



# CACTUS CHRONICLE

## Mission Statement:

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

## CSSA Affiliate

## Next Meeting

**March 5, 2015**

16633 Magnolia Blvd.  
Encino, CA 91356

**Doors Open at  
6:15 pm**

**Meeting begins at  
7:00pm**

## Refreshments

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## February New Members

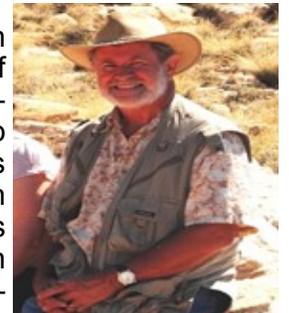
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## PROGRAM: South Africa-Land of the Half-Man presented by Woody Minnich

No where in the world is there a more floristic region than that of South Africa. South Africa is a magnificent place of color, form and texture. Life is everywhere and there is never a dull moment. No matter how many trips one makes to these areas, finding something intriguing and beautiful is always easy! As is often the case, the time of the year can make an incredible difference in the way plants appear, thus modifying their color, size and shape. We made this trip in South Africa's winter – spring, August 2008. The colors created by the stress of winter were often spectacular, and it's amazing the number of plants that choose to produce their beautiful flowers during this season.



Visiting this kind of succulent rich expanse truly opens one's eyes to the diversity of the plants we love so much. Seeing them in habitat also helps to give us the knowledge needed to better cultivate them successfully in the greenhouse and garden. Hopefully, for those of you unable to travel to these special places where so many succulents grow, this presentation will help you gain insight into some of the secrets found, while being in South Africa's wild places.

Woody has been involved with the cactus and succulent world as a grower, field explorer, club and organization leader, writer, photographer, lecturer and presenter.

He is also recognized for having operated the nursery Cactus Data Plants since 1975. His show quality plants are often considered one of the standards for staging and horticultural achievement.

He is a retired secondary school teacher of 32 years where he taught Graphics, Art and Architecture. In the cactus and succulent hobby, Woody is recognized for his high energy and creative spirit. As an educator, he has become an important part of our hobby and thus is an honorary life member of nine C&S societies. With 42 years in the hobby and 44 years in the field, he has many experiences to share and numerous photos to show. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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## **President's Message**

## **March, 2015**

The good news is that our membership renewals for 2015 are at an all-time high. In addition to the record renewals, we have at least six new members already! There is no bad news.

March will be another busy month for everyone. Not only do we need to be on weather watch for late frost and/ or sunburn on our plants but now must prepare for plants coming out of winter dormancy. Time to feed lightly with a dilute solution of fertilizer. Better too little than too much. If you were fortunate to collect some rain water, you can flush your potted plants with rain water prior to fertilizing. This will help remove any excess leftover mineral accumulation from last year. This topic is covered in many of our library books and on several handouts located next to the FREEBIE table.

Congratulations to the Plant of the Month participants. There were at least 35 entries. Quite a nice turn out! Vice President –POM, Manny Rivera, has written several informative articles encouraging your participation and we are pleased with the response.

Some people look at our beloved succulent plants and say “What is it good for?” One answer is in the first article of the Jan.-Feb., 2015 issue of the CSSA Journal. “Production of artisanal mescal, tequila’s sassy little sister” by Dan Mahr gives a detailed description of the process of producing Mescal. Fascinating!! You must read this article so you will have a snappy comeback! This is not your standard plant identification article!

In February, we presented a first time ever Bonus Program on Saturday, the 21st. There is always a concern about “what- happens- if- you- throw-a- party- and- no one- comes!” Our fears were quickly put to rest by the fantastic turnout for a very unusual program. There will be a more comprehensive report on this program in the April Chronicle.

John Suci scheduled another great Mentoring session scheduled for the same day as the bonus program. A trip to Bryan and Mary Chan’s home provided a fresh look at hardscape gardening. Bryan used his own collection of Bromeliads, dyckias, cacti and other succulents to design a drought tolerant front yard. Rather than just sticking plants in the ground, he gave considerable thought to the plants’ needs and visual effects. His collection of rocks is also very impressive.

On Monday, February 23, 2015 the LACSS representatives attended the CGCI San Fernando Valley District quarterly meeting and luncheon. After the business meeting we were treated to a program on California Native Plants by Susan Krzywicki. The CNPS is conducting an intensive search and identification of the remaining populations of native plants. Quite an undertaking!!!

So, until we meet again at the March meeting, I wish all of you good growing and good health.

See ya soon...

