



CACTUS CHRONICLE

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.

November 6, 2014
Meeting Time
7:00 pm

16633 Magnolia Blvd.
 Encino, CA 91356

Plant of the Month
 Miniatures

Refreshments
 I-M

October
New Members
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 David Lefler
 Dana Myler
 John Owen
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Program: "The Klein Karoo, Succulent Wonderland"

Presented by Buck Hemenway

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



They have traveled to Southern Africa on four separate occasions, recently 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.

The talk is titled "The Klein Karoo, Succulent Wonderland". It is an exploration of one of the most prolific succulent growing areas on earth. Fabulous plants and the future home of the Hemenways.

Join us on an exploration of one of the world's hot spots of succulent diversity. Aloes, haworthias, crassulas, stapeliads and mesembs abound in this succulent wonderland.

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President's Message

November, 2014

That's what I'm talking about!!! What a fantastic display of October Plant of the Month entries. You either took my plea to heart or it just happened. Either way, it was beautiful to see. This is the last month of the year to enter and boost up your points for the Awards. The November Plant of the Month is "miniatures" so it is going to take a lot of entries to fill the counter! So, keep up the enthusiastic participation and bring lots of plants! And speaking of POMs selections....have you ever wondered how or why some plants are grouped together? What do *Bursera* and *Commiphora* have in common? Are *Pediocactus* and *Sclerocactus* related in some way? Where would one find the answer to this and other perplexing questions? Try our Library. We have the best, most complete library of any I have seen (just my opinion but I'm sticking with it). Of course, you could go to the internet for information but you won't receive the personal attention you will from our Librarian.

I attended the Southern California Garden Club meeting last month and enjoyed a presentation by Bette Tang on "The 4 W's of Recycling." Included in the presentation was a handout that Bette graciously allowed me to share with our Club. It offers alternative ways to reuse items that usually go into the trash but could go to another organization for repurposing. This handout will be available in the handout area next to the "Freebie" area. Please take a look and learn of other ways to limit our contributions to the landfills.

I just received word that our Refreshment Committee extraordinaire, John Noster and Steven Rudolph, decided not to continue those duties in 2015. Therefore, we are looking for a few good people to set up the refreshment counter and make coffee, etc. next year. If you are interested, please let me know.

Also, Sandy Chase reminded me that she agreed to be the Librarian for one year. That year will be over soon and we are now looking for a replacement. If you like books, this is the perfect position for you! You will have advance access to the new books and journals before anyone else in the Club. What a deal!!!! Feel free to talk to Sandy or me at the meeting regarding the position.

The Board of Directors will be meeting in November. If there are any issues you would like addressed please email me or talk to me at the meeting.

Until then, I hope everyone is enjoying the weather.

Best,
Joyce



Saturday, November 8, 2014

Saturday, November 8, 2014, is the LACSS Garden Tour to the Living Desert in PalmDesert. The cost will be \$ 20.00 per person and will include a 2 hour tram tour of the Zoo and Gardens beginning at 10:00 AM. The tour will also include a propagation talk, 20% off at the Palo Verde Nursery and 10% off at other gift shops. !!

The Living Desert is located at 47900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert, CA. 92260. For additional information contact John Martinez or visit the Living Desert web site at www.livingdesert.org. !

Please RSVP for this event by contacting John Martinez no later than the October 2nd meeting. To assist the facility to better meet our needs, it is important to get an accurate count of participants prior to the date of the event. The LACSS has prepaid for admission, so please be prepared to pay the balance of \$20.00 for the event at the October meeting. Participants will be responsible for their own transportation. Carpooling is encouraged!

We will meet at the in the parking lot of the site in the Half Circle, by the flag prior to 10:00 AM. Trams will be boarded in this area, **please be on time!** Participants can explore the park prior to and after the tour at their leisure. The RSVP roster will be used for entry into the park (no tickets).

For those interested, there are two other facilities in the area that may be of interest.
Moorten Botanical Garden, 1701 S. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, Ca. 92264 (760) 327-6555.
Cactus Mart, 49889 29 Palms Hwy, (Highway 62), Morongo Valley, 92256

John Martinez!
VP Special Events!
johnwm6425@gmail.com!
805-390-2139

Plant of the Month -- October

Succulent -- Euphorbia (Madagascar)

