



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
Thursday

March 3, 2016

16633 Magnolia Blvd.
Encino, CA 91356

Doors Open
at 6:15 pm

Meeting begins
at 7:00pm

Refreshments for
March

“A-D”

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March Program: South Africa-Land of the Halfmen Presented by Woody Minnich

Woody, as he is commonly known, grew up in the Mojave Desert and has had an attraction to desert plants and animals since the early 1950's. He has been involved with the cactus and succulent world as a grower, field explorer, club and organization leader, writer, photographer, lecturer and presenter. Having been a speaker all over the world, Woody is most often associated with giving presentations on his field work from the places he has traveled, such as: Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Madagascar, Mexico, Namibia, New Zealand, Peru, Socotra, South Africa, the United States and Yemen. He is also recognized for having operated the nursery Cactus Data Plants since 1975. Woody and his wife, Kathy, now live in New Mexico between Albuquerque and Santa Fe. 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 45 years in the hobby and 47 years in the field, he has many experiences to share and numerous photos to show.



Nowhere in the world is there a more floristic region than that of South Africa. The diversity of plants, from the monocots to the dicots, is just fantastic. From the bulbs and grasses to the abundant succulents, never is there a time when flowers aren't present. Besides the great wealth of very specialized and often endemic succulent plants, there is also a wonderful array of curious animals.

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 allow you gain insight into some of the secrets found, while being in South Africa's wild places.

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Holiday Party Awards

Procurement

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Cactus Garden

Chris Rogers

Meeting Refreshments

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Monthly Drawing

Leah Imamura

Juana Williams

President's Message

March, 2016

If weather was ever “normal,” then March would be one of the trickier months to manage our plants. Not quite spring but not winter either. A late frost may occur, or we may have 100° days. The rule of thumb for this uncertainty is to pay attention to the weather reports and use common sense. Watering needs to be started for the summer growers but decreased for the winter growers. (We have a handout listing which is which.) The plants pay more attention to the length of daylight than the temperature; which means the summer growers may start to grow. But, then we may have a late frost and will need to be protected. When in doubt, feel free to ask anyone. We all have an opinion on the subject.

To say that our “First Ever Open House” was lightly attended would be an overstatement. However, those of us who were there were treated to some lively conversation, shared tips and a tour of the Garden’s Cactus Garden. We need to schedule one or two garden clean-up sessions before it gets too hot. Relatively speaking, of course. Saturday March 12 and/or Saturday, March 26 might work for us. I will send a blast when the date has been firmed up.

Attendance at the March meeting has a special importance due to the proposed changes to our bylaws. The Chair of the Bylaw Review Committee, Cheryl White, presented the changes at the February meeting and the reasons for the proposed changes. Now the membership must vote yea or nay on the changes. This will be the first item on our agenda so don’t be late – everyone’s vote is important!

As I was standing at a big tub of water, washing some flower pots from the Victor Turecek’s estate, it occurred to me just how important this ubiquitous item is. I considered researching this topic and writing an article. But then I considered how excited someone else might be to take on this project. So, I’m offering this to YOU, the reader/member-of-action, to prepare this report for publication in the Chronicle. Don’t be afraid to take this on - it’s a very down to earth subject! Step right up and let me know you are willing!!! I thank you in advance.

A couple of reminders:

The freebie table is located outside the building center at the south east corner. Please do not bring the freebie items inside. It is getting a bit congested in that corner. While no one is obligated to bring snacks when their initial comes up in the rotation, it is certainly appreciated by all. There is no requirement that anything be homemade. And it doesn’t need to be a dessert. It can be anything you want to bring that will feed 6-10 people. If you have any questions, feel free to speak with Linda Holub or Lisa Gailey. Thanks to everyone who makes our refreshment table so scrumptious.

See you in a few days.
Joyce

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

44th Annual Show & Sale

April 9-10, 2016 9 AM – 4 PM



Schlumbergera

*South Coast
Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw
Blvd.
Palos Verdes
Peninsula 90274*

Show included with paid garden admission. Adult \$9, Senior/Student w/ ID \$6, ages 5-12 \$4, under 5 & Garden Members free.

15th BIENNIAL MID-STATES CONFERENCE

**JUNE 9, 10, 11, 12, 2016
DENVER, COLORADO**

What better place to be in the month of June!