Best,  
Joyce

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The region of South Africa, from Uniondale to Oudtshoorn, to Ladismith, to Montagu, is commonly called the Klein Karoo. From this region south and west, one travels through the Little Karoo and the Great Karoo. Heading north you eventually merge into the southern reaches of the wellknown Richtersveld, it is here we will conclude our presentation near the peaceful little town of Springbok. Needless to say, the richness of plants and animals from this area is far greater than one presentation can show. Thus, a second part to this South African adventure (part 2) will cover the Richtersveld and north to the Orange River, the famous land of the Nama people." Namaqualand, Land of the Halfmens".

In South Africa, the sheer number of succulent plants is astounding and the niches they inhabit are most unique and fascinating. Some of the genera we will see from this expedition include: *Aloe*, *Avonia*, *Anacampseros*, *Conophytum*, *Crassula*, *Cotyledon*, *Dioscorea*, *Gibbeaum*, *Glottiphyllum*, *Haworthia*, *Larryleachia*, *Lithops*, *Monsonia*, *Pachypodium*, *Pelargonium*, *Quaqua*, *Senecio*, *Stape-  
lia*, *Tylecodon* as well as, many other seldom seen or rare genera. The non succulent plants are also a feature of this area, ranging from the numerous bulbs to the breath taking Proteas.



*Euphorbia ferox*



*Crassula columnaris*



*Crassula rupestris*



*Aloe khamienensis*

**FOR SALE** - Norma Lewis wants to sell her nearly complete set of CSSA journals. Missing a few of the earlier issues. Contact John Matthews at 661-714-1052 if interested.

## PLANT OF THE MONTH POLICIES for 2015

### Competition Divisions:

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

### Plant Entries

Members may enter 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 entries	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.

## Sedum

Whether chosen intentionally or not, this month's, *Sedum*, shares an unusual trait (for cacti and succulents) with our cacti of the month, cold hardiness. At least for many of the most commonly grown species which can take snow and prolonged periods of subfreezing weather. Unlike this month's cacti, *Sedum* is a gigantic genus of 400-500 species. Native *Sedum* species can be found from Europe to Asia, Mexico to Madagascar, and America to Africa. Even though *Sedum* reaches the tropics, it still shows its preference for cooler climates as they tend to occur at higher elevations on mountains in those regions. This pattern is not unusual for plants primarily known from temperate climates as many genera of plants, such as *Rhododendron*, Conifers, and Violets, have a similar distribution.



*Sedum nussbaumerianum*

*Sedum* belongs to the family Crassulaceae which includes many of our most popular succulents like *Crasula*, *Echeveria*, *Aeonium*, *Kalanchoe*, and *Dudleya*. While it is difficult to generalize for hundreds of different species, *Sedum* tends to form stems like *Kalanchoe* instead of rosettes like in *Echeveria*. The stems can be tall and straight, though more commonly the plants grow as a subshrub or groundcover such as *S. dasyphyllum*. One of the most interesting and popular species is *S. morganianum*, the Donkey Tail, known for its long hanging stems densely covered with fat cylindrical leaves.



*Sedum morganianum*

DNA research on the relationships between species and genera of the Crassulaceae has shown *Sedum* species appearing in and amongst many different genera of the family. This means that *Sedum* is what taxonomists euphemistically call a "garbage can genus". Put simply, when there is a species of Crassulaceae that does not clearly belong to one of the other genera it usually gets called a *Sedum* by default, especially if it is a stem forming species that isn't a *Kalanchoe*. That leads to unrelated species being put in the same genus, which isn't acceptable from a scientific standpoint. Expect to see Crassulaceae specialists rearrange things in the future. For you, the succulent enthusiast, what it means is that you should keep the same labels you have on your plants for now, but in the future you may need to change some of them if calling the plant by its correct name is important to you. One exception to that is that one of the most commonly grown species, *Sedum spectabile*, has clearly been shown to belong to a new genus *Hylotelephium*.

Flowers in *Sedum* can be particularly showy, especially in the species that form large clusters of flowers. Many species are grown for the flowers, with the plant being a secondary consideration. *Hylotelephium* (formerly *Sedum*) *spectabile* is an exceptionally popular species grown in colder climates. It forms big clusters of flowers at the end of long stems and is very tolerant of moist growing conditions, allowing it to be grown in regular flower beds back east where it gets rained on and irrigated regularly. The popularity of this species has led to numerous cultivars being created with flowers colors ranging from red to pink to white, and even purple and salmon orange.

