



Mission Statement:

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

CSSA Affiliate

Next Meeting

**Thursday
April 2, 2015**
16633 Magnolia Blvd.
Encino, CA 91356

**Doors Open at
6:15 pm**
**Meeting begins at
7:00pm**

Refreshments

E-H

March New Members

Ron Behar
Dan Schneiderit
Malou Welsh

Editor
Phyllis Frieze
frieze.phyllis@
yahoo.com

Program: Why We Love South Africa

Buck Hemenway and his wife Yvonne, are enthusiastic growers of succulent plants. Their one time hobby turned into the Prickly Palace nursery, which supplied cacti and succulents to the retail nursery trade for 15 years. He is past President of the San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society and Gates Cactus & Succulent Society. He currently serves on the board of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America. Both are "Northern" people. Yvonne is Canadian and Buck was born and raised in Portland.



They have traveled to Southern Africa on several occasions, visiting southwest Namibia as well as the Karoos in South Africa. They have a continuing love affair with South Africa and have purchased property there with the intent to move to the Little Karoo later this year.

It is a grand tour of some of Buck and Yvonne's most favorite places and, of course, the plants that grow there.

The talk is titled "Why We Love South Africa" but he will also talk about the CSSA (Cactus and Succulent Society of America) and the upcoming convention that takes place locally.



Buck and Yvonne



African Penguin

Visit Us on the web
www.LAcactus.com.
OR contact us at
lacss.contact@gmail.com

Additional Program Information
Continued on Page 3

2015 Officers

President

Joyce Schumann

1st VP, Programs

Marquita Elias

2nd VP, Plant of the Month

Manny Rivera

3rd VP, Special Events

John Martinez

Secretary

Cheryl White

LACSS.contact@gmail.com

Treasurer

Kathryn Boorer

Director 1 Odd Years

Membership

Danielle Duboff

Director 2, Even Years

David Le

Past President

Roxie Esterle

LACSS Show Chair

Artie Chavez

Show Committee

Joyce Schumann

Kim Thorpe

Rosemary Polito

Webmaster

Kim Thorpe

Librarian

Susan Phillips

Historian

Nils Schirmacher

Cactus Chronicle Editor

Phyllis Frieze

Inter-City Show Liaison

CSSA Representative

John Matthews

Education Chair

Kyle Williams

Drawing & Plant Procurement

Richard Roosman

Mentor Program Chair

John Suciu

Member at Large

Kathleen Misko

CGCI Liasion

Natalie Welsh

Cactus Garden Chair

Chris Rogers

Cactus Chronicle Distribution

Richard Roosman

John Matthews

Holiday Party Chairperson

Barbara Hall

Holiday Party Awards

Procurement

Gerald Reichert

Cactus Garden

Chris Rogers

Meeting Refreshments

Lisa Gailey

Linda Holub

Publicity

Kim Thorpe

Monthly Drawing

Leah Imamura

Juana Williams

President's Message April, 2015

A few months ago, the Skirball Cultural Center requested succulent cuttings for their "Build a Better World School Program." One of their projects provided repurposed items as flower pots and the kids planted "our" succulent cuttings in their pots. That project was very successful as noted in a previous Chronicle. So, the Skirball contacted us again. And again, our members came through with lots of cuttings. So many, that there was enough for a second day of potting. They are very appreciative of our support of their program. See photos below. This is a great outreach opportunity for us.

Our Festival is closer than most of us realize. The April meeting will be modified to accommodate Buck Hemenway's program and still have time for Artie, et al to share their experiences regarding preparation of their exhibits. The business portion of the meeting will consist of a few announcements and Plant of the Month. The Raffle will not be held. Vendors will still have their sale. Freebie plants will also be welcome.

We have many activities happening during each meeting, many of them at the same time. Sign-in table, freebie table, vendors, refreshments, raffle, preview plants, special plants, library, plant of the month all require someone's attention. Each volunteer contributes much to each station but there is always room for improvement. If you would like to volunteer to help carry things in, carry things out, set-up or put away "stuff" at the end of the meeting please feel free to jump in. Each person doing one thing makes it better for everyone else.

See you in a few days.

Best,
Joyce



It's a Triple Header

Kathryn Boorer, David Le and Nancy Neymark -- Will give a short program on their personal experience in participating in the Drought Tolerant Plant Festival. This will be followed by a brief question and answer segment. Followed by:

Artie Chavez — Will give a brief segment on the Festival and will discuss how you can get involved. The Drought Tolerant Plant Festival begins with setup on Friday, May 29th and the festival on Saturday and Sunday, May 30th and 31st. This is **not** Memorial Day weekend.

SUCCULENTS FOR THE MIND

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."

