



# CACTUS CHRONICLE

**CSSA Affiliate**

**Next Meeting  
Thursday  
March 2, 2017**

**16633 Magnolia Blvd.  
Encino, CA 91346**

**Doors Open  
at 6:15 pm**

**Meeting begins  
at 7:00pm**

**Refreshments for:  
February  
Last names  
starting with  
A - D**

**New Members in  
February**

Neville Agnew  
Willi Arste  
Jamie Heaps  
Debbie Heaps

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**Mission Statement:**

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

**March Program:**

**“Cactus & Succulents of the Bolivian Highlands”**

**Presented by: Wendell S. Woody Minnich**

Woody, as he is commonly known, has been in the cactus hobby for some 47 years and has become well known for his participation and contributions. He has been awarded honorary life membership to ten clubs, as well as, a life member and Friend award with the CSSA (Cactus & Succulent Society of America.) His many leadership roles include: National Show Chairman, Convention Sales Chairman, Convention Speaker coordinator, 2016 Mid-States Conference Co-chair, accredited C & S judge and writer photographer. He has also served in almost all positions of leadership for many regional clubs and is currently the president of the new Santa Fe C & S club.



Bolivia, an island in the western regions of South America, is south of Peru, north of Argentina-Chile and west of Brazil. Being squeezed by past wars with its neighbors, Bolivia is now a small country with no direct connection to the Pacific Ocean. It is mostly made-up of high Andean mountain environments often divided by deep river gorge valleys. From sea level to altitudes in excess of 24,000feet, it is well known for its Inca ancestry, high altitude terrace farming and the beautiful Llamas, Alpacas and Vicunas. Due to it being mostly high in elevation, many of the cacti and other succulents are endemic to very specialized and uniquely created habitats.



When flying into La Paz, the capital of Bolivia, one soon becomes aware of their first immediate adjustment. Normally, a few days of acclimation are necessary, thus what better way to see this historically beautiful city, than to just meander verry slooowly from street to street! One would think, at this mountainous altitude, the winter temperatures would get very cold and thus prohibit the growth of most succulent plants. Surprisingly, there are numerous cacti and other succulents found growing everywhere. And, if the altitude makes you feels ill, there are always vendors along the cobblestone streets anxious to sell their famed coca leaves. Just chew some, dribble the juice down your chin, and soon you'll feel as if you're back at sea level.



From La Paz into Bolivia's more remote regions, one quickly begins to view fantastic scenery from snow covered peaks to deep valleys and sculptured geological formations. Soon the Puyas and columnar Cereus become the dominate vegetation. If curvy winding roads with sheer drop-offs are not to your liking, this may not be the best place for you. Pretty soon, many smaller cryptic genera become visible from the window of your Land Cruiser. You totally forget about the rough roads and immediately get excited by more and more species appearing with each and every bend in the road. Sulcorebutias, Rebutias and Weingartias are the most dominant genera, and when they are in flower, they seem to glow with their big electric red, yellow and burgundy flowers. The Echinopsis, Lobivias, Oreocereus and Cleistocactus are also very common and are often found growing in association with numerous Bromeliads and the occasional Echeveria.



Everyday in Bolivia is like riding a rollercoaster, from sea level to 20,000ft, and from one species of cactus to another. In some areas, the cacti dominate the landscape, and in others, the cacti are as cryptic and camouflaged as chameleons. Hopefully sharing my travels in Bolivia from Lake Titicaca to Sucre, will be as exciting for you as it was for me. For those of you who may never make such a trip, perhaps this presentation can take you to Bolivia without ever leaving home.



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### **Meeting Refreshments**

OPEN

### **Monthly Drawing**

Leah Imamura

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## President's Message

March, 2017

The president is currently out of the country and will be back soon.

See you soon.

Joyce



# South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

[www.southcoastcss.org](http://www.southcoastcss.org)

Show included with  
paid Garden  
admission: adult \$9,  
senior/student \$6,  
age 5-12 \$4, under 5  
free. Garden  
members free.