Did you know that California has 15 native species of *Sedum*? That makes it our third largest genus of succulents (including cacti) in our state. Only *Dudleya* and *Opuntia* have more native species. Some are tiny annuals while others are larger perennials that are quite succulent. Some, like *S. albomarginatum*, look so similar to *Dudleya* that you couldn't tell the difference without looking closely.



*Sedum albomarginatum*

-Kyle Williams

## Echinomastus, Pediocactus & Sclerocactus



*Echinomastus mariposensis*

This month we have a grab bag of three small genera of cacti, *Echinomastus*, *Sclerocactus* and *Pediocactus*. A unifying feature of these genera is their cold tolerance. Some species are amongst the most cold hardy of all cacti. We don't need to worry about that in Southern California, but it is nice to know how tough these guys are and if you have friends in cold weather states you may be able to recommend these plants as an exotic looking additions to an outdoor rock garden. All combined these three genera have approximately 30 species or less between them. They are native to the United States and northern Mexico. All stay small enough to make nice potted specimens. The three genera were believed to be closely related to each other, though recent research brings some of that into doubt. The taxonomic distinction between the genera rests largely on fine details of the areoles, spines, and flowers.

*Echinomastus* has about six to nine species in northern Mexico and the United States, particularly in Arizona, Texas, and adjacent parts of Mexico. Most species are covered in dense spines. Interestingly, the various species could easily be mistaken for other genera at first glance. *E. johnsonii* resembles *Ferocactus*, *E. mariposensis* looks like a *Mammillaria*, while *E. erectocentrus* could be mistaken for an *Echinocereus*. The reality is that *Echinomastus* is most closely related to *Sclerocactus*. In cultivation they take typical cactus care, and most are reasonably to very cold tolerant, certainly able to withstand any cold snaps in our region.

*Sclerocactus* is the largest of these genera with 15 species. "Sclero" means "hard" and it refers to the hard dry fruit (most cacti have soft fleshy fruit). All species are native to the United States, with most species occurring in the lower Great Basin Desert of Nevada, Utah, Colorado, northern Arizona and northern New Mexico. Plants are small and covered in dense spines. Interestingly, these plants do not flower as well for us as they do in cold climates. Freezing weather helps signal to the plants to develop flower buds. In our nearly frost free climate they don't get the signal as clearly. Even more challenging for us is growing the plants from seed. They require a repeated freeze and thaw cycle to germinate. That is easy to get in its native range, but for us it means we need to keep the seeds in the freezer and periodically take them out to let them warm up.



*Sclerocactus parvilous*



*Pediocactus simpsonii*

*Pediocactus* has a similar number of species as *Echinomastus*. It had long been thought to be closely related to *Sclerocactus* but recent DNA research suggests it is closer to genera such as *Ariocarpus*! Like *Sclerocactus* all the species occur in the western US. One species in particular, *P. simpsonii*, is quite possibly the most cold hardy of all cacti. Only a few species of *Opuntia* plus *Escobaria vivipara* can rival it in that regard. I distinctly remember as a child being on a trip to Rocky Mountain National Park in northern Colorado and seeing (what I now know to be) *P. simpsonii* growing among the rocks at over 10,000 feet in elevation. I thought someone had planted it and it was going to die over the winter as there are only a few months of year snow is not covering the ground there. Once I discovered it was native I was truly impressed with how tough a little cactus can be! Like *Sclerocactus*, flowering and seed germination are best in cold regions.

Although I've been stressing how tough and cold resistant these cacti are, it shouldn't stop you from growing these attractive little guys. They will grow just fine in our climate and it is always nice to have some cacti from America in your collection. Especially ones from our most overlooked desert (from a cultivation standpoint), the Great Basin.

**-Kyle Williams**

**Plant of the Month  
2015**

**March**

Pediocactus,  
Sclerocactus  
Echinomastus  
Sedum

**April**

Variiegates

**May**

Aztekium  
Geohintonia  
Sansevieria

**June**

Favorite

**July**

Echinocactus,  
Ferrocactus  
Pachypodium-  
Madagascar

**August**

Eriosyce, Neochilenia,  
Neoporteria  
Lithops

**September**

Ceriodes (N. America)  
Didiereaceae

**October**

Miniatures

**November**

Crests and Monstrose

**December**

Holiday Party

**Plant of the Month  
2016**

**January**

Blossfeldia, Frailea ,  
Yavia  
Bulbs

**February**

Gymnocalycium  
Clusters  
Aeonium

**March**

Echinocereus  
Conophytum

**February Plant of the Month**

**Succulent -- Sarcocaulon**

**Rookie**

First	Kim Jacobi	Sarcocaulon crassicaule
Second	Kim Jacobi	Sarcocaulon herrei

**Novice**

First	Robert and Carolyn Feldman	Sarcocaulon l'heritieri
Second	Robert and Carolyn Feldman	Sarcocaulon vanderietiae
Third	Robert and Carolyn Feldman	Sarcocaulon vanderietiae
Third	Kathryn Boorer	Sarcocaulon crassicaule