— *Margaret Atwood*

Happy Spring everyone! It's time to go through those books you've been reading and return them to the library - and check out another one.

Susan Phillips, Librarian

REFLECTIONS by Walt Wegner

WOW! Did we have a great program at our March meeting or not?

Woody is without question the best. As I look back over the 39+ years that Maxine and I have been members of LACSS, the thing that I remember the very most is the outstanding programs that we have had.

Programs on world locations that most of us will never be able to travel to. But don't worry, as our club has almost everything that you might need. Plant sales at our meetings, a great library, freebies, local field trips and a wonderful plant of the month display.

What makes our club special? It is the members who donate so much time and effort at our meetings and special events. We have our Annual Drought Tolerant Plant Festival coming up in May. This is a major undertaking for our club and we need everyone to participate in one way or another. Tell Artie to put you to work.

The CSSA and Intercity shows will be here before we know it and we need all of our members to participate. For 20 years Maxine and I have gone to the Arboretum on Wednesdays to help with the set-up, put time in during the shows and helped with the take down on Sundays for the Intercity Shows. We wish that we still could.

We pass the torch to you, new members.

What Did I Miss or “I Didn’t Hear That” March meeting, 2015

What an exciting meeting this was. People everywhere. Three new members! And several visitors!!

The refreshments were outstanding, tasty, and plentiful.

The announcements included a request for succulent cuttings from the Skirball Community Center, a call for yarn and knitting supplies, and contributions to the refreshment kitty. Kim gave a rousing introduction to our 80th anniversary calendar and followed with an equally interesting and joyful pep talk on our updated Website. Note the change in website address: www.LAcactus.com Included in her presentation was a few tidbits about the Festival.

John Matthews encouraged everyone to attend the CSSA Convention. He reminded us to join CSSA, citing the receipt of the CSSA Journal as a major member benefit. Convention handouts were available.

Everyone was reminded by John Martinez about the upcoming Special Event. On Saturday, March 21 we will be visiting Scott Schaeffer and Barbara Hall’s homes to see their growing methods, be awed by their plants and have a good time.

Ilna announced the West Valley Garden Club’s bus trip to South Coast Plaza on Thursday, April 23, inviting LACSS member to join them. Sign-up sheet is available.

Plant of the Month plants were scarce but the judges used their time well with explanations of the plant’s characteristics, habitats, etc. The preview plants were also well described.

After break, Woody Minnich presented his program on South African plants. Woody is always a delight because he includes many other details about his travels such as personal experiences, local customs, and natural history.

The scheduled program for May will be changed. VP-Programs, Marquita, is working on a replacement program and will keep us informed of the replacement.

As usual, we ended our meeting with the raffle. Woody, among others, provided many plants, pots, etc for everyone’s excitement.

Meeting adjourned.

Grand Opening April 25 Desert Creations Nursery

Home of Unusual Succulents and Cacti and Gift Shop



New Retail Location
18161 Parthenia Street
Northridge CA 91325



Nursery Hours: 9 –4, Tue thru Sun (Closed Monday)
For personal attention Tue-Thurs
Call for appointment 818-482-8795



Pottery, Tools, Books, Top Dressing, Gifts,
Drought Tolerant Landscaping Plants, Yard Art
"Everything for the Serious Collector"

www.desertcreations.net

Garden Tours By Kathleen Misko

It was a dark and stormy night...Stop, it was not. It was a beautiful Saturday in the San Fernando Valley and Scott Schaffer had agreed to host our club at his house. I learned that Scott is a teacher by profession so when he gathered us together like a classroom, it felt very comfortable. Scott explained that he had a desire to grow plants and it was not a



desire shared by his wife. Banished to the side of the house, Scott built an amazing space for his hobby focusing on Gasteria and Haworthia. In his garage, he raises his seeds under lights in plastic bins then out they go to spend their time in a shaded, protected environment. Good thing because they spend several years there. Scott shared with us his influence from other growers that led his hobby to become a small business thanks to EBay.



Scott has wonderful markers for his plants with all the information needed. He showed us the watering can that he uses and found that it does not disturb the seedlings. After being able to truly appreciate the variegates in salmon, white, yellow and light green. It was such a treat to see the variations. He showed us a Mother plant that he had taken a pup from that did not have enough chlorophyll and thought he would lose the pup because of it. I personally love learning from our members and appreciate it in a way that reading doesn't offer me. But that's my disability.

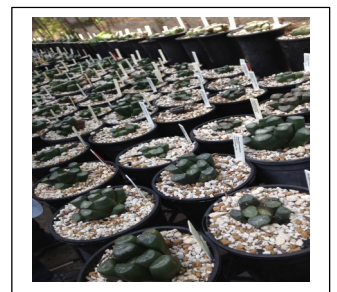


We were taken to the other side of Scott's house where he had built an enclosure to house the Gasteria. Now Scott uses a soil mixture exclusively once the seedlings are potted.

