

CACTUS CHRONICLE

CSSA Affiliate

Next Meeting Thursday

August 4th, 2016

16633 Magnolia Blvd. Encino, CA 91346

Doors Open at 6:15 pm

Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Refreshments for U-Z

July 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.

August Program: "A Mexico Adventure" Presented by Greg Starr

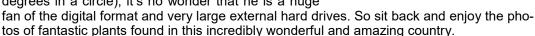
Join Greg Starr for an evening tour of Mexican cacti and succulents. He will present a visual feast of some way cool cacti and succulents, and who knows, maybe even a "leafy" plant or two to complete the Mexico experience. The country is vast and varied, encompassing high, cool mountains; hot deserts, and humid tropics. The flora and fauna are incredible, amazing, and beautiful.

There is so much diversity found south of the border that covering even one state thoroughly would take a lifetime of presentations, but we will focus on some of the most intri-

guing plants and maybe even an animal or two in the eastern part of the country. Undoubtedly we will visit some of the most iconic and most cryptic figures of the country, including large, candelabra cacti, bloomin' barrels, tiny cacti and maybe even an agave or two.

Greg will share some of his pictures and experiences searching high and low for hard to find and recently discovered cacti, some buried in cliff faces, others mimicking the surrounding landscape, and others presenting themselves for all the world to see.

Greg has been traveling to Mexico since 1981 and with his propensity to take multiple photos of nearly all the plants at each stop (it has been said that he takes 360 pictures of each plant since there are 360 degrees in a circle); it's no wonder that he is a huge





Greg was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona, and has grown to love the desert and its flora and fauna. He graduated from the University of Arizona in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture, and after working in the landscape industry he went back to the University to study Botany and further his education in horticulture. He emerged from the University in 1985 with a Master of Science in Horticulture with a special emphasis on botany.

He opened Starr Nursery in the summer of 1985, and has specialized in low water use plants for landscaping in southern Arizona. Greg has traveled extensively in Mexico and the southwestern United States to study the plants for their potential landscape use in desert regions of the world.

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President's Message

August, 2016

Hi all,

Nutmeg, Rose and I are on our annual road trip to visit old and new places. We are a bit out of touch with LA happenings so I will ramble on about our current adventures. We cannot top the thrill of trips to faraway places on a cactus/succulent search but we love being on the road.

First the weather report: When we left LA it was hot and continued so until we reached Flagstaff where it was not only hot, but humid. That continued until we got to lowa where it cooled a bit but was still humid. In Minnesota, it was 50° at night and 75° in the day. Loved it, but the mosquitos are very vicious. Beginning on the 8th day of our trip, in Leadville, CO it has rained on us every night until last night in Sand Point, ID (35th day).

Along the way we have crossed the Continental Divide several times, crossed 3 time zones, crossed many major rivers and the Clarks Fork River at least 20 times (it meanders a bit). Our favorite stops are visiting friends and family along the way. Since none of them will ever come to LA we must go there! One of the highlights of this trip was the cog wheel train ride to the top of Pike's Peak. Other favorites are seeing deer, bald eagles and osprey standing at the "four corners monument," the train museum in Durango, CO, the "scenic route" between Durango and Leadville (picture the mountain side going straight up on one side of the road and straight down on the other with no guard rails), the National Mining Museum in Leadville, CO, seeing the immenseness of Lake Superior, digging for amethyst in Thunder Bay, Ontario, the famous Yellowstone River, and as of today, the Grand Coulee Dam in Washington.

And our most memorable time – the encounter with the Border Guards going to and from Canada.

We joined KOA campgrounds several years ago and tend to stay at them. Occasionally, one is not available so we stay where it is convenient. That sometimes can result in more "Spartan" accommodations but comfortable.

However you are spending your summer, we wish you good times.

See you at the Intercity Show.

Best, Joyce

CSSA 51st Annual Show & Sale At the Huntington

The 51st Annual CSSA Show & Sale was a total success this year on many levels. The current drought has had a significant role in the changing landscapes of our communities and gardens. Drought-tolerant and xerophytic plants, especially cactus and succulents are now in demand and events like the CSSA Show & Sale are, not only, making these plants available but educating the public as well. The plant sales were a record high this year!

