



**CSSA Affiliate**

**Next Meeting  
Thursday**

**June 2, 2016**

**16633 Magnolia Blvd.  
Encino, CA 91346**

**Doors Open  
at 6:15 pm**

**Meeting begins  
at 7:00pm**

**Refreshments for  
June  
N-R**

**New Members**

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**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.

**June Program Rescheduled**

Hi everyone,

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Also, there will be a discussion regarding the mini POM Display.

And, there is always time for Q & A.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## JUNE, 2016

### **Festival, Festival, Festival**

Is that all we ever talk about? Well, ..... yeah..... especially at this time of the year. After this month we probably won't talk about it at all - for at least a month or two. But some updates are in order.

Because we needed to reschedule our June speaker, it was decided to spend our meeting time to remind everyone about our Festival. It is a fun time for all who participate in the Festival. Sharing your expertise with visitors, being the *one* who makes sure our visitors have the best experience **ever**, learning from the best and doing your part to ensure the success of the Festival creates a very satisfying feeling of a job well done. Imagine interacting with a C&S newbie and being a part of their very first plant purchase from you at the Club Sale Table!! Everyone wins!!!

Our call for volunteers is on-going. Please note the separate announcement elsewhere in this Chronicle. If you see an area that needs attention, feel free to call it to someone's attention and then feel free to offer to fill that need! Just a reminder – **members who volunteer for four hours will receive a voucher for lunch at the Kiwanis lunch tent.**

Our Speakers have always been popular due to their entertaining ability to share their wisdom and expertise. Debra Baldwin, our keynote speaker on Sunday, is widely known for her background in gardening with succulents. She will share her thoughts on container gardens and the right plant for the right space. Because of her popularity, we expect the number of visitors to increase. We will need help with crowd control. (Read that- volunteers). In summary, to paraphrase: Do not ask what your club can do for you. Ask what you can do for your club.

What is the difference between a turtle and a tortoise? If Richard Roosman had a nickel for that FAQ, he could buy a Galapagos Island. But ask him again, if you wish, because he will be bringing a few of each as a bonus attraction on Sunday. Have you ever seen one of the super-sized ones rip out a large chunk of grass and eat it? And they don't actually move that slow!

**The Plant of the Month and Raffle will take place as usual at this meeting. Last but not least: Congrats, kudos, and many thanks to Kim Thorpe for placing the listing for our Festival in the June, 2016 Westways magazine, page 74.**

See you soon.

Joyce



**Saturday, June 11, 2016  
9am to 4pm**

**Sunday, June 12, 2016  
9am to 3pm**

**Free Event**

# **Annual Drought Tolerant Plant Festival**

**Saturday June 11, 2016**

10:30am Lili Singer *"The Joys of Gardening with Native Plants"*  
12:30pm Sandy Chase *"Propagating and Repotting Succulents"*  
2pm Matt Maggio *"Landscaping with Aloes"*



**Sunday, June 12, 2016**

Kids' Day events start at 10:30am

Speaker

11:30 Deborah Lee Baldwin *"Succulents and More"*  
*(Book signing to follow)*



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Available for sale lots of cacti and succulents from all over the world, bromeliads, California and Australian natives, top dressing, staging rocks, pottery, crystals, gems, books, landscape plants, crafts, and silent auctions.



**For more info call 818 749 5346 or visit our website  
[www.lacactus.com](http://www.lacactus.com)**

## Here's your chance to Volunteer for the June 11-12 Show!

The Drought Tolerant Plant Festival is just around the corner. This year's show promises to be bigger, better, and more relevant than ever. We have a great opportunity to share our love of succulents and cacti, to support the vendors whose knowledge advances our club, and to earn funds to enrich and sustain our fabulous activities. Here are some ways you can help:

### **Prior to the Show**

Provide plants for the club sales table, silent auctions, and dinner auction  
Bring extras and rooted cuttings from your own collections to the Member Sales Table. 100% of sales go directly to our club.

Donate special plants for the silent auctions held throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday. Just fill out a card at the Hospitality Table.