Recipe=1 bag dry stall
1 bag Academia
1 cu. Ft. bag larger pumice
1 bag charcoal
½ bag of Patio Plus mix
He mixes this in a wheelbarrow

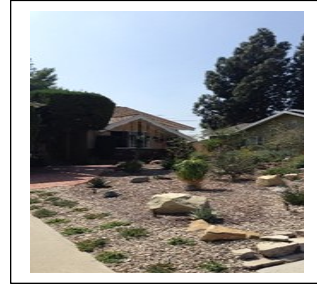
It was great to see that with a plan you can have a growing area that allows you to follow your passion. Scott built a greenhouse himself when he was in high school for Bromeliads. Isn't it great to fulfill a dream.

He also made some of his treasures available for us to buy. Thank you Scott.



On To Barbara Hall

Barbara and her husband Larry had taken advantage of the lawn removal offered by DWP and had the front and side yards landscaped by Go Green Gardeners using drought tolerant water wise plantings. Barbara began collecting Pelargoniums around 1976 and collected herself into a respected grower. She



then decided to explore species which led to this current collection of EVERYTHING. I had asked Barbara about her frames for the awnings that were so necessary in her location. We share some of the same elements. Heat and Wind.



I have come to the conclusion that I am going to need a structure and can no longer rely on trees for protection. I am only bringing this up to reiterate how much I love garden tours. I see in others what I need for myself. They had gone to an awning company in Paramount. Given them the measurements and picked up the pieces. By seeing this in real life in a real garden I am able to translate that to my needs. Barbara is clever and uses every available space. She has to put up screens and in the heat of summer, she has to cover her green house with shade cloth. All things I loved learning.



We are becoming a large club and being able to share information in real time is one of the many advantages. Barbara Hall hosted us with a full lunch. She is fantastic at that along with her being a generous person sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm for her craft. Thank you Barbara and Larry for hosting us.

Those of you that couldn't make it. Next time, show up. You'll learn something. Besides learning that Barbara makes a great potato salad!!!!



Barbara's Potato Salad

March Plant of the Month Winners

Plant of the Month 2015

April
Variegates

May
Aztekium
Geohintonia
Sansevieria

June
Favorite

July
Echinocactus,
Ferrocactus
Pachypodium-
Madagascar

August
Eriosyce, Neochilenia,
Neoporteria
Lithops

September
Ceriodes (N. America)
Didiereaceae

October
Miniatures

November
Crests and Monstrose

December
Holiday Party

Plant of the Month 2016

January
Blossfeldia, Frailea ,
Yavia
Bulbs

February
Gymnocalycium
Clusters
Aeonium

March
Echinocereus
Conophytum

April
Parodia, Notocactus
Haworthia

Plant of the Month - March

Succulent -- Sedum

Rookie

First Kim Jacobi Sedum furfuraceum

Novice

First Kathryn Boorer Sedum adolphii
Second Kathryn Boorer Sedum praeltum crest

Advanced

First Kim Thorpe Sedum frutescens
Second Mick Gottschalk Sedum treleaei

Cactus -- Sclerocactus, Pediocactus

Advanced

First Kim Thorpe Echinomastus johnsonii
Second Kim Thorpe Sclerocactus warnockii

Variegated Cactus & Succulent for April's Plant of the Month



Euphorbia Susanne "lutea"



Ferrocactus hystrix



Aloe (hybrid) Pink Blush



Euphorbia obesa

Plant of the Month: Variegates



Astrophytum

Variegation is the appearance of differently colored areas leaf or stem due to a partial loss of chlorophyll. This is usually due to genetic mutation, developmental abnormalities or certain viruses. People have also been able to induce variegation in plants through the use of radiation or treatment with certain chemicals. The scientific details of exactly how variegation arises in plants, and how it is maintained (or lost), are too complex to go into in depth here.

The pattern may be consistent and well organized (e.g. many *Agave*) or it may be randomly distributed (e.g. most variegated cacti). Plants with patchy or mosaic patterns of variegation are often the result of a cell mutation that is fairly random. In other words the plant may be prone to producing cells without chlorophyll sporadically, and when that cell appears it divides many times (just like normal cells). Some plants have fairly organized and consistent variegation patterns. That is quite often due to different meristem (i.e. mother) cells being responsible for forming different layers or parts of a leaf or stem. For example, if the meristem cells responsible for making the outer edges of a leaf have the variegation gene while meristem cells for the center of the leaf do not, you will get a consistent pattern of white edges and a green center.

