



CACTUS CHRONICLE



MISSION STATEMENT

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



REFRESHMENTS FOR NOVEMBER!

LAST NAMES STARTING
WITH: **R - W**

SEE YOU AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
DOORS OPEN 6:15PM

THE ONE GENERATION CENTER
18255 VICTORY BLVD,
RESEDA, CA 91335

Monthly Meeting Program : November

Q *and* A SESSION

presented by :

Sandy Chase, Nils Schirmmacher
John Martinez & Karen Ostler

For our November 7th meeting, we're presenting a Q&A Panel discussion. We've done this previously, and it has been very well received.

Our panel will be comprised of experts who will share their many years of experience and knowledge. Included here are brief Bios for each panel member.

They are: Karen Ostler, Sandy Chase, John Martinez, and Nils Schirmmacher.

The general format is that it is highly interactive. The panel members will present general topics that are timely for the season, our locale, and the general weather we are experiencing. Additional subjects can include all things related with potting, staging, planting, propagation, and more. Members, are encouraged to ask questions and offer their opinions and thoughts, which will stimulate further discussions... between the panel and members, and among the members.

This can be a nice lead into our upcoming Holiday Party, as well!

Ron Behar
V.P. Programs

MEET THE EXPERTS



SANDY CHASE

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



NILS SCHIRRMACHER

Nils has been collecting succulents since 1999, the year he joined the CSSA. In 2005, he became an LACSS member and currently serves as club historian. From his Los Angeles apartment, he's building a collection of seed-grown plants that includes members of the Aizoaceae, or mesembs. This pursuit led to his joining the Mesemb Study Group in 2014.

Nils shares his home and garden with his wife Malynnda, who is kindly indulging his newfound interest in tarantulas. He holds a Master's Degree in Art from UC Irvine and has had several gallery exhibitions of his artwork. By day, Nils works as an Art Handler.



JOHN MARTINEZ

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



KAREN OSTLER

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

A Word From Our President



Time sure flies when you are having fun.

I sure have had a great time serving as the President of this club. It is an amazing club, with so much knowledge and so many incredible people. It is tough to step down, but I really need to open my schedule so I can go to Texas and see Artie's and my beautiful granddaughter. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

This month we will be voting for our new board members and I hope all of you will attend and make your votes count.

The weather has been great and my plants are looking really good. I went in our greenhouse the other day and the *Astrophytum*s were blooming up a storm. It was really spectacular. It is time to start thinking about winter though. We need to be able to protect our more sensitive plants from the cold and wet. There were a couple of cool nights and the weather changes fast so we are getting our frost cloth ready. It would be nice to get a good rain before the cold sets in. The plants sure love the rain.

I am very excited for the Holiday Awards Banquet. Debi is quite the planner. I really hope all of you will attend. It is a little different this year having it catered but I am looking forward to the change. Less work not having to cook. This is a club sponsored event. Hope to see you there.

This month we are having a panel discussion, so bring your questions, problem plants, and or pictures. There are always great info given at these panels. We will not have the early Ask The Expert Section as those questions can be answered by the panel. Come early so you can buy your raffle tickets. We will be doing the raffle much earlier that night.

Since the Holiday party is not a potluck, hopefully many of you will bring in a snack to share at the meeting. Drinks are welcomed also.

Well this is it for my presidents message, see you at the meeting!

Kim Chavez

2019 OFFICERS

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KIDS OUTREACH
Nicolene Bova

PLANT OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER RESULTS

SUCCULENT - ADROMISCHUS

ROOKIE

FIRST	ADROMISCHUS MARIANIAE CV DARKSIDE	EVAN WALSH
SECOND	ADROMISCHUS MARIANIAE	EVAN WALSH
THIRD	ADROMISCHUS HERREI	EMILY AKERS & JOHN GIESING

NOVICE

FIRST	ADROMISCHUS CRISTATAS	BONNIE IKEMURA
SECOND	ADROMISCHUS 'INDIAN CLUBS'	BONNIE IKEMURA
THIRD	ADROMISCHUS MARIANIAE HERREI	EFREN FLORES



