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SOCIETY

CACTUS CHRONICLE

December 2007

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Holiday Party December 1st



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Annual Holiday Party

Potluck - Plant Auction – Gift Exchange

December 1st, 5 PM

At the Sepulveda Garden Center

16633 Magnolia Blvd

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 plan on coming and/or bringing a Side Dish, Salad or Dessert and **HAVE NOT** RSVP'd, call Sandy 818-367-0864 right away. **THANK YOU!!!**

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!

We plan on putting out the new LACSS Roster in February, 2008. We would like everyone to pay their membership dues by the end of 2007. This will help us to put out an accurate Roster and not leave any member unrecognized.

SEE FLIP SIDE OF LAST PAGE FOR INFO & FORM

PLANTS FOR THE YEAR 2008
LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Month	Cacti	Succulents	Succulents (Caudiciform)
January	Mammillaria over 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, Pelecypora, 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, Pereskioopsis	Lithops, Conophytum, Faucaria	Euphorbia caudiciform, non-Madagascar
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

Plant of the Month NOVEMBER WINNERS

NOVICE:

CACTI: 1st Rio Cernik Discocactus bueneckeri; 2nd Rio Cernik Echiopsis bailei; 3rd Liz Tungate Myrtillocactus geometricans. 3rd G. Stev??? Mammillaria elongata.

SUCCULENTS/CAUDICIFORM: 1st Norma Lewis Truncata monstrose; 2nd No name Pachypodium lamerii; 3rd Rio Cernik Euphorbia flanganii; 3rd Norma Lewis Mauchanii variegata.

ADVANCED:

CACTI: 1st John Matthews Lobivia tegeleriana; 2nd W/M Wegner Ferocactus covillii; 3rd W/M Wegner Echinocactus grusonii; 3rd Mick Gottschalk Mammillaria fred.

SUCCULENT/CAUDICIFORM: 1st Mick Gottschalk Pedilanthus macrocarpus; 2nd W/M Wegner Euphorbia suzanne; 2nd W/M Wegner Euphorbia milii; 3rd Mick Gottschalk Gasteria hybrid; 3rd John Mathews Agave lophanta.

OPEN:

CACTI: 1st Barbara Nolan Lobivia crest; 2nd Barbara Nolan Mammillaria crest; 3rd none.

SUCCULENTS/CADICIFORM: 1st Barbara Nolan Euphorbia crest; 2nd Barbara Nolan Agave variegata. 3rd none.

LACSS 2007-2008 Calendar of Events

Dec 1 - 2

Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society holds their Annual Winter Show & Sale at the Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton, CA. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Plant Show, Plant Sales and guest speakers both days.

See the OCCSS Website at www.occss.org

April 26 - 27, 2008

Monterey Bay Area C&SS show & sale in the courtyard of Jardines Restaurant, 115 Third St., San Juan Bautista, CA. For more information call 831-758-6645 or pantry@montereybay.com

May 3 - 4, 2008

Central Oklahoma Cactus and Succulent Society 2008 Annual Show and Sale. Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 17th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Free Admission. Saturday, May 3, 2008, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Sunday, May 4, 2008, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Phone: 405-943-0827. For more information, contact: Joyce Hochtritt, 405-737-1831 or cactibud@cox.net

May 3 - 4, 2008

Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale at the Shepard Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento CA 95816. 916-264-8800. Show and sales open both days (5/3 9-5, 5/4 10-4) Admission is free, open to the public. For more info contact Marilyn Vilas 530-753-7011 or Kathy Hodges 916-682-1196.

May 10, 2008

Maryland Cactus and Succulent Society, Market Day Plant Sale.

June 12-15, 2008

Chinle Chapter of the Colorado Cactus & Succulent Society hosts the 12th Biennial Mid-States Cactus & Succulent Conference—Grand Junction, CO. Featuring lectures by noted experts, plant sales, discussions among professionals and enthusiasts, field trips (visit plants in habitat and see outstanding gardens), food and fun!