Plants totally lacking in chlorophyll (achlorophyllus), such as the brightly colored grafted *Gymnocalycium* cultivars are technically not variegated, but are considered so for the purposes of cacti and succulent shows. Keep in mind, a plant is *not* variegated just because the leaves have colored areas. It must be partially lacking chlorophyll as well.

Variegated plants normally have white or yellow patches and streaks, but can also be colors including red, orange, brown, pink, and purple. Colors other than white are due to the presence of colored plant pigments such as anthocyanins and carotenoids.

Variegation is known throughout the plant kingdom, but is rarely seen in the wild. The reason variegated plants are common in horticulture is that people like the color and unusual nature of these plants. When a rare variegate appears in a batch of seedlings we are keen to grow it, propagate it and spread it around!



Euphorbia mamillaris

Variegated plants have a place in most gardens. The strange and colorful patterns bring unique visual interest to any collection. In cacti and succulent shows, variegates are generally compete against other variegates to put them on an equal footing. The Intercity Show gives the following guideline for showing plants in the variegated category: "*Plants with 30% or more variegation may only appear in such category except for variegation in Agave, Gasteria, Sanseveria.*"

the same time the more delicate tissues are exposed to the light without any protection. A good rule of thumb is simply not to grow variegates in extremely bright or dark situations. Otherwise, the care of a variegated plant is the same as for the normal form of the species. A large well grown variegated of any species is truly an achievement.

Examples of Variegated Succulents



Agave quadricolor

Agave – Variegates of a number of *Agave* species exist. One of the most fascinating is *Agave lophantha* 'Quadricolor'. This cultivar exhibits multiple degrees of variegation in every leaf. The outer stripes lack chlorophyll completely, the middle stripes are fully green, but the center stripe has a partial loss of chlorophyll resulting in a pale green stripe! The fourth color in 'Quadricolor' is seen in the reddish teeth.

Aeonium – *Aeonium* 'Sunburst' and *A.* 'Kiwi' are by far the most commonly seen *Aeonium* variegates in cultivation. However, attractive variegates are known from several other species such as *A. castello-paivae*, *A. balsamiferum*, and even *A. tabuliforme*. It should be noted that the dark purple to black cultivars such as *A.* 'Atropurpureum' and *A.* 'Zwartkop' are not considered variegates.



Aeonium sunburst

Cacti - variegates can be found in many genera. *Gymnocalycium* are the most often seen, especially the grafted *G. mihanovichii* cultivars lacking chlorophyll. Bright red, yellow, orange or even pink varieties can be seen at most nurseries and even home improvement stores. Unfortunately they are somewhat tricky to grow and most plants owned by novices die shortly after purchase. Some columnar variegates and some *Ferocactus* variegates are common in cultivation. The odd variegate appears in many seedling batches. Variegated *Turbinicarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Matucana* and *Ariocarpus* have been seen at some of recent shows. These less commonly seen variegates can be quite valuable.



Haworthia limifolia

Haworthia – Some of the most unusual and expensive of all variegated plants can be found in *Haworthia*. Japanese horticulturalists have done extensive breeding on *Haworthia* (and the closely related *Gasteria*). A Google search for "Japanese *Haworthia*" will bring you countless websites and images of these amazing variegated cultivars. Certain variegated varieties of *H. truncata* can sell on Ebay for over \$1000!

-Kyle Williams

Inter-City Volunteers Needed

Tom Glavich needs someone to take over publicity for the Inter-City Show and Sale and needs a volunteer to assist him. Our share of the income from this show is significant and is directly related to the effectiveness of the publicity. Planning for th this year's show is already starting. Job description follows. Please contact Tom at 626-798-2430 if you can take over these very important tasks.

Inter - City Publicist - Job Description:

Send notices of the Inter - City Show to:

1. Sunset Magazine
2. AAA Magazine
3. Pacific Horticulture
4. Cactus and Succulent Society of America
5. All local clubs (San Francisco to San Diego, Sunset to New Mexico and Nevada)
6. Arcadia Patch
7. Pasadena Patch
8. Yelp
9. Craig's List
10. Cactus-etc
11. Fat Plants
12. Facebook
13. Any other you can think of.

Place paid ads in (we will show you how to do this and set price limitations)

1. Tribune Group (and write advertorial)
2. LA Times
3. Thai newspaper
4. (If funding allows, Chinese American News)
5. Facebook

Get flyers to

1. California Cactus
2. San Gabriel Nursery
3. Huntington Library
4. LA Arboretum

Keep show chairs and treasurer informed on status and problems at least bi-weekly.