**TEN OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS
TEN OF THE BEST CACTUS & SUCCULENT VENDORS
AFFORDABLE LODGING, SHOW PLANT AUCTION, FUN FIELD TRIPS**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS: RANDY TATROE
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❧ LACSS Special Events ❧

Wildflower Hike March 20, 2016

Please join us on Saturday, March 20, 2016 for a Wildflower Hike in the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park. The park is located in the northwest corner of the San Fernando Valley in Chatsworth. This event is sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains and is open to the community, so bring a friend! The hike will be led by Teena Takata, a volunteer educational Hike Leader who has extensive knowledge of our local native plants.

❧ Come out and see our native, drought tolerant plants blooming ❧
in their natural environment!

Date: Saturday, March 20, 2016

What: Wild Flower Hike

Time: 9:00am - 12:00

Place: Andora Trail Head

9800 block of Andora Ave., Chatsworth at 22601 Lassen Street
by Oak Wood Cemetery, south of Devonshire

Trail: Miranda Loop

Hike Level: Difficult, 2 miles, 3 hours - We will be hiking on a dirt trail, but it does get steep.

What to Bring: Water, water, water! Snacks for yourself, sunscreen, hat, and camera. Wear shoes appropriate for hiking.

Hope to See You There!

For more information, please contact Diane Miller at 818-882-1856 or by email at dianemiller@socal.rr.com. Please include "LACSS" in the subject line.

Upcoming Events:

- ❧ **April 9th-10th** Cima Dome Field Trip: Dates have been confirmed. Details to follow.
Between Baker, CA & Primm, NV (aka Stateline)
- ❧ **April 16th** Garden Tour: Homes of Cheryl White & Marquita Elias
- ❧ **April 24th** Huntington Plant Sale: Huntington Gardens

Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society

Invites You to a

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY

Paul Klassen

“If It’s Winter, It Must Be Chile”

Featuring the Atacama Desert in Bloom

Saturday, March 19th

Doors Open: 9:30 AM

Presentation at 10 AM

Sepulveda Garden Center

16633 Magnolia Blvd, Encino



For more information email: kitaskactus@hotmail.com

“What Did I Miss?” OR “I Didn’t Hear That!” February Meeting

WOW!! We were a chatty bunch this month. Almost from the first announcement we were running late! We opened the meeting by recognizing **14** visitors and **2** new members!

Announcements included items posted on the white board and confirming your information for inclusion in the roster. Email Danielle if changes are needed.

Business announcements focused on the recent Board of Director’s discussions:

1. By law revisions to allow Board composition changes as proposed by the Strategic Planning Committee. The changes will be included in the March Chronicle. Members will vote on the proposed changes at the March 3 meeting.
2. Victor Turecek’s plants – repotting/mentoring session at Ilona’s on Sunday March 6. Details to follow in a blast. Walt Wegner gave a very touching tribute to Victor with some anecdotal memories.
3. Due to time constraints, Festival updates were limited to confirmation of Debbie Lee Baldwin as our featured Sunday speaker.

Diane Miller, VP-Special Events, provided us with more details on the Home Garden trip on Saturday, Feb. 13. She is also working with San Gabriel Valley CSS on a trip to Cima Dome on April 9 and 10. A show of hands indicated great interest. Sign-up sheets for both events were circulated. Details will follow.

A third home garden/field to Marquita’s and Cheryl’s is currently scheduled for April 23? And, if that’s not enough, Diane is considering a joint trip to Lotus Land. Details will be provided as they develop.

Refreshments were noteworthy – celebrating Valentine’s Day.

A handout listing summer and winter growing succulents was provided.

Ernesto Sandoval presented a delightful, entertaining and informative program on succulent propagation.

The raffle plants and other items were provided by several members and finished off the night with the usual flourish.

Mentoring Workshop: Repotting

A Mentoring Workshop on Repotting will be held Sunday March 6 at 10 AM. The Workshop will be at Ilona Buratti’s home at 17183 Osbourne St. Northridge. Please contact Ilona at 818-885-9236 or missgardner@socal.rr.com if you plan to attend.

Artie Chavez will lead the workshop with important tips and tricks. This will be a hands on workshop and you will have an opportunity to tryout your new skills. If you have a plant that needs repotting bring it along with its new home and Artie will assist you with repotting it.

If you have had the opportunity to attend a potting/repotting session in the past and have added various tools to your arsenal of potting supplies, feel free to bring your own tweezers, brushes, scoops, etc. for your own use.