A heartfelt thank you to the core of volunteers (90) from many different C&SS Clubs and the CSSA Board, our terrific vendors (19), Chuck Everson, our Bookseller and the CSSA Show & Sale Committee: Tom Glavich, Jim Hanna, Rosalie Gorchoff, Manny Rivera, Gunnar Eisel, Karen & Martin Ostler, Tim Harvey, Doug George, Kathleen Misko, Marquita Elias, Mary Brumbaugh, Rebecca Mallonee & Bonnie Ikemura. The HBG Botanical Staff provided the banners and signage, carts for the sales area, extra tables, canopies, traffic cones and filled in the gopher holes in the sales area on a daily basis. Thank you for everything, you do make the show run smoothly. Jim Folsom, Melanie Thorpe, Danielle Rudeen, John Trager, Karen Zimmerman, Louise Guerin and their staff.

The Show & Sale areas were well attended and many visitors took advantage of the free educational talks on "Staging," "Soils & Fertilization" given by Peter Walkowiak on the weekend. This year a new children's activity was added, "Plant Your Own Dish Garden," created and presented by Cynthia Robinson , was a huge success. She had planned for 10 kids each day; however, a total of 44 kids signed up! A special thanks goes out to all CSSA & Club members who donated succulent cuttings, Jim Hanna for additional pots and the HBG for cuttings and soil for this project. Thank you to Cynde Schreiber and Judy Pique for assisting Cynthia.

A round of applause to our Hospitality Committee who provided us with food and drink throughout the three day event: Kathleen Misko, Marquita Elias, Bonnie Ikemura, Mary Brumbaugh, Rebecca Mallonee, Inacia Matheus, Sylvia Strehlo and Maria Capaldo. This year's Show T-shirt was a hit, thanks to Doug George whose friend, Piper, did the artwork. Loved the pistachio color!

I want to thank everyone who took on all the physical labor of set-up, tear down and storage of equipment. We were done in record time. And to those who volunteered in the Sales area by cashiering, controlling traffic, running the Holding Area, as greeters at the front entrance, monitoring in the Show rooms, assisting the Bookseller, distributing T-shirts and manning the CSSA Membership table and Information table, your help was much appreciated. Thank you to the Scouts of BSA Troop 359 for the service hours they gave in the sales area helping load plants into cars and helping out where needed. This was their third successful year!

Thank you to this year's Show Judges for their participation and expertise: Artie Chavez, Tim Harvey, Gregg DeChirico, Woody Minnich, Peter Walkowiak, Petra Crist and David Tufenkian and the twelve clerks who assisted the judges under the direction of our Head Clerk, Manny Rivera. Our tabulators, Rebecca Mallonee, Mary Brumbaugh and Evelyn Stevens tallied up all the entries, which came to 515, submitted by 46 exhibitors. These numbers were down compared to previous years which may have been due to the holiday weekend or the recent heat wave which made some of our show plants less showable. No time like the present to start working on show plants for next year! Come on Novices, we need your support next year!

A special thanks to Karen Ostler for organizing and arranging the auction items. Saturday evening began with a Silent Auction highlighted by many non-plant items from the estate of the late Jerry Barad, submitted by HBG. There was friendly competition amongst the bidders and jockeying for position to get that final bid in. This was followed by our traditional BBQ dinner by Dearmore catering. The Rare Plant Auction commenced in earnest, after dinner, with our auctioneers Woody Minnich, David Tufenkian and Artie Chavez, teasing us with details about each item and encouraging higher bidding. Kudos to our Treasurer, Cliff Meng and his assistants Cynthia Robinson, Margie Wilson and Victoria Wilson, for managing the bids and payments during the auction, which raised \$2,294 for the CSSA Research Fund (a record for the last 10 yrs.)

This year's Overall High Points and High Points Cactus winner was Karen & Martin Ostler; High Points Succulents winner was Petra Crist. Congratulations!