ADVANCED

FIRST	ADROMISCHUS	ROXIE & JIM ESTERLE
SECOND	ADROMISCHUS	ROXIE & JIM ESTERLE
THIRD	ADROMISCHUS MACULATOS	ROXIE & JIM ESTERLE

OPEN

CACTUS - OPUNTIA FROM SOUTH AMERICA

ROOKIE

FIRST	TEPHROCACTUS POPYRACANTHUS	EMILY AKERS & JOHN GIESING
SECOND	TEPHROCACTUS MOLINENSIS	EMILY AKERS & JOHN GIESING
THIRD	TEPHROCACTUS GEOMETRICUS	JOHN VAN UNEN

NOVICE

FIRST	TEPHROCACTUS STROMBILIFORMIS	FELIPE DELGADO
SECOND	TEPHROCACTUS POPYRACANTHUS	EFREN FLORES
THIRD	TEPHROCACTUS ARTICULATUS	FELIPE DELGADO
FOURTH	MILQUELIOPUNTIA MIQUELII	AMANDA ERLANSON



ADVANCED

FIRST	MAIHUENA POEPPIGII	ROXIE & JIM ESTERLE
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OPEN

FIRST	CUMULOPUNTIA KUEHNRIKHIANA	KAREN OSTLER
SECOND	TEPHROCACTUS BONNIEAE	KAREN OSTLER
THIRD	OPUNTIA ARGENTINIANA	MANNY RIVERA
THIRD	TEPHROCACTUS BONNIEAE	KAREN OSTLER



PLANT OF THE MONTH 2019

NOVEMBER
Variegated
Variegated

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY

PLANT OF THE MONTH 2020

JANUARY
Turbinicarpus & Gymnocactus
Tylecodon

FEBRUARY
Buiningia & Uebelmannia
Aloe species

MARCH
Eriocyce
Haworthia

APRIL
Obregonia, Strombocactus,
Ortegocactus
Agave

MAY
Small cacti & succulent staged as
miniature

JUNE
Favorites

JULY
Aztekium & Geohintonia
Pachypodium from Madagascar
& Plumeria

AUGUST
Sulcorebutia & Weingartia
Fockea

SEPTEMBER
Ferocactus & Leuchtenbergia
Dorstenia & Ficus

OCTOBER
Parodia & Notocactus
Euphorbia Stem Type

OCTOBER PLANT OF THE MONTH PHOTOS

Photo credit: Collin O'Callaghan & Kimberly Tong



ADROMISCHUS MARIANIAE CV DARKSIDE
EVAN WALSH



TEPHROCACTUS PAPYRACANTHUS
EMILY + JOHN



ADROMISCHUS CRISTATUS
BONNIE IKEMURA



TEPHROCACTUS STROMBILIFORMIS
FELIPE DELGADO



ADROMISCHUS
JIM & ROXIE ESTERLE



CUMULOPUNTIA KUEHNRICHIANA
KAREN OSTLER

PLANT ^{OF THE} MONTH

PLANT OF THE MONTH POLICIES for 2020

The Plant of the Month competition is an important educational component of our monthly meetings. By showing your specimens, you learn tips about their care and staging, and gain recognition for a job well done.

The most intense competition has been in the "Rookie" division, with exceptional entries from many new members. In order to elevate the levels of competition in the more experienced divisions, the LACSS Board has initiated some new policies that will move people into higher levels of competition and increase the number of entries in the Advanced and Open divisions.

In addition, point counts will begin at 0 in each category, with 6 points for a first place, 4 points for a second place, 2 points for a third place, and 1 point for each plant entered.

Plant voted "BEST OF SHOW" receives 4 extra points.

NEW COMPETITION DIVISIONS

Rookie

0 - 50 combined 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place "rookie" award points

Novice

0 - 100 combined 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place "novice" award points

Advanced

0 to 200 combined 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place "advanced" points

Open

Experienced growers who have earned 200 "advanced" points along with vendors who sell at shows outside of LACSS.

