



**San Gabriel Valley
Cactus & Succulent Society**

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**April Meeting:
Thursday,
April 14 at 7:30 pm**

Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at **7:30 pm** in the Palm Room, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia.

Mini-Show Plants:

CACTUS:

Seed Grown by Exhibitor

SUCCULENT:

Seed Grown by Exhibitor

Study Group:

Study group will meet on Wednesday, April 20th in the Palm Room, Los Angeles County Arboretum at 7:30 pm. The topic will be:

Spring Seed Workshop

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President's Message

April is Field Trip month at San Gabriel C&SS.

Many of you will get this Newsletter to time to contact Jeane Mullens and take part in the Anza Borrego weekend (April 1-3). If you want to join in, learn where they will be when and where, give jeane a call 626-967-5841.

The bus trip will take place on April 9. There are seats left on the bus to the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens (more details In this newsletter). Call Judi Romine (626-448-3630) to reserve your seat(s).

The CSSA Convention is later this month in San Diego. Check out the flyers that have been passed out or go to the CSSA web site (www.cssainc.org) to see which days you might like to attend. Remember that the club will reimburse your registration cost up to \$100.

Study Group this month is the annual Spring Seed Workshop. Join in to find out how the experts plant seeds and actually plant your own. This is always one of our most popular Study Group sessions.

This is the time of year when various clubs around the LA Basin are holding their annual Shows and Sale. Check out the calendar to see where the next one will be.

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March Mini-Show Results

Cacti - Hooked-Spined Mammillaria

Novice

- 1st Louise Stack M. bombycina
- 2nd Rebecca Mallonee M. plumosa
- 3rd Ralph Massey M. bombycina

Intermediate

- 1st Barbara Hall M. glassii v. nominis-dulcis
- 2nd Barbara Hall M. bocasana
- 3rd Barbara Hall M. albicans

Master

- 1st Frank Nudge M. blossfeldiana
- 2nd Buck Hemenway M. perezdelarosa
- 3rd Frank Nudge M. tetrancistra

Succulents - Echeveria

Novice

- 1st Mary Brumbaugh E. gibbiflora hybrid
- 2nd Mary Brumbaugh E. gibbiflora hybrid
- 3rd Sharon Sidillo E. species

Intermediate

- 1st Barbara Hall E. agavoides "Ebony"
- 2nd Rita Gerlach E. agavoides "Lipstick"
- 3rd Rita Gerlach E. "Dondo"
- 3rd M. Romero E. nodulosa

Master

- 1st John Matthews E. agavoides "Ebony"
- 2nd Hank Warzybok E. agavoides
- 3rd John Matthews E. "Pale Beauty"

CSSA 2011 CONVENTION



April 24 - April 29, 2011
Marriott Hotel - Mission Valley
San Diego, California

Hosted by the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society

Be sure to take a look at the Club's website at www.sgvcss.com. Thanks to Gunnar Eisel for managing our website. If you wish to receive your **COMMUNIQUE** on-line please notify the editor at yvonne@pricklypalace.com.

President's Message (cont'd. from page 1)

Thanks very much to Woody Minnich for his fine presentation on Peru in March. It was an extremely interesting look at the wide variety of plants that grow there and of the people and how they live.

See you at the meeting

Buck Hemenway

This Month's Program

What Kinda Cactus is That?

Gary Duke

Our speaker for April will be Gary Duke. Gary is a well-known grower of succulent plants from Orange County who has traveled the world exploring succulent plant habitat.

He will present "What kind of Cactus is that?". Maybe some of us can learn how to tell one cactus from another.

Study Group

Wednesday, April 20th • Spring Seed Workshop

The study group is an informal, hands-on learning experience that is fun for expert and novice alike. Come and learn from the experience of others. We are always happy to share our knowledge.

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Palm Room at the LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia.

CSSA Corner

The Convention is upon us. The dates are April 24-29. Day passes are available. A person can choose which speakers to see and which events to participate in. See the web site at www.cssainc.org. **Welcome all to beautiful San Diego.**

Watch for information on the upcoming CSSA Show and Sale at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, scheduled for July 1, 2 and 3.