## 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Show and Sale

April 8-9, 2017 9AM to 4 PM

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



## It's March - A,B,C,D

Reminder, it's your turn to bring goodies to sustain us during our meeting on Thursday, March 2nd.

If your last name begins with any of these letters listed above, this means you. Some ideas: finger foods, fruit, veggies, Chips & Dip, cookies, brownies, sandwiches, burritos, pizza...you name it, we will heat & serve it. Yes we have an oven, and microwave. Its nice to have real food at the start of the meeting as well as during the break, drinks are also welcome.

Thanks.  
LACSS

## Plant of the Month: *Echinopsis*



*Echinopsis* Hybrid

Most cacti have attractive flowers, but in general we grow them for the look of the plant itself. *Echinopsis* are an exception to this. It is a genus of nearly 200 species and hundreds more cultivars. Most plants are small to medium columnar cacti that are green and fairly nondescript, although some species can reach 15 feet or more in height. They are generally ignored when made available for sale if they aren't in flower. However, come bloom time they produce some of the most stunning flowers of any cacti. This is enhanced by the extensive breeding that has been done among this genus. Modern taxonomic research has found that several genera of cacti belong in *Echinopsis*, most notably *Lobivia Trichocereus*.

The standard *Echinopsis* flower is a few inches across and born on a long tube, giving it a trumpet like appearance. Many of the wild species have white flowers and bloom at night, but breeding has produced an array of colors that include red, yellow, orange, pink, and every color in between (as well as multicolor flowers). Some modern hybrids have been bred to produce flowers eight inches or more in diameter! An especially nice feature of these plants is they often produce flowers in large clusters which produce an amazing display.



*Echinopsis famatimensis*



*Echinopsis* 'Fuzzy Navel'

Not all species and cultivars have plain plants. Plants like *Echinopsis* 'Fuzzy Navel' and 'Haku Jo' have attractive spines and tufts of white hair. This gives you a handsome looking plant even in times when it isn't flowering. The San Pedro Cactus, *E. panchoi*, is a great choice for a large columnar cactus for the landscape which requires little to no special care. This cactus is also famous as a source of mescaline, the same halogenic chemical found in Peyote (*Lophophora spp.*). While I don't advocate drug use, if people who used Peyote switched to San Pedro cactus it would be beneficial on an ecological level as San Pedro is fast growing and the same plant can be harvested over and over. By contrast, Peyote species are being decimated in the wild as they are a small, slow growing, endangered cactus that is completely destroyed when harvested.

The best way to buy a hybrid *Echinopsis* is of course to see it in bloom. That's not always possible, but most of the nicest hybrids are named. So do some research online and write down the name of the types you like then take the time to check tags at a cactus sale. Alternatively, look for sellers who provide pictures at their sales table. Plants are easy to grow and most can live happily in a pot or in your landscape with standard cactus care.

-Kyle Williams

# The 2017 Drought Tolerant Plant FESTIVAL!

## Get ready for the June 10 - 12 Show!

The Drought Tolerant Plant Festival is LACSS's biggest event of the year. It's a great opportunity to share our love of succulents and cacti, to support the vendors whose knowledge advances our club, and to earn funds to enrich and sustain our fabulous activities. The festival is highlighted by a delicious BBQ dinner on Saturday night, followed by a live auction of spectacular plants. We need your participation and guarantee you will find it fun, educational, and rewarding. Here are some ways you can help:

### Starting NOW...

#### Mark your calendar for the show

#### Create an educational display for the Interior Show.

- Guidelines will be provided at upcoming meetings.

#### Provide plants for the club sales table, silent auctions, and dinner auction

- Start making some cuttings of plants from your own collection to be sold at the Member Sales Table. 100% of sales go directly to our club.
- Select some special plants for the silent auctions that are held every few hours throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday.

#### Plan to work a 2-hour shift or more on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday

- Friday, June 10 12:00 – 3:00 Set up, help vendors, Interior Show
- Saturday, June 11 9:00 – 5:00 Support membership, sales table, holding area, dinner set up and clean up, trouble shooter
- Sunday, June 12 9:00 – 4:00 Help at Kids' Day, membership, sales table, holding area, help break down tables, tents, Interior Show

Reserve your place at the Saturday night BBQ. The evening is great fun and the auction is amazing.