1. All plants must be in exhibitor's possession for a minimum of 6 months. This does not apply to Rookies.
2. All plants must be free of pests.
3. 3" Miniature refers to inside diameter of the pot.
4. Size on odd shaped pots is determined by adding length plus width and dividing by two.
5. With the exception of Gasterias and Sansevierias; all variegates, crests, and monstrose must appear only in those categories.
6. Plants stands or risers may only be used if the plant cascades below the level of the pot, e.g. Rhipsalis, Hoya, etc.

OCTOBER PLANT OF THE MONTH

VARIEGATES
BY KYLE WILLIAMS
 Photo Credits: Kyle Williams

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



Agave victoriae-reginae

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!

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."

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Senecio aristata



Euphorbia mammillaris

OCTOBER PLANT OF THE MONTH



Aeonium sunburst crest



Astrophytum asterias

In general, variegated plants grow slower and are smaller than non-variegates of the same species. They also tend to sunburn easily and most need more sun protection than a typical member of the species. Ironically, variegates also have less shade tolerance than their non-variegated counterparts. The reason for this is that chlorophyll "soaks up" the sunlight to make food. With less chlorophyll the plant needs more light to get the same amount of food, but at 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 - 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.

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 variegated 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 - 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!



Haworthia limifolia

LACSS

2019 HOLIDAY AWARDS PARTY

CACTUS AND SUCCULENTS ARE SUCH FUN.
 SCRATCHES AND POKES ON EVERYONE!
 AS A YEAR OF FERTILIZING AND REPLANTING ENDS,
 LET'S PART, MY LACSS FRIENDS!

- WHEN:** Saturday, December 7, 2019
 6:00PM - 10:00PM PARTYTIME
- WHERE:** Monterey Concessions Banquet Room
 Balboa Golf Course
 16821 Burbank Blvd, Encino CA 91436
 *Parking lot on east side of building
- DINNER:** CATERED appetizers and dinner
 Water, hot & cold tea and coffee provided
 CASH BAR -alcoholic beverage & sodas
 Dessert- potluck sign up
- DAY OF PARTY** 6:00-7:00 Happy Hour
 7:00-8:00 Dinner
- 6:00-8:30 Silent Auction
 8:30-10:00 Announce Silent Auction Winners,
 Entertainment and Live Auction

RSVP NOW! ASAP! (MUST RSVP BEFORE DECEMBER 6)

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GREENHOUSE NOTES

BY KAREN OSTLER

It shouldn't come as a complete surprise to me every autumn when my *Ariocarpus* burst into absolutely glorious flower; but somehow I forget from year to year that this is when the genus flowers. From the pure white of *Ariocarpus retusus* subspecies *retusus* and the palest pink of *A. retusus*, to the nearly florescent hot pink of some *Ariocarpus fissuratus*; the flowers are stunning. *Ariocarpus trigonus* adds a differing pop of color with nearly butter yellow flowers and *Ariocarpus hovelickii* slides in with flower petals of the palest cream. A bench full of *Ariocarpus* in full flower is breathtaking. And the flowers are very subtly scented, a warm exotic fragrance... or maybe that is just my imagination.

Can you tell I love *Ariocarpus*?

There are few cacti that are as beautiful as the entire genus *Ariocarpus*. Architectural in their simplicity, with kitten soft wool in place of the spines that seem to be the very definition of what determines a cactus.

The first *Ariocarpus* I ever owned I killed. Rotted the poor thing into a pile of soft slimy sludge. And dead, it smelled bad.

Killed the second one, too.

So I bought another one. And babied the heck out of it, watched it every single day. Wondered what more I could do to not only keep it alive, but make it grow, because despite everything else, they are slow, especially when they're young.

Then I realized what they wanted...a place in the sun, the hotter the better, and that water I was pouring over them, trying to force growth? Well, they didn't like it and showed me how much they hated it by dying. And that kitten soft wool? If I wanted to keep it soft and beautiful, I discovered that I had better not get water on it.

