget!*

REFRESHMENTS REMINDER

It's August - Last names starting with U-Z

If your last name begins with the letters listed above, this means it's your turn to bring the goodies during our meeting on Thursday, August 2nd. Please have snacks arrive by 6:30PM for Social Hour. Your help in setting up & breaking down is greatly appreciated.

Some ideas: finger foods, fruit, veggies, chips & dip, cookies, brownies, burritos, pizza ... you name it, we will heat & serve it. We have a microwave available.

It's nice to have real food at the start of the meeting, as well as treats during the break. Drinks are also welcome.



ARE YOU MISSING A PLANT?

This agave was left at the LACSS festival competition. None of the entry papers have this listed.

If you are the owner of this plant, please claim it at the August meeting or it will be added to this month's raffle table.

LACSS 2nd Annual Fall Cactus & Succulent Sale

Saturday,
September 15, 2018
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sepulveda Garden Center
16633 West Magnolia Blvd
Encino, CA 91316



Orbea ciliata

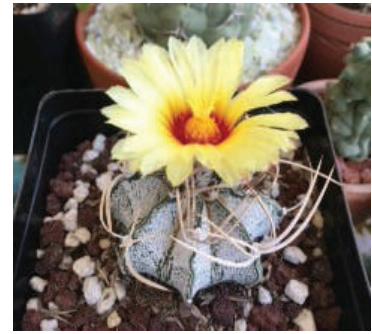
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SUCCULENT & CACTUS PLANT SALE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

9:00 am- 4:00 pm
Elks Lodge
158 N. Conejo School Road
Thousand Oaks, CA, 91362



Plant & Pottery Vendors as well as
Cactus & Succulents experts will be
there to give you tips on growing & cultivation

Please bring boxes or bags to carry home your purchases.

For more information email: Conejocss@hotmail.com

Our Sale is in conjunction with the Elks Lodge weekly BBQ.

CALLING ALL CACTOPHILES!

(and succulent lovers, as well!)

LACSS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE 2019

If you like our programs, our shows, & our activities, you will enjoy them even more when you get INVOLVED. All of us began as novices & gained expertise by "hanging out" with the experts. We have instituted a method to guarantee that you will learn on the job. You can transition into these vital roles by being mentored through your first year.

Right now, we are forming next year's Festival Committee. Both the previous chair & the new volunteer will attend the planning meetings together to help you transition through the process. Here are some of the areas where we need help at this time:

- FESTIVAL CO-CHAIR** - Manages show infrastructure, security, transportation, park use permits, parking assistants (ROTC), lunch for volunteers, signage, & anything else that comes up. Jim Esterle will share all contacts and assist in these critical tasks.
- VENDOR CHAIR** - Communicates with vendors, establishes contracts, contracts with rental companies, creates the festival map. Cheryl White will walk you through these procedures.
- KIDS' DAZE CHAIR** - Determines & coordinates activities, purchases & assembles materials, recruits & trains volunteers, facilitates extra publicity. Kathleen Misko will continue to **help as much as possible**.
- PUBLICITY CHAIR** - Facilitates the design of the annual postcard, writes & sends out press releases, writes & constructs the show program, coordinates additional publicity opportunities. Roxie Esterle will help the new publicity chair.
- INTERIOR SHOW CHAIR** - Coordinates competitions for best educational exhibit & for mini-plant show, sets up the show, coordinates voting & judging, obtains prizes.
- VOLUNTEER CHAIR** - Establishes schedule, recruits & assigns volunteers, wristbands for volunteers, reminders & acknowledgments. Joyce Schumann seeks a partner to assist with these responsibilities

The Festival Committee meets about 4 times during the year & then each chair independently fulfills his/her responsibilities. Yes, the workload gets rather intense during the week leading up to & including the festival, but this work is extremely rewarding, full of camaraderie, & just plain fun. Please talk to us if you are interested in joining (or we will come after you!)

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INTER-CITY CACTUS & SUCCULENT SHOW & SALE AUGUST 11-12, 2018 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM

The 33rd Annual Inter-City Show & Sale is almost here! Each year there over 100 entrants and about 1400 plants. The Inter-City show defines the best in succulent plant horticulture in a way that no other plant show can.