For a *very* special plant, you can specify to "split" proceeds for the Silent or Dinner Auctions (you set a minimum bid and keep 70%; club gets 30%)

### **Work a 2-hour shift on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday**

#### **Friday, June 10th 12:00 – 3:00**

Help set up the outside vendor area by placing tables, setting up tarps, assembling outdoor displays, hanging banners

Help set up Hospitality and Membership Tables and club sale plants

Set up the inside tables and cloths, kids' exhibits, books, signage

#### **Saturday, June 11th 9:00 – 5:00**

*Hospitality Table*, sign in visitors, distribute programs and membership info, plant "holding" area

Stand at the entrance to the *Interior Show* and direct visitors to check their plant purchases at the Hospitality Table

*Lead* Cactus Garden tours

Assist visitors in transporting purchases to their vehicles, as needed

*Floater*s – general "Ask Me" questions

*Dinner set up*, arrange tables and chairs, and tablecloths

*Assist speakers* with set up, chairs, tables, audio

#### **Sunday, June 12th 9:00 – 4:00**

#### **Same as Saturday PLUS**

*Kids' Day* support with crafts, photos, exhibits, games

*Kitchen* set up for breakfast – coffee, bagels, etc 8:00AM

*Trash* removal throughout the day, clean up

Assist with *tear-down*. Fold tables & chairs and move to staging area.

Assist vendors with transporting plants, etc. to vehicles.

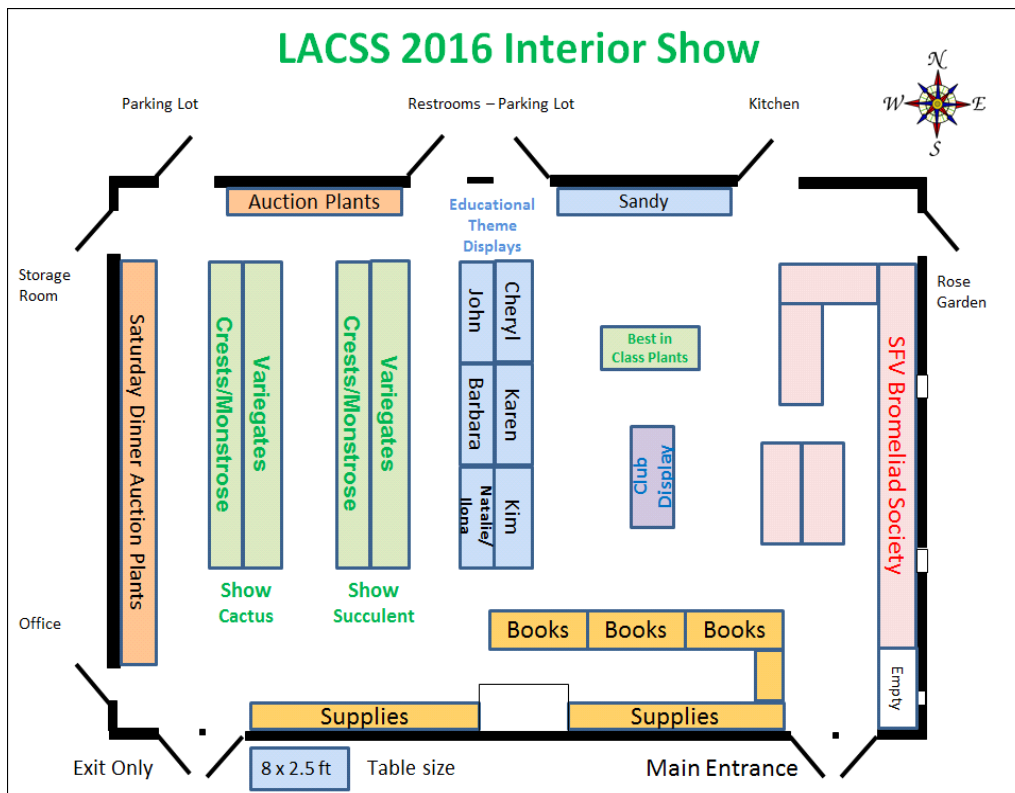
**Please sign up for your favorite task at the June 2 Meeting!**

# Interior Show – 2016 Drought Tolerant Plant Festival

By David Le

I'm ecstatic that the Festival is right around the corner. 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!

Here's a sneak preview of the Interior Show layout. Look below for the many exciting activities that are scheduled during the Festival.



## Educational Theme Displays

Our Festival offers a unique opportunity to educate the general public on the conservation and study 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. The winners will be announced and awards will be presented at the following July general club meeting.