I kept that third plant alive for twenty-five years until I sold it a couple of years ago, because it got too big. So the whole point is keep trying, if you kill one, try again, and then try one more time.

Happy growing!

Karen Ostler



From the Stacks of the Library



BY JOYCE SCHUMANN

We will be ending the year with a BANG. Four additional books from The Frank White estate have been added to our library and will round out our collection nicely.

Remember Attila Kapitany from Australia? He and Rudolf Schulz co-authored a couple of books, one titled "Succulents for the Garden" and the other "More Succulents for the Garden." The first book gives consideration to topics such as "Location," "Containers," and "Problem Solving." The "Succulent Library" section focuses on various succulent plants with descriptions and superb photos. I always find the "Appendix" section of any book to contain a lot of very useful information usually in the form of graphs, charts, and lists. This book does not disappoint. Ten pages of useful lists such as, "succulent growth forms," "recommended ground covers," "best for pots," flower color and season.

The second book, "More...." takes a slightly different approach focusing on the form of the plant as it develops into a mature specimen and how several plants can be grouped together to create fantastic garden design. The most interesting appendix list is the "Australian native succulents" list. You might want to compare this list with Attila's book "Australian Succulent Plants."

There are six books in "The Cactus File Handbook" series. Our library now contains four of them. The most recent acquisition is "Rebutia" by John Pilbeam. In addition to photos and descriptions of 100 species, maps, cultivation tips, and classification, this slim volume contains information (appendix, again...) on "Superfluous or dubious names and Hybrids" and the field collectors' numbers of the three most prominent collectors.

Are you interested in "Agaves, Yuccas, and Related Plants"? Good, because that is the title of our fourth book, authored by Mary and Gary Irish. Not only do they present the history of the Families and descriptions of the Genera in great detail, they include a chapter on "Horticulture and Cultivation." The appendix includes identification keys to Agave and Yucca along with a glossary and a long bibliography.

All four books are must reads to round out your knowledge of these fascinating plants. So, you have heard this before --- Check it out!!

See you soon,
Joyce Schumann

Word of the Month

CHIMERA noun
chi·me·ra

plural noun: chimeras; noun: chimaera; plural noun: chimaeras

an organism containing a mixture of genetically different tissues, formed by processes such as fusion of early embryos, grafting, or mutation. Also spelled Chimaera, in botany, a plant or plant part that is a mixture of two or more genetically different types of cells.



ELECTION TIME

According to our bylaws, we will hold our elections at the November meeting. Nominees for the offices being vacated are:

PRESIDENT - JOYCE SCHUMANN

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT, SPECIAL EVENTS - JIM ESTERLE

TREASURER - KATHY GOGOL

DIRECTOR 2, EDUCATION - KAREN OSTLER

Nominations from the floor will still be accepted.

Make sure you attend this meeting so your voice will be heard.

Thank you.

Nomination Committee

PLANT CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE!

OUR HOLIDAY PARTY ON DECEMBER 7 WILL FEATURE SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS.

This will give everyone an opportunity to get a new gem for their collection! The live auction will feature more expensive, mature or unusual plants and will be limited to a total of 30 items.

The silent auction will be open to contributions that have a minimum bid of \$10.

Plants can be donated or sold as a split-75% member/ 25% club.

All plants need to be rooted and disease free. The plants should arrive at the venue on party night no later than 6pm. If you are interested in contributing or have questions -email, text or speak to Debi Heaps (818-207-0254, heapsgasgirl@gmail.com.)

We need plants that are ready to party! See you at the festivities.

BYLAW REVISIONS

To all LACSS members: The attached "Bylaws Last Reviewed 11/7/19" contains revisions to more accurately reflect current practices and to clarify a point. This document was reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors at the 10-27-19 meeting.

Please review the attached bylaws with revisions.

The proposed revisions are indicated by:

1. The proposed deleted original text with strike outs.
2. New text will be in either red or blue font and sometimes in bold.