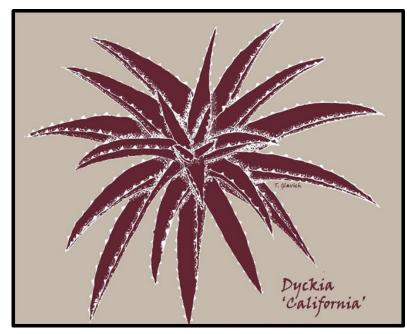
As we begin to plan for next year's show (did I really say that?), I sincerely hope that many of you will sign up to volunteer again next year (please, please) or join our show and sale committee. I welcome any comments and suggestions you have to help improve future shows and sales.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hall, CSSA Show Chair

31st Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale

August 13 - 14, 2016 9:00am - 5:00pm at Los Angeles County Arboretum



The Succulent Party

Although El Nino has come and gone and reservoirs are in better shape than previous years, the rainfall pretty much missed Southern California, giving us a fifth consecutive year of low water and dry garden soil. The plants we grow and show not only provide our personal enjoyment, but show others how exquisite succulent planters and arrangements can be. The Inter-City Show is one of the premier horticultural shows of the year, and provides an important educational component for both the Cactus and Succulent Societies of Southern California and the Los Angeles Arboretum.

The 31st Annual Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show will continue the tradition of showcasing the best cacti and succulents the region has to offer for one incredible weekend. This is a party for our plants. Clean them up, dress them up, and let them mingle with the best in Los Angeles. The Show will accompany a sale of plants both rare and common, as well as beautiful pots and handy supplies. This Show is always a success not only because of the plants, but also because of the wonderful volunteers, entrants, vendors, and not least, because of the assistance and support of the entire Los Angeles Arboretum staff. Over 100 people participate in one way or another to help put on this Show. We need the support of every one of them this year to make the Show spectacular.

The Inter-City Show is one of the easiest to enter with classes for novice growers, advanced growers, and an open class for expert growers. Novice and advanced growers are the heart of the Show! They enter more than two thirds of the plants exhibited, and these are the plants that convince visitors to become members of their local Cactus and Succulent Society chapter. Bring your best plants; we will have people coming from all over to see them.

Plant entry hours go into the evening starting at noon on Wednesday, and 8 am on Thursday. Friday's entry hours are 8 in the morning to 4 pm. We need members from all levels and from all clubs.

When you show your plants with the best growers in Southern California there are benefits: you become a better grower, and, therefore, all your plants will look better!

Bring some friends to see the Show!

Entry Tags & Show Schedule

Entry tags and Show Schedules are available at all club meetings. If you are entering from out of town (or just desperate) and need either, contact Artie Chavez at chavez.artie@yahoo.com or, (818) 201-7323 and we'll mail them to you. Tags and the schedules will also be available during the set-up days. If you are a novice, there will be people there to help with identification and placement. We all start as novices.

Vital Numbers

Show Chairs

Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 Artie Chavez 818-201-7323 Peter Walkowiak 858-382-1797

Sales Chair

Jim Hanna 562-920-3046

Show Treasurer

Evelynn Stevens 626-303-1239

Your Help Needed!

You are needed! Lots of help is needed for set-up on Wednesday morning, teardown on Sunday and for clerking Friday afternoon and night - let your show chairman know. The table rental company will do the set-up. We just need to push the tables into the right positions and add the tablecloths. All of the backbreaking work will be done by others. We need help setting up the sales area.

The same is true for the sales, tabulations, holding area, etc. We particularly need help on Saturday morning when sales are the busiest. Sales and holding area need help during the show, and everyone is needed to greet the public, answer questions, and just keep an eye on the plants.

Wear your club badges!

A good crowd in the room makes for a better show. This is a great time to meet people from the other clubs and to spend more quality time with the plants you love. If you haven't spent time at a show, you will be amazed at the growing tips and advice that are freely given. It is a first-class learning opportunity. No previous experience and no plant expertise (although you have more than you think) is required.

how Photographer

Many thanks to Tommy Dodson who contributed most of the show photos in this newsletter.

Newsletter Editor

Evelynn Stevens Evelynns@prodigy.net

Web Master and Web Page

Gunnar Eisel has maintained our Web Page for many years. Access is through http://www.sgvcss.com.