**Winners from the 2015 Festival include:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Kim Thorpe - Echeverias
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Karen and Martin Ostler – Mammillarias
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sandy Chase – A Study in Caudiciforms

Submit an educational display and show your creativity to the public!

**2016 Educational Theme Displays**

Thank you in advance to the dedicated members who are submitting a display this year!

#	Member	Educational Theme
1	Ilona Buratti	“Uninvited Guests” – Garden Pests
2	Sandy Chase	Lithops & Conophytums
3	Barbara Hall	Rebutia & Sulcorebutia
4	John Martinez	Dudleyas
5	Karen & Martin Ostler	Turbinicarpus
6	Kim Thorpe	Sansevierias
7	Natalie Welsh	“What’s in a Name?” – Naming Convention
8	Cheryl White	Agaves & Their Many Uses

## Plant Show

Our distinguished and honorable Manny Rivera will continue to serve as the plant show judge this year. Members may submit up to three plants in each cactus and succulent category (12 total plants). The show is open to all divisions (rookie, novice and advanced) and will be judged on the same criteria as the Plant of the Month. Here are the four plant categories for the show:

**Cacti:** *Crest/Monstrose* & *Variegated*  
**Succulents:** *Crest/Monstrose* & *Variegated*

More information can be found on the following Cactus Chronicle write-ups (click on links below):

[\(November 2015 Link pgs. 5-6\)](#)    [\(April 2015 Link pgs. 9-10\)](#)

Photos courtesy of Kyle Williams

Members are also highly encouraged to submit the “non-crest/non-monstrose” or “non-variegated” plants. This will help to demonstrate the differences in normal and abnormal plant growth.

**Best in Class Show Plants:** Members whose plants that are selected for the Best in Class will receive a special medium-sized pot similar to the one shown below.



## Club Display

Last year, our historian, Nils Schirmmacher, volunteered to create an amazing 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary display to commemorate the rich LACSS history. This year’s theme has yet to be determined but look for an exciting club display.

## Important Dates

**Set Up:** *Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> between 9 am to 5 pm*  
**Festival:** *Saturday & Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>*



Interior Setup



Plant Show



Best in Class Show Plant Winners

### 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. Come for dinner and place your bids on the wonderful plants you would like to bring home. Contact Barbara Hall ([lbcjhall@aol.com](mailto:lbcjhall@aol.com)) for more details.



Bromeliad Society



Book Sales



*M. duwei* – John Matthews

### 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. We hope you, your family and friends will join us at the Festival!

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## Reviews of the Cima Dome Field Trip

Our group of 19 had a wonderful time at Cima Dome in the Mojave National Preserve on May 14th and 15th. Many thanks to Gunnar Eisel for leading our hikes and to other members for lending their expertise in identifying the plants in habitat! Here is what people are saying about the trip.



Saturday was my very first time out in the desert. What an amazing experience! So many Joshua trees, desert plants in flowers, so much top dressing in habitat! The opportunity to be there, at times alone, out of sight of everyone wondering which direction was what, was magical. I am very grateful for the opportunity for another life "first"!

- M.A.

The trip was very nice, with a good mix of members from both the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Societies.

We were very fortunate to have mild weather. The trip had originally been planned for mid April but was postponed due to rain; which contributed to the abundance of both wildflowers and flowering cactus.

At the Teutonia Mine stop, we saw plants from the tiny *Chamaesyce albomarginata* (Euphorbiaceae); in habitat, it isn't a weed; to towering 5 foot tall *Penstemon parryi*, Indian paintbrush (*Castilleja angustifolia*), *Phacelia*, *Calochortus kennedyi* (Mariposa poppy, a bulb) and many more ephemerals were all in flower.

Perennials were flowering as well; Bladder sage (*Salazaria Mexicana*), Blue sage (*Salvia dorii*), and Mojave aster (*Xylorrhiza tortifolia*) were among some of the plants in full flower.

The timing was perfect to catch many of the cacti in flower as well. *Opuntia basilaris*, *Coryphantha vivipara*, and *Echinocereus triglochidiatus* were absolutely glorious. There were numerous *Cylindropuntias* on the verge of flowering, some only a day or two away from opening.