**Advanced**

First	John Suciu	Sarcocaulon herrei
Second	Kim Thorpe	Sarcocaulon pattersonii
Third	Barbara Hall	Sarcocaulon l'heritieri

**Open**

First	Artie Chavez	Sarcocaulon l'heritieri
Second	Artie Chavez	Sarcocaulon peniculinum

**Cactus -- Mammillaria Clusters**

**Novice**

First	Kathryn Boorer	Mammillaria geminispina
Second	Roxie Esterle	Mammillaria 'Fred'
Third	Kathryn Boorer	Mammillaria spinosissima
Third	Kathryn Boorer	Mammillaria gracilis v. fragilis

**Advanced**

First	Kim Thorpe	Mammillaria lenta
Second	Cheryl White	Mammillaria gracilis
Third	Barbara Hall	mammillaria prolifera
Third	Barbara Hall	Mammillaria schwartzii

**Open**

First	John Matthews	Mammillaria plumosa
Second	John Matthews	Mammillaria supertexta
Third	John Matthews	mammillaria duwei
Third	Gerald Richert	Mammillaria humboldtii

## What Did I Miss? Or “I didn’t hear that” February, 2015

Our February meeting began with a welcoming of visitors and one new member. Plant of the Month interns were selected and they went to work with POM Master, Manny Rivera.

### **Announcements:**

Artie gave an update on two upcoming events:

Our Festival - progress has been reported by our outdoor and indoor directors. The Bromeliad Society will occupy their usual space. LACSS will be expanding their indoor activities. Outdoor vendors have received invitations and are responding. Displays and Kid’s Day are still in the formative stages.

Our 80th Anniversary – When do we celebrate as a club? A calendar to be distributed at the CSSA June Convention is being designed.

The Special Bonus Program of “FOG Deserts” was confirmed as was the Mentoring Program on “Landscaping with Cactus and Succulents.”

A new book “Taxonomy of the Cactaceae” by Joël Lodé will be published in the spring and LACSS will purchase one for our Library.

John Martinez announced the next home tour on Saturday, March 21. We will start at Scott Schaffer’s at 10 AM and on to Barbara Hall’s at noon. Details later.

Ilna Buratti, who is also President of the West Valley Garden Club, announced that her Garden Club has chartered a bus to go to the Southern California Garden Show in Costa Mesa on Thursday, April 23 and has invited LACSS to sign up to ride with them. Feel free to contact Ilna for more information.

POM evaluations were completed and the winners announced. There were 35 entries.

After break, we were entertained by Karen Zimmerman with a delightful program of her experiences (read that – successes or NOT) of hybridizing Aloes.

The evening ended with a fast and furious raffle of over 30 items, including plants, pots, and supplies.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

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# LACSS GARDEN TOUR

## Saturday, March 21, 2015



Saturday, March 21 will be the first of the LACSS garden tours for 2015. Barbara Hall and Scott Schaffer have both graciously agreed to open their gardens our club.

Scott is a very disciplined grower focused mostly on *Haworthia truncata*, *Haworthia maughanii*, and various variegated and other unique *Gasteria*. However, don't let this short list fool you. If you have not visited Scott's home you will be amazed at the incredible collection he has amassed over the past few years. This is a working nursery with plants in all stages of development. Many of his plants he has hybridized and grown from seed.

As a long time volunteer at the Huntington Botanical Garden, an active member of several local plant clubs, and CSSA Annual Show Chair, Barbara is fully immersed in the hobby. She is an extremely experienced and knowledgeable grower of xeric plants, many of which have been featured in various local shows. In addition to her collection of well staged show plants, she has recently re-landscaped her front yard replacing her front lawn with a succulent garden.

This tour will be a great opportunity to spend time with friends, see some amazing plants, and learn some of the horticultural tricks used by some of our clubs more experienced growers

### Agenda:

Scott Schaffer's garden 10:00 AM until 12 noon  
Contact Scott for directions.  
[Sschaffer1@gmail.com](mailto:Sschaffer1@gmail.com). or (818) 472-6988

For those interested, a small collection of plants will be made available for sale.