Also be sure to bring a pair of heavy gloves since most of the plants will be cactus.

PLANT OF THE MONTH POLICIES for 2016

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.

**Plant of the Month
2016**

March

Echinocereus
Conophytum

April

Parodia, Notocactus
Haworthia

May

Small cactus staged as
a miniature
Small succulent staged
as a miniature

June

Favorite

July

Rebutia, Sulcorebutia
Weingartia
Euphorbia
Non-endemic to
Madagascar

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
not larger than 6"

February Plant of the Month

Cactus -- Gymnocalycium clusters

Rookie

First	Ross Frazier	Gymnocalycium bruchii
Second	Kim Greenblatt	Gymnocalycium bruchii
Third	Kim Greenblatt	Gymnocalycium bruchii monstrose
Third	Eric Miller	Gymnocalycium sp

Advanced

First	Kathryn Boorer	Gymnocalycium bruchii
Second	Kathryn Boorer	Gymnocalycium damsii v tucavocense
Third	Cheryl White	Gymnocalycium baldianum

Open

First	Karen Ostler	Gymnocalycium triancanthum
Second	Karen Ostler	Gymnocalycium ochoterenae
Third	Karen Ostler	Gymnocalycium ragonesei

Succulent -- Aeonium

Rookie

First	M.A. Bjorkman	Aeonium arboreum 'Little Chocolatey'
Second	Gretchen Davis	Aeonium 'Lily Pad'
Second	Sonia Villoreal	Aeonium sedifolium
Second	Gretchen Davis	Aeonium arboreum crest
Third	Kim Greenblatt	Aeonium 'Sunburst'
Third	Arianna Greenblatt	Aeonium haworthia 'Kiwi'

Novice

First	Roxie and Jim Esterle	Aeonium tabuliforme
Second	Joyce Schumann	Greenovia dodrentalis
Third	Joyce Schumann	Aeonium smithii
Third	Linda Holub	Aeonium 'Sunburst'

Advanced

First	Barbara Hall	Greenovia diplocycla var. giganta
Second	Mick Gottschalk	Aeonium smithii
Third	Kathryn Boorer	Aeonium 'Silver Edge'
Third	Kathryn Boorer	Aeonium sedifolium

Open

First	Manny Rivera	Aeonium 'Suncup'
Second	John Matthews	Aeonium sedifolium
Third	John Matthews	Aeonium 'Schwartzkint'

Cactus of the Month: Echinocereus

Echinocereus species can be found throughout the Western United States, and the range of species stretches through the American west and through Northern and Central Mexico to about Mexico City. As might be expected from a genus covering such a large range, *Echinocereus* are extremely varied in form, ranging from nearly spineless green balls such as *E. knippelianus*, to very spiny short columnar species such as *E. engelmannii*, to pencil thin sticks such as *E. poselgeri*. Being a largely American genus, most species are quite cold hardy, with some species growing as far north as Wyoming. In general, the genus is comprised of upright clumping cacti that are usually 1-3' tall.



Echinocereus knippelianus

A day trip to the Mojave Desert will allow you to see our two native species, *E. engelmannii* & *E. triglochidatus*. These two species look superficially similar in that they are short, heavily clumping, and have long white spines. The easiest way to tell them apart is when they flower. *Echinocereus*

engelmannii has big pink to purple flowers while *E. triglochidatus* has striking red to orange-red flowers.



Echinocereus
rigidissimus v. *rubispinus*

An interesting feature of this genus is the way the flowers form. Normally flower buds form from growing points on the surface, generally from the areoles. However, in *Echinocereus* the buds form inside the stem below the epidermis (i.e. skin) of the plant. As they develop they literally tear through the plant tissue and burst through the surface before opening. It is very similar to the way the creatures are born in the movie *Aliens*. Thank goodness plants can't feel pain because that really seems like it would hurt!

In general, *Echinocereus* is an underappreciated genus. Most growers have one or two, but having killed a few in their early collecting days, usually because of over watering, concentrate on other genera. Most of the species are in fact easy to grow. Many of the species are quite variable, and exhibit different spination and flower colors depending on the local environment. As a result, a large number of species were named. These are being reduced to a more conservative 30 to 50 species.

