



CACTUS CHRONICLE

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Holiday Party
December 1, 2012

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**Come to the Spectacular Holiday and Awards Party
Saturday, December 1st—5:30 PM Sepulveda Garden Center
Potluck, Raffle, Plant-Of-The-Month Awards, and Plant Auction**

ELECTED POSITIONS

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the elected positions for 2013.

1st Vice President of Programs
2nd Vice President of Plant of the Month
Secretary
Director 1 (odd years)

Marquita Elias
Manny Rivera
Cheryl White
Danielle Duboff

NEW MEMBERS

OCTOBER

Kyle, Bonnie & Jim Robinson
Karen & Doug Kirk

NOVEMBER

David L Bassani

President's Message

December, 2012

Annual Wrap-up

As we review the 2012 year, here are some of the highlights:

- Tim Harvey coordinated a series of wonderful presentations and hands on programs.
- Artie Chavez planned and implemented an amazing show highlighted by Kids' Day organized by Kim Thorpe. John Martinez and Joyce Schumann helped tremendously in organizing volunteers and anything else that was needed.
- Kathleen Misko organized 2 wreath-making workshops and a successful wreath sale at the June show.
- LACSS members participated and attended both the CSSA and Inter-City Shows. We visited the remarkable garden of member Geoff Stein and the "Cactus Ranch" Nursery
- We enjoyed a memorable field trip to the home of members Frank and Cheryl White.
- Our club volunteers overhauled and re-planted the Sepulveda Cactus and Succulent Garden under the direction of Artie and Chris Rogers
- Manny Rivera enlivened our monthly Plant-of-the-Month competitions, increasing the overall number of submissions and adding a new Rookie category which brought in 7 new entrants, making a total of 269 plants submitted for POM this year!
- Phyllis Frieze produced our beautiful *Cactus Chronicle* with special articles from LACSS Historian Nils Schirmacher and life member Walt Wegner.
- Richard Roosman and Danielle Duboff welcomed dozens of new members.
- Leah Imamura and Juana Williams collected money for the monthly plant drawing.
- Our dedicated board continues to work on ways to make our club more participatory, more educational, and more fun.

Have we kept you busy enough? We like your feedback.

New Board Members

Half of the elected board is voted on during alternating years. This year, we elected/re-elected the following individuals for 2 year terms: Director – Danielle Duboff, VP Programs – Marquita Elias, VP Plant of the Month – Manny Rivera, Secretary – Cheryl White. A complete list of the 2013 LACSS Board Members, including appointed officers, will appear in the January *Chronicle*.

Holiday Party – Saturday, December 1 at 5:30 PM

It's not too late to join us for the fun and fantastic **LACSS Holiday Potluck Party**. Please refer to the announcement in this issue so you know how you can help and what you need to bring. There is no meeting in December, as the December 1 Holiday Party replaces it.

Membership Renewal

If you haven't already paid your 2013 dues, we will happily accept your checks at the Holiday Party or at the January 3, 2013 meeting. Dues are still \$20.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for families, with additional \$5 for mailed newsletter.

Thanks for a great year!

Roxie Esterle
LACSS President
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DON'T MISS THE FUN!!
There's still time to sign up for the
LOS ANGELES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
HOLIDAY PARTY

December 1, 2012, 5:30 PM
At the Sepulveda Garden Center
16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino

Potluck Dinner- Plant Auction
Plant Exchange Activity
Plant-of-the-Month Total Point Awards!

Each attendee is requested to bring one side dish, salad, or dessert.
Be sure to have all food and gifts at the center between 5-5:30 pm
We need volunteers to help set-up and clean up. Please call
Barbara Hall at (818) 368-6914

Come celebrate and have a great time- be prepared to:

Great dinner that includes *succulent* roast turkey and ham provided by the club
(PS: we need 3 cooks to prepare them.... any volunteers?)
Recognition and prizes for Plant-of-the-Month award winners
Optional new plant exchange activity- see details in The President's Message
Party favor plants for all participants
Prize for the best-grown *Titanopsis calcareo* -bring last year's holiday plant to
compete in this category
Fabulous auction with all proceeds going to our club. Please bring a plant, pot,
book, top dressing, seeds, garden tool or accessory to place in the auction
Free raffle ticket to win a plant to folks who renew their membership by De-
cember 1

All members are invited and may bring one guest.

CSSA NEWS

If you are a member of CSSA and get the Journal you'll notice that it is time to vote for new CSSA officers. The ballot and biographies are in the To The Point insert. Note that ballots must be received by the CSSA Secretary by Dec. 1, 2012.

While you're at it, it is not too early to renew your CSSA membership. Use the application form that can also be found in the To The Point insert. A survey form can also be found on the back of the membership application.

So, please take a few minutes and complete this survey. It will allow CSSA leadership a rare opportunity to receive your input and observations regarding the organization. We look forward to receiving this information concerning your experiences and expectations of the society.