Promotional materials will be available for distribution at all meetings from now until June. Please help get the word out.

You'll be asked to sign up for your favorite assignment at the April, May, and June meetings!

## Membership News for all Members

### About that March Roster Ilona Buratti, Membership Director

The best laid plans.....When the chief (Joyce) is away.....Ok, the truth...I got a puppy!

So, sorry to report that the 2017 Roster will not be finished for our March meeting. I am happy to announce two new members, Neville Agnew and Willi Arste. Welcome! I have known Willi for years, and she has been a real treasure in sharing her expertise on California Natives and water wise gardens.

Here a few new procedures that will help me keep track of membership:

- **Sign in sheet** - Find your name on the sheet. If it's wrong or has changed, use as much of your line as you like to make the correction very clearly. Don't bother telling me anything; I am sleep deprived.
- Ideally the *Sign in sheet* will list Attending Active Members. Additional Family Members should sign in on the same family line with their own first name. If they come often, they will get their name on the list, too. Does that seem fair?
- **Picking up your pre-paid name tag:** 1) locate name on display 2) sign it out 3) remove the plastic 4) attach to your shirt.
- **Guest Book** is for Guests.

Let's make this easy for everyone. If you have suggestions, join the Membership Committee and we will try to implement them.

The benefit of this Roster delay is that there is still time to get into our 2017 Roster. Deadline for Roster inclusion is our March meeting, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mail your check to LACSS, PO Box 280581, Northridge 91328-0581. If your name isn't on the Sign- in Sheet, you can pay at the March meeting. Then you will be listed in April, when we distribute the Roster.

Much thanks,

Ilona

**Plant of the Month  
2017**

**February**  
Escobaria  
Acharagma  
Aloe Clusters  
(no larger than 6" pot)

**March**  
Echinopsis  
Kalanchoe

**April**  
Mammillaria  
w/out hooks  
Bromeliad

**May**  
Small cactus  
staged as miniature  
Small Succulent  
staged as miniature

**June**  
Favorite

**July**  
Stenocactus  
Echinofossulocactus  
Pachypodium/Africa

**August**  
Melocactus  
Euphorbia Caudiciform

**September**  
Opuntia N. America  
Sansevieria

**October**  
Grafted Cactus  
Grafted Succulent

**November**  
Ariocarpus  
Agave

**December**  
Holiday Dinner Party

**Plant of the Month – February 2017**

**Cactus – Escobaria & Acharagma**

**Rookie** none

**Novice** none

**Advanced**

First	Barbara Hall	Escobaria emskoetteriana
Second	Barbara Hall	Acharagma roseanum
Third	Barbara Hall	Escobaria sneedii ssp. leei
H.M.	Kathryn Boorer	Escobaria organensis

**Open**

First	John Matthews	Escobaria guadalupensis
Second	John Matthews	Escobaria laredoi
Second	Manny Rivera	Escobaria minima
Third	Manny Rivera	Escobaria tuberculosa

**Succulent – Aloe clusters**

**Rookie**

First	Ron Behar	Aloe – ‘Doran Black’
Second	Ron Behar	Aloe – ‘Christmas Carol’
Second	Gretchen Davis	Aloe hybrid by Brian Kimble
Third	Jose Villarroel	Aloe mitriformis - Variegata
Third	Jose Villarroel	Aloe jacunda

**Novice**

First	Kim Jacobi	Aloe ‘Christmas Carol’
Second	Roxie Esterle	Aloe castilloniae
Second	Nils Schirrmacher	Aloe castilloniae
Third	Lisa Gailey	Aloe bellatula
Third	Efren Flores	Aloe “OIK”
Hon. Mention	Sonia Villarroel	Aloe humilis

**Advanced**

First	Kathryn Boorer	Aloe jacksonii
Second	Kathryn Boorer	Aloe hybrid (Tim Harvey)
Third	John Martinez	Aloe castilloniae
Third	Kathryn Boorer	Aloe hybrid