NOTE: On page 3, Article VI, Section 2 should read Communications **COORDINATOR**
Not ".....Chair"

We, the members, will vote on these changes in our bylaws at the November 7, 2019 meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this important document.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Schumann Roxie Esterle, Cheryl White

LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I --- NAME

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be the Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society (LACSS).

ARTICLE II --- MEMBERS

- Section 1 There are four classes of membership: Honorary, Life, Individual and Family.
- Section 2 Both Honorary and Life members are exempt from payment of dues.
- Section 3 Honorary membership may be proposed by any member and must be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Honorary membership may be bestowed upon a member or non-member who has made major contributions to the cactus and succulent hobby or the LACSS. This appointment is for one calendar year.
- Section 4 Life membership may be bestowed on any member for years of outstanding devotion and valuable services rendered toward the advancement of the LACSS by a majority vote at a regular meeting of the Board.
- Section 5 Individual members are those who have paid the prescribed dues. Honorary, Life and Individual members will receive the Cactus Chronicle.
- Section 6 Family members are those who reside with an Individual member. Families must pay the additional prescribed dues. Only one Cactus Chronicle will be sent to each email address.
- Section 7 Individual members and Family members will have the same rights and responsibilities.

ARTICLE III --- DUES

- Section 1 Dues for Individual and Family membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors, published regularly in the Cactus Chronicle and are payable by the January meeting.
- Section 2 The membership year for the LACSS shall start January 1 of each year and will expire on December 31.
- Section 3 New members who join after the June meeting will be required to pay only one half the prescribed annual dues.
- Section 4 Members whose dues are not paid by the February meeting shall be notified by the Membership Chair in writing or email. If no payment is made by the March meeting, they shall be dropped from the membership roster.

ARTICLE IV --- OFFICERS

- Section 1 The Officers of the LACSS will consist of the following:
President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors, who each hold office for a term of two years. They are to be elected on alternate years as follows:
- Serving on odd-numbered years (2017, 2019 etc.): VP Programs, VP Plant of the Month, Secretary, and Director I
 - Serving on even-numbered years (2016, 2018 etc.): President, VP Special Events, Treasurer, and Director II
- Elected officers will assume office on January 1.
- Section 2 A. No person shall be elected to serve more than two consecutive full terms in the same office.
B. The term limit provision may be suspended under the following conditions:
1. There are no candidates other than the incumbent for the office.
 2. The candidate is selected by the Nominating Committee.
 3. There is a majority vote by the membership at the election.
- Section 3 Elected Officers may be removed from office due to dereliction of duty or disregard for the LACSS Code of Ethics. An **elected** Officer may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the full Board.

ARTICLE V --- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1 **President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the LACSS; be an ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee; give a brief report at the first regular meeting following each Board meeting outlining the actions taken. Following the annual election, the President shall appoint the Committee Chairs and all other appointed Officials. Appointed Chairs and Officials shall serve for ~~two~~ **one** year and may be reappointed. The President has the sole discretion and authority to remove any and all Committee Chairs and Appointed Officials.

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- Section 2 **Vice-Presidents:** A Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence or incapacity of the President, and when so acting have all of the authority of the President.
The duties of the three Vice-Presidents shall be as follows:
First VP - Programs
Second VP - Plant of the Month Coordinator
Third VP - Special Events
- Section 3 **Secretary:** The Secretary shall record all minutes of the business meetings of the LACSS and the Board of Directors; maintain written records of the LACSS, manage the LACSS email account.
- Section 4 **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall receive collections from all entities collecting monies on behalf of the society, issuing a receipt for the same; disburse all monies as directed by the Board of Directors or by vote of the membership; present a verbal statement of finances at any meeting when called upon; and make a written report at the end of the fiscal year. A copy of this annual report shall be given to the Secretary to be filed with other LACSS records. The Treasurer shall establish an account in a bank which is acceptable to the Board of Directors, in the name of the Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society for the funds of the society and such funds that may be placed therein. The bank book for this account shall remain in the custody of the Treasurer during his or her term of office.
- Section 5 **Directors:**
Director I (membership): Responsible for maintaining membership records and database, ordering badges, designing and distributing the roster, greeting members at the monthly meeting. The Director may delegate some of these responsibilities to one or more assistants.
Director II (Education): Responsible for working closely with VP Programs and VP Special Events to develop educational programs for the club and also for the community and schools as requested, such as the mentoring program, POM write-ups for the Cactus Chronicle. The Director may delegate some of these responsibilities to one or more assistants.