John Matthews, CSSA Rep



LACSS Membership Form (Please print the following information)

Name _____ Phone _____

Name of Additional Members: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____

Send me the newsletter by E-Mail Send me the newsletter by U.S. Mail(\$5 extra fee)

Send me a plastic name badge (\$6.50 each)

Type of Membership: New Member Renewal

- Single Membership \$20 annually \$10 1/2 year (July or after)
- Family Membership \$25 annually \$12.50 1/2 year (July or after)
- Newsletter by U.S. Mail \$5 fee in addition to the membership charge
- Cash Check: number _____

Special Interests _____

PO Box 280581, Northridge, CA 91328

Monthly Meeting Refreshments

*Refreshments for the Month of
January
will be catered by
Members whose last names begin with*

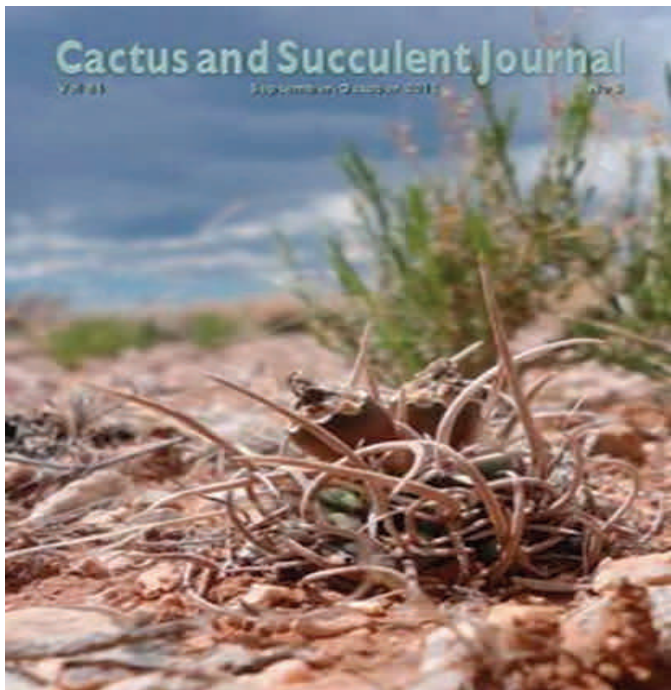
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From Buck Hemenway

We are working hard on the 35th Biennial CSSA Convention which will occur in Austin, Texas from June 15 through 20, 2013. We have a world class group of speakers scheduled and attendees will be able to buy plants from the leading growers of Cacti and Succulents in North America. Your club members should be planning a trip to Austin to join all of us for this terrific event. Your members can access current information and the registration form (from about Dec 10) at <http://.cssa2013.com>

The 6th issue of the 2012 Cactus & Succulent Journal is about to be mailed. Following is information from our editor, Tim Harvey that you can cut and paste into your local Newsletter.

The last issue for 2012 starts with a well-illustrated report from Fred Kattermann on the IOS congress held in Cuba earlier this year. A spectacular *Melocactus evae*, seen on the post-conference field trip, graces the cover. Closer to home, an article by Gary James and Christopher Drover highlights *Dudleya stolonifera*, a narrow endemic from the coast of Southern California. Infestations of our plants are an inevitable feature of our hobby, and Matt Maggio draws our attention to a new and relatively poorly known pest of *Agave*, Agave mite. The article illustrates symptoms and suggests remedies, which will also be of interest to *Aloe* aficionados. Duke Benadom's popular series *Superb Succulents* returns after a short break, featuring outstanding specimens of *Ariocarpus retusus* and *Pachypodium succulentum*. John Pilbeam takes us across the 'Bridge of God' in search of *Echeveria* with a thoughtful look at the status of *E. halbingeri* and its subspecies *sanchez-mejoradae*. The issue closes with the all-important index to vol. 84, carefully compiled by Cody Howard.



CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013 (updated 10/21/2012)

- February 9 San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society–Winter Show & Sale–Balboa Park, Room 101 San Diego, CA **INFO: 858-382-1797**
- March 22-24 Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society Spring Show & Sale
Friday & Saturday, March 22 & 23 9am-5pm, Sunday, March 24 12-4pm
Anaheim United Methodist Church 1000 S. State College Bl., Anaheim, CA
INFO: 562-587-3357
- April 13 & 14 South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale **INFO: 310-832-2262**
South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes, CA
- April 20 & 21 Green Scene Plant Sale—Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton, CA
- April 27 South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale 9am-4pm
South Coast Botanical Gardens **INFO: CALL-310-833-6823**
- April 28 Huntington Plant Sale 10am-5pm Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA **INFO: 626-405-2160**
- May 4 & 5 Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale **INFO 310-822-1783**
Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA
- May 17 & 18 Gates Cactus & Succulent Society
32nd Show & Sale Friday & Saturday 9am-4:30pm
Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Drive, Glen Avon, CA
INFO: 951-360-8802
- May 25 & 26 Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Show & Sale
Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, 10am-4pm, San Luis Obispo, CA
INFO: 805-237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org
- June 1 & 2 San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society–Summer Show & Sale
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA **INFO: 858-382-1797**
- JUNE 8 & 9 Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Plant Show & Sale
Friday, June 8 & Saturday, June 9 9am-5pm, Sunday, June 10 9am-3:30pm
Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA LACSS.Contact@gmail.com
- June 15-20 CSSA 35TH Biennial Convention, Austin, TX- www.CSSA2013.com
- June 28-30 CSSA Annual Show & Sale –Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA **INFO: 626-405-2160 or 2277**
Plant Sale Starts Friday, June 28
Show opens Saturday, June 29-Sunday, June 30 **FREE TO THE PUBLIC**
- July 26-28 Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale
Friday, July 26 9am-5pm, Saturday, July 27 9am-5pm, Sunday July 28 12-4pm
1000 S. State College Blvd., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFO: 949-212-8417
- August 17 & 18 28th Annual Intercity Show & Sale
The LA County Arboretum, 9am-5pm Daily 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA.
INFO:-TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 or JOHN MATTHEWS 661-297-5364
- September 7 Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- September 22 Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA **INFO: 310-922-6090**
- November 2 & 3 San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale 9am-5pm
LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA

LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY
NEW PLANT OF THE MONTH POLICIES for 2013

Competition Divisions:

Rookie: 0 – 25 combined 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place “rookie” award points
Novice: 1 - 100 combined 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place “novice” award points
Advanced: Over 100 combined 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place “novice” award points
Master/Open: Any experienced grower may compete in this division, but this is required for individuals who **sell** at shows outside of LACSS.

Submissions:

Members may submit up to three plants in each designated monthly cactus and succulent category. In the Advanced and Master/Open divisions, members must have cared for their plants for at least 1 year. In the Novice division, the ownership requirement is 6 months. Rookies may show newly purchased plants. Entries should be labeled and placed on the display table by 7:00 pm.

Judging Criteria:

Plants are evaluated according to the following guidelines:

Condition (health, form, damage-free)	50%
Maturity and size	25%
Staging (complementary container, top dressing, composition)	20%
Nomenclature (identification and label)	5%

Other factors include rarity, growing difficulty, and whether or not the plant is in flower.

Awards:

First place	6 points
Second place	3 points
Third place	2 points
Other submissions	1 point per plant to acknowledge entry

Entry slips are collected by the 2nd Vice President in charge of Plant of the Month who coordinates tabulation, record keeping, and publication in the *Cactus Chronicle*.

Annual cumulative prizes are awarded at the **Holiday Party in December** to the top three scorers in each division for cacti and for succulents. Additional prizes are awarded for overall total scores from highest to lowest across all divisions. Every individual who has brought plants during the year is acknowledged with a prize. Individuals who “graduate” from one division to the next for the following year will also be recognized.

Plant-of-the-Month 2013

	Cacti	Succulent
January	Variegates	Variegates
February	Oroya Matucana Borzicactus	Conophytum
March	Copiapoa	Haworthia
April	Echinocereus	Aloe
May	Rebutia Sulcorebutia	Gasteria
June	Favorite	Favorite
July	Opuntia	Euphorbia
August	Stenocactus	Bursera, Commiphora
September	Astrophytum	Dorstenia-Ficus
October	Cacti from Coahuila	Crassula
November	Crest-Montrose	Crest-Montrose
December	<i>Holiday Party</i>	<i>Holiday Party</i>

DECEMBER EVENTS

Gates Cactus & Succulent Society Auction

One of the long-time (30+ years) members of Gates C&Ss passed away several months ago. He willed his plants to the Club so we could sell them and raise money for the Club. We will be selling the best of those plants at auction on Saturday, December 8 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The auction will be held at the Hemenways' nursery at 10056 60th St., Riverside CA. Call (951) 360-8802 for directions.

There are more than 200 plants to sold, some are wonderful landscape sized plants. Very few show quality plants, mainly for landscape.

Buck Hemenway
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 Fax: 951-360-0829

Plant of the Month -November Winners

Rookie Division

Succulent -

Award	Name	Plant
First	None	

Cactus -

First	None	
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Novice Division

Succulent -

Award	Name	Plant
First	Kyle Robinson	Blossfeldia liliputana
First	Jim Esterle	Tylecodon sp.
Second	Jim Esterle	Tylecodon paniculata
Third	None	

Cactus -

First	None	
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Advanced Division

Succulent -

Award	Name	Plant
First	Kim Thorpe	Tylecodon buchholzianus
Second	Kim Thorpe	Tylecodon hallii
Third	Mick Gottschalk	Tylecodon wallichii
Third	Mick Gottschalk	Tylecodone sinus-alexandra

Cactus -

First	Rio Cernik	Frailea ?
Second	None	
Third	None	

Open Division

Succulent -

Award	Name	Plant
First	John Matthews	Tylecodon reticulatus
Second	John Matthews	Tylecodon dinteri
Third	John Matthews	Tylecodon paniculata

Cactus -

First	John Matthews	Frailea schilinzkyana ssp conceptionensis
Second	None	
Third	None	

General Meeting starts at 7:00 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 6:00 PM.

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

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Upcoming Program for

December 2012

LACSS Holiday Party

First Class Mail

Sepulveda Garden Ctr. 16633 Magnolia Bl. Encino

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Next Meeting:

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
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