

LOS ANGELES  
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SUCCULENT  
SOCIETY

# CACTUS CHRONICLE

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## Coming January 2011

### A Look Back at Northern Mexico

Club members can sit back and enjoy a look at Mexico and not have to worry about Montezuma's revenge. The program will cover two trips, the first in October of 1999 with Woody Minnich, Rene and Patty Caro. The second in March of 2000 with Dave Deluca, Kelly Griffin and Woody Minnich. Vince will bring in live specimens and the programs will include the following plants Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Aztekium, Ferocactus Geohintonia, Leuchtenbergia, Lophophora, Obregonia, Thelocactus, Agave, Bombax, Bursera, Calibanus, Dion, Echeveria, Senecio, Yucca, and a few other.

Vince started growing cactus at around age seven because his great grandmother worked for a cactus nursery and she would give him plants. He would usually kill them! He started getting serious in the hobby around 18 years ago when he visited the Huntington Botanical Gardens and later went to the Intercity Show. There he found information about the San Gabriel Club and has been a member ever since. He is a past President, Vice President, Winter Show Chair and newsletter editor of the San Gabriel Club. He will finish up his term as President for the Orange County Cactus Club this year and continue as show entry chair next year.

He works in the family business as a dealer for a wide range of truck related equipment such as lift gates, truck mounted cranes, emergency lighting, etc. They manufacture flatbeds and utility bodies and uplift trucks for municipalities and other construction related professions. Vince has an incredibly diverse collection with many prize-winning plants.

## Important Notice

Effective November 2010, meetings of the LACSS will start at **7:00 PM**. The Sepulveda Garden Center will open for set-up at **6:45** and not before. Please adjust your schedules accordingly.

*Come To the Spectacular LACS*  
*Annual Holiday Awards Party*

**DON'T MISS THE FUN**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6PM**  
**At the Sepulveda Garden Center**  
**16633 Magnolia Blvd. Encino**

All members are invited - bring one guest if you like  
Please RSVP to Barbara Hall (818) 368-6914

Each attendee is requested to bring a side dish, salad  
and/or dessert (please bring food contribution between 5  
& 6 PM)

*We need volunteers for the Holiday Committee to help  
set up the room at 4:00 PM. - call Barbara Hall to  
volunteer*

- ◆ **The party will include:**
- ◆ **Potluck dinner, ham, turkey & drinks**
- ◆ **Awards for Plant of the Month points winners**
- ◆ **Rare Plant Auction – all members, please bring (1) plant-related item to add to the auction ie: pots, books, a nice plant, garden-related items. The club will be purchasing a few high quality plants for the auction.**
- ◆ **Gift exchange (optional) - gifts must be wrapped & under \$15.00. Tickets will be issued to gift exchangers.**
- ◆ **Dish garden center pieces will be raffled off. All attendees will get a free raffle ticket & all members who pay their club dues by the December will get (1) extra raffle ticket.**

*A Note From the Librarian*  
We have a lost book

*FROM THE STACKS OF THE LIBRARY*

Wishing a safe and happy  
Holiday Season to all.  
See you at the Holiday party.



## Plant of the Month ~November Winners

### Novice Division

#### Succulent - Haworthia Retusa

| Award  | Name           | Plant                            |
|--------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| First  | Rio Cernak     | Haworthia cymbiforme             |
| Second | John Martinez  | Haworthia venosa ssp. tessellata |
| Third  | Scott Schaffer | Haworthia 'Darki'                |

#### Cactus - Echinocactus

|        |            |                           |
|--------|------------|---------------------------|
| First  | Rio Cernak | Echinocactus polycephalus |
| Second | Rio Cernak | Echinocactus sp.          |
| Third  | Rio Cernak | Echinocactus grusonii     |

### Advanced Division

#### Succulent - Haworthia Retusa

| Award  | Name            | Plant                   |
|--------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| First  | Barbara Nolan   | Haworthia sp.           |
| Second | Mick Gottschalk | Haworthia venosa 'Fang' |
| Third  | Sylvia Strehlo  | Haworthia sp.           |
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#### Cactus - Echinocactus

|        |              |                         |
|--------|--------------|-------------------------|
| First  | Barbara Hall | Sulcorebutia polymorph  |
| Second | Barbara Hall | Myrtillocalcium 'Polyp' |
| Third  | None         |                         |

### Open Division

#### Succulent - Haworthia Retusa

| Award  | Name          | Plant                             |
|--------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| First  | John Matthews | Haworthia mirabilis v. beukimania |
| Second | John Matthews | Haworthia emeyae hybrid           |
| Third  | John Matthews | Haworthia 'Bev's Wonder'          |

#### Cactus - Echinocactus

|        |               |                                 |
|--------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| First  | John Matthews | Echinocactus horizanththalianus |
| Second | None          |                                 |
| Third  | None          |                                 |




## November New Members

*Not available at publication*



## Early Membership Renewal



Membership dues for **2011** will increase from \$15 to \$20 for a single individual to compensate for increased costs and other expenses that have accrued during the past year. In addition, those receiving the newsletter via the US mail will incur a \$5 charge to offset the costs of mailing which have gone up astronomically. Family memberships will cost \$25 with the same charge for mailed newsletters.

Anyone paying their **2011** dues during the month of October will receive 3 raffle tickets for the Holiday Party centerpieces. If members pay their dues after October and before the month of December they will receive 2 raffle tickets. Help the club increase its Treasury so we can better serve the club. See you at the next meeting.



## LACSS 2010 Calendar of Events

December 3 –5 Orange County Cactus & Succulent Winter Show & Sale  
Fullerton Arboretum  
1900 Associated Road, Fullerton  
Saturday & Sunday 10am–4pm

**The 2011 Show Schedule will be forwarded as soon as it is completed.**

Please plan ahead to attend, good plants, meet new people, learn additional information on the care and propagation of your collection!

**General Meeting** starts at **7:00 PM** on the **first Thursday** of the month at the Sepulveda Garden Center located at 16633 Magnolia Blvd. in Encino between Hayvenhurst and Balboa.  
Set-up and social hour starts at 6:45 PM.

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

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Upcoming Programs:

**Holiday Party—December 4 at 6pm**



**First Class Mail**

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Sepulveda Garden Ctr. 16633 Magnolia Bl.  
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