



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, November 13th Our program this month will be *Gardening with a Bulldozer* by Mark Muradian. Mark will be showing us how he gardens on a LARGE scale with heavy equipment like bulldozers, forklifts and tractors. Some of his large outdoor planting beds are now 20 years old and he has photos to show how the plants have progressed over the years. Mark last spoke to us in March of 2002 when he gave an excellent talk about his trip to Socotra, this presentation sounds like it will be just as well received.

Plants of the Month:

CACTI - *Frailea & Blossfeldia*

SUCCULENT - *Dudleya & Echeveria*

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. This issue has two articles discussing these plants in depth.

Study Group: Join us on Wednesday, November 19th, our topic will be *Bulbs*. 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.

10 years ago: Steven Hammer gave the program. The study group was on Winter Growing plants, led by Bob Carr, Randy Gossett and David Tufenkian.

20 years ago: The program was given by Lilla Lilly.

30 years ago: "South of the Border" was presented by Bill Lockwood

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

Refreshments: The sign up sheet shows we have only Mary Lou Totten signed up for our November meeting so we could use a few more volunteers. Thanks to everyone who brought things in last month. There will be a new sign up sheet for next year at the refreshment table.

TENTH ANNUAL WINTER SHOW: Our Winter Show was another huge success with 859 plants entered by 57 club members! It was a slight decrease of 7 members who entered plants over last year. 18 novice members brought in 181 plants, 20 advanced members brought in 342 plants and 19 open members brought in 336 plants! Total number of plants may have been down, but the quality and presentation of the plants were at the highest levels! Below are the point results and trophy winners:

Sweepstakes: Charles & Joann Spotts	171 points
High Points Cacti Novice: Calvin Newman	66 points
High Points Cacti Advanced: Paul & Carol Maker	122 points
High Points Cacti Open: Charles & Joann Spotts	100 points
High Points Succulents Novice: Patty Caro tied with Alan Hooker	47 points
High Points Succulents Advanced: Marylyn Henderson	82 points
High Points Succulents Open: Jim Hanna tied with Petra Crist	102 points

2003 Trophy Winners

Best Agave	Charles & Joann Spotts	Agave bracteosa
Best Mesemb	Charles & Joann Spotts	Mitrophyllum species
Best Cactus Novice	Calvin Newman	Ferocactus herrerae
Best Cactus Advanced	Karen & Martin Ostler	Ariocarpus retusus v. retusus
Best Cactus Open	Vince Basta	Astrophytum capricorne v. niveum
Best Succulent Novice	Tom Vermilion	Euphorbia pseudocactus crest
Best Succulent Advanced	Jean Mullens	Adenium obesum ssp. somaliense
Best Succulent Open	Frank Nudge	Gasteria nitida v. armstrongii
Best Winter Growing Succulent	Marylyn Henderson	Dudleya brittonii
Best Collection	Charles & Joann Spotts	Lithops collection
Best Ariocarpus	Charles & Joann Spotts	Ariocarpus scapharostrus
Best Mutant	Debbie Scott	Pachypodium lameri crest
Best Haworthia	Charles & Joann Spotts	Haworthia magnifica v. splendens
Best Mammillaria	Vince Basta	Mammillaria lindsayi
Best Madagascan Euphorbia	Bill Hagblom	Euphorbia tulearensis
Best Euphorbia	Debbie Scott	Euphorbia venenifica
Best Dorstenia	Vince Basta	Dorstenia gigas
Best Epiphytic Cactus	Marylyn Henderson	Rhipsalis elliptica
Best Gymnocalycium	Petra Crist	Gymnocalycium obductum
Best Crassulaceae	Vince Basta	Tylecodon reticulatus
Best Rebutia/Sulcorebutia	Frank Nudge	Rebutia heliosa
Best Opuntia	Charles Ball	Opuntia erinacea
Best Geraniaceae	Debbie Scott	Sarcocaulon herrei
Best Pachypodium	Bill Hagblom	Pachypodium hybrid
C & S Winter Thematic Award	Lem & Pat Higgs	Echeveria pulvinata v. nova crest

Holiday Party Just a reminder that next month we will have our annual holiday party instead of a Thursday night meeting. The party will be on Saturday, December 13th in Ayers Hall. More details will be in next months *Communique*.

SGVC&SS Election: The nominating committee has submitted the following candidates for 2004.

The Nominees are:

President	Tim Jackson	Board Member	Jean Mullens
Vice President	Woody Minnich	Board Member	Hilde Rosenbluth
Treasurer	Rita Gerlach	Board Member	Tom Vermilion
Secretary	Camille Rutkowski		

Board Members serve a 2 year term. Carryover Board Members are Mary Folck, Bill Gerlach & Manny Rivera. At the November 13th meeting, nominations will also be accepted from the floor and then the election will take place.

Plant of the Month Results

Cacti - October

Beginner

1st Bob Lamden - *Ariocarpus fissuratus*
2nd Barbara Nolan - *Ariocarpus retusus*
3rd Alan Hooker - *Astrophytum ornatum*

Intermediate

1st Rene Caro - *Ariocarpus fissuratus*
2nd Paul & Carol Maker - *Astrophytum asterias*
3rd Rene Caro - *Ariocarpus fissuratus* v. *lloydii*

Advanced

1st Karen Ostler - *Ariocarpus fissuratus*
2nd Karen Ostler - *Ariocarpus fissuratus*
3rd Sokhara - *Astrophytum* sp.

Succulents - October

Beginner

1st Barbara Nolan - *Lithops* sp.
2nd Barbara Nolan - *Lithops* sp.
3rd Micheal Romero - *C. ausensis* ssp. *titanopsis*

Advanced

1st Karen Ostler - *Lithops dorotheae*
2nd Karen Ostler - *Lithops bromfieldii* v. *sulphurea*
3rd Tom Vermilion - *L. salicola* 'maculate form'

Calendar of Events - 2003

December 13 SGVC&SS Annual Holiday Dinner

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.

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