ARTICLE VI --- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1 The business of the LACSS shall be vested in a Board of Directors (Board) and their duties shall be outlined in these bylaws.
- Section 2 The Board of Directors shall consist of the Elected Officers of the LACSS, the Past President, and the following Appointed Officials.
CSSA Representative
Festival Chair
Fall Sale Chair
Intercity Show Representative
Communications Chair (Includes Webmaster, Publicity, Cactus Chronicle and Social Media)
- Section 3 The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Treasurer and Secretary and is empowered to make decisions when there is not time for the full Board to convene. Executive Board meetings and decisions must be documented in minutes by the Secretary and distributed to the full Board.
- Section 4 Other non-Board positions or committees will be appointed by the President and may be invited to attend the Board meetings to report on their area of responsibility. They do not have voting authority. Examples include Cactus Chronicle Editor, Librarian, Historian, Awards Dinner, Monthly Drawing, Cactus Garden Coordinator, Refreshments, CSSA affiliate rep.

ARTICLE VII --- NOMINATIONS

- Section 1 Before the October meeting, the Board shall select one Board member and two general members for the Nominating Committee. After the Nominating Committee is appointed, it shall select, contact and interview for the offices candidates who have been members for not less than one year. A written list of nominees for each office that will be vacated will be published in the Cactus Chronicle and submitted to the membership at the ~~November~~ **October** meeting.. A copy of this slate shall be given to the Secretary to be filed with other LACSS records.
- Section 2 Nominations from the floor at the October meeting shall be accepted and provided to the Nominating Committee for consideration, provided that the member being nominated is present and has given consent to the nomination, or if absent, has given the nominator written consent to the nomination. The written consent shall be presented to the Secretary at the time of nomination.

ARTICLE VIII --- ELECTIONS

- Section 1 After the list of nominees has appeared in the Cactus Chronicle, all officers shall be elected at the November meeting. Vote shall be by ballot unless there is only one candidate for each office, when election shall be held by \ voice vote. A quorum, **as defined in Article X, Section 1**, of the membership must be present.
- Section 2 If necessary, an election board of three persons shall be appointed by the President at the election meeting to count the votes. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be elected. All officers shall assume office on January 1.
- Section 3 All ballots from the election shall remain in the possession of the Secretary, open to inspection by any member of the \ society, for a period of not less than sixty days following the election.

ARTICLE IX --- MEETINGS

- Section 1 Regular meetings shall be held at the time and place selected by the LACSS as announced at the previous meeting.
- Section 2 Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or the Board of Directors, with all members being notified by telephone, email or mail.
- Section 3 The December gathering is deemed to be "The Awards Dinner" and is not considered a regular meeting.

ARTICLE X --- QUORUM

- Section 1 One-fifth of the most recent roster shall constitute a quorum of the LACSS.
- Section 2 A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board.

ARTICLE XI --- RULES

- Section 1 Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern all points not covered by these bylaws.

ARTICLE XII --- AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 Amendments may be proposed by any LACSS member in good standing. The proposal must be submitted in written form.
- Section 2 The Board shall appoint a three member ad-hoc Bylaws Committee to review any proposed bylaw amendment. The committee will then make a recommendation to the Board regarding adoption, modification or rejection of the proposed bylaw amendment.
- Section 3 After approval by the Board, the proposed amendment shall be presented to the general membership for approval.
- Section 4 The proposed amendment shall be adopted upon a two-thirds vote of the members present and eligible to vote at the regular meeting following its publication in the Cactus Chronicle. A quorum, **as defined in Article X, section 1** of the membership must be present.
- Section 5 The Board shall appoint a three-member ad hoc Bylaws Committee of Board members to review the current bylaws at least every five years.