Videographer Job Description

A videographer is needed at the Inter-City Show, emphasizing plants and, in particular, blue ribbon and trophy table winners. Also pictures of the sales and show areas, not focusing on anyone without permission. Some simple editing capabilities will be required, along with a steady hand. Add low key legal musical background and upload to YouTube. Able to attend the judging, setting up and preparations. Quietest time is Sunday morning before the show opens to do the videography. Steadiness is the key and ability to edit out extraneous background noise. NO video during the auction or dinner.

(There is an older YouTube version of the show but it is very unstable that you can get motion sickness trying to watch it.)

John Matthews, Co-Chair

Staging Workshop

Steve Frieze and Artie Chavez have cheerfully agreed to conduct a workshop on Staging. It will provide an opportunity to develop your staging skills prior to the summer show season. The workshop will consist of a staging demonstration; then each participant will receive hands on coaching from our two Mentors. We have plants and pots made by Gerald or bring your own. It will provide members an opportunity to prepare for the Drought Tolerant Festival Show in late May.

The Workshop will be held Saturday April 11, 10 AM – Noon at Desert Creations' new location 18161 Parthenia Street, Northridge (the shop is located in the back of the gym-painted red and black (on the North side of the street and across from U-Haul Rental). This will provide an opportunity to see the new location; plants, pots and other items will be available for purchase.

Please contact Steve directly at 818-455-9983 or info@desertcreations.net if you have questions or want more information about this event.



If you have any questions about this or any aspect of the Mentoring Program contact John Suci at 805-374-7306 or johns.three@gmail.com.



South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society
43rd Annual Show & Sale

April 11-12, 2015 9 am-4 pm
South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula

Show included with paid
Garden admission: Adult \$9;
senior/student w/ID \$6;
child 5-12 \$4; under 5 free;
Garden members free.

Aloe 'kelly blue'

Interior Show – 2015 Drought Tolerant Plant Festival

I'm honored and privileged to co-chair the interior show for the second straight year! Look below for the many exciting activities that are scheduled during the Festival. Participation is critical to the success of the show so LACSS members are highly encouraged to be active. Creating an educational display, entering plants into the show or volunteering to help are just a few ways you can be involved in our spectacular Festival!

Educational Theme Displays

Our Festival offers a unique opportunity to educate the general public on the use and care of cacti and succulents. Educational theme displays give members the freedom to express their love and passion of the hobby by creating themed exhibits using a variety of mediums that includes live plants, poster boards, pictures, maps, drawings etc. Topics can range from repotting techniques, medicinal uses of certain plants, landscaping techniques, staging plants or the habitat and care of a specific genus. If you are interested in creating an educational theme display then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Public voting will be implemented once again this year. Members of the public will be given three voting tickets and will be encouraged to vote for their favorite educational displays. The tickets will be collected and totaled for both days. Winners will be announced at the end of the show and awards will be presented at the following June general club meeting.



Last year's winners include Karen Ostler and her Staging Plants display; Cheryl and Frank White with their 'Agaves and Their Many Uses' and Barbara Hall and Manny Rivera on their Pelargonium display. Submit an educational display and show your creativity to the public!

Plant Show

Members may submit up to three plants in each cactus and succulent category. The show is open to all divisions (rookie, novice, advanced and masters/open) and will be judged on the same criteria as the Plant of the Month. Please send me a list of the number of plants, genus and categories that you would like to exhibit in the show by Wednesday May 27th. Here are the four plant categories for the show:

Cacti:

Succulents:

Gymnocalycium

Agave

Mammillaria

Euphorbia

Important Dates

Show Plant List: Wednesday May 27th
Set Up: Friday May 29th, 10am to 5pm
Festival: Saturday May 30th, 9am to 5pm
Sunday May 31st, 9am to 4pm



Additional Interior Displays

- **San Fernando Valley Bromeliad Society:** Beautiful bromeliads will be on display from our active affiliate club.
- **Book Sale:** The fabulous Rose Polito and her team will be selling a wide variety of plant and garden books. Come say hello and buy a book or two or five.
- **Dinner Auction Plants:** See the amazing specimen plants that are available at the Saturday night dinner auction.



Volunteers Needed

Many volunteers are needed during both days of the Festival. Interior show duties include handing out voting tickets, answering questions from the public and monitoring doors. It would be greatly appreciated if members can donate some of their time to the club.

Please contact me if you would like to submit an Educational Theme Display; enter show plants; volunteer to help during the Festival or if you have any questions.

Thank you!
David Le
626-676-0301
davidlle@gmail.com

CSSA ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 36th biennial Convention of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America will be at Pitzer College in Claremont this year. The opening reception and get together will be Sunday, June 14 2015 at 5:00 PM. Convention proper begins on Monday morning June 15 and continues through the Closing Banquet on Friday June 19.