Club Bulletin Board

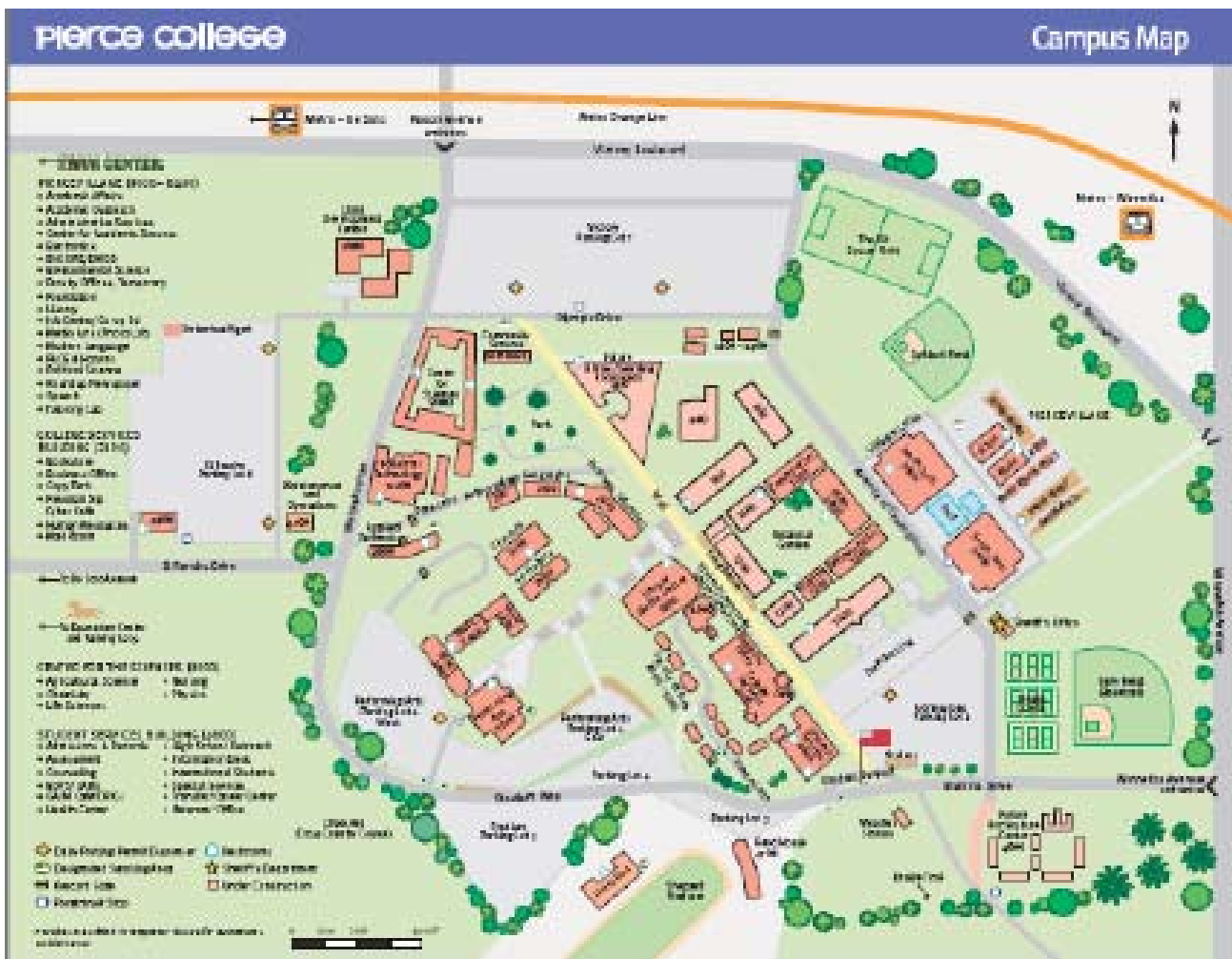
SANTA BARBARA BUS TRIP

Saturday, April 9th, 2011

Our bus trip to Santa Barbara is filling up. The cost will be \$20.00 to reserve a seat, with a \$10.00 refund when you board the bus. The bus will depart the LA Arboretum at 8:00 am.

The main destination will be the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens, with stops at the Pier for lunch and one or two nurseries/gardens on the way back. Save the date - April 9th - if you want to go. Please call Judi Romine at 626-448-3630 or email judir5@sbcglobal.net to reserve your place.

We will have a pickup at Pierce College for our club members who live in the valley. Directions to Pierce are Ventura Freeway, exit Winnetka Avenue, travel north approx. 3/4 mile and then turn left onto the campus. We will meet at the flagpole (see flag on the map) at about 8:30. Please call Judi and let her know you plan to board the bus at Pierce so she knows who to look for.



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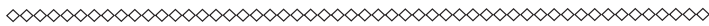
Plants Of The Month

Enter your specimen plants in our monthly mini-show. It will help you prepare for the real shows and give you an additional opportunity to show others your pride and joy. If you don't have any of these species of plants you can learn about them at the meeting.