Worker and Entrant Pre-Sale

The sales area will be open Friday from about 2:00pm (or earlier if there is a cashier and a cash register). This is a special pre-sale for workers and entrants. Get the first pick of the sale plants and pots.

Show Schedule Changes

The show schedule this year is the same as last year. The show schedule can be found at: http://www.sgvcss.com.

Plant Entry and Take-Out Times

Plant Entry times are from 1:00am to 6:00pm on Wednesday August 10, 8:00am to 9:00pm on Thursday August 11, and 9:00am to 4:00pm on Friday August 12. All plants must be in place before 5:00pm to allow the start of judging. Take-out starts at 5:00pm on Sunday August 14. All plants must be removed on Sunday evening.

Shirts and Artwork

This year's T-Shirt design is Dyckia 'California' by Tom Glavich. Many of us have this plant, and it would be interesting to see a great display of this wonderful plant.



Golden Sweeps!

The Golden Sweeps have been a part of our show for several years. These are special pots awarded to those who win a first, second and third in a single category in Class 1 (Cacti) or Class 2 (Succulents). Bring in those 'extra' plants that will give you a chance at these special awards. Last year we awarded only a few of these awards, almost evenly distributed between Open, Advanced and Novice! It's no secret that these are easiest to win in the Novice class. We give out about the same number in Cacti and Succulents, so bring what you grow best

Saturday Night Banquet and Auction

The Saturday night Banquet and Auction has been a show tradition from the start. It's a great time to argue the fine points of showing and judging, and meet many fine people from the other clubs and from out of town.

A feature of each of the Banquets has been an auction of spectacular plants (and most surprisingly affordable) from some of the best growers. These are often the ones that appear on the trophy table in years to come.

Same great location as last year:
Coco's Restaurant Oak Tree Room
1150 W. Colorado Blvd. Arcadia, at the SE corner
at Michellinda. Social hour starts at 5:30pm with
dinner served at 6:30pm. The dinner will be the
old favorite: Carved beef and chicken, with vegetables, salad, drinks and dessert.

The cost of the meal is \$32.00 for adults and \$16.00 for children from 5 to 10 years, including tax and tip. Please contact our Show Treasurer, Evelynn Stevens for further information call: 626-303-1239 or email: evelynns@prodigy.net. Make checks payable to: ICCSS c/o Evelynn Stevens 216 S. California Ave. Monrovia, CA 91016

If you plan to attend the auction only, please register with Evelynn as the number of walk-ins is limited.

Due to the overwhelming number of auction plants, we ask that you let one of the Chairs know prior to bringing plants. We have a two plant limit, and must limit the total number of plants.

Help your club!
Show your plants!
Bring Your Friends!

Walks and Talks

Saturday August 13

11:00 AM Basic Cultivation

Rob MacGregor will talk about and answer questions on keeping the plants you just bought alive and well. One of our most popular talks; **don't miss this one!**

12:00 PM Trophy Table Tour

Woody Minnich will explain why plants on the trophy table won.

1:00 PM Repotting your Succulents and Cacti

Sandy Chase will offer a workshop on how to repot your succulents and cacti. Included will be a discussion on the culture of these plants as well as some tips on how to propagate them.

2:00 PM The Genera Pachypodium and Adenium

Peter Walkowiak, horticulturist, will talk about care, maintenance and cultural needs of Pachypodiums and Adeniums (Desert Rose). This will also include a walk through the Pachypodium and Adenium sections of the show to showcase those qualities that make for an excellent plant.

3:00 PM Propagation

Joe Stead, one of California's master propagators, will show how to propagate common and rare succulents.

Sunday August 14

11:00 AM Basic Cultivation

Steve Frieze offers guidance and suggestions on how to landscape your yard with drought tolerant succulents and cacti. Questions and comments will be welcomed – don't miss this one!

12: 00 PM Staging Cacti and Succulents

Karen Ostler, Master Stager, will answer all of your questions about how to improve your specific entries (or other entries) in this Show. This talk will include a walk through the show.