Barbara Hall's garden 12:30 PM until 3:00 PM  
Contact Barbara for directions.  
[lbcjhall@aol.com](mailto:lbcjhall@aol.com). or (818) 368-6914

Please address any questions to  
John Martinez  
VP of Special Events  
[johnwm6425@gmail.com](mailto:johnwm6425@gmail.com) or 805-390-2139

## Interior Show – 2015 Drought Tolerant Plant Festival

I'm honored and privileged to co-chair the interior show for the second straight year! Look below for the many exciting activities that are scheduled during the Festival. Participation is critical to the success of the show so LACSS members are highly encouraged to be active. Creating an educational display, entering plants into the show or volunteering to help are just a few ways you can be involved in our spectacular Festival!

### Educational Theme Displays

Our Festival offers a unique opportunity to educate the general public on the use and care of cacti and succulents. Educational theme displays give members the freedom to express their love and passion of the hobby by creating themed exhibits using a variety of mediums that includes live plants, poster boards, pictures, maps, drawings etc. Topics can range from repotting techniques, medicinal uses of certain plants, landscaping techniques, staging plants or the habitat and care of a specific genus. If you are interested in creating an educational theme display then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Public voting will be implemented once again this year. Members of the public will be given three voting tickets and will be encouraged to vote for their favorite educational displays. The tickets will be collected and totaled for both days. Winners will be announced at the end of the show and awards will be presented at the following June general club meeting.



Last year's winners include Karen Ostler and her Staging Plants display; Cheryl and Frank White with their 'Agaves and Their Many Uses' and Barbara Hall and Manny Rivera on their Pelargonium display. Submit an educational display and show your creativity to the public!

### Plant Show

Members may submit up to three plants in each cactus and succulent category. The show is open to all divisions (rookie, novice, advanced and masters/open) and will be judged on the same criteria as the Plant of the Month. Please send me a list of the number of plants, genus and categories that you would like to exhibit in the show by Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>. Here are the four plant categories for the show:

**Cacti:**  
**Succulents:**

*Gymnocalycium &  
Agave*

*Mammillaria  
Euphorbia*

## Important Dates

**Show Plant List:** Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Set Up:** Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 5pm  
**Festival:** Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 5pm  
Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 9am to 4pm



## Additional Interior Displays

- **San Fernando Valley Bromeliad Society:** Beautiful bromeliads will be on display from our active affiliate club.
- **Book Sale:** The fabulous Rose Polito and her team will be selling a wide variety of plant and garden books. Come say hello and buy a book or two or five.
- **Dinner Auction Plants:** See the amazing specimen plants that are available at the Saturday night dinner auction.



## Volunteers Needed

Many volunteers are needed during both days of the Festival. Interior show duties include handing out voting tickets, answering questions from the public and monitoring doors. It would be greatly appreciated if members can donate some of their time to the club.

Please contact me if you would like to submit an Educational Theme Display; enter show plants; volunteer to help during the Festival or if you have any questions.

Thank you!  
David Le  
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[davidlle@gmail.com](mailto:davidlle@gmail.com)

# CSSA ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 36th biennial Convention of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America will be at Pitzer College in Claremont this year. The opening reception and get together will be Sunday, June 14 2015 at 5:00 PM. Convention proper begins on Monday morning June 15 and continues through the Closing Banquet on Friday June 19.

The Society is happy to return to the Los Angeles basin for the first time since 2001. The Gates and San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Societies are our hosts for this Convention. The more than 300 members of the combined societies are anxious to welcome members of the CSSA from all over the world.

Our hosts are formulating an effort to make this convention more affordable. Pitzer is one of the Claremont Colleges group that consistently produce some of the most successful graduates in our country. In addition, the director of the Arboretum at Pitzer (Joe Clements), has completely revamped the decorative plantings at Pitzer and today the grounds are a true succulent wonderland.

Attendees will be able to stay in the dorms at Pitzer. The brand new West Hall will be our home. Rooms are double, with two twin beds. Two double rooms share one bath. The cost is \$70 per night per double room. You are able to book one (\$35.00) or two beds (\$70.00) in one room as you please. With your permission, we will pair you up with another attendee, or you can make your own arrangements. You must let us know when you are making your booking, if you wish to share with a specific person. We are also able to book two rooms together for specified people, if you let us know.

Food at Pitzer is excellent. Those of you who've had children at private universities recently, know that the food service has changed since we were there. The price of the food is the best part. We have a package that includes breakfast and lunch for all 5 days of Convention for \$119.90 total. We suggest that every attendee exercise this tremendous deal. We will not be serving sweet rolls prior to any of the morning meetings.

