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CACTUS CHRONICLE

August 2007

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James Butler
"Wild Bill" Hickok
is Murdered
at 39 years of age.

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Next Meeting: August 2nd



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The Hungry Hungry Mealy Bug Pest Management Principles Presented By: Matt Maggio

Our V.P. of Programs will be switching roles for this month's presentation, in favor of center stage. The topic will have a lot to do with bugs, particularly ones that consider cacti and succulents a delicacy. Items on the menu of discussion include: the major insect and invertebrate pests of succulents, their identification and control, the safe and effective use of pesticides, classification of pesticides, the concept of pest resistance, biological control methods, and more! The program will take the approach of **Integrated Pest Management**, one that employs pest control methods in addition to chemical means. Some product names will come up in the course of the discussion, so a pen and paper may be wise. However, one goal of the program avoids making a list of brand names.



The knowledge for this presentation comes partially from Matthew's 16 year's experience in cultivating succulents, and plants in general. Although he is a dedicated hobbyist, his ventures in commercial production are gaining momentum. He hopes to grow Rainshadow Succulents into a booming nursery business. The bulk of knowledge has come in the last 6 years while majoring in horticulture at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. While earning his degree, he undertook numerous courses in pest management. Think of this program as a miniature course in the subject.



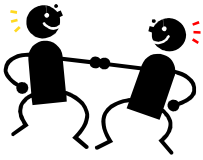
August PLANTS OF THE MONTH

Cactus : < Melocactus
Succulents : Euphorbia Madagascar >
Caudiciforms : Euphorbia Caudiciform,
non-Madagascar

Plant of the Month mini-show.



BRING PLANTS We might learn when we try to share, it's suppose to be fun (-:



Welcome Our Newest Members!!!

Guests at the July Meeting Included:

Lillian Minotti, No. Hollywood—Manny Rivera, Pasadena
Peggy Chang, Los Angeles

Guests that became members at the July Meeting:

Erica Privitelli, Los Angeles—Lillian Minotti, No. Hollywood

Guests From the LACSS Show & Sale that Recently Joined

Natalie Hall, Encino—Linda & Jennifer Nelson, Canyon Country
Beverly & Noel DesRosiers, West Hills

Members that Renewed !

Darlene & Rogers Weld, Topanga—Frank & Cheryl White, Thousand Oaks

THANKS EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

NEW RAFFLE PROCEDURE

PLANTS WILL BE ARRANGED SINGLY OR IN SMALL GROUPS. ONE PLANT WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR THE "2ND CHANCE" DRAWING.

MEMBERS WILL PURCHASE TICKETS AS USUAL. PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG WHEN PURCHASING TICKETS.

PLACE 1 TICKET IN THE BOX IN FRONT OF THE PLANT(S) YOU ARE INTERESTED IN.

YOU MAY PUT MORE THAN 1 TICKET IN A BOX.

ONE TICKET WILL BE DRAWN FROM EACH BOX TO DETERMINE THE WINNER OF THAT PLANT.

AFTER ALL THE PLANTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED, THE REMAINING TICKETS FROM ALL THE BOXES WILL BE PUT INTO A CONTAINER, MIXED UP, AND ONE WILL BE DRAWN. THAT DETERMINES THE WINNER OF THE "2ND CHANCE" PLANT.

\$1.00/ticket or \$5.00/ 6 tickets

Adopted July, 2007—What did you think about the new raffle procedure? Suggestions Welcome!!

Plant of the Month JULY WINNERS

NOVICE: Cacti: 1st Bill Dall Opuntia Species. 2nd, 3rd none. Succulents: 1st, 2nd, 3rd none.
Caudiciform: 1st, 2nd, 3rd none

ADVANCED: Cacti: 1st John Mathews Tephrocactus geometricans. 2nd W/M Wegner Opuntia pycnantha. 2nd Barbara Hall Opuntia chaffeyi. 3rd W/M Wegner Corypuntia marenae.

Succulents: 1st Barbara Hall Jatropha berlanderi. 2nd Barbara Hall Monadenium rubellum. 3rd W/M Wegner Jatropha podigrica.

Caudiciform: 1st W/M Wegner Uncarina roeoesliana. 2nd, 3rd none.

OPEN: Cacti: 1st, 2nd none. 3rd Barbara Nolan Opuntia basilaris.

Succulents: 1st Barbara Nolan Pterodiscus Sp. nova. 2nd, 3rd none.

Caudiciform: 1st Barbara Nolan Uncarina roeoesliana 2nd, 3rd none.

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Cactus of the Month - August 2007 *Melocactus*

M. acipinosus

Melocactus is genus of cactus with about 40 species. They are native to the Caribbean, northern South America, with some species along the Andes down to southern Peru, and a concentration of species in northeastern Brazil.