The show is accompanied by hourly informative presentations & the sale of cacti & succulents, pots, as well as growing media. Vendors come from Northern & Southern California, New Mexico & Arizona, some making they're only local appearance at this event.

The Inter-City Show is one of the easiest to enter with classes for novice growers, advanced growers, & an open class for the expert growers. Novice & advanced growers are the heart of the show! They enter more than two-thirds of the plants exhibited.



*Things
to
Remember*

ALL SHOW PLANTS MUST BE IN PLACE BEFORE 5:00PM TO ALLOW JUDGING

ALL SHOW PLANTS MUST BE PICKED UP ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, AFTER 5:00PM

SET UP TIMES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1:00PM - 7:00PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 8:00AM - 9:00PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

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For those that are new to the hobby & have never attended this event, this is the one "Can't Miss Event" of the year. The show is hosted by three local clubs, Los Angeles CSS, San Gabriel CSS, & the Long Beach CSS, & is billed as the largest event of its kind in the nation.

This event cannot exist without the many volunteers that make it happen. This is a call out to LACSS members to volunteer help make this event better than ever. Below is a list of the positions to be filled along with a brief description of those positions. Please review the list below and let me know which positions you would prefer to staff. I will return all phone and email communications as soon as possible. Plant sales will be open to volunteers on the Friday before the event! Please help us continue the tradition of this fantastic event.

You can contact me either by phone or email, (see header above).

Volunteer Sign-Up Positions

Show Setup: Hours, Wednesday August 8, 9:00 to 12:30 (come anytime, earlier the better.)

- Set up show and sales tables, canopies, shade cloth & trophy tables.

Show Teardown: Hours, Sunday, August 12, 4:30 to 6:30

- Pick up table cloths & trophies.
- Take down canopies.
- Load truck.

Clerks: Judging will be done on Friday, August 10 (You will need to be at the Arboretum **BEFORE** 4:00 PM)

- Assist judges with documenting judging decisions.
- Judging will commence at 5:00PM & completed by 9:30 PM.
- Dinner will be provided.
- Every attempt will be made to team up a novice clerk with a more experienced clerk. This is a great opportunity to see first hand how plants are judged.
- We are looking for at least 12 volunteer clerks.

Sales Assistants: 2 hour assignments available on both Saturday and Sunday for the following positions:

- Cashier Area: - Assist cashiers and customers at the registers.
- Sales Area:
- Miscellaneous customer assistance in the plant sales area.

Show Assistants: 2 hour assignments available on both Saturday and Sunday for the following positions:

- Hospitality Table - Greet guests. Answers general questions from the public. Pass out literature.
- Back Gate Monitor - Control back gate entry.
- Plant Holding Table: Manage purchased plants dropped off in the holding area.
- Show Watchers: - Keep an eye on the plants in the show area

SHOW SCHEDULE



HORTICULTURAL CLASSIFICATIONS

Competitive entries shall be as follows:

NOVICE Exhibitor has won no more than 40 blue ribbons total in recognized CSS shows.

ADVANCED Exhibitor has won 41 or more blue ribbons. No Commercial sellers.

OPEN Exhibitor must have won 80 or more blue ribbons or be a commercial seller of Cacti or Succulents.

SET-UP TIMES

WED. 8TH 1:00PM-7:00PM, THURS. 9TH 8:00AM-9:00PM, FRI. 10TH 9:00AM-5:00PM

The sales area will be open for pre-sale at 2:00PM Fri. the 10th for workers & participants. Plants from pre-sale must be paid for & removed from the show not later than 7:00PM Fri. the 10th or they will be placed back in the sales area. All entrants must register their total entries in the show registrar prior to placement on tables.

JUDGING WILL BEGIN AT 5:00PM ON FRIDAY THE 10TH

TAKE-OUT TIME IS SUNDAY THE 12TH FROM 5:00 PM

All Plants must be removed Sunday evening

JUDGING SCALE

Condition of plant - 60 points

Size & degree of Maturity - 15 points

Arrangements and Displays will be at the Judges option.

Points awarded towards trophies;

First = 6 points, Second = 3 points, Third = 1 point

Special Ribbons will be used as tie breakers.

Staging & presentation - 20 points

Nomenclature - 5 points

SHOW RULES

The Inter-City Show is open to anyone wishing to enter. Those wishing to enter who are not members of one of the host clubs should contact a Show Chairman at least one week prior to the show.