Plant of the Month 2014

November
Miniatures

December
Holiday Party

2015

January
Discocactus
Anacampseros, Avonia,
Ceraria

February
Mammillaria Clusters
Sarcocaulon

March
Pediocactus,
Sclerocactus
Sedum

April
Variegates

May
Aztekium
Geohintonia

June
Favorite

July
Echinocactus,
Ferrocactus
Pachypodium-
Madagascar

August
Eriosyce, Neochilinea,
Neoporteria
Lithops

September
Ceriodes (N. America)
Didiereaceae

October
Miniatures
Miniatures

Rookie

First	Kathryn Boorer	Euphorbia millotii
Second	Kim Jacobi	Euphorbia kibwezensis
Third	Kathryn Boorer	Euphorbia bongolavensis

Novice

First	Gerald Richert	Euphorbia pachypodioides
Second	Robert and Carolyn Feldman	Euphorbia saintmaciesis
Third	Jim Esterle	Euphorbia bongolavensis

Advanced

First	Kim Thorpe	Euphorbia quartzitcola
Second	Kim Thorpe	Euphorbia bongolavensis

Open

First	Artie Chavez	Euphorbia mahabobokensis
Second	Artie Chavez	Euphorbia itremensis
Third	John Matthews	Euphorbia platyclada

Cactus -- Ariocarpus

Rookie

First	Kyle Williams	Ariocarpus fissuratus
Second	Kyle Williams	Ariocarpus retusus
Third	Natalie Welsh	Ariocarpus fissuratus

Novice

First	Sylvia Strehlo	Ariocarpus fissuratus
Second	Sylvia Strehlo	Ariocarpus retusus

Advanced

First	Kim Thorpe	Ariocarpus furfuraceus
Second	Kim Thorpe	Ariocarpus trigonus
Third	Kim Thorpe	Ariocarpus fissuratus

Cactus & Succulent - Calendar Of Upcoming Events For 2014

November 1-2 San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale 9-4 Both Days
LA County Arboretum 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia

November 1-2 Darlene and Rogers Weld are moving
1311 Fernwood Pacific Drive, Topanga Canyon
310-455-1176

Upcoming Elections

In the next month, we will be holding our elections for some key positions on the Board. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact the nominating committee ASAP via email to kimokake-s1@yahoo.com or you may call Kim Thorpe at 818-679-6548.

As of right now, we are excited to announce the nominations for the slate of candidates for 2015-2017 term.

2015 Candidates

Marquita Elias
1st VP, Programs

Manny Rivera
2nd VP, Plant of Month

Cheryl White
Secretary

Danielle Duboff
Director 1

We will be voting at our November 6, 2014 meeting.

Get Ready for Another Year of Fun!

It's been said that a club is only as good as its members, and truth be told LACSS has fabulous members!

So bring your checkbooks or cash to our next meeting on November 6, and renew your 2015 membership! Membership prices have not changed. Individual membership is still \$20.00. Family membership only \$25.00 and if you would like to have the Chronicle mailed to your home vs e-mailed add an additional \$10.00. Name badges will remain \$9.00.

By renewing your member at the November meeting you will automatically be entered in the Membership Renewal Raffle held at the December Holiday Party.

T-SHIRTS T-SHIRTS T-SHIRTS

Attention all LACSS members who joined LACSS June 1, 2014 or later.

Have we got a deal for you!

We are offering the latest LACSS T-shirts to you for the special price of \$10.00 each.

Now is a good time to get those holiday gifts for people who have everything!

See Sylvia or Danielle before the meeting or at intermission.

Mentoring Experience at Sandy Chases's Home on Asclepius

By Ilona Iburatti

The mentoring program on Asclepius at Sandy Chase's home was excellent. She opened her home and her incredible collection to us. We meandered thru her home and viewed exotic animals, beautiful reptiles, and birds. Incredible!

Both the demonstration and lunch tables were remarkable. It was especially interesting to have our members relate their experiences in the very casual and friendly atmosphere that Sandy and her daughter, Shelly, created for us. Conversations included how several of us got started with succulents and cacti, including how the hobby has influenced and enhanced our lives. Just being evolved with this fabulous group of people and plants has been a pleasure for me.

Sandy selected reprehensive plants, what a variety. I couldn't believe the plants were in the same family. She gave tips on her soil preferences, feeding and watering and care, including placement of vining plants. Did you know they grow clockwise? There was room for you at this wonderful session; you missed some good information, and a lovely time with other club members.



Demonstration by Sandy

John Suciu and Kathryn Boorer



Sandy's Greenhouse

DON'T MISS THE FUN!!

**LOS ANGELES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
HOLIDAY PARTY**

December 6, 2014, 5:30 PM
At the Sepulveda Garden Center
16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino

**Potluck Dinner – Plant Auction
Plant Exchange Activity**

Plant-of-the Month Total Points Awards!

Each attendee is requested to bring one side dish, salad, or dessert.
Please have all food and gifts at the Center between 5–5:30PM.