Now for the good parts:

- Fabulous plant sale for all the days of the Convention!
- Talented speakers from all over the world! Wonderful Tours on Tour Day!
- Fantastic Plant Auction!
- Opening banquet at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens!
- Terrific Bookseller, Chuck Everson!

Guided tours of the grounds at Pitzer!

19 well-respected speakers include Ernst Van Jaarsveld, Len Newton, Panayoti Kelaidis, Kelly Griffin, and our own Tim Harvey

Tours include local places like Lotusland, Huntington Gardens, LA Arboretum and others you may have visited, but this time you will have many co-visitors who may have a different perspective on the plants.

Full preregistration to the convention is \$295 (before May 1) and \$365 after. You must be a CSSA member to attend (LACSS membership is not sufficient). CSSA membership is \$50/year.

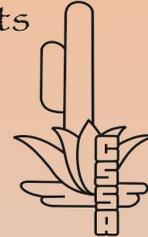
Online registration for Convention, rooms, trips, food, CSSA membership and much more information including pictures can be had at convention website [cssa2015.COM](http://cssa2015.COM).

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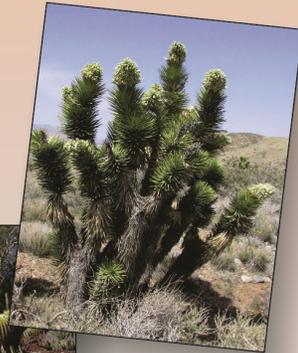
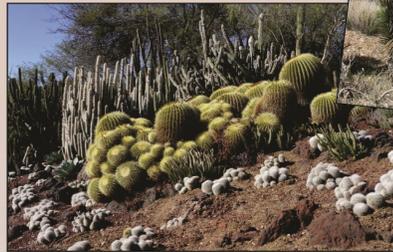
the 2015 *CSSA* Biennial Convention  
in a setting filled with Succulent Plants



Pitzer College  
Claremont, California  
June 14 – 19, 2015  
online registration  
[www.cssainc.org](http://www.cssainc.org)



- Internationally renowned Speakers
- Plant and Book Sales
- Plant Auction
- Field Trips
- Tours
- Opening Banquet at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens



Hosts  
San Gabriel Valley C&S Society and Gates C&S Society

## Presenters

Michelle Cloud-Hughes  
Thomas Cole  
Doug Dawson  
Julia Etter & Martin Kristen  
Kelly Griffin  
Steven Hammer  
Dr. Heidi Hartmann  
Tim Harvey  
Ernst Van Jaarsveld  
Gary James  
Zlatko Janeba  
Panayoti Kelaidis  
Brian Kemble  
Stephen McCabe  
Len Newton  
Andry Peignat  
Jon P. Rebman  
Jeremy Spath  
Joe Stead  
Sula Vanderplank

## Cactus & Succulent - Calendar Of Upcoming Events For 2015

- March 27-29** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Spring Show & Sale  
Friday & Saturday March 27-29 9-5 Sunday, March 29 12-4  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim **Info** (562) 587-3357
- April 11-12** South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale  
South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes **Info** (310) 378-1953
- April 26** Huntington Plant Sale 10-5 Huntington Botanical Gardens  
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino (626) 405-2160
- May 3** South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale---9am-4pm  
South Coast Botanical Gardens **Info** (310) 833-6823
- May 2-3** Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room  
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City **Info** (310) 822-1783
- May 15-16** Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 34th Show & Sale Friday & Saturday 9-4:30  
Land Scapes Southern California Style 450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, CA **Info:** (951) 360-8802
- May 9-10** Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale 10-5  
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach **Info** (310) 922-6090—[www.lbcss.org](http://www.lbcss.org)
- May 23-24** Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Show & Sale 10-4pm  
Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo **Info** (805) 237-2054,  
[www.centralcoastcactus.org](http://www.centralcoastcactus.org)
- May 30-31** **Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Drought Tolerant Plant Show & Sale 9-3:30**  
**Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino E-Mail [www.lacss-show.com](http://www.lacss-show.com)**
- June 6-7** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society –Summer Show & Sale  
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego **Info** (858) 382-1797
- June 14-19** CSSA Biennial Convention, Pitzer College, Claremont, CA <http://www.cssainc.org>
- June 26-28** CSSA Annual Show & Sale –Huntington Botanical Gardens  
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, **Info** (626) 405-2160 or 2277  
Plant Sales Start June 26 -28 The Show Opens on June 27-28
- July 24-26** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale  
Friday July 25 9am-5pm, Saturday July 26 9am-5pm, Sunday 27 12-4pm  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, **Info** (949) 212-8417
- August 8-9** **30th Annual Intercity Show & Sale at Ayres Hall & Lawn Area, 9am-5pm Daily**  
**301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia **Info** Tom Glavich (626) 798-2430 Or John Matthews (661) 714-1052**
- August 29** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium **All Day at the Huntington**
- September 6** Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction -12-5  
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach 90615 **Info:** (310) 922-6090
- October 24-25** Palomar Show & Sale Saturday 9-5 Sunday 10-4 at San Diego Botanic Gardens  
230 Quail Gardens Road, Encinitas **Info:** [hciservices@gmail.com](mailto:hciservices@gmail.com) (858) 382-1797
- November 7 -8** San Gabriel Valley Winter Show & Sale - Ayres Hall  
301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia **Info** Tom Glavich (626) 798-2430 Or John Matthews (661) 714-1052, Manny Rivera (626) 579-7954