- Plants entered in the show competition should have been in the owner's possession a minimum of 6 months.
- All plants must be free of pests - the show committee may remove any unsuitable material from the Show or Sale at any time.
- Exhibits should be marked with the owner's name not visible to the judges.
- Exhibitors are responsible for placing entry cards with exhibits prior to the judging.
- Awards and exhibits must remain until the end of the show, 5:00PM Sunday August 12, 2018.
- All judge's decisions are final & the show committee decisions are final.
- The three host clubs & the show committee will not assume responsibility for the loss or injury of property.
- The show committee reserves the right to move or adjust plants, categories or displays to improve or facilitate a better show.
- All commercial growers or vendors in the Inter-City Show must either enter a display or enter a minimum of 10 plants in the Open class.
- Inch measurements as indicated in the show categories refer to the inside diameter of the pot.
- Plants with 30% or more Variegation, Crest or Monstrose may only appear in such categories except for variegation in Gasteria & Sansevieria.
- A Rookie novice is one who has not shown more than 10 plants cumulative.
- Plant stands may only be used in the Bonsai class or with plants that cascade below the bottom edge of the pot.
- For odd-shaped pots, size is determined by adding the length & width together & dividing by two.

SHOW SCHEDULE



DIVISION I - CACTI

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| 1 Ariocarpus up to 5" | 33 Opuntia South American |
| 2 Ariocarpus solitary over 5" | 34 Cereus South American |
| 3 Ariocarpus clusters over 5" | 35 Copiapoa |
| 4 Obregonia, Strombocactus, Encephalocarpus, Ortegocactus | 36 Eriosyce, Neochilenia, Neoporteria, Pyrrhocactus, Horridocactus |
| 5 Astrophytum | 37 Matucana, Submatucana, Oroya |
| 6 Aztekium, Pelecyphora, Epithelantha Geohintonia | 38 Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia solitary |
| 7 Stenocactus, Echinofossulocactus | 39 Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia cluster to 6" |
| 8 Echinocactus, Echinomastus, | 40 Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia cluster over 6" |
| 9 Ferocactus, Hamatocactus, Leuchtenbergia | 41 Gymnocalycium up to 5" |
| 10 Echinocereus clusters up to 6" | 42 Gymnocalycium solitary over 5" |
| 11 Echinocereus clusters over 6" | 43 Gymnocalycium clusters 5" to 8" |
| 12 Echinocereus solitary | 44 Gymnocalycium clusters over 8" |
| 13 Thelocactus | 45 Lobivia, Echinopsis, Trichocereus |
| 14 Escobaria | 46 Parodia, Notocactus |
| 15 Coryphantha | 47 Frailea, Blossfeldia, Mila |
| 16 Cochemeia, Mammilloidia, Mammillopsis | 48 Melocactus |
| 17 Mammillaria single hooked up to 7" | 49 Discocactus |
| 18 Mammillaria single hooked over 7" | 50 Buiningia, Uebelmannia |
| 19 Mammillaria w/o hooks single to 7" | 51 Epiphytic cacti |
| 20 Mammillaria w/o hooks single over 7" | 52 Any other genus |
| 21 Mammillaria normally solitary but with multiple heads | 53 Crests |
| 22 Mammillaria hooked cluster to 7" | 54 Monstrose |
| 23 Mammillaria hooked cluster over 7" to 10" | 55 Variegated |
| 24 Mammillaria hooked cluster over 10" | 56 Seed grown by exhibitor up to 5 years |
| 25 Mammillaria cluster w/o hooks up to 7" | 57 Miniature (staged as min.) 3" max pot |
| 26 Mammillaria cluster w/o hooks over 7" to 10" | 58 Collection of 5 to 12 plants |
| 27 Mammillaria cluster w/o hooks over 10" to 14" | |
| 28 Mammillaria cluster w/o hooks over 14" | |
| 29 Turbinicarpus, Gymnocactus, Neolloydia | |
| 30 Sclerocactus, Pediocactus | |
| 31 Opuntia North American | |
| 32 Cereus North American | |