Info: visit www.midstatesconference.org

August 1 - 3, 2008

National Capital Cactus & Succulent Society's Annual Plant Show and Sale at Brookside Gardens, Wheaton, MD.

August 15-17, 2008

16th Biennial Eastern Conference, Chelmsford, MA. More info on their website www.cssma.org.

Succulentastic!

It's looking like the Huntington will be hosting a free Desert Garden tour and sale for all local CSSA and C&SS club members on January 19th, but details will be forthcoming in the January issue. We're hoping that this will become an annual event given how wonderful the garden - especially the aloes - look at that time of year. I'll be missing the Orange County C&SS Annual Winter Show and Sale at the Fullerton Arboretum on 12/1, but I hope some of our club members make their way down there, especially if you missed San Gabriel's recent show at the Arboretum. Remember that winter shows feature a different color display than what we see in our flurry of summer shows. This month's pic is of an "airplant airplane" I made out of Tillandsias for the Huntington's Teaching Greenhouse, replete with 2 T. bulbosas for bombs...or, for those antiviolent plantheads, you can just think of it as a boy plane! See you all at the holiday event, and I look forward to everyone's support and input as I begin my term as president.

Jeff Karsner



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CACTUS RAMBLINGS by **Walt. Wegner**
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 We had another great meeting with a good turn-out & a super program presented by Steven Hammer on Mesembs with lots of questions & answers.
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 The POM contest went well, however several novice members failed to fill out their entry card completely. PLEASE print you name & print the name of your plants being entered. In last month's POM contest there was one entry with no name & four with a partial name that I could not determine who it was. The POM winners for the year have been tabulated & they will be awarded plants at this HOLIDAY PARTY meeting. The POM plants for 2008 are in this Chronicle & the rules remain the same except that the "Open" category will not be eligible for the annual awards due to limited number of entries. We will not be entering any plants in the POM contest in 2008, time & tide are taking their toll on us & we cannot handle large plants too well anymore, so come on you ADVANCED MEMBERS bring lot of plants. This month's meeting will be our ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY so everyone is urged to come to the meeting & bring spouses, significant others, friends, neighbors or anyone else to have a great time with lots of good stuff to eat & many super plants to bid on at the auction. NOW BACK TO CACTUS RAMBLINGS. Where do I start? Well for one thing we are still waiting for some significant rain & in the mean time we have to keep our plants watered but not too wet & to pick-up several tall ones when the wind howls. We have a cement draining ditch along the back of our yard which we now just about have covered with a good wood decking so we can put many plants in this area, so here we go again moving many, many plants around which is something that we seem to be doing constantly. We are going to get organized one of these days, we hope. We are preparing our greenhouse for the winter & will hook up the heater soon. We will also start moving some of the more frost sensitive plants back into the greenhouse. We have also been having fun with succulents by planting a two foot border of them along one side of our yard. We just took cuttings & stick them in the ground & they are doing great. A word of caution & that is to watch where your plants are in relation to the lower sun & be sure that they get plenty of sun or part sun as needed so they won't ediolate (sp?) for lack of enough light. How are your succulents doing that were hard hit with our January freeze? As we have said before, we discarded most of them & just started new plants from the cuttings. Those that we cut back & kept are still not doing too well as many of these succulents take years to reach an attractive size. WELL, it is time to close this edition of CACTUS RAMBLINGS so remember what we always do & that is to DOUBLE TAG our plants.
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Welcome New Members!

Robert Greenberg—Northridge & Jake Wirtschafter, Gary Larson—Granada Hills
 Manny Rivera, Pasadena

Guests at the November Meeting: Tanya Batura, Camille Rutkowski, Karen Zimmerman

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 2007. Check here for Engraved Name Badge \$8.00 extra

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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HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS !!

Jo Mullins—12/15
Ron Main—12/20

Is it your birthday or anniversary next month?
Did I miss your birthday or anniversary in 2007? Let me know!!!

First Class Mail Holiday Party: December 1st
Sepulveda Garden Ctr. 16633 Magnolia Bl. Encino

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