The varieties and local growth forms provide an enormous range of interesting plants to grow. Most *Echinocereus* have spectacular flowers, giving rise to such common names as Claret Cup, Strawberry Cactus, Calico Cactus. These common names are often attached to more than one species. *Echinocereus* flowers erupt through the skin, leaving scars. Offsets also erupt through the skin. Propagation from cuttings is relatively easy, but attention needs to cleanliness is important. Use of Rootone, or another rooting compound containing a fungicide helps ensure success.

A very popular species of *Echinocereus*, often found in the shows, is *E. rigidissimus* var. *rubispinus*. This plant produces a vibrant rose-colored flower during the spring and its spines retain a reddish tinge throughout the year.

-Kyle Williams

Succulent of the Month: Conophytum

Conophytum is a fascinating genus that should be represented in everyone's succulent collection. Their reputation for being touchy and difficult to grow is undeserved. While they are usually grown in pots on benches, they can be a part of rock garden landscapes, as seen at the Sherman Library & Gardens in Corona del Mar.

Many people seeing *Conophytum* for the first time assume they must be some type of *Lithops*, so great is the similarity. Both genera do have the "living stones" look to them, belong to the same family, the Aizoaceae (often informally called Mesembs), and are native to South Africa and Namibia. However, a closer look will allow you to tell them apart quite easily. The best way



Conophytum obcordellum

Cultivation of most species of *Conophytum* is fairly straightforward. As the weather cools in the fall start watering your plant. If it is ready to grow it will suck up water and burst forth from the protective sheaths. Water regularly during the growing season as the plants should not dry out during this time, though keeping them too wet risks bloating, splitting and rot. A very fast draining planting medium is recommended. Keep an eye out for signs of the leaves shrinking and collapsing when the days get warmer and longer in the spring. This is perfectly normal and you should stop watering at this time. The plants will shrink down quite a bit as the leaves turn into a dry, papery sheath that will protect the next year's leaves until fall. From this point until the fall the plants are in dormancy. Smaller species may need a bit of water, the bigger ones likely won't need any. Plants like some sun in growing season, but once the plants start entering dormancy move them to a shady location to avoid scorching. Some species can withstand light frost, but it is best to protect your plants if frost threatens. Commonly available species include *C. bilobum*, *C. obcordellum*, and *C. uviforme*.



Conophytum "Shokkoden"

to identify a *Conophytum* is to look at the leaves. In *Lithops* you have two distinct leaves, while in *Conophytum* the leaves are fused together with just a small pore or slit in the center from which the flowers emerge. *Conophytum* forms a dry papery sheath around itself when dormant while *Lithops* never does. Another clue is that *Conophytum* are winter growers while *Lithops* are most active in summer and fall. This feature is an adaptation to the areas they grow in the wild; *Lithops* in summer rainfall regions and *Conophytum* in winter rainfall zones. Additionally, *Conophytum* flowers have petals united into a tube at the base and "bracts" (small scale or leaf like growths) on the tube. *Lithops* has no tube or bracts.



Conophytum wettstenii showing papery sheaths

Kyle Williams

Bylaws Update

One of the administrative details that are important to maintaining the health and integrity of LACSS as a club is the maintenance of our bylaws. The bylaws are the basic rules of the LACSS and describe how we function as an organization. Bylaws are expected to change and adapt as an organization changes, and the Board determined that we needed to amend the bylaws this year. As an output of the LACSS Strategic Planning Committee, several changes were proposed. The Board appointed a Bylaws Committee consisting of Cheryl White, Joyce Schumann and Roxie Esterle to review and recommend changes to the bylaws. The Board has reviewed and approved the proposed changes and the amended bylaws will be brought before the general membership for a vote at our meeting on March 3, 2016.

A summary of the main changes include:

1. Streamline the number of positions on the Board of Directors from 23 to 12. The deleted positions remain important to the smooth functioning of our club, but those Chairpersons will no longer be required to attend 4-6 Board meetings each year.
2. Create an Executive Committee for decisions that need to be taken in the absence of the full Board of Directors and require documentation of any such decisions.
3. Clarify the duties of the Director I and Director II and allow for assistants to each Director to share the workload.

A copy of the proposed version of the bylaws is provided as an attachment to the *Cactus Chronicle*. For members receiving the *Cactus Chronicle* by US Postal mail, copies will be available at the membership desk at the March meeting prior to the vote.

Thanks for your support in this important business. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to see a copy of the previous revision, please contact me, Cheryl White at 805-410-0447 or chwhite17@gmail.com prior to the March 3 meeting.