AWARDS DINNER AUGUST 11TH

At Coco's Restaurant Oak Tree Room 1150 Colorado Blvd. Arcadia, at the SE corner at Michellinda. Social hour starts at 5:30PM & dinner served at 6:30PM. The cost of the meal is \$32.00. The dinner is carved beef & chicken with salad, desert & soft drinks. Contact our Dinner Coordinator, Rebecca Mallonee for further information & reservations (714) 299 1304. Make checks payable to ICCSS c/o Evelyn Stevens 216 S California Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016. Deadline is 8/10/18. Reserve early, we sell out every year! **AN AUCTION OF SHOW QUALITY STAGED PLANTS WILL BE HELD.**

SHOW SCHEDULE



DIVISION II - SUCCULENTS

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| 59 Agave, Yucca up to 6" | 93 Haworthia clusters, retusa type |
| 60 Agave, Yucca over 6" | 94 Haworthia clusters, others & Astroloba |
| 61 Variegated Agavaceae | 95 Haworthia single |
| 62 Calibanus, Beaucarnea, Nolina, Dioscorea, Testudinaria | 96 Gasteria (includes variegates) |
| 63 Aloe up to 6" | 97 Pachypodium African over 5" |
| 64 Aloe over 6" | 98 Pachypodium Madagascar over 5" |
| 65 Fouquieria, Idria | 99 Pachypodiums under 5" All |
| 66 Pachycormus | 100 Adenia |
| 67 Bursera, Commiphora | 101 Adenium |
| 68 Operculicarya | 102 Lithops up to 3" |
| 69 Portulacaceae | 103 Lithops over 3" |
| 70 Curcurbitaceae | 104 Conophytum, Lapidaria, Dinteranthus |
| 71 Cissus, Cyphostemma up to 7" | 105 Other mesembs without prominent roots |
| 72 Cissus, Cyphostemma over 7" | 106 Mesembs with prominent roots or trunks |
| 73 Aeonium Greenovia, Sempervivum | 107 Didieraceae, Alluaudia |
| 74 Crassula, Cotyledon, Kalanchoe | 108 Trichocaulon, Hoodia, Pseudolithos |
| 75 Tylecodon | 109 Other stapeliads |
| 76 Adromischus | 110 Fockea |
| 77 Graptopetalum, Pachyphytum, Tacitus, 78 Sedum | 111 Other caudiciform asclepiads |
| 79 Dudleya | 112 Senecio, Hoya, Ceropegia, Dischidia |
| 80 Echeveria up to 6" | 113 Sarcocaulon, Pelargonium, Othonna |
| 81 Echeveria over 6" | 114 Sansevieria (may include variegates) |
| 82 Euphorbia medusa type | 115 Bromeliaceae - Dyckia, Hechtia, etc. |
| 83 Euphorbia stem type up to 5" | 116 Dorstenia |
| 84 Euphorbia stem type over 5" | 117 Pedaliaceae |
| 85 Euphorbia Madagascar caudiciform up to 4" | 118 Ipomea |
| 86 Euphorbia Madagascar caudiciform over 4" | 119 Bulbs |
| 87 Euphorbia other Madagascar to 6" | 120 Succulent Orchids |
| 88 Euphorbia other Madagascar over 6" | 121 Cycads |
| 89 Euphorbia other caudiciform up to 6" | 122 Any other Genus |
| 90 Euphorbia other caudiciform over 6" | 123 Crests |
| 91 Monadenium, Jatropha | 124 Monstrose |
| 92 Ficus, Bombax | 125 Variegated |
| | 126 Seed grown by exhibitor up to 5 years |
| | 127 Miniature (staged as min.) 3" max pot |
| | 128 Collection of 5 to 12 plants |

DIVISION III - ARRANGEMENTS

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| 129 Dish gardens, planters | 130 Bonsai Cactus or Succulent |
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DIVISION VI - DISPLAYS

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| 131 Individual Display | 132 Education Display | 133 Commercial Display |
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DIVISION V - ALLIED INTERESTS

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| 134 Photography | 135 Artwork & Handicrafts | 136 Ikebana & artistic plant displays |
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SHOW SCHEDULE



AWARDS

First, Second & Third place ribbons will be awarded in each class from Divisions 1-5. Special rosettes will also be given to 24 outstanding entries. Trophies kept by the winners include: Sweepstakes Overall Show, Best Cactus & Best Succulent in all 3 Classes, High Points Cactus & High Points Succulents in all 3 classes. Other trophies awarded as perpetuals include:

Frank Horwood trophy for Best Euphorbia donated by Abbey Gardens
 Doran Black trophy for Best Mammillaria donated by John Cooper
 Ed Storm trophy for Best Mesemb., donated by Singer's Growing Things
 Harry Johnson trophy for Best Madagascar Euphorbia donated by the C & J Nursery
 Joe Ramos trophy for Best Rookie Shower Novice Cacti donated by Brigitte Williams
 Tegelberg trophy for Rarest plant in Show donated by Woody and Tandra Minnich
 August Brietung trophy for Best Agave donated by Darrel and Audrey Tucker
 Bill Low trophy for Best Fouquieria donated by the L.A.C.S.S.
 Ted Taylor trophy for Best Opuntia donated by Joe and Kitty Sabo
 Otis and Lillian True trophy for Best Allied Interest donated by Joe and Carol Wujcik
 Fred Hutflesz trophy for Best Epiphytic Cactus donated by Rainbow Gardens
 The C.W. Elliott trophy for Best Collection donated by Sharon and Bob Thoerner
 Best Caudiciform trophy donated by House of Cactus
 Best Ariocarpus trophy donated by Larry Grammer
 Best Argentine Cactus trophy donated by Victor Turecek
 Best Crested Cactus donated by Betty & Ed Gay
 Best Chilean Cactus Plaque donated by Betty & Ed Gay
 Best Haworthia trophy donated by C.W. Elliott
 Best Madagascar Plant other than Euphorbia donated by Dave Grigsby
 Best Echinocereus trophy donated by Steve Plath
 The Peoples Choice trophy donated by Jim and Roberta Hanna
 Best Rookie Shower Novice Succulents donated by Artie Chavez
 Best Pachypodium donated by Tom and Carol Loehman
 Best Aloe trophy donated by R.S.V.P.
 Best Asclepiad trophy donated by Sandy Chase,
 Best Astrophytum trophy donated by Cactus Data Plants,
 Best Gymnocalycium trophy donated by Jim and Ronnie Leong,
 Best Cereus trophy donated by Brigitte Williams,
 Best Rebutia-Sulcorebutia Plaque donated by Steve Frieze,
 Best Gasteria trophy donated by Pat and Andy Staab,
 Best Native U.S. Cactus trophy donated by Charles and Joann Spotts,
 Best Echeveria Plaque donated by R.S.V.P.,
 Best Crested Succulent donated by Dave and Eileen Tufenkian,
 Best Staged Plant in honor of Mike Buckner, Larry Grammer and Steve Southwell
 donated by Cactus Data Plants,
 Best Miniature Plant donated by Dick and Lupe Hulett's Pet Plants,
 Best Bonsai Succulent in honor of Dennis Junke donated by the L.A.C.S.S
 Tony and Rose d'Atillio trophy for Best Display donated by Joyce and Michael Buckner,
 Best Crassula Plaque donated by Norma Lewis,
 Best Variegated Cactus Plaque donated by Gene and Laura Oster
 Dick Hulett Plaque for Show Spirit
 Ellen Low Plaque for best Anacardiaceae
 Best Miniature Aloe Hybrid Donated by Gregg DeChirico
 Best Dyckia in honor of Bill Baker by Steve Ball and Mike Boess

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER EVENTS

AUGUST

AUGUST 11-12

33RD ANNUAL INTER-CITY SHOW & SALE
LA COUNTY ARBORETUM
9AM-5PM DAILY
301 N. BALDWIN AVE. ARCADIA CA
FOR MORE INFO CALL TOM GLAVICH (626) 798 2430

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 1

HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
FOR MORE INFO CALL (626) 405 3504

SEPTEMBER 8

CONEJO CACTUS & SUCCULENT PLANT SALE
9AM-4PM
ELKS LODGE
158 N. CONEJO SCHOOL RD. THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91362
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL CONEJOCSS@HOTMAIL.COM

SEPTEMBER 15

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS
12PM-5PM
6400 BIXBY HILL RD, LONG BEACH CA. 90615
FOR MORE INFO CALL (562) 631 5876