



*San Gabriel Valley  
Cactus & Succulent Society*

**COMMUNIQUE**

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**November Meeting:  
Thursday,  
November 10 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 & SUCCULENT:**

**3 Ribbon-winning Plants  
from the Intercity Show or  
the Winter Show**

**Study Group:**

Study group will meet on Wednesday,  
November 16th in the Palm Room,  
Los Angeles County Arboretum at  
7:30 pm. The topic will be:

**Winter Seed Workshop**

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**President's Message**

Well, we're home from South Africa. What a fabulous journey. We can't wait to share it with the club.

The club needs your help. We need a chair person for the club's Holiday Party on December 11. Please give one of the Board members a call or see us at the meeting.

The nominees for the Board of Directors are Mary Brumbaugh, Rebeca Malone and Brian Le. We will elect the new members at the November meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Any member nominated from the floor must be in attendance.

The Winter Show and Sale will happen BEFORE our next meeting. Please be sure that you have your plants entered and if you have not signed up to volunteer, Manny and his crew can use your help. See him on Thursday or Friday. You will want to be sure that your name is on the volunteer list, because for the first time ever the club is giving away SHOW BUCKS to our volunteers. If you sign up and actually help with the set up, operations, or tear down of the show, you will be given SHOW BUCKS which may be spent on plants, pots or the dinner.

We will have a Board of Directors meeting during the Winter Show. It will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 6, probably under the trees near Ayres Hall.

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## October Mini-Show Results

### Cacti – Crests, Monstrose, Variegates

#### Novice

1st	Jeff Delzell	Echinopsis crest
2nd	Jeff Delzell	Parodia sp. crest
3rd	Peter Claridge	Echinocereus grusonii crest
3rd	Tricia Kangrga	Myrtillocactus geometricans

#### Intermediate

1st	C & C Arakaki	Crested Echinopsis sp.
2nd	C & C Arakaki	Crested Mammillaria matudae
3rd	G & L Carlzen	Echinopsis cinnabarina monstrosus

#### Masters

1st	John Matthews	Mammillaria vetula ssp. gracilis monstrosus
2nd	John Matthews	Echinocactus grusonii monstrosus

### Succulents - Crests, Monstrose, Variegates

#### Novice

1st	Michael Romero	Haworthia cymbiformis
1st	Mike Romero	Euphorbia lactea
2nd	Jeff Delzell	Euphorbia maurantica crest
2nd	Danielle Romero	Stapelia crest
3rd	Sharon Sedillo	Aeonium Sunburst
3rd	Peter Claridge	Euphorbia flanaganii crest

#### Intermediate

1st	C & C Arakaki	Luckhoffia beukmanii crest
2nd	Rita Gerlach	Pachypodium lamerei crest
3rd	Rita Gerlach	Haworthia cymbiformis variegata
3rd	Rita Gerlach	Euphorbia lactea crest

#### Masters

1st	John Matthews	Haworthia magnifica variegated
2nd	John Matthews	Haworthia limifolia variegated
3rd	John Matthews	Echeveria derenbergii x puldonis crest

Be sure to take a look at the Club's website at [www.sgvcss.com](http://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](mailto:yvonne@pricklypalace.com).

### President's Message - cont'd.

We will discuss and set the Mini-Show and Study Group topics at the next Study Group (Nov. 16). If you have any suggestions, let one of the Board members know.

Our speaker, this month is Mark Muradian. He is always very entertaining, and I won't be at all surprised if he brings pots to sell.

See you at the meeting!

Buck Hemenway

## This Month's Program

### Mark Muradian

Mark's talk will be a video presentation on a trip he took to Peru last September. Starting in Chiclayo and ending in Cuzco, he toured through much of the country in search of the many cacti found there, with the mandatory visit to Machu Picchu. Mark will show the plants and the culture in video format, which really makes it more realistic when showing culture, animals and people move and speak! Mark is a self-proclaimed farmer, potter and cactus and succulent collector for 25 years.

Mark will bring pottery to sell at the meeting.

### CSSA Corner

All CSSA members should be sure to vote for directors using the ballot in the *To The Point* in the next Journal.

The first ever **Myron Kinnach Lifetime Achievement Award** was given to Myron at the Huntington Succulent Symposium on September 3. The award will be presented at the Symposium in non-Convention years.

## Welcome New Members



Please welcome these new members and make them feel welcome at our functions.

**Paul & Krystyna Ciozda, Bradbury**  
**Helen Novell, Arcadia**  
**Kris Tamayo, Los Angeles**

**Club Bulletin Board**

**Tribute to  
Carol Anne Wujcik**

On Wednesday, September 28th, 2011, we all lost a great friend, a wonderful and compassionate person and a lover of the world’s natural treasurers. Carol passed from a heart attack at 7:00 pm in her home in Fallbrook, CA. She was in the presence of her loving husband Joe, their housekeeper and their family of cats. Carol was born on September 1, 1943 in the town of Manhattan, KS and is survived by her husband Joe, her siblings Bill, Peter and Steff, her father, her numerous friends, and all of her special kitties and plants.