ARTICLE XIII --- AFFILIATIONS

- Section 1 The LACSS shall be affiliated with the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc. and the Treasurer shall pay affiliate dues each January.
- Section 2 The LACSS may, by majority vote of the Board, affiliate yearly with any group whose stated purpose would, in some manner, further the interests and purposes of the LACSS.

ARTICLE XIV --- DISTRIBUTION AND STORAGE

- Section 1 These bylaws shall be distributed or made available to all members of the LACSS. All bylaws shall be maintained by the Secretary in hard copy and digital form.

ARTICLE XV --- REQUIREMENTS FOR IRS 501 (C) (3) STATUS

- Section 1 The Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 2 No part of the net earnings of the LACSS shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.
- Section 3 No substantial part of the activities of the LACSS shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- Section 4 Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the LACSS shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 5 Upon the dissolution of the LACSS, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Amended Bylaws approved by a quorum of the LACSS membership at the monthly meeting on November 7, 2019

Kim Thorpe, President

Date

Ron Cooper, Secretary

Date

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JOB OPPORTUNITY!!

TOPANGA NURSERY IS A LOCAL CHATSWORTH NURSERY LOOKING TO HIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO HELP CREATE SUCCULENT ARRANGEMENTS AND TO WORK AT OUR NURSERY. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CONDUCT WORKSHOPS AND ALSO HELP PROMOTE THE NURSERY AT LOCAL EVENTS.

THEY OFFER FLEXIBLE HOURS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW.

FOR MORE INFO:

ADDRESS: 10538 TOPANGA CANYON BLVD.
CHATSWORTH, CA 91311
PHONE: (818) 280-6500
OPEN EVERYDAY 8:30AM - 5:00PM
EMAIL: INFO@TOPANGANURSERY.COM

FREE PLANTS!!

DOES ANYONE NEED SOME PLANTS?

THESE PLANTS ARE AVAILABLE FREE TO A GOOD HOME. THESE WERE V'S HUSBANDS PLANTS AND HE PASSED AWAY A WHILE AGO. SHE JUST CAN'T TAKE CARE OF THEM. THEY ARE QUITE LARGE BUT GOOD FOR LANDSCAPING OR TO MAKE CUTTINGS. SHE NEEDS HELP GETTING THEM OUT OF THERE. CONTACT KIM 818 679 6548 FOR MORE INFORMATION. THEY ARE IN PASADENA.