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).
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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 <i>Cactus Chronicle</i> .
Section 6	Family members are those who reside with an Individual member. Families must pay the additional prescribed dues. Only one <i>Cactus Chronicle</i> will be sent per Family membership.
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 <i>Cactus Chronicle</i> 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	<p>The Officers of the LACSS will consist of the following:</p> <p>President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors, who each hold office for a term of two years.</p> <p>They are to be elected on alternate years as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Elected officers will assume office on January 1.</p>
Section 2	<p>A. No person shall be elected to serve more than two consecutive full terms in the same office.</p> <p>B. The term limit provision may be suspended under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	Any Officer who fails to attend three consecutive regular monthly meetings without advising the Secretary or President of the reason, either by telephone, letter or email prior to the meeting, will be dropped from office.

Article V --- Duties of Officers

Section 1	<p><u>President:</u> 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 years and may be reappointed by the President.</p>
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Section 3	<p><u>Secretary:</u> 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.</p>
Section 4	<p><u>Treasurer:</u> 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.</p>
Section 5	<p><u>Directors:</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 <i>Cactus Chronicle</i>. The Director may delegate some of these responsibilities to one or more assistants.</p>

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. Festival Chair Intercity Show Representative Communications Chair (Includes Webmaster and Publicity) Members-at-Large (2)
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 <i>Cactus Chronicle</i> Editor, Librarian, Historian, Awards Dinner, Monthly Drawing, Cactus Garden Coordinator, Refreshments, CSSA affiliate rep.
Section 5	The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice each year and at any other time when requested by the President following notification via telephone or email.
Section 6	All members of the Board and the Executive Board shall have one vote on all issues presented during Board meetings. The President will vote only to break a tie.

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 <i>Cactus Chronicle</i> and submitted to the membership at the penultimate meeting of the year. 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 penultimate meeting of the year shall be accepted 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 <i>Cactus Chronicle</i> , all officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the year. Vote shall be by ballot unless there is only one candidate for each office, when election shall be held by voice vote.
Section 2	If necessary, an election board of three persons shall be appointed by the President at the election meeting to count the votes. 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.

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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	<i>Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised</i> shall govern all points not covered by these by-laws.
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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 <i>Cactus Chronicle</i> .
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 by-laws shall be maintained by the Secretary in hard copy and digital form.
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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 March 3, 2016.

Joyce Schumann, President

Date

Cheryl White, Secretary

Date

Cactus & Succulent - Calendar of Upcoming Events For 2016

- March 18-19** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society—Spring Show and Sale **INFO 562-587-3357**
1000 S. State College Boulevard (Anaheim United Methodist Church)
Thursday, 17th-6-8pm, Friday, 18th-9am-7pm, Saturday 19th, 9am-5pm
- April 9-10** South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society—Show and Sale
South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard I
NFO 310-578-1953 <http://www.southcoastcss.org>
- April 24** Huntington Plant Sale 10am-4:30pm **INFO 626-405-3504**
Huntington Botanical Gardens 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino
- April 30-May 1** Sunset Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale **INFO 310-822-1783**
Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City
- May 1** South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale---9am-4pm
South Coast Botanical Gardens **INFO 310-833-6823**
- May 13-14** Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 34th Show & Sale Friday & Saturday 9-4:30
Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Drive Glen Avon **INFO 951-360-8802**
- May 21-22** Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale 10am-5 pm www.lbcss.org
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach **INFO 310-922-6090**
- May 28-29** Central South Coast Cactus & Succulent Sale & Show 10am-4pm
Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo
INFO 805-237-2054 www.centralcoastcactus.org
- June 4-5** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society –Summer Show & Sale
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego **INFO 858-382-1797**
- June 4-5** Fresno Cactus and Succulent Society- Summer Show Sale
- June 11-12** **Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Plant Show & Sale**
Saturday, 11th 9am-5pm, Sunday, 12th 9am-3:30pm
Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino **INFO** www.lacss-show.org
- July 1-3** CSSA Annual Show & Sale –Huntington Botanical Gardens 1151 Oxford Road
Sales Start July 1-July 3 Show Opens on July 2nd **INFO 626-405-2160**
- July 22-23** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale **INFO 949-212-8417**
Thursday, July 21 6pm-8pm, Friday, July 22 9am-7pm, Saturday July 23 9am-5pm,
- 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim
- 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** hciservices@gmail.com
Huntington Fall Sale
- November 5-6** San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale 9-4 Both Days



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