Later in the day, the group went up Kingston Road, at which site we saw *Ferocactus ancanthoides*, *Echinocactus polycephalus*, *Opuntia erinaceae*, and more *Cylindropuntias*.

- Karen Ostler

## Cima Dome – The Unexpected Journey by Marquita Elias

The alarm rang at 4 am. I crawled out of bed, threw my clothes on, packed the ice chest, and texted Sylvia that I was on my way to pick her up. Our destination the World's Largest Thermometer in Baker and then on to Cima Dome with our intrepid travelers and members of our LACSS and SGVCCS clubs, ages 3 to gray hairs. As we're driving, I thought of how many times I have passed the Cima Rd. exit and never stopped to check it out. Cima Dome is a very symmetrical dome covering 70 square miles and was formed 180- 80 million years ago when magma under the earth's thin mantel swelled the ground over 1500 feet higher than the surrounding ground. As an avid Death Valley visitor, I really didn't expect much out of "Cima Dome". But was I surprised!

Our group, with cameras in hand, were not shy starting down the Teutonia Trail, a well maintained trail in the middle of the "Dome". Discoveries were shouted out and well photographed.

Many wildflowers and cactus were still in bloom. I highly recommend going out and seeing this interesting geological location but also taking your time and exploring the very diverse flora.

(photos in this section by Marquita Elias)



### What Did We See



Cylindropuntia bigelovii  
Cylindropuntia echinocarpa  
Euphorbia albomarginata  
Opuntia basilaris var.  
brachyclada  
Opuntia ramosissima  
Opuntia echinocarpa var.  
echinocarpa

Opuntia erinacea var.



erinacea  
Opuntia chlorotica  
Echinocactus polycephalus  
Echinocereus  
triglochidiatus  
Echinocereus engelmannii  
var. chrtysocentrus (lt. pink)  
Yucca baccata ( Banana  
Yucca)  
Yucca brevifolia

Yucca schidigera

Yucca whipplei  
Castilleja angustifolia  
(Indian Paintbrush)  
Coryphantha  
alversonii  
Phacelia fremontii  
Penstemon palmeri  
(very fragrant)  
Atriplex (salt bush)  
Calochortus kennedyi

Erigeron concinnus  
Baileya multiradiata  
Salvia dorrii var. pilosa  
Stanleya pinnata  
Grayia spinose  
Salazaria Mexicana  
Phacelia fremontii  
Larrea tridentate  
Sphaeralcea ambigua (Globe  
Mallow)

### On the North side of interstate 15, Excelsior Mine Rd:

Ferocactus cylindraceous var. lecontei & Ferocactus acanthodes

## Plant of the Month 2016

**June**  
Favorite

**July**  
Rebutia, Sulcorebutia  
Weingartia  
Euphorbia  
Non-endemic to  
Madagascar

**August**  
Astrophytum  
Adenium

**September**  
Turbinicarpus  
Gymnocactus  
Cyphostema  
Cissus

**October**  
Mammillaria with hooks  
Asclepiad

**November**  
Variegated

**December**  
Holiday Party

## Plant of the Month 2017

**January**

Copiapoa  
Tylecodon

**February**

Escobaria  
Acharragma  
Aloe Clusters  
(no larger than 6" pot)

**March**

Echinopsis  
Euphorbia Caudiciform

**April**

Mammillaria  
w/out hooks  
Bromeliad

**May**

Small cactus  
staged as miniature  
Small Succulent  
staged as miniature

**June**

Favorite

**July**

Stenocactus  
Echinofossulocactus  
Pachypodium/Africa

## Plant of the Month

### Cactus -- Small cactus staged as a miniature

#### Rookie

First	Kal Kaminer	Aztekium valdezii
Second	Betty Chevillat	Rebutia sp
Second	Betty Chevillat	Mammillaria bocasana
Third	Kal Kaminer	Mammillaria luethyi
Third	Gretchen Davis	Mammillaria schiedeana

#### Novice

First	Kim Jacobi	Leuchtenbergia principis
Second	Kim Jacobi	Ariocarpus retusus
Second	Roxie Esterle	Obregonia denegrii
Third	Roxie Esterle	Mammillaria theresae

#### Advanced

First	Kathryn Boorer	Toumeyia papyracantha 'uninterpretable'
Second	John Suci	
Third	Kathryn Boorer	Mammillaria saboae
Third	Kathryn Boorer	Rebutia heliosa

