



COMMUNIQUE

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

An Affiliate of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America, Inc.
Meetings are held at **7:30 PM** on the second Thursday of the month
in the Lecture Hall, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia

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Monthly Meeting: Thursday, August 14th Our guest this month will be Dylan Hannon. Dylan's presentation will be *A Natural History of Socotra*. The island of Socotra has long been fabled as a source of frankincense (*Boswellia* species), dragon's blood (*Dracaena cinnabari*) and bitter aloes (*Aloe perryi*). During two recent expeditions to the island, which is administered by Yemen, Dylan photographed many of the plants there, including enormous adeniums and cucumber trees (*Dendrosicyos*), dragon trees, *Dorstenia gigas*, stapeliads and many others. The talk also focuses on the people and natural history of this beautiful and remote "Island of Bliss", literally the translation from Sanskrit of "Socotra".

Plants of the Month:

CACTI - *Discocactus*

SUCCULENT - *Medusoid Euphorbias*

Bring your specimens in for our monthly mini-show. It will help you prepare for the real shows and give you an additional opportunity to show others your pride & joy. If you don't have any of these plants you can learn about them at the meeting. (see the attached write-ups)

InterCity Show Countdown: Volunteers are still needed for setup on Wednesday the 13th beginning at about 8:00am. Help is needed setting up tables and table cloths and installing decorations. If all goes well, work should be done by noon.

What About YOU? Are your plants ready for the show? You can bring them in from 1pm to 7pm on Wednesday the 13th, from 9am to 9pm on Thursday (you can bring them in before the meeting) and from 8am until 4pm on Friday. Participants are welcome to browse the sales area after entering their plants. Purchases can be made beginning approximately 2pm Friday when the cash register and someone to tend it arrives.

First Time Showing Plants? People will be available to answer your questions regarding entry tags, where to place your plants, offer suggestions for final touch-ups etc. It's EASY and FUN!

Questions? For more information call Tom Glavich @ 626-798-2430, Gene Oster @ 818-998-9306 or Harry Fletcher @ 310-538-4078

Refreshments: We have Cindi Cobb & Amber Jones signed up to bring in refreshments for August. Thanks to all who brought things in last month. The sign up sheet will be at the refreshment table.

We still have openings for October and November refreshment sign-ups

Huntington Succulent Symposium: Saturday, August 30th - Succulent Plant Symposium. *South America, Center of the American Tropics*. Each year, the club sponsors two of our members to attend the Succulent Plant Symposium. A drawing will be held after the break to select two club members to attend the symposium. Only active members are eligible (The intent of this drawing is to reward a member for being active for the past twelve months. This rules out anyone who hasn't been in the club for at least a year from being eligible. Any dispute over eligibility will be settled by the board). Former winners are not eligible. A winner may give their ticket to another member but only if the other member meets the eligibility requirements.

Plant of the Month Results

Cacti - July

Beginner

- 1st Esther Lelah - Echinofossulocactus sp.
- 2nd Esther Lelah - Notocactus sp.
- 3rd Gene Totten - Mammillaria gracilis
- 3rd Esther Lelah - Mammillaria centracrerreh

Intermediate

- 1st Rene Caro - Mammillaria elongata - golden form
- 2nd Joanne & Bernie Wilner - Mammillaria elongata
- 3rd Rene Caro - Echinopsis sp.

Advanced

- 1st Tom Vermilion - Mammillaria elongata
- 2nd Tom Vermilion - Echinopsis 'Los Angeles'
- 3rd Frank Nudge - Echinopsis hybrid

Master

No Entries

Succulents - July

Beginner

- 1st Patty Caro - Huernia pilansii
- 2nd Dick Tatman - Huernia urceolata
- 3rd Mary Lou Totten - Stapelia pasadensis

Intermediate

- 1st Manny Rivera - Stapelia sp.
- 2nd Manny Rivera - Ceropegia stapeliformis
- 3rd Manny Rivera - Caraluma sp.

Advanced

- 1st Tom Vermilion - Huernia pendulosa
- 2nd Rita Gerlach - Duvalia sp.
- 3rd Tom Vermilion - Rhytidocaulon macrolobum

Master

- 1st Bill Hagblom - Laryleachia cactiformis
 - 2nd Lillian & Leo Pickoff - Pseudolithos miguertinas
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10 years ago: Virginia Martin gave a program on “The incredible Idria”, showing slides of crested, and monstrose forms as well as flowers and associated plants. The Eighth Annual Intercity Show was held. New members included Bill and Rita Gerlach.

20 years ago: Jack Catlin gave a program on Haworthias.

30 years ago: Dr. Sidney Margolese, President of the Sunset Succulent Society gave a program on macrophotography. A bus trip was made to Tropic World and Avery’s Cactus and Succulent Nursery, both near Escondido.

(Thanks go to Tom Glavich for providing this interesting feature)

Study Group: Join us on Wednesday, August 20th, when our topic will be Plant Identification. Meetings are held in the Grapevine room of the San Gabriel Adult Center, 324 South Mission Dr. (between the San Gabriel Mission and Civic Auditorium) at 7:30 pm.

Back Issues of *Communique*: Our club has an excellent web site online at <http://www.desertsong.com/sgvcss/> where you can download issues of the *Communique* from January 2001 to present. In order to conserve space the 2001 files will be removed in a month or two so if you want any of those older issues you should download them as soon as possible.

Calendar of Events - 2003

August 16th-17th 18th Annual InterCity Show & Sale. L.A. County Arboretum.
Call Tom Glavich @ 626-798-2430, Gene Oster @ 818-998-9306 or
Harry Fletcher @ 310-538-4078

August 30th Huntington Symposium, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd. San Marino, CA. Call 626-405-2160 or 626-405-2277 for info.

September 28th ••DATE CORRECTED•• Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Auction.
Dominguez Adobe, 18127 So. Alameda St. Dominguez Hills

October 18th-19th ••DATE UPDATED••Orange County C&S Society Show & Sale. Fullerton Arboretum

October 18th-19th San Gabriel Valley C&S Society 10th annual Winter Show & Sale.

If you have a cactus or succulent related event that you’d like to have included here please forward the info to me at the address below. Verify these dates before traveling, sometimes event are rescheduled or canceled without adequate advance notice.

Articles, Notices and Corrections can be sent via e-mail to: sgvcss@verizon.net or via post to: Tom Vermilion, 1009 E. Ruddock St., Covina, CA 91724 Material must be received by the last Thursday of the month to be considered for publication in the next issue of the *Communique*. Material in the San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society *Communique* may be reprinted by nonprofit organizations (unless such permission is expressly denied in a note accompanying the material) provided proper credit is given to the SGVCSS and the author and that one copy of the publication containing the reprinted material be sent to the editor. Reproduction in whole or part by any other organization or publication without the permission of the publisher is prohibited.