The genus Cactus Britton & Rose has been brought into synonymy with this genus.

Mature plants are easily recognizable by their cephalium, a wool- and bristle-coated structure at the apex of the plant, from which the inconspicuous flowers grown.

Scientific classification

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Caryophyllales

Family: Cactaceae

Subfamily: Cactoideae

Tribe: Cereeae

Genus: Melocactus

Retrieved from

"<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melocactus>"



Category: Cacti

Farmers Almanac Gardening—August 2007

1 Favorable day for planting root crops, fine for vine crops.

2-3 Barren days, do no planting.

4-5-6 Root crops that can be planted now will yield well.

7-8 Any seed planted now will tend to rot.

9-10 Most favorable days for planting beets, onions, turnips and other root crops. Plant seedbeds and flower gardens.

11-12-13-14-15 A barren time. Best for killing weeds, briars, poison ivy and other plant pests. Clear woodlots and fencerows.

16-17-18 Good days for planting aboveground crops. Excellent for sowing grains, winter wheat, oats and rye. Plant flowers.

19-20 Plant peas, beans, tomatoes, peppers and other aboveground crops in southern Florida, California and Texas.

Extra good for leafy vegetables. Plant seedbeds.

21-22-23 Cut winter wood, do clearing and plowing, but no planting.

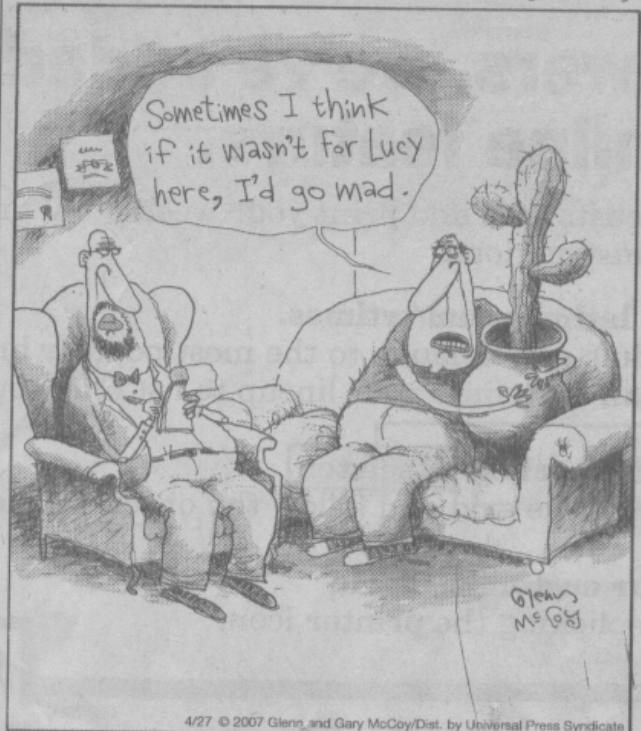
24-25 A good time to plant aboveground crops.

26-27 Barren days. Fine for killing plant pests.

28-29 Favorable days for planting root crops, fine for vine crops.

30-31 Barren days, do no planting.

THE FLYING MCCOYS By Glenn & Gary McCoy



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Succulent of the Month

Euphorbia Madagascar

Madagascar Jewel

Euphorbia leuconeura

Family:
Euphorbiaceae (yoo-
for-bee-AY-see-ay)
Genus: *Euphorbia*
(yoo-FOR-bee-uh)

Species: *leuconeura*
(loo-koh-NOOR-uh)

Category: Perennials,
Cactus and
Succulents

Height: 24-36 in. (60-
90 cm)

Spacing: 18-24 in. (45-60 cm)

Hardiness: USDA Zone 11: above 4.5° C (40° F)

Sun Exposure: Partial to Full Shade, Full Shade

Danger: All parts of plant are poisonous if ingested
Handling plant may cause skin irritation or allergic
reaction

Bloom Color: White/Near White, Cream/Tan

Bloom Time: Mid Spring, Late Spring/Early Summer

Foliage: Evergreen, Succulent

Other details: This plant is suitable for growing
indoors. Drought-tolerant; suitable for xeriscaping
Self-sows freely; deadhead if you do not want
volunteer seedlings next season

Soil pH requirements: Unknown - Tell us

Propagation Methods: From seed; stratify if sowing
indoors

Seed Collecting:
Bag seedheads to capture ripening seed

Courtesy of www.davesgarden.com



Caudiciform of the Month

Euphorbia Non-Madagascar

Euphorbia schinzii

Scientific Name:
Euphorbia schinzii

Family: Euphorbiaceae
Euphorbia schinzii
Recommended
Temperature Zone:
USDA: 10

Frost Tolerance: Needs
some protection on
coldest nights.