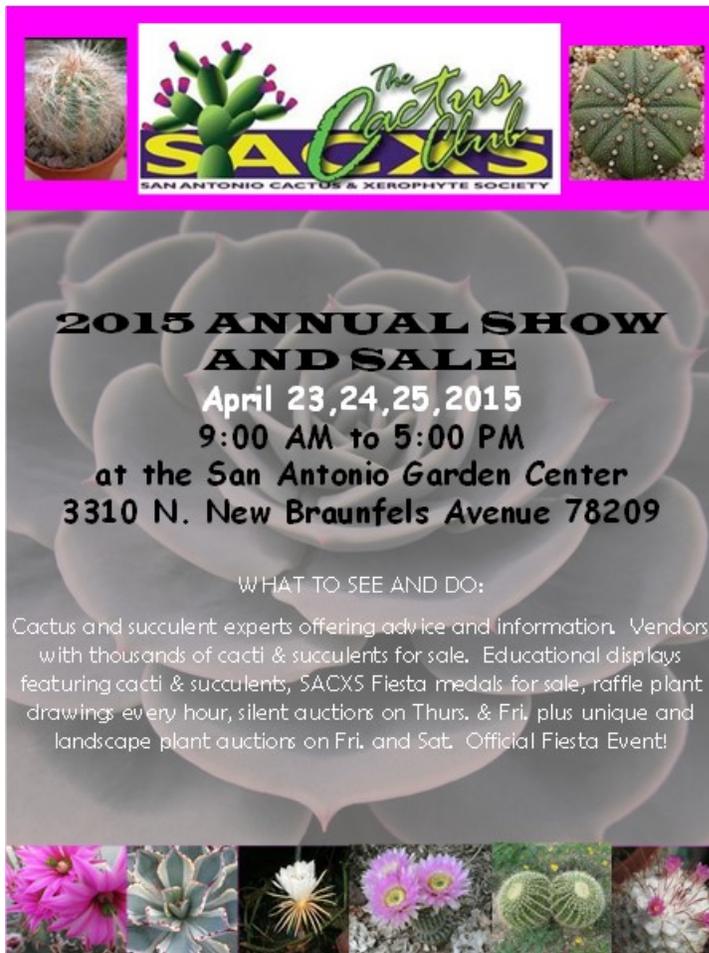
## Reaching out to Fellow Plant Society Members

If you knit or crochet and have an old stash of yarn and supplies you don't want, Nancy, a member of the Bromeliad Society crochets with charity group Jewel City Knitters, [Jewelcityknitters.wordpress.com](http://Jewelcityknitters.wordpress.com) would be happy to receive donations that can be repurposed into handmade items like blankets (NICU, lap and animal shelters), wool socks, scarves, chemo caps and baby sweaters for children's hospitals, women's shelters, retirement homes, the military, Knots of Love, and S.Dak. Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Perhaps you know someone who uncovered a bag of leftover knitting yarn from the back of a closet and wants to find a good home for it... Nancy, who will be at our March meeting, will be happy to accept any yarn donations.

**Email [msmarm@roadrunner.com](mailto:msmarm@roadrunner.com) for yarn pickup.**

Thanks for "paying it forward."



***Hey fellow TACSS members,***

The San Antonio Cactus & Xerophyte Society is holding its annual Show & Sale on April 23-25 at the San Antonio Garden Center. The Show & Sale will be open to the public from 9:00AM to 5:00 PM. **See the attached flier.** Our Show & Sale keeps getting bigger and better each year. Please join us and enjoy what we have to offer the cactus and succulent enthusiast.