1:00 PM Care and Culture of Dyckias

John Martinez, will answer all of your questions about the care, maintenance and culture of Dyckias, a succulent found in Brazil. This talk will include a walk through the Dyckias entries found in the show.

2:00 PM Educational Tour of Fantastic Plants Not on the Trophy Table

Manny Rivera will lead you on a unique tour of show entries. You may be surprised by what you may have missed.

Note: Speakers, Times and Sujects are subject to change.

Inter-City Dinner 2016

Time to make dinner reservations. The dinner and auction are becoming quite popular so make you reservations early as we are only able to accommodate 75 people.

If you must cancel, please let me know as early as possible to that we may fill your spot from the waiting list.

Where?

Coco's Restaurant

1150 W. Colorado Blvd. Arcadia, at the SE corner at Michellinda.

When?

August 13th, 2016

Price?

\$32 per Adult (includes tax and tip)

You may let me know via email: evelynns@prodigy.net or call: (626) 303-1239

Payment must be made by Friday August 7th, 2016

If you wish to mail a check, please make check payable to ICCSS and mail to:

Attn: Evelynn Stevens 216 South California Avenue Monrovia, CA 91016

Important-

Your reservation should be made prior to mailing a check to make sure there is space available.

FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE AUCTION PORTION ONLY:

Please register early with me as we are limited to the number of people the room will accommodate. In addition, please remain outside the dining area until we are finished with dinner and Coco's has been able to make an accurate account.

Looking forward to see everyone.

Evelynn

Congratulations Inter-City 2015 Trophy Winners

TROPHY	EXHIBITOR	PLANT
BEST ARIOCARPUS	Tony Marino	A. kotschubeyanus
BEST ASTROPHYTUM	Gene Josephs/Jane Evans	A. caput-medusa (digitistigma)
BEST ECHINOCEREUS	Alex Abrahamian	E. pulchellus
BEST GYMNOCALYCIUM	Charles & Joann Spotts	G. pugens
BEST MAMMILLARIA	Gene Josephs/Jane Evans	M. crucigera
BEST CEREUS	Karen & Martin Ostler	Cephalocereus senili
BEST OPUNTIA	Ron Harris	Tephrocactus geometricus
BEST REBUTIA/ SULCOREBUTIA	Peter Walkowiak	S. Mentosa
BEST EPIPHYTIC CACTUS	Sharon Sedillo	Rhipsalis boliviana
BEST ARGENTINE CACTUS	Bill Munkacsy	Gymnocalycium triancanthus
BEST NATIVE U.S. CACTI	Charles & Joann Spotts	Corryopuntia parishii
BEST CHILEAN CACTUS	Alex Abrahamian	Copiapoa cinerea ssp. longistemma
BEST CRESTED CACTUS	John Sucui	Myrtillocactus geometricans
BEST VARIEGATED CACTUS	Tony Krock	Ferocactus latispinus
BEST NOVICE-CACTUS	Dick Hammer	Mammillaria magnifica
BEST CACTUS-ADV.	Alex Abrahamian	Stenocactus albatus
BEST CACTUS-OPEN	Karen & Martin Ostler	Leuctenbergia principis
BEST AGAVE	Tony Krock	A. macroacantha
BEST ANACARDIACEAE	Petra Crist	Pachycormis discolor
BEST ALOE	Nilda Howard	A. variegate
BEST ALOE HYBRID MINI	Roger Lane	A. 'Marsha Layhew'
BEST ASCLEPIAD	Greg & Anna Cavanaugh	Larryleachia marlothii
BEST CRASSULA	Naomi Bloss	A. alstonii
BEST ECHEVERIA	Naomi Bloss	E. agavoidies
BEST EUPHORBIA	Mike Hackett	E. abdelkuir
BEST MADAGASCAR EUPHORBIA	Petra Crist	E. francoisii ssp. Crassicaulis
BEST FOUQUIERIA	Petra Crist	F. fasciculata
BEST GASTERIA	John Matthews	Gasteraloe 'Shining Star
BEST HAWORTHIA	Barbara Hall	H. bolusii
BEST LITHOPS	Naomi Bloss	L. dinteri ssp. Brevis
BEST MESEMB	Naomi Bloss	Caonophytum lithopsoidies
BEST PACHYPODIUM	Petra Crist	P. rosulatum ssp. Gracilis