CACTUS & SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH —

SEED-GROWN BY EXHIBITOR

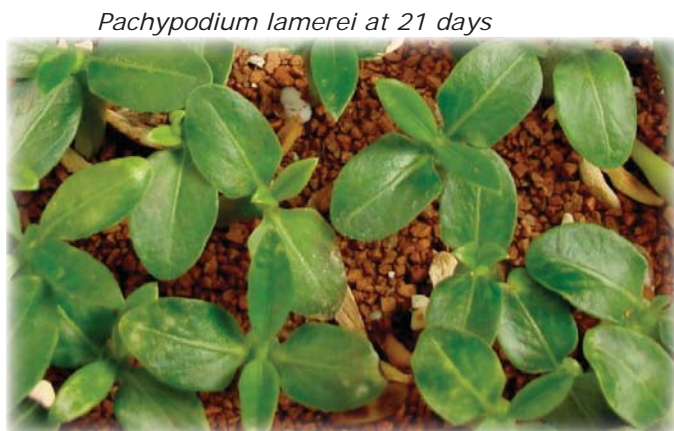
Please be prepared to tell how old your seed-grown plant is, where you obtained the seed, and the general cultural methods you used to raise the plant to its present glory (exposure, watering, fertilization, etc.)



Ferocactus pilosus
at 21 days



Ferocactus herrerae, 9 years, happy in full sun



Pachypodium lamerei at 21 days

Aloe africans at 10 days



Aloe africans at 16 months

A Visit with Dear Friends

Yvonne and I, along with Laurel Woodley had the chance to stop by and visit with long-time SGVCSS members Lillian and Leo Pickoff when we were in Austin, TX in February. It was a very rewarding experience for all of us. For members who don't know them, Lillian and Leo were the heart and soul of our club for many years. Advancing age made it necessary for them to move back to Texas where they have family. I can tell you that at nearly 90 years young, they both are strong and enjoying life.

We had a wonderful 3 hour chat, catching up on friends and old times. They wished all of their old friends a hearty Howdy from Texas. – Buck



Some *Dudleya* in the Los Angeles area

By: Mike Wisnev

While *Dudleya* are not very popular in cultivation, they are one of the few genera of succulent plants that are native to the Los Angeles area, as well as the coastal areas all the way up to Oregon. Thus, they provide a real opportunity to see succulents grow in the field.

Dudleya are members of the Crassulaceae family and often look a bit nearby like *Echeverias*, especially the flowers. They grow predominately in coastal California and Baja, as well as offshore islands. Some grow more inland, including two species in Arizona. However, while most Crassulaceae genera will hybridize freely with other genera, *Dudleya* don't hybridize with other Crassulaceae.

The Illustrated Handbook of Succulent Plants lists 44 species and many subspecies; still it is rare to see anything other than *D. pachyphytum*, *D. pulverulenta*, *D. brittonii* or *D. caespitosa* at a local show. They are generally winter-growing plants and some can easily perish if watered in summer.

Dudleya pulverulenta is no doubt the most spectacular of the local *Dudleya*. Often shockingly white with a bluish tinge to the newest leaves, they can be as pretty as the somewhat similar looking *Dudleya brittonii* that grows in Mexico. They can often be seen along local highways, such as the 118 in Simi, or the 15 near Temecula. They typically grow on vertical rock faces, though some grow on flatter grounds. Some are almost 2 feet in diameter. In habitat the



Dudleya pulverulenta spotted along Old Hwy 395 in Fallbrook by Buck and Yvonne Hemenway

Dudleya pulverulenta is always growing so the plant is tipped at an angle. This prevents rainwater from collecting in the center of the plant thus keeping it clean.

This is a hint that tipping the plant forward in cultivation would have a beneficial effect.

Perhaps the most common local species is *D. lanceolata*. It grows throughout the Santa Monica and San Gabriel mountain ranges. Usually bright to olive green with lanceolate leaves, it sometimes looks quite different, especially when growing out of a rock crevice. Then it can have relatively wide glaucous leaves, and look surprisingly like other *Dudleya* species. However, when it is flowering it is usually unmistakable with a tall inflorescence and red flowers. See picture below.



Dudleya lanceolata

A number of subspecies of *Dudleya cymosa* also grow locally. They are quite common in almost all the San Gabriel mountain valleys, growing on north facing cliffs as most *Dudleya* do. These have shorter inflorescences and the flowers can vary from yellow to orange to reddish. The most common is *D. cymosa pumila*, pictured below, though other subspecies are endemic to a nearby few nearby areas.



Dudleya cymosa ssp. pumila

Dudleya are divided into three subgenera. The largest is the Dudleya subgenus – it usually has flat leaves, and erect flowers much like Echeveria. In contrast, the Stylophyllum subgenus is characterized by longer terete leaves and recurved (as opposed to erect)



Dudleya viscida"

petals. Dudleya virens ssp hassei is the most commonly seen of these, even though it grows on coastal islands. Two others, Dudleya viscida (pictured above) and edulis, grow in Orange County near Laguna along the Ortega Highway.

