

HUERNIA ZEBRINA
PHOTO: ANTHONY CANTIELLO

NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY
AUG 11 @ 7:30PM
AYRES HALL,
LA ARBORETUM

NEXT WORKSHOP:

WEDNESDAY
AUG 17 @ 7:30PM
PALM CLASSROOM,
LA ARBORETUM

PLANTS OF THE MONTH:

CACTUS:
YOUR FAVORITE

SUCCULENT:
YOUR FAVORITE



GUEST SPEAKER:

DEAN KARRAS
CACTI OF BAJA CALIFORNIA



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Chartered in 1967, SGVCSS's objectives are to promote knowledge, study, and interest in cacti and other succulent plants through educational programs, public exhibits, and the sharing of these interests to the general public.

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DEAN KARRAS
CACTI OF BAJA CALIFORNIA

Dean Karras began collecting and growing cacti from seed as a hobby in 2008. He has been a member of the *Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society* since 2017, and a member of the *San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society* since 2019, where he now serves as Board Member and Show Chair.

Some of his favorite succulent genera are *Aloe*, *Agave*, *Dudleya*, *Trichocereus*, *Echinocereus*, *Astrophytum*, and *Ferocactus*. Dean is also partial to mesembs, caudiciforms, and xeric bromeliads, although his passion for plants extends far beyond succulents to include organic gardening and permaculture practices, natives, edibles, and ethnobotanically significant plants.

**Cacti, Geophytes, Epiphytes, & Stem Succulents of Baja California**

Dean will present a botanical travelogue of his two expeditions to Baja, Mexico. The emphasis of the presentation will be on field observations of the xerophytic plants we know and love, especially the cacti, geophytes, epiphytes, and stem succulents.

Dean will also discuss how the greater climate, geology, and ecology of the Baja ecoregion collectively shape the unique landscape and the plants that inhabit it.



THIS MONTH'S WORKSHOP:

STAPELIADS

The ***Stapeliad*** genera belong to the Asclepiadaceae (milkweed) family, tribe Stapelieae. These genera are all stem succulents with thick, soft and juicy branches.

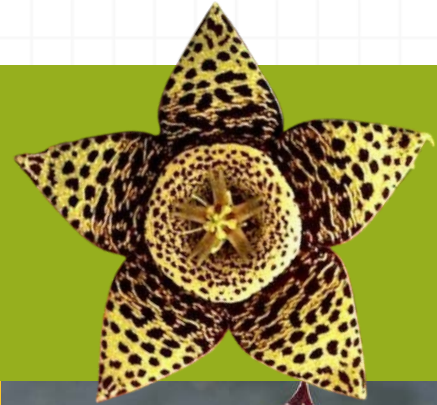
The branches have low ribs or tubercles. They do not have leaves. Their “starfish” flowers are five-pointed and fleshy, with intricate color and structural patterns. While the flowers are amazing visually, they often smell like dead meat to attract their pollinators, flies.

Stapeliads are largely confined to Africa and the Near East, although some important species grow in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India. A few species can be quite large; *Stapelia gigantea* can stretch for several feet in the ground. Most are content in a 3-4 inch pot. *Orbea verrucosa* is a typical *Stapeliad* plant. It branches from the base, as well as from side branches. It makes a small clump that generally will fill a 3 inch pot.

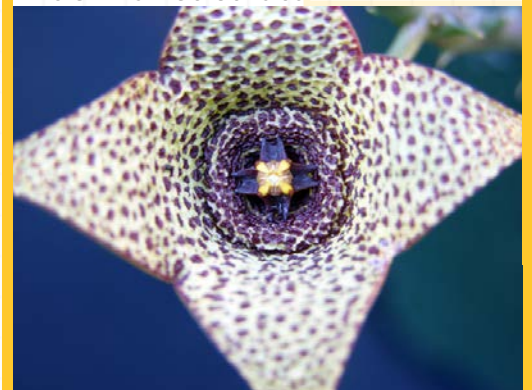
Cultivation of stapeliads is easy. They are mostly summer growers and want consistent water and fertilizer during this period. Most, but not all, flower in mid to late summer and early fall. Many will set seed if flies are allowed access to the flowers, however some require manual pollination. There are articles and YouTube videos online that will show this in detail.

If the flowers are pollinated, seed horns will appear, lasting for several months before splitting and releasing their seeds. Seed germination is best in early summer when warm temperatures and dry air can be relied on.

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Huernia reticulata



Orbea verrucosa



Stapelia pearsonii

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Stapeliads do not like cold damp conditions and will easily rot. They are also mealybug magnets, and it is important to routinely inspect your plants and treat any infestations. Infected plants should be isolated.

Stapeliad propagation is easy. Stems can be cut off at junctions from a larger stem, left to dry for a day, and then potted in pure pumice or perlite. Rooting generally occurs within a few weeks, and new growth should start in a month to 6 weeks. Propagating stems is a good way to avoid losing an entire plant.

The real charm in growing stapeliads is in their remarkable flowers that vary greatly in size, shape, and color.

--Tom Glavich

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our workshop this month is all about **Stapeliads**. Workshops are a hands-on forum for everyone and held on the third Wednesday of the month in the Bamboo Room at the Arboretum. They are the most fun when everyone participates and brings in their plants!

Maybe you have a seed-grown *Stapelia* you want to show off. Or maybe you want to confirm a species name. Maybe you want to know how to deal with the milky sap they produce or where to find them. Feel free to come by and ask questions about anything related to growing these plants successfully.