**Open**

First	John Matthews	Aloe ‘Quicksilver’
Second	John Matthews	Aloe sinkatana
Third	John Matthews	Aloe ‘Starfire’

**Note:** -----PLEASE PUT FIRST AND LAST NAMES on entry slips for accuracy. Thanks!

## **2017 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**UPDATED 2/25/2017 ANY CHANGES please email: [aloescats1@aol.com](mailto:aloescats1@aol.com)**

- MAR. 23-25 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE**  
THURS. 23<sup>RD</sup> 6-8PM---FRI. MAR. 24<sup>TH</sup> 9-7PM---SAT. MAR. 25<sup>TH</sup> 9-5  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA  
INFORMATION CALL 562-587-3357
- APR. 8-9 SOUTH COAST CACTUS AN SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE**  
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD., PALOS VERDES, CA  
INFO: 310-378-1953 ; Website: <http://www.southcoastcss.org>
- APR. 29 HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 1PM TO 5PM / HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS,**  
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-3504
- MAY 6-7 SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**  
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM  
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 7 SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**  
9am to 4pm SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS, INFO. 310-833-6823
- MAY 12-13 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 35<sup>TH</sup> SHOW AND SALE**  
FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm, at LAND SCAPES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STYLE  
450 E. ALESSANDRO BLVD., RIVERSIDE, CA INFO. 951-360-8802
- MAY 20-21 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB PLANT SHOW AND SALE**  
10-4 pm RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA  
INFO. 562-631-5876
- MAY 27-28 CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY**  
ANNUAL SHOW & SALE (10-4PM), LUDWICK CENTER,  
864 SANTA ROSA SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – INFO. 805-237-2054, [www.centralcoastcactus.org](http://www.centralcoastcactus.org)
- JUNE 3-4 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY-- SUMMERSHOW & SALE**  
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA INFO. 858-382-1797
- JUNE 10-11 LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY PLANT SHOW AND SALE**  
JUNE 10th 9AM – 4PM and JUNE 11th 9AM - 3PM  
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD., ENCINO, CA.  
INFO. [www.lacss-show.com](http://www.lacss-show.com)

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- JUN 30-JUL 2      CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE – HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS**  
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. Info: 626-405-3504  
PLANTS SALES START JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> THRU JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> 10AM - 5PM  
SHOW OPENS JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> THRU JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> 10AM - 5PM
- JULY 20-22      ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE**  
THURS. 20<sup>TH</sup> 6-8pm, FRI. JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> 9am-7pm, SAT. 22<sup>ND</sup> 9-5pm  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA  
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- JULY 26-31      CSSA CONVENTION, TEMPE, AZ.**
- AUG. 12-13      32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE AT THELA COUNTY ARBORETUM**  
9am-5pm daily. 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA  
INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 or JOHN MARTINEZ 805-390-2139
- SEPT. 2          HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM**  
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON 626-405-3504
- SEPT. 24      LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION**  
12-5PM RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615  
INFO. 562-631-5876
- Oct. 7-8      BAKERSFIELD CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE**  
SAT. 10-5---SUN. 11-3 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 2216 17<sup>th</sup> STREET  
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304 FREE ADDMISSION & PARKING, INFO 661-831-8488
- OCT. 28-29      PALOMAR SHOW AND SALE**  
SAT 9-5, SUN 10-3, SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDENS  
230 QUAIL GARDENS ROAD, ENCINITAS, CA  
INFO [hciservices@gmail.com](mailto:hciservices@gmail.com). 858-382-1797
- NOV. 4 - 5      SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**  
9am-4pm BOTH DAYS---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM 310 NO. BALDWIN, ARCADIA, CA  
INFO: MANNY RIVERA 626-780-6957 or JOHN MATTHEWS 661-714-1052



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**March Events**

**Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society**  
*Spring Show and Sale*

*Thursday, 23rd of March 2017 6-8PM*

*Friday, 24th of March 2017 9AM-7PM*

*Saturday, 25th of March 2017 9AM-5PM*

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**Anaheim United Methodist Church**

1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim CA.

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