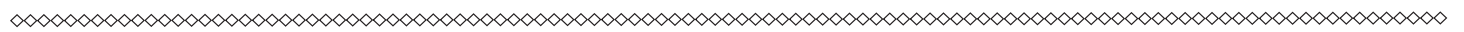
Having known Carol for over 30 years, I was asked and am honored to write this tribute to Carol and her amazing life. Anyone who knew Carol, quickly became aware that she was a very compassionate, philosophical and a giving person. Not only did she give so much of herself to Joe, her friends and her many prized four legged creatures, but she also gave greatly to the betterment of humanity.

Her contributions to the cactus, succulent and bromeliad worlds were never ending. She was the newsletter editor for many years of the Long Beach Cactus club and was soon made an honorary life member of this club, the oldest C & S club in the United States. She was also one of the inspirational persons for the foundation of the Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show. Due to her wonderful ability to promote others, she soon became the pre and post show newsletter person for the ICCSS. It was from this forum that her photography and positive journalism were really recognized. She is without a doubt one of the major reasons for the philosophy and great success of the ICCSS show today. Over the last number of years, she and her husband Joe have been producing a superb newsletter for the Saddleback Bromeliad Society. As a writer, photographer and an overall promoter of people, Carol has definitely set the standard and left her mark for all newsletter persons to emulate.

Carol also had a tremendous enthusiasm for the wild outdoor places, especially our own south west, USA. Once living in California, she soon became familiar with the stark and dramatic Mojave Desert. On one of her first trips into the Mojave, the Clark Mountain region, she was instantly taken by the often spiritual experience of sitting around the campfire and enjoying the stellar light shows. We were lucky to travel with Carol and Joe on numerous trips into the US deserts, as well as many trips into the majestic Baja California, Mexico. During these later trips, Carol quickly learned to embrace the joy of campfire margaritas and philosophical conversations. She was well known for her deep and spiritual questions, such as; “What is the meaning of life?” and “If there is reincarnation, what would you like to come back as?” Carol would often say, “I would like to come back as one of my dogs, they have such good lives.” I will always remember myself and a few others dragging Carol up the mountain at Cerro Bola, Mexico, to see her first *Astrophytum coahuilense* by the star light. She was glowing with excitement, a moment that I’m sure she also never forgot.

Carol had a tremendous affect on us all. From shows, to the great outdoors, to gatherings of cactus, succulent and bromeliad people, she touched our hearts and our imaginations. All three of my children saw Carol like a godmother and my daughter Sarah said, “I’ll never forget going to Carols home and dressing-up her cats in beads and hearing Carols most wonderful, joyful laughter.” Those of us who knew Carol are very lucky. I hope we can pass on her love and appreciation for nature’s wonders and her desire to bring people closer together.

With love, from Woody and all who knew her.



**SGVC&SS LEADERSHIP TEAM - 2011**

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Buck Hemenway, President      | Judi Romine, Director             | Jim Hanna, CSSA Affiliate Representative and Plant Sales Chair |
| Tom Vermilion, Vice President | Jean Mullens, Director            | Woody Minnich, Program Chair                                   |
| Donn Muhleman, Treasurer      | Tricia Kangrga, Director          | Bill Gerlach, Membership Chair                                 |
| Pat Swain, Secretary          | Hannah Nguyen, Director           | Liz Alba, Library Chair  |
| Bill Gerlach, Director        | Manny Rivera, Winter Show Chair   | Gunnar Eisel, Website Chair                                    |
| Patty Caro, Director          | Tom Glavich, Intercity Show Chair |  |

## 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.

CACTI and SUCCULENTS OF THE MONTH —

### *3 Ribbon-winning Plants from the Intercity Show or the Winter Show*

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**November 5 and 6** — San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale at the LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA.

**November 11 and 12, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm** — Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society Winter Show & Sale at Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim, CA. For more information contact Vince Basta at 714-267-4329.

**December 11, 5:00 pm** — San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society *Annual Holiday Party* at Ayers Hall, LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia.

### *Refreshment Signup*

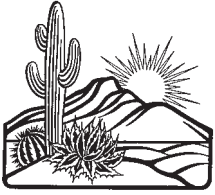
The following three club members have sign up to bring refreshments this month and will receive a **FREE** plant as thanks.

Rita Gerlach  
Una Yeh  
Richard Roosman

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

	Cacti of the Month	Succulent of the Month	Study Group
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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