The Society is happy to return to the Los Angeles basin for the first time since 2001. The Gates and San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Societies are our hosts for this Convention. The more than 300 members of the combined societies are anxious to welcome members of the CSSA from all over the world.

Our hosts are formulating an effort to make this convention more affordable. Pitzer is one of the Claremont Colleges group that consistently produce some of the most successful graduates in our country. In addition, the director of the Arboretum at Pitzer (Joe Clements), has completely revamped the decorative plantings at Pitzer and today the grounds are a true succulent wonderland.

Attendees will be able to stay in the dorms at Pitzer. The brand new West Hall will be our home. Rooms are double, with two twin beds. Two double rooms share one bath. The cost is \$70 per night per double room. You are able to book one (\$35.00) or two beds (\$70.00) in one room as you please. With your permission, we will pair you up with another attendee, or you can make your own arrangements. You must let us know when you are making your booking, if you wish to share with a specific person. We are also able to book two rooms together for specified people, if you let us know.

Food at Pitzer is excellent. Those of you who've had children at private universities recently, know that the food service has changed since we were there. The price of the food is the best part. We have a package that includes breakfast and lunch for all 5 days of Convention for \$119.90 total. We suggest that every attendee exercise this tremendous deal. We will not be serving sweet rolls prior to any of the morning meetings.

Now for the good parts:

- Fabulous plant sale for all the days of the Convention!
- Talented speakers from all over the world! Wonderful Tours on Tour Day!
- Fantastic Plant Auction!
- Opening banquet at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens!
- Terrific Bookseller, Chuck Everson!

Guided tours of the grounds at Pitzer!

19 well-respected speakers include Ernst Van Jaarsveld, Len Newton, Panayoti Kelaidis, Kelly Griffin, and our own Tim Harvey

Tours include local places like Lotusland, Huntington Gardens, LA Arboretum and others you may have visited, but this time you will have many co-visitors who may have a different perspective on the plants.

Full preregistration to the convention is \$295 (before May 1) and \$365 after. You must be a CSSA member to attend (LACSS membership is not sufficient). CSSA membership is \$50/year.

Online registration for Convention, rooms, trips, food, CSSA membership and much more information including pictures can be had at convention website cssa2015.COM.

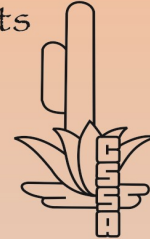
Prepare to Enjoy!

the 2015 *CSSA* Biennial Convention
in a setting filled with Succulent Plants

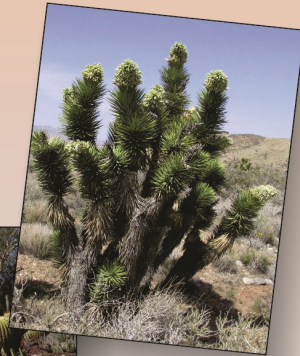
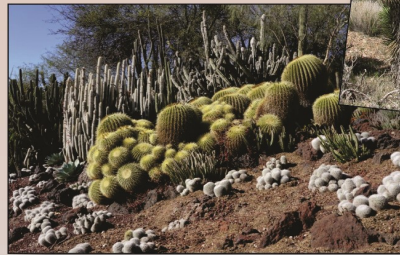


Pitzer College
Claremont, California
June 14 – 19, 2015

online registration
www.cssainc.org



- Internationally renowned Speakers
- Plant and Book Sales
- Plant Auction
- Field Trips
- Tours
- Opening Banquet at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens



Hosts
San Gabriel Valley C&S Society and Gates C&S Society

Presenters

Michelle Cloud-Hughes
Thomas Cole
Doug Dawson
Julia Etter & Martin Kristen
Kelly Griffin
Steven Hammer
Dr. Heidi Hartmann
Tim Harvey
Ernst Van Jaarsveld
Gary James
Zlatko Janeba
Panayoti Kelaidis
Brian Kemble
Stephen McCabe
Len Newton
Andry Peignat
Jon P. Rebman
Jeremy Spath
Joe Stead
Sula Vanderplank