- ❖ 8 cactus and succulent and pottery vendors
- ❖ Raffle drawings every hour
- ❖ A silent auction on Thursday and Friday
- ❖ An auction of unique and landscape cactus and succulents at 2:00 PM on Friday and Saturday
- ❖ Educational Displays that will wet your appetite to try growing a new plant or find a new way of enjoying the succulents in your collection
- ❖ The one and only SACXS official Fiesta medal
- ❖ Cactus and Succulent friends to talk “shop” with

We hope you will join us at our yearly Show & Sale!

Barbara Schulze, Show & Sale Chairman

## Inter-City Volunteer needed

Tom Glavich needs someone to take over publicity for the Inter-City Show and Sale. Our share of the income from this show is significant and is directly related to the effectiveness of the publicity. Planning for this year's show is already starting. Job description follows. Please contact Tom at 626-798-2430 if you can take over these very important tasks.

Inter - City Publicist - Job Description:

Send notices of the Inter - City Show to:

1. Sunset Magazine
2. AAA Magazine
3. Pacific Horticulture
4. Cactus and Succulent Society of America
5. All local clubs ( San Francisco to San Diego, Sunset to New Mexico and Nevada)
6. Arcadia Patch
7. Pasadena Patch
8. Yelp
9. Craig's List
10. Cactus-etc
11. Fat Plants
12. Facebook
13. Any other you can think of.

Place paid ads in (we will show you how to do this and set price limitations)

1. Tribune Group (and write advertorial)
2. LA Times
3. Thai newspaper
4. (If funding allows, Chinese American News)
5. Facebook

Get flyers to

1. California Cactus
2. San Gabriel Nursery
3. Huntington Library
4. LA Arboretum

Keep show chairs and treasurer informed on status and problems at least bi-weekly.

**California Garden Club, Inc  
2015 Dates to Remember**

**Garden Club Calendar for 2015**

January 23-25	Flower Show Symposium, Bakersfield
February 2-5	CGCI Winter Board Meeting, Fresno Host: Sequoia Foothills District
February 11-13	Flower Show School. Course IV Sponsor: Diablo Foothills District
April 20-22	Pacific Region Convention, Eugene, Oregon
April 23-24	Landscape Design Study School. Series 26, Course II Sponsor: Luther Burbank District
May 14-17	National Garden Convention. Louisville, Kentucky
June 8-12	CGCI 84th Annual Convention. Reno, Nevada Host: Golden Foothills District

**San Fernando Valley District Calendar for 2015**

January 22	Campo de Cahuenga Commemoration
February 23	District meeting
April 13	District Bus Tour
June 22	District meeting

**San Fernando Valley District Member Clubs and Meeting Dates**

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>email address</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>
Burbank-Valley Garden Club	<a href="mailto:queenmum@foothill.net">queenmum@foothill.net</a>	1st Thursday
Cherry Blossom Garden Club	<a href="mailto:ksunness@hotmail.com">ksunness@hotmail.com</a>	1st Wednesday
Gardening Club of Santa Clarita	<a href="mailto:leonbrook@aol.com">leonbrook@aol.com</a>	2nd Thursday
Lake View Improvement Association	<a href="mailto:josieza@gmail.com">josieza@gmail.com</a>	1st Monday
Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society	<a href="mailto:lacss.contact@gmail.com">lacss.contact@gmail.com</a>	1st Thursday
Sherman Oaks Garden Club	<a href="mailto:patchogue26@att.net">patchogue26@att.net</a>	4th Wednesday
Southern California Garden Club	<a href="mailto:hovallens@att.net">hovallens@att.net</a>	3rd Tuesday
Sunshine Garden Club	<a href="mailto:nosher04@yahoo.com">nosher04@yahoo.com</a>	2nd Monday
Toluca Lake Garden Club	<a href="mailto:robynallyn3@gmail.com">robynallyn3@gmail.com</a>	2nd Wednesday
West Valley Garden Club	<a href="mailto:iburatti@social.rr.com">iburatti@social.rr.com</a>	2nd Tuesday
Woodland Hills Floral Designers	<a href="mailto:bevswitzer@aol.com">bevswitzer@aol.com</a>	4th Tuesday

**LACSS and the CGCI**

<b>February 23, 2015</b>	San Fernando Valley District Meeting
<b>March 21, 2015</b>	Southern California Garden Club 48th Standard Flower Show For more information, see Rosemary Ecker or Ilona Buratti (LACSS members)
<b>April 23, 2015</b>	Spring Bus Tour sponsored by West Valley Garden Club



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**General Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 5, 2015**

**PROGRAM: South Africa-Land of the Half-Man presented by  
Woody Minnich**

**March Event**

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