



LOS ANGELES
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SUCCULENT
SOCIETY

CACTUS CHRONICLE

November 2008

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Next Meeting: November 6th



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November Program—"Ask an Expert" Open Discussion Forum

Our November program has been radically altered. Instead of a guest speaker we will have a discussion forum of topics pertaining to cacti and succulents. The format is as follows: Our panel of experts - real or pretend - will be Tim Harvey, Duke Benadom, and Matt Maggio. One by one, they will introduce themselves and their areas of acute expertise. Our Master of Ceremonies, Steve Frieze, will help facilitate an orderly discussion from one topic to another. You the membership come prepared with questions to be asked when a relative subject arises. For example, if your question is about soil, save your question for that topic.

You are encouraged to ask aloud, however, those feeling bashful may submit an anonymous written question to our MC prior to the forum. If you are new and do not know Steve Frieze, someone will be happy to guide you.

Topics covered will include basic cultivation - light, water, temperature, soil/potting mix, nutrition, repotting, etc. - as well as cultivation of specific plant types, the difference between winter and summer growers, pest control, sources for plants and materials, and a category for miscellaneous. In addition, we may discuss ideas for future programs.

The success of this forum hinges on your participation. If you have had a burning question about our hobby, what better chance? Our experts are nice people, and any question asked is one worth answering.

Next Month: **Holiday Party!!**

2009 Officer Elections

The Nominating Committee for new officers is comprised of Doug George, Tim Harvey and Barbara Hall. The following positions are up for election: VP, Programs; VP, Plant of the Month; Secretary; Director II. Those wishing to run for office may contact any of those on the Committee.

Nominations welcome! Nominees must be present at the November meeting.

November Plants of the Month

Cacti
Variegate

Succulents
Variegate

Succulents (Caudiciform)
None

PLANTS FOR THE YEAR 2008
LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Month	Cacti	Succulents	Succulents (Caudiciform)
January	Mammillaria under 6" pots	Cotyledon, Tylecodon	Cycads
February	Gymnocalycium	Aloe & Aloe Hybrids	Sarcocaulon, Pelargonium, Begonia
March	Thelocactus, Corypantha, Rebutia	Gasteria & Gasteria hybrids	Bursera, Pachycormus
April	Ferocactus, Echinocactus	Sansevieria & Sansevieria hybrids	Ficus
May	Mexican oddities— Strombocactus, Pelecyphora, Aztekium, Lophophora	Fouquieria, Idria	Adenia, Adenium
June	Echinopsis, Lobivia, Medioblobivia	Haworthia & Haworthia Hybrids	Pachypodium, Pachycormus
July	Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Obregonia	Jatropha, Monadenium, Pedilanthus, Synadenium	Uncarina, Pterodiscus
August	Pereskia, Pereskioipsis	Lithops, Conophytum, Faucaria	Euphorbia caudiciform
September	Pediocactus, Uebelmannia, Turbinicarpus	Huernia, Caralluma, Hoodia	Bombax, Calibanus
October	Crests, Montrose	Crests, Montrose	None
November	Variegate	Variegate	None
December	Annual Holiday Party		

Entry Classes: A new member may show as novice. Any novice who has achieved 20 first place awards or 40 total awards must move to the Advanced Class at the beginning of the following year. Owner of commercial nurseries must show in the open class; however, all members are free to show in open class.

Prizes: In the Novice and Advanced entry classes, the top three scorers in cacti and the top three scorers in other succulents will be awarded prizes at the LACSS Holiday party in December. Starting in 2008, the "Open" category will not be eligible for the annual awards due to limited number of entries.

Entry Requirements: All entrants must be LACSS members. We would like plant entries to be on the judging table no later than 7:15pm. No more than two cacti and two other succulents per entrant per month. Advanced and open class entries must have been in member's possession at least six months. Minimum possession for novice class has been waived. All entries must be succulent plants. If there is a tie between plants the following three guidelines will determine the winner of the tie breakers: Plants in flower, the rarity of the plant, and the public appeal.

Judging Scale		Points Awarded	
Condition	70%	First	15
Size and Maturity	15%	Second	10
Staging	10%	Third	5
Nomenclature	5%	Others	2

Cactus & Succulent Dish Gardens—Final Part, Number Three

Sun type cactus look like what most folk would think of as a cactus; heavily armed, stem succulents. They can take direct sun outdoors and would prefer a South or West window if kept indoors. Shade cactus are critters like Christmas cactus (*Schlumbergera*) that require special care and probably would not be good additions to a dish garden.

Be sure to have your gloves handy when working with cacti. Or you can also fold several sheets of newspaper and place them lightly around a cactus when you lift it out of its original pot for transplanting.

Allow your dish garden to dry out between waterings. Every two weeks during their active growth period would probably be adequate. Cacti need fertilizer also, but not as much as other types of plants. Fertilize monthly, from April to October, with something in roughly a 5-10-5 ratio, such as tomato or African violet fertilizer, at one half the label recommended strength. Place it in a sunny spot and enjoy!