BEST SUCCULENT-NOV. Mary Carrol Fockea edulis

BEST SUCCULENT-ADV. Gunnar Eisel Operculicaria decarya

BEST SUCCULENT-OPEN None
BEST VARIEGATED SUCCULENT None

BEST CRESTED SUCCULENT Cheryl White Pachypodium rosulatum ssp. Gracilis

BEST BONSAI SUCCULENT Minh Au Portulacaria Afra
BEST CAUDICIFORM Peter Walkowiak Adenia Glauca

BEST MAD OTHER NOT EUPHORBIA Kyle Robinson Pachypodium Brevicaule

BEST DISPLAY Karen & Martin Ostler Turbinicarpus & Associated Genera

BEST STAGED Tony Marino Stenocereus Eruca
BEST MINIATURE Jim Hanna Operculicaria Decarya

BEST COLLECTION Peter Walkowiak Modeniums

RAREST PLANT IN SHOW Alex Abrahamian Euphorbia Horwoodii
BEST ALLIED INTEREST Hillary Wooten Agave Painting

ANY OTHER Tony Marino Cinta Knitzii (Rubutia Knitzii)



2015 Trophy Winners

Winners of the 2016 Festival Best Educational Theme Display

Kim Thorpe (two years in a row) – Sansevierias



Second Place

Karen and Martin Ostler – Turbinicarpus



Third Place - Tie

Barbara Hall – Rebutias & Sulcorebutias



John Martinez – Dudleyas



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Other Educational Theme Displays

Ilona Buratii - Uninvited Guests



Sandy Chase - Lithops



Natalie Welsh - 'What's in a Name?'



Cheryl White – Agaves & Their Many Uses



Best in Class Show Plants



Succulent Variegate – Artie Chavez & Kim Thorpe

Cactus Crested/Monstrose – Karen & Martin Ostler

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Succulent Crested/Monstrose – Kathryn Boorer

Winners (left to right) and plant names are listed below

Show Plant Winners

Succulent - Variegated

Rookie/Novice

First David Le Aeonium decorum 'Sunburst'

Second David Le Haworthia limifolia

Third Jim & Roxie Esterle Haworthia cymbiformis

Advanced

First Kathryn Boorer Sansevieria 'Fernwood' Second Sandy Chase Ledebouria socialis

Third Sandy Chase Gasteria Bicolor v. liliputana

Masters/Open

First Artie Chavez & Kim Thorpe Portulacaria afra – Best in Class

Second Artie Chavez & Kim Thorpe Agave victoria reginae

Third Artie Chavez & Kim Thorpe Fockea edulis

Succulent – Crested/Monstrose

Rookie/Novice

First Gretchen Davis Euphorbia kibwezensis f. cristata
Second M.A. Bjarkman Euphorbia mauritanica f. cristata
Third David Le Euphorbia mauritanica f. cristata

Advanced

First Kathryn Boorer **Pedilanthus macrocarpus – Best in Class**

Second Kathryn Boorer Pachypodium rosulatum f. cristata
Third Cheryl White Pachypodium gracilis f. cristata

Masters/Open

First Artie Chavez & Kim Thorpe Alluaudia procera f. cristata Second Artie Chavez & Kim Thorpe Agave titanota f. cristata

Third Artie Chavez & Kim Thorpe Agave potatorum f. monstrose 'Cubic'

Cactus – Variegated

Rookie/Novice

First David Le Astrophytum myriostigma
Second Kal Kaminer Ariocarpus fissuratus v. lloydii

Third Joyce Schumann Astrophytum myriostigma cv. Mottles

Advanced

First Kyle Williams Gymnocalycium saglionis

Second Kathryn Boorer Echinopsis sp.

Third Kathryn Boorer Coryphantha elephantidens

Masters/Open

First Artie Chavez & Kim Thorpe Astrophytum myriostigma – Best in Class

Second Artie Chavez & Kim Thorpe Gymnocalycium sp.
Third Artie Chavez & Kim Thorpe Gymnocalycium sp.