Cactus & Succulent - Calendar Of Upcoming Events For 2015

- April 11-12** South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale
South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes **Info** (310) 378-1953
- April 26** Huntington Plant Sale 10-5 Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino (626) 405-2160
- May 3** South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale---9am-4pm
South Coast Botanical Gardens **Info** (310) 833-6823
- May 2-3** Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City **Info** (310) 822-1783
- May 9-10** Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale 10-5
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach **Info** (310) 922-6090—www.lbcss.org
- May 15-16** Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 34th Show & Sale Friday & Saturday 9-4:30
Land Scapes Southern California Style 450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, CA
Info: (951) 360-8802
- May 23-24** Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Show & Sale 10-4pm
Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo **Info** (805) 237-2054,
www.centralcoastcactus.org
- May 30-31** **Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Drought Tolerant Plant Show & Sale 9-3:30**
Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino E-Mail www.lacss-show.com
- June 6-7** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society –Summer Show & Sale
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego **Info** (858) 382-1797
- June 14-19** CSSA Biennial Convention, Pitzer College, Claremont, CA <http://www.cssainc.org>
- June 26-28** CSSA Annual Show & Sale –Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, **Info** (626) 405-2160 or 2277
Plant Sales Start June 26 -28 The Show Opens on June 27-28
- July 24-26** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale
Friday July 25 9am-5pm, Saturday July 26 9am-5pm, Sunday 27 12-4pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, **Info** (949) 212-8417
- August 8-9** **30th Annual Intercity Show & Sale at Ayres Hall & Lawn Area, 9am-5pm Daily**
301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia Info Tom Glavich (626) 798-2430 Or John Matthews (661) 714-1052
- August 29** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium **All Day at the Huntington**
- September 6** Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction -12-5

Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach 90615 **Info:** (310) 922-6090
- October 24-25** Palomar Show & Sale Saturday 9-5 Sunday 10-4 at San Diego Botanic Gardens
230 Quail Gardens Road, Encinitas **Info:** hciservices@gmail.com (858) 382-1797
- November 7 -8** San Gabriel Valley Winter Show & Sale - Ayres Hall
301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia **Info** Tom Glavich (626) 798-2430 Or John Matthews (661) 714-1052, Manny Rivera (626) 579-7954

Annual African Violet Societies Judged Show & Sale

May 2, 2015 (10am-4pm)

Descanso Gardens (Van de Kamp Hall)

1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada Flintridge

General admission \$9.00 dollars/Senior 65 and over and students \$6.00 dollars, children (5 to 12 years old) \$4.00 dollars. Guild members and children under 5 free. Free parking.

AVCS/BAVS/MAVS Judged Show & Sale "Violets Along California's Historic Route 66"

There will be African violets and other plants and supplies available for sale, members to answer your questions. For more information call Susan @ (818) 951-3597 or me @ (661) 940-3990.

Laura Carpenter,
Burbank A.V.S. Membership & Publicity

California Garden Club, Inc Calendar for 2015

April 20-22 Pacific Region Convention, Eugene, Oregon
April 23-24 Landscape Design Study School. Series 26, Course II
Sponsor: Luther Burbank District
May 14-17 National Garden Convention. Louisville, Kentucky
June 8-12 CGCI 84th Annual Convention. Reno, Nevada
Host: Golden Foothills District

San Fernando Valley District Calendar for 2015

April 13 District Bus Tour
June 22 District meeting

San Fernando Valley District Member Clubs and Meeting Dates

Club Name	email address	Meeting Date
Burbank-Valley Garden Club	queenmum@foothill.net	1st Thursday
Cherry Blossom Garden Club	ksunness@hotmail.com	1st Wednesday
Gardening Club of Santa Clarita	leonbrook@aol.com	2nd Thursday
Lake View Improvement Association	josieza@gmail.com	1st Monday
Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society	lacss.contact@gmail.com	1st Thursday
Sherman Oaks Garden Club	patchogue26@att.net	4th Wednesday
Southern California Garden Club	hovallens@att.net	3rd Tuesday
Sunshine Garden Club	nosher04@yahoo.com	2nd Monday
Toluca Lake Garden Club	robynallyn3@gmail.com	2nd Wednesday
West Valley Garden Club	iburatti@social.rr.com	2nd Tuesday
Woodland Hills Floral Designers	bevswitzer@aol.com	4th Tuesday

LACSS and the CGCI

April 23, 2015

Spring Bus Tour sponsored by West Valley Garden Club
For more information, see Ilona Buratti (LACSS member)

West Valley Garden Club
South Coast Plaza
26th annual Spring Garden Bus Trip
Bus courtesy of Councilmember Mitch Englander

Reservations required, seating limited to bus capacity
\$15.00 deposit, *refunded on bus*, (if you don't show up, you don't get your check back!)