Credit to Michael Pettay Horticulturist, University of Florida/IFAS Extension Educator

Los Angeles
Cactus & Succulent Society

Cordially Invites You

To the Annual Holiday Party
Potluck - Plant Auction – Gift Exchange
December 6th, 5 PM
At the Sepulveda Garden Center
16633 Magnolia Blvd

Eat Drink Be Merry

**We encourage members to sign-up and bring
Side Dishes, Salads and Desserts -**

Sign-Up Sheet at Nov. Meeting – see *Sandy Chase*

We need volunteers for the Holiday Committee – see *Sandy Chase*

The party will include:

- 1. Potluck dinner, dessert**
- 2. Plant of the month points winners**
- 3. Rare plant auction**
- 4. Gift exchange – gifts must be in a box & may be any garden related item under \$12. Tickets will be issued to gift exchangers.**

If you are unable to attend the November meeting and will be joining us at the party and/or bringing food, please RSVP to Sandy Chase (818) 367-0864

Plant of the Month Winners—September and October 2008

September

NOVICE:

CACTI: 1st Bill Dall Ubelmannia species; 2nd Ronit Weiss Turbinicarpus schmied;
3rd John Martinez Turbinicarpus pseudomacrothele.

SUCCULENTS: 1st Bill Dall Hoodia species; 2nd Ronit Weiss Huernia hybrid;
3rd Ronit Weiss Stapelia species.

CAUDICIFORM: 1st John Martinez Calibanus hookerii; 2nd Bill Dall Bombax species.

ADVANCED:

CACTI: 1st Barbara Nolan Turbinicarpus schmiedickeanus; 2nd Barbara Nolan Turbinicarpus krainzii

SUCCULENTS: 1st Mick Gottschalk Huernia pillansii; 2nd Barbara Hall Hoodia barkleyi;
3rd Barbara Nolan Hoodia juitae.

CAUDICIFORM: 1st none; 2nd John Matthews Calibanus hookerii; 3rd Barbara Nolan Bombax species.

OPEN: none

October

NOVICE:

CACTI: Frank White Cleistocactus strausii; 2nd Gerald Richert Cleistocactus species;
3rd Gerald Richert Parodia aureispina.

SUCCULENTS: 1st Bill Dall Euphorbia lactea crest; 2nd Bill Dall Euphorbia nidulia crest;
3rd Gerald Richert Monvillea apegazzini

ADVANCED: CACTI: 1st Barbara Nolan Myrtillocactus folypi 2nd/3rd none.

SUCCULENTS: 1st Norma Lewis Aeonium "sunburst"; 2nd Barbara Nolan Acassium crest;
3rd Barbara Nolan Unacyssium crest.

OPEN: none

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LACSS MEMBERSHIP FORM 2008

If your contact info has changed during 2007, please include the updated info with your renewal. Thanks!!

Yes I would like to be a member of the Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society!

Membership choice: **Single** membership \$15/yr \$7.50 1/2 yr. **Family** membership \$20/yr \$10 1/2 yr

Name: _____ Names of the additional members: _____

Address: _____ City, State & Zip: _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email: _____

Birth Day _____ Anniversary Date _____

Please make check out to "LACSS" and *send this form along with check or money order to:*

LACSS, P.O. Box 280581, Northridge, CA 91328

Half Year Memberships Available after June 2008. Check here for Engraved Name Badge \$8.00 extra



ELECTIONS

WILL BE HELD AT THE NOVEMBER 6th MEETING!

Nominations Welcome! Nominee Must be Present at Meeting.

VP Plant of the Month - currently held by Walt Wegner, resigning, Board nominee - Steven Frieze

VP Programs - currently held by Matt Maggio, resigning, Board nominee - John Martinez

Secretary - Currently held by Helen Frank, Board nominee - Helen Frank

Director II - Currently held by John Martinez, Board nominee - Roxie Esterle



John Matthews would like to propose that we start our monthly meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance.

Hopefully we can vote on this at the November meeting after discussion.

Second Annual Desert Forum

On Saturday, January 17th, Southern California's CSSA members and all affiliate club members (such as our LACSS) are invited for a free tour of the Huntington's Desert Garden, refreshments, a private nursery sale and speakers. Time (and the possible matter of sign-up sheet) TBA later. This second annual garden tour hosted by the CSSA and the Huntington, will feature the garden's most succulentastic luminaries stationed throughout the beds, conservatory and nurseries. Who knows if former Director Emeritus Myron Kymnach will make another appearance like he did last year? You haven't seen the garden if you haven't seen it lately. The Huntington's Director of the Botanical Gardens, Jim Folsom, will announce more details next month.

Jeff Karsner
President

I've been trying to find a larger landscape size Aloe dichotoma), 3 feet tall+ with some branching.

Do you have or can can point me in the right direction to locate one retail or perhaps someone that has one in the ground that I could dig??

Any help would be appreciated.

Thanks

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General Meeting starts at 7:30 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 6:30 PM.

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

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Sepulveda Garden Ctr. 16633 Magnolia Bl. Encino

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