#### Open

First	Karen Ostler	Pelecyphora strobiliformis
Second	Karen Ostler	Epithelantha bokei
Third	Karen Ostler	Turbinocarpus valdezius

### Succulent -- Small succulent staged as a miniature

#### Rookie

First	Lisa Gailey	Aeonium mascaense
Second	Kal Kaminer	Larryleachia cactiformis
Second	Kal Kaminer	'uninterpretable'
Third	M.A. Bjarkman	Gasteria liliputana
Third	Ilona Burrati	Mixed

#### Novice

First	Kim Jacobi	Corralocarpus bainseii
Second	Efren Flores	Delosperma tuberosum
Second	Efren Flores	Andromischus marianae herrei
Third	Kim Jacobi	Monadenium ritcheii
Third	Roxie Esterle	Gasteria armstrongii

#### Advanced

First	Frances Salegus	Ceropegia arandii
Second	Kathryn Boorer	Pseudolithos caput-viperae
Third	Mick Gottschalk	Crassula hemisphaerica
Third	Kathryn Boorer	Dyckia brevifolia "Yellow Glow"

#### Open

First	Karen Ostler	Ceraria pygmaea
Second	Karen Ostler	Anacampteros rufida
Third	Karen Ostler	Gasteria ellaphieae X armstrongii 'Ella's Joy'

## Cactus & Succulent - Calendar of Upcoming Events For 2016

- June 4-5** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society –Summer Show & Sale  
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego **INFO 858-382-1797**
- June 4-5** Fresno Cactus and Succulent Society- Summer Show Sale
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**Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino** **INFO** [www.lacss-show.org](http://www.lacss-show.org)
- July 1-3** CSSA Annual Show & Sale –Huntington Botanical Gardens 1151 Oxford Road  
Sales Start July 1-July 3 Show Opens on July 2<sup>nd</sup> **INFO 626-405-3504 or 626-405-2100**
- July 22-23** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale **INFO 949-212-8417**  
Thursday, July 21 6pm-8pm, Friday, July 22 9am-7pm, Saturday July 23 9am-5pm,  
- 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim
- August 13-14** 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Intercity Show & Sale LA County Arboretum, 9am-5pm Daily  
301 No. Baldwin Ave **INFO** Tom Glavich **626-798-2430** or Artie Chavez **818-482-8795**
- September 3** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium **All Day at the Huntington**  
**INFO 626-405-3504**
- September 10** Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction -12pm-5pm  
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach 90615 **INFO 310 922-6090**
- October 8-9** Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale **INFO 661-831-8488**  
Mall View Road, Bakersfield, Saturday 10/8 10am-5pm, Sunday 10/9 11am-4pm
- October 22-23** Palomar Show & Sale at San Diego Botanic Gardens **INFO** [hciservices@gmail.com](mailto:hciservices@gmail.com)  
  
Huntington Fall Sale
- November 5-6** San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale 9-4 Both Days  
LA County Arboretum 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia **INFO** **Manny Rivera or John Matthews**  
**661-714-1052**

Fritz Hochstatter's self-published book

***"To the Habitats of Pediocactus and Sclerocactus: Over 100,000 kilometers in the North American Wilderness"***

(1990) has recently been added to our library.

This author's first book is partially written like a diary. It follows his path through the western United States locating many of our native *Pediocactus* and *Sclerocactus* populations. (*Pediocactus* are sometimes referred to as "hedgehog" and "pincushion". *Sclerocactus* are sometimes called "fishhook cactus" or "little barrels".) Contrary to keeping the location secrecy as we were made aware of from our S. African and S. American lecturers, he describes exactly where, how and at what elevations he found them, pinpointing the areas on maps for us to follow in his footsteps.

The beginning of his book is like a hiker's dream. If you enjoy hiking, his descriptions include wildlife sightings and lots of helpful information, such as travel conditions and temperatures. The end gets technical about soils, seeds, climatic conditions, cultivation, etc. which is way over **my** head, but is information our growers can certainly appreciate. There are some nice extras like color photographs and some line drawings of spine arrangements for identification purposes. There's a lot of useful information packed into 170 pages.

Susan Phillips, Librarian



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