We need volunteers to help set-up and clean up.

**Please call or email Barbara Hall to sign-up at
(818) 368-6914 or lbcjhall@aol.com**

Great dinner that includes *succulent* roast turkey and ham provided by the club (PS: we need 3 turkeys & 2 hams this year and cooks to prepare them..... any volunteers?) You will be reimbursed.

Recognition & prizes for Plant-of-the-Month award winners

Plant/Gift Exchange

Prize for the best-grown *Pleiospilos bolusii* – bring last year's holiday plant to compete in this category

Fabulous auction will feature member donations, with all proceeds going to our Club

Free special raffle ticket to folks who renew their membership by Thursday December 4

All members are invited and may bring one guest.

California Garden Club, Inc 2015 Dates to Remember

Garden Club Calendar for 2015

January 23-25	Flower Show Symposium, Bakersfield
February 2-5	CGCI Winter Board Meeting, Fresno Host: Sequoia Foothills District
February 11-13	Flower Show School. Course IV Sponsor: Diablo Foothills District
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

January 22	Campo de Cahuenga Commemoration
February 23	District meeting
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

Darlene and Rogers Weld are moving

We want to sell our plants to good homes.

We know they will be loved and cared for by you.

Our plant sale is on

November 1, 2014

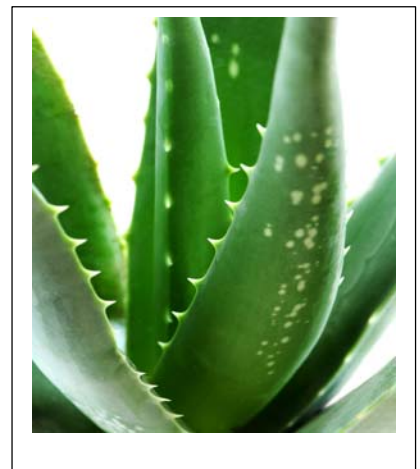
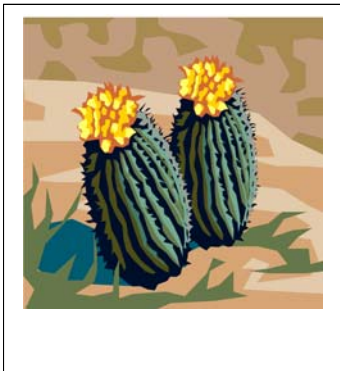
8am – 4pm

Our treasures are priced to sell!!

1311 Fernwood Pacific Drive

Topanga, CA

310-455-1176



Plant of the Month: Miniatures



Blossfeldia liliputana

This month we aren't focusing on a specific genus or family of plants. Instead we will look at a growth form that everyone has space to grow, miniatures! It is important to note that because we are dealing with a descriptive term, not a botanical one, there is no hard and fast rule for what a miniature plant is. For our meeting we'll be a little more relaxed and allow juvenile forms and pots no larger than a 4" diameter.

A miniature is not necessarily the same thing as a dwarf plant. For example, a number of *Agave* species are considered dwarf sized because they only get a couple feet in diameter. That is very small compared to a huge *A. americana* that can be 10 feet or more across, but isn't really what we mean by miniature. Another example would be a *Bursera microphylla*, the Elephant Tree, which can form a huge shrub or small tree. It is often grown as a caudiciform bonsai just a couple feet tall. That plant has been dwarfed but it still is not a miniature!



Neohenricia sibbetti



Conophytum pellucidum

So what are some examples of true miniatures? Two great examples for cacti would be *Copiapoa laui* and *Blossfeldia liliputiana*, the two smallest species in the family. They both form small clumps, but individual heads are usually 1/2" or less in diameter. Even slightly bigger species such as *Ortegocactus macdougalii*, *Mammillaria theresae*, or *Puna clavarioides* are ideal miniatures so long as the clump hasn't become too big.

While there are quite a number of miniature cacti, the number of miniature (non-cactus) succulents is even bigger. One of the best places to look for miniatures is among the mesembs. Some species of *Conophytum* are the very definition of miniature, in that some species such as *C. pellucidum* are so small that you could have upwards of 100 heads in a three inch pot! Many species of *Lithops* work well too. Also consider some of the mesembs that aren't living stones types such as *Titanopsis* or *Aloinopsis* species. Outside mesembs, consider some of the smallest *Crassula*, *Haworthia*, *Sedum*, or *Avonia*. These are just suggestions, but if you have a plant that looks good and proportional in a 4" inch or smaller pot then you have a miniature!



Avonia alstonii
ssp. quinaria

-Kyle Williams



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General Meeting

November 6

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