Minimum Avg. Temp
55°F (12°C)

Sun Exposure: Light shade

Origin: South Africa, Swaziland, Botswana,
Zimbabwe, Kenya

Growth Habits: Caudiciform small bush.

Watering Needs: Moderate in summer, keep dry in
winter when dormant.

Propagation: Cuttings

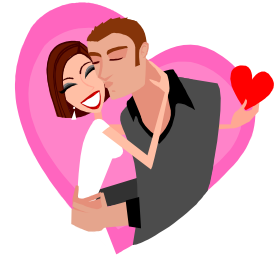
This *Euphorbia* is another easy caudiciform to grow,
it looks good on a window sill.

Cultural Practices: This species is dormant in winter,
keep it totally dry at or around 40°F (4°C).

Courtesy of www.desert-tropicals.com



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
PHYLLISS & BILL POLAKOW 8/19



HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS !!

Jim Esterle 8/7
John Martinez 8/16
Lee Gold and Stephen Rudolph 8/18
Rena Dushey and Helen Frank 8/21
Leo Lunine 8/24
Sue Ann Chui 8/28

Belated July Happy Birthdays to

Natalie Hall, July 25th! Bob Coleman, July 27th! Roxie Esterle, July 31st!

Please see me at the meeting for your free plant!

LACSS 2007 Calendar of Events

August 3-5

30th Annual NCCSS Show & Sale-Brookside Gardens-Wheaton, MD

August 17-19

Mid-Iowa C&SS Show/Sale. Merle Hay Mall, Douglas Ave & Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines, IA. Info: Rebecca Hoepfner: 515-292-1289 or Dorstenia@aol.com

August 18-19

22nd Annual Intercity Show & Sale. LA County Arboretum 301 N Baldwin Ave Arcardia CA. Call Tom Glavich: 626-798-2430
Or Barbara Hall 818-368-6914

Sept 2

Huntington Symposium, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA.

Oct 13-14

San Gabriel Valley C&SS Show and Sale. LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcardia, CA.

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND PLEASE CONFIRM EVENTS PRIOR TO ATTENDANCE. INCORRECT? EMAIL ME.

Tentative Speakers for 2007

- ▯ **September 6** ▯ Guy Wrinkle, ▯ *Conservation of Succulents* ▯
- ▯ **October 4** ▯ Dylan Hannon, ▯ *Succulent Propagation Demo* ▯
- ▯ **November 1** ▯ Chris Barnhill, ▯ *Mesembs* ▯



CACTUS RAMBLINGS by Walt. Wegner

We had another great meeting in July with Petra Crist showing us many beautiful pictures of Cyphostemmas & other succulents in South Africa. Thanks Petra. The POM contest went well, however, we had only one plant entered in the novice category & only one person entered plants in the open category, we need to do better. We thank Artie Chavez for his judging of the POM plants & his constructive comments on the plants, thanks Artie. The POM contest monthly is a good way to learn which of your plants you should enter in the Intercity Show & Sale on 18-19 August, the biggest cacti/succulent show & sale in the WORLD. We thought that the new raffle procedure went well & gave us all a chance to bid on our favorites. At our last meeting we donated two very interesting books to our library both written by a former member, Nathan Walpow. These are mystery books entitled "Death Of An Orchid Lover" & "Cactus Club Killings" featuring a sleuth named Joe Portugal. These are really fun books to read so check them out at our next meeting, if Joyce has finished reading them. We have several more books that we will donate to our library at this meeting that are excellent reference books: The Agaves of Baja California by Howard Scott Gentry; An Introduction to the Fouquieriaceae by James Hendrickson; The Genus Mammillaria, field collection numbers, by Woody Minnich; 10,000 Miles, Hunting Cactus In Texas, by Dr. Ed Maddox, DVM. These books will be available to check-out at our September meeting.