Dudleya in the Hasseanthus subgenus are rarely seen, though the HBG sells one, Dudleya nesiotica. It grows on Santa Cruz Island, and some think it may be a hybrid. Hasseanthus are small plants that usually lose all their leaves in summer and are literally impossible to find at that time. Others include Dudleya blochmaniae, pictured below, which grows in the Santa Monica mountains, and Dudleya multicaulis which grows in the Laguna area and other localities.



Dudleya blochmaniae

While many say these plants are hard to grow in cultivation, you can take your cues from the local weather. Most simply don't like water in the summer, and often will rot if you do. Let them enjoy the winter rains, and slumber from June to November. For those interested in more pictures, some are posted on the International Crassulaceae Network at <http://www.crassulaceae.com> in the Dudleya section.

Thank you to Mike Wisnev for putting together the Dudleya article. If you would like to participate by submitting a plant of the month write up or an article of interest for the **Communique**, please contact Tom Glavich at tglavich@sbcglobal.net.



Refreshment Signup

Please bring some refreshments to share if you can. The first three club members to sign the Refreshment Signup sheet at the April meeting will receive a **FREE** plant as thanks.

2011 Roster Errata

Please note the following corrections to the 2011 Roster:

- On the inside of the front cover and on page 5, change the dates for the 2011 Inter-City Show to read Aug. 13-14
- On page 6 - the program will be given by Guillermo Rivera.
- On page 15 - change Jeane Mullens' e-mail address to jeanemullens@earthlink.net.
- On page 19 - change Tom Vermilion's phone number to 626-332-3957
- Remove Don Reining's name from page 17 and add it to the In Memoriam list on the inside back cover
 - The following SGVCSS members were mistakenly left off the Roster:

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 9, 8:00 am to 5:30 pm — SGVCSS BUS TRIP to Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens and other interesting stops. More details next month. See Judi Romine or email at judir5@sbcglobal.net to make your reservations.

April 9 and 10, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm — South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society 2009 Show and Sale at the South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verde Peninsula. Note: The show is free, but there is an entry fee to the South Coast Botanic Garden. For more information call Show Chair Jim Gardner at 310-378-1953 or Vendor Coordinator Jim Hanna at 562-920-3046.

April 16 and 17 — Green Scene Plant Sale at the Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton 92831

April 24 thru 29 — **CSSA 2011 Convention** at the Marriott-Mission Valley, San Diego, California. For more information and updates go to www.cssainc.org. Early bird discount ends February 15th.

May 1, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm — South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show and Sale at the South Coast Botanical Gardens. For information call 310-833-6823.

May 7 and 8 — Sunset Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale at Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA. For information call 310-822-1783

May 14 and 15, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm — Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Show and Sale at the Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Road, San Luis Obispo, CA Visit www.centralcoastcactus.org for more information.

May 15, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm — Huntington Plant Sale at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Roac, Sam Marino

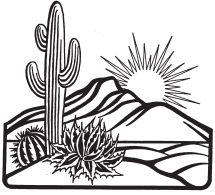
May 15 — Epiphyllum Society Show and Sale at the Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia. For more information call 310-670-8148.

May 20 and 21, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm — Gates Cactus and Succulent Society Annual Show and Sale at the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center, 7621 Granite Hill Drive, Glen Avon, CA. For more information visit www.gates.org or call 951-360-8802.

June 4 and 5 — San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale at Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA. For more information call 858-382-1797.

2011 Plant-of-the-Month and Study Group Topics

	Cacti of the Month	Succulent of the Month	Study Group
Apr.	Seed Grown by Exhibitor	Seed Grown by Exhibitor	Spring Seed Workshop
May	Rebutia-Sulcorebutia-Weingartia	Hoya & Dischidia	Vegetative Propagation Workshop
June	Notocactus & Parodia	Ficus & Dorstenia	Coryphantha & Escobaria
July	Dish Gardens	Dish Gardens	Staging
Aug.	Members 3 oldest (longest owned)	Members 3 oldest (longest owned)	Echinopsis-Trichocereus-Lobivia
Sept.	Coahuila Native Cacti	Madagascan Euphorbia	Eriocyce
Oct.	Crests/Monstrose/Variiegates	Crests/Monstrose/Variiegates	Crests/Monstrose/Variiegates
Nov.	3 Ribbon-winning Plants from Intercity or Winter Show	3 Ribbon-winning Plants from Intercity or Winter Show	Winter Seed Workshop



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