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ALL ABOUT SUCCULENTS
EDUCATIONAL EVENT
& SUCCULENT SALE

Glendora Gardens
1132 S. Grand Ave.
Glendora, CA 91740



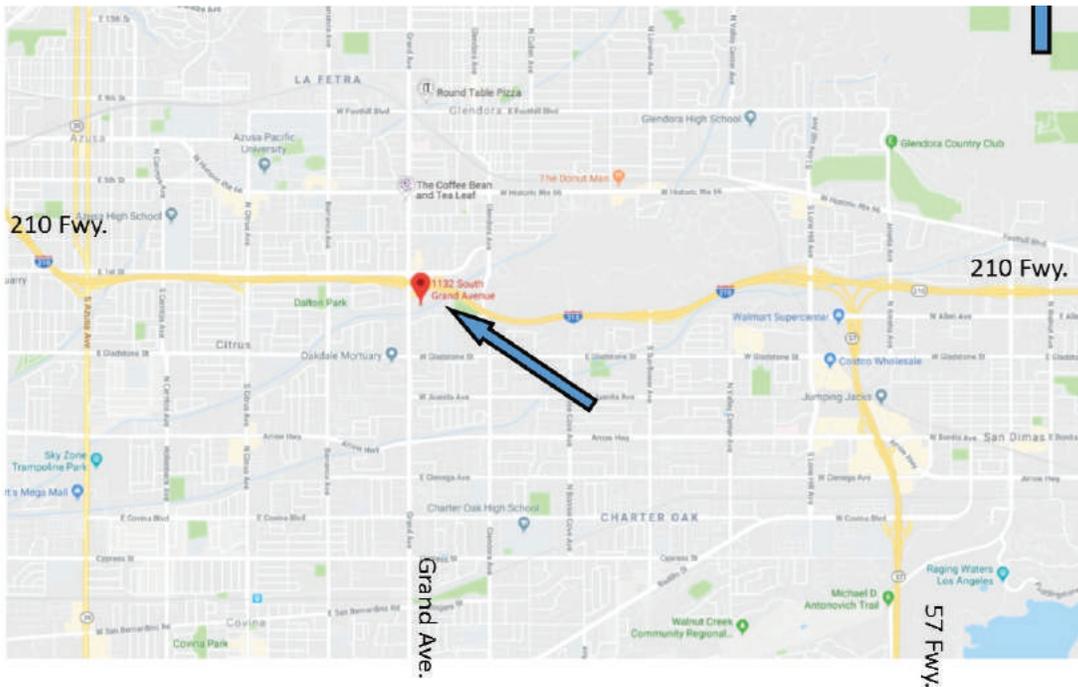
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Group Administrator

Hosted by owner
Melina Ferrandino

Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 17, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Event Coordinator: Isabelle Moon (909) 626-4197 ismoon398@yahoo.com



Glendora Gardens Nursery
1132 S. Grand Ave., Glendora, CA 91740

From the 210 freeway, take Grand Ave. south for one block.

It is at the SE corner of Grand Ave. and Citrus Edge St.

Park along Citrus Edge St. east of nursery

Do not block 100 feet in front of Nursery for temporary loading and unloading of sales. 

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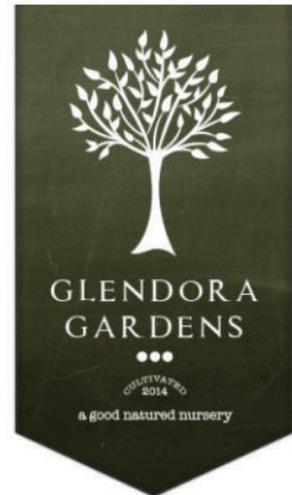
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Press Release

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Hosted by owner
Melina Ferrandino



Succulent Educational Event Free to Public

Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday, November 17, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Schedule of Events

Saturday, November 16	7:30 AM	Glendora Gardens Open for Business
	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Vendor Sales
	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM	“Grafting Demonstration” by Ralph Massey
	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM	“Children Succulent Staging” assistance By Kim Lingo & Laura Hatcher
	11:00 AM – Noon	“Physical Plant Succulent Propagation” By John Matthews
	12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	“Succulent Landscaping” by Jo Ann Levine
	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	“Bonsai” by Keith Kitoi Taylor
Sunday, November 17	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	To Be Announced
	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Vendor Sales
	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	“Children Free Succulent Staging” help By Kim Lingo and Laura Hatcher
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	“Seed Succulent Propagation” by Isabelle Moon
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	“Soil for Succulents & Related Products”
	Noon – 1:00 PM	“Succulent Exchange and Giveaway”
	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Raffle and Closing Comments

Educational Event Talks are free to the public.

Event Coordinator: Isabelle Moon (909) 626-4197 email: ismoon398@yahoo.com FB: Isabelle Moon Instagram: isabelle.moon.398

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FROM MARCHELL NOSTER

*Join us
in celebrating the life of our Father*



John L Noster Sr.

9-11-1930 – 10-18-2019

Saturday, November 9, 2019

12:00 PM

Noster Home

8385 Farralone Avenue Canoga Park, CA 91304
(818) 884-5360

Burial – November 15, 2019 @ 1:00 PM

Riverside National Cemetery

22495 Van Buren Boulevard Riverside, CA 92518
(951) 653-8417