Cactus – Crested/Monstrose

Rookie/Novice

First Kal Kaminer Ariocarpus fissuratus cv. 'Godzilla'
Second Marquita Ellias Mammillaria cristata 'Red Cap'
Third Marquita Ellias Mammillaria elongata cristata
Third Jim & Roxie Esterle Trichocereus sp. f. cristata

Advanced

First Kathryn Boorer Leuchtenbergia principis

Second Kathryn Boorer Cleistocactus sp. crest & monstrose

Third Cheryl White Echinopsis sp.

Masters/Open

First Karen & Martin Ostler **Turbinicarpus Iophophoroides – Best in Class**

Second Artie Chavez & Kim Thorpe Epithelantha micromeris
Third Artie Chavez & Kim Thorpe Obregonia denegrii

Plant of the Month 2016

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

August

Melocactus
Euphorbia Caudiciform

July Plant of the Month

Cactus -- Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia

Rookie

First Kal Kaminer Sulcorebutia rauschii forma violacidermis

Second Sonia Villarroel Sulcorebutia mentosa Third Janice Berru Rebutia albipilosa

Novice

First Roxie Esterle Rebutia sp

Advanced

First Kim Thorpe Weingartia neocumingii

Second Barbara Hall Sulcorebutia tiraquensis var. rematae

Second Sylvia Strehlo Rebutia rauschii "Cherry bomb"

Third Kim Thorpe Sulcorebutia arenacea

Open

First John Matthews Rebutia mentosa

Succulent -- Euphorbia (non-Madagascar)

Rookie

First	Sonia Villarroel	Euphorbia horrida
Second	Sonia Villarroel	Euphorbia globosa
Second	M.A. Bjarkman	Euphorbia "Snowflake"
Third	Sonia Villarroel	Euphorbia obesa
Third	Janice Berru	Euphorbia ferox

Novice

First	Roxie Esterle	Euphorbia medusoid
Second	Kim Jacobi	Euphorbia stellata
Second	Kim Jacobi	Euphorbia kibwezensis
Third	Kim Jacobi	Euphorbia globosa
Third	Roxie Esterle	Euphorbia multifolia

Advanced

First	Kim Thorpe	Euphorbia clavigera hybrid
Second	Kim Thorpe	Euphorbia deltigera
Second	John Suciu	Euphorbia meloformis
Third	Kim Thorpe	Euphorbia decidua
Third	Barbara Hall	Euphorbia decepta

Open

First	Artie Chavez	Euphorbia unispina
Second	Artie Chavez	Euphorbia misera
Third	Artie Chavez	Euphorbia restricta hybrid
Third	John Matthews	Euphorbia abdelkuri

Cactus & Succulent - Calendar of Upcoming Events For 2016

- **August 13-14** 31st 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
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- 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

Exciting News

It was only a matter time. It's been 38 years or so since a new cactus and succulent society was formed in Southern California. Say hello to the Conejo Cactus and Succulent Society (CCSS) - a CSSA affiliated club meeting in Newbury Park, Ventura County, midway between the Santa Barbara Club and the Los Angeles club. We hope to see lots of members from those two clubs; as well as any other of the Cactus & Succulent Clubs. Of course we will attract most of our new members from the Ventura County area who may not have ever had a Cactus & Succulent Club so close to them. The focus of CCSS will be worked out as the interests of new members is surveyed.

There will be great presentations with perhaps some new speakers hiding in the area. Also a chance to catch a presentation possibly missed from your home club as we plan to have the out-of-town speakers making the rounds as well and a chance to meet a whole new group of cactus and succulent enthusiasts. This will be an opportunity for those who may be attending a club event for the first time. Field trips, home garden visits, plant sales and more.

Meetings will be the first Monday of every month. First meeting is planned for October 3, 2016. The Meeting place is the Borchard Community Center at 190 Reino Rd, Newbury Park CA 91320 it starts at 7:00pm.

Please contact Linda Holub at (805)-501-0761 or email conejocss@hotmail.com for more info.

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August Program

"A Mexico Adventure" Presented by Greg Starr

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