NOW BACK TO CACTUS RAMBLINGS. We have talked a lot about the Schick Echinopsis hybrids that we have but there is one thing that we have not talked about much & that is what do you do with all of the pups that some of these plants get. Bob Schick says he removes them & calls it "weeding" & we have to go along with that. Some pups grow rapidly & can be removed, rooted & given as door prizes, however, most remain small & if not removed will hinder the plant blooming, so get rid of them. When was the last time we talked about Opuntias? Well we have many of these plants in pots & in the ground & they do very well. The one we like best, of many, is Opuntia robusta (?) for lack of a better name. This plants grows fast & develops very large gray/green pads up to 20 inches across with yellow blooms & large fruit that we eat. Another one that we like is a Opuntia species, variegate that we got several years ago from Woody Minnich's CDP in Little Rock. Easy to grow & very colorful which we bring from time to time for door prizes. Still another Opuntia we have is in our front cacti garden is some 4-foot tall & 3-foot across with nice clean sea-green pads with about 50+ blooms/fruit at this time, flowers are medium yellow with the fruit turning red when ripe & very good to eat. Some other Opuntias we have are very nice but we can't get the exact names, maybe we can cut some pads & have the expert Charles Spotts name them for us at the Inter-City Show. We all hate to tell stories on ourselves but I pulled a good one last month. I went to the Red Barn on Topanga Canyon/Roscoe to get another sack of their pumice & went to the back of he store where it is kept & pointed out the bag to the husky fellow working there, paid for it & took it home. Was I surprised when I opened it & discovered that I had bought some kind of "horse dry" that looked like wood pellets, but what the heck I could use it for mulch in pots & did so. BIG PROBLEM, when watered it turned into sawdust, live & learn. How many of you have a section of your garden where you plant "junk plants"? These are small pups, cuttings, etc. that you just can't throw away. We bet that even Artie & Steve have a place like this. We have an area where we plant these plants, some do OK & others die. Two final comments to all of our members: 1st come to all of our meetings. 2nd don't forget to "DOUBLE TAG" your plants.



Please Update Your Email Address, Birthday, Anniversary

Are you reading ANY of the Cactus Chronicle? If so, please call or email me to update your information. Thanks to those that did update their birthday and/or anniversary information. AGAIN, we are looking to update your birthday and/or anniversary. Also, if you have an email address & are NOT receiving the Chronicle via email, please contact Liz at 818-970-0405 or send an email to dyn2sr5@earthlink.net. **THANK YOU!!**

22nd Annual Intercity Show and Sale August 18-19, 2007

ATTENTION!!! Intercity Show T-Shirts are available on a first-come, first-served basis. They will look similar to the flyer, with the shirt being a dark color (blue or black). Barbara Hall will have T-Shirts available at the next meeting. Price to be determined but will not be more than \$10 per shirt. Men's and Women's shirt sizes will be available starting with Medium size.

The theme of this year's Intercity Show is "Madagascar & More." LA Arboretum is opening a new Madagascar Garden sometime in May 2007. One of the "Walks & Talks" tours over the weekend of the Intercity Show will be to view the new Madagascar Garden.



BOARD MEETINGS

Next board meeting is not scheduled at this time. Remember that all LACSS members are welcome at our Board Meetings.

BONSAI PLANTS

We are looking for a person that is very knowledgeable with Bonsai plants. If you are that person, please see Barbara Hall or contact her at 818-368-6914 or via email to lbcjhall@aol.com.

HOLIDAY PARTY COMMITTEE

Sandy Chase is organizing a Holiday Party committee. Any volunteers? See Sandy Chase at the meeting or contact her at 818-367-0864 or via email to exoticfloraandfauna@msn.com.

MEMBER GARDEN TOUR/BBQ

We would like to plan a garden tour of a few different members' gardens later this year. Is your garden *so beautiful* that you would just love to share it with our members? Please let Jeff Karsner know if you are interested in hosting a tour of your garden. We will tour member gardens and finish up with a wonderful BBQ!!!

NAMETAGS—Please sign-in when you come to the monthly meeting and pick-up your nametag. We would like you to wear your nametag. If you do not have your own badge with your name, we will give you a nametag when you sign-in. As a tradition, we give a plant to guests and new members. Sometimes there are leftover plants. These plants will be given to sign-in members according to the number space that their name is entered. A good reason for everyone to sign-in upon arrival!
THANK YOU! If you like this idea, please make a mention of it when it isn't done at the next meeting. Thanks for reading.

LACSS MEMBERSHIP FORM 2007

If your contact info has changed during 2006, please include the updated info with your renewal. Thanks!!

Yes I would like to be a member of the Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society!

Membership choice: **Single** membership \$15/yr \$7.50 1/2 yr. **Family** membership \$20/yr \$10 1/2 yr

Name: _____ Names of the additional members: _____

Address: _____ City, State & Zip: _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email: _____

Birth Day _____ Anniversary Date _____

Please make check out to "LACSS" and *send this form along with check or money order to:*

LACSS, P.O. Box 280581, Northridge, CA 91328

Half Year Memberships Available after June 2007. Check here for Engraved Name Badge \$8.00 extra

General Meeting starts at 7:30 PM on the **first Thursday** of the month at the Sepulveda Garden Center located at 16633 Magnolia Blvd. in Encino between Hayvenhurst and Balboa.
Set-up and social hour starts at 6:30 PM.

Bring a smile! Make new friends! **GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

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