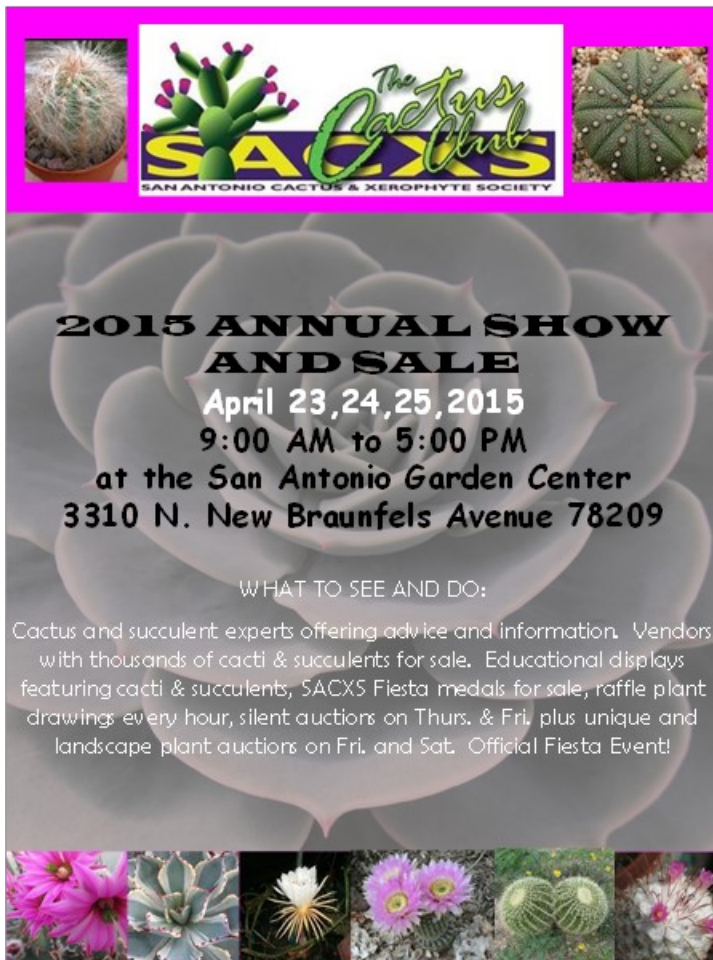


Departs at 8:45am on Thursday April 23rd, Northridge Park Recreation Building

18300 Lemarsh Street Northridge

Bus Leaves for home, South Coast Plaza at 3:30pm From Our drop off point-
Crate & Barrel/Macy's Home Store 3333 Bear Street, Costa Mesa 92626

Actual cost for this trip \$5.00



Hey fellow TACSS members,

The San Antonio Cactus & Xerophyte Society is holding its annual Show & Sale on April 23-25 at the San Antonio Garden Center. The Show & Sale will be open to the public from 9:00AM to 5:00 PM. **See the attached flier.** Our Show & Sale keeps getting bigger and better each year. Please join us and enjoy what we have to offer the cactus and succulent enthusiast.

- ❖ 8 cactus and succulent and pottery vendors
- ❖ Raffle drawings every hour
- ❖ A silent auction on Thursday and Friday
- ❖ An auction of unique and landscape cactus and succulents at 2:00 PM on Friday and Saturday
- ❖ Educational Displays that will wet your appetite to try growing a new plant or find a new way of enjoying the succulents in your collection
- ❖ The one and only SACXS official Fiesta medal
- ❖ Cactus and Succulent friends to talk “shop” with

We hope you will join us at our yearly Show & Sale!

Barbara Schulze, Show & Sale Chairman



MAY 23 & 24, 2015 **CENTRAL COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY**

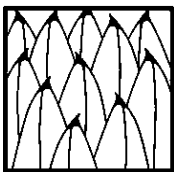
Ninth Annual Show and Sale

Saturday, May 23, 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, May 24, 10 am to 4 pm

Ludwick Community Center
864 Santa Rosa Street, SLO

FREE ADMISSION



CCCSS meets on the second Sunday of each month at the Odd Fellows Hall, 520 Dana Street, San Luis Obispo, at 2:00 pm

Visit our website for more information
centralcoastcactus.org

**MEMORIAL DAY
WEEKEND**

**Unusual, rare and
hard-to-find
specimen plants**

**Knowledgeable
growers and experts**

**Pottery by local
artists designed for
succulents**

**Helpful and cheerful
CCCSS volunteers
and vendors**

**SPECIAL
AUCTION OF
SHOW-QUALITY
PLANTS ON
SUNDAY AT
1:00PM**



Mailing Address
LACSS
PO BOX 280581
Northridge, CA 91328

Phone: 818-749-5346
E-mail: LAcactus.com
lacss.contact@gmail.com

General Meeting
Thursday, April 2, 2015

April Events

Program: Why We Love South Africa
Buck & Yvonne Hemenway

- April 11-12** South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale
South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes [Info](#)
(310) 378-1953
- April 11** **LACSS Mentoring Program—Staging Workshop 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**
Desert Creations Nursery, 18161 Parthenia St., Northridge 91325
Call John Suci for info (805) 374-7306
- April 26** Huntington Plant Sale 10-5 Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino (626) 405-2160