And don't forget - there is always an informal raffle; everyone takes home a plant or plant cuttings. Hope to see you there.

--Anthony Cantiello



***Orbea verrucosa* stem**



Orbea semota* ssp. *orientalis



Huernia zebrina

36TH ANNUAL:

INTER-CITY SHOW & SALE

AUGUST 5-7, 2022 - 9AM-5PM @LA ARBORETUM

The **Inter-City Show and Sale** is a result of the combined efforts of three of the largest local cactus and succulent clubs, Los Angeles, San Gabriel Valley, and Long Beach.

The event is not merely a fundraiser for our clubs, but rather an opportunity for the public to learn about these truly amazing plants. Well over 1,000 specimen plants will be displayed in our show, featuring cactus and succulents that are native to six continents, special plants grown and cared for over the course of many years.

The Inter-City Show and Sale is truly the Comic-Con of the cactus world. The sales area gives the succulent graduate the opportunity to advance their own collection. Thousands of plants will be available for sale, brought by two dozen vendors from around the country. Many of these plants are specialty plants, uncommon and unusual and need extra care with watering, light, and growing conditions. But that's what happens when you graduate: you move on to more advanced challenges. These otherworldly plants will reward their owners with colorful flowers or intricate caudexes.

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Plant Entry

Wednesday 8/3 from 1PM-6PM

Thursday 8/4 from 8AM-9PM

Friday 8/5 9AM-4PM

Pick-up starts 8/7 at 5pm

All plants must be removed on Sunday evening.



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Education is a key component of the **Inter-City Show**. The "Walks and Talks" allow visitors to learn something new about cultivation. These intimate gatherings afford attendees the opportunity to ask questions from experts in a variety of succulent fields, learning things you can't find in a book or by browsing the Internet.

Walks and Talks:

Sandy Chase "Repotting Cactus and Succulents, and Basic Propagation"

Joe Stead "Cactus and Succulent culture. From Seed to Specimen"

Woody Minnich Trophy Table "What Makes A Winner?"

Peter Walkowiak "Staging: How To Get Your Plants on the Trophy Table"

Note: Finalized speakers, times, and topics TBA.

But one of the most enjoyable aspects is meeting new people who share the same interests as you. Pick the strangest succulent passion out there, and you'll find someone else that shares it. Over the three decades of our show, countless friendships have sprung up between attendees, plant material swapped, information exchanged, and new seeds planted.

We look forward to another fun and successful show this year, featuring some new succulent lovers ready to take the next leap.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR
YOUR CLUB BADGES!**

Saturday Night Auction and Dinner

The Saturday night auction and dinner has been a show tradition from the start. It's a great time to debate the finer points of showing and judging and meet many great people from the other clubs and from out of town.

Our Auction is a highlight of spectacular plants (and most surprisingly affordable) from some of the best growers. These are often the ones that appear on the trophy table in years to come.

Social hour starts at 5:00pm with dinner served at 6:00pm. The dinner will be an extensive Taco Bar with Chicken, Pork, Beef Tacos as well as salad, soft drinks, and dessert. The cost is \$25.00. Please contact Margie Wilson (MargieKidsMW@gmail.com) for reservations and payments.

The auction follows the dinner at Ayres Hall. There is a two-plant limit on auction entries.

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36TH ANNUAL

INTER-CITY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SHOW & SALE

LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM

ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED. AVAILABLE AT ARBORETUM.ORG



9AM-5PM

AUG 5,6,7

**SALE 8/5-7
SHOW 8/6-7**



OVER 1400 PLANTS ON DISPLAY!

RARE AND UNUSUAL PLANTS & POTS FOR SALE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Plants of the Month 2022

CACTUS:

August Favorite Cactus

September Ariocarpus

November Crested/Montrose

SUCCULENT:

August Favorite Succulent

September Asclepiads

November Crested/Montrose

Monthly Workshops 2022

August Asclepiads

September Tools, Tips, & Techniques

November Winter Seed Workshop



Some of the staged plants discussed at our July Staging Workshop.



July Mini-Show Results

Novice Cactus

1st - Jeff Delzell - *Gymnocalycium baldianum*

2nd - Raul Vazquez - *Gymnocalycium mihanovichii*

3rd - Travis - *Gymnocalycium baldianum*

Novice Succulent

1st - Jeff Delzell - *Agave albopilosa*

2nd - Travis - *Agave 'Cubic'*

3rd - Jeff Delzell - *Agave victoriae-reginae* 'White Rhino'

Intermediate Cactus

1st - Richard Salcedo - *Gymnocalycium carminanthum*

2nd - Eric Winegar - *Gymnocalycium spegazzinii* ssp. *cardenasianum*

3rd - Eric Winegar - *Gymnocalycium damsii* v. *rotundulum*

Intermediate Succulent

1st - Richard Salcedo - *Agave macroacantha*

2nd - Eric Winegar - *Agave pumila*

3rd - Eric Winegar - *Agave applanata* 'Cream Spike'

3rd - Richard Salcedo - *Mangave* 'Praying Hands'

Masters Cactus

1st - John Matthews - *Gymnocalycium baldianum*

Masters Succulent

1st - John Matthews - *Mangave* 'Falling Waters'

2nd - John Matthews - *Mangave* 'Purple People Eater'

3rd - John Matthews - *Agave* 'Nana'



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Newsletter Submissions

If you have a cactus or succulent related event that you would like to have announced in the SGVCSS Communiqué, forward the information to the address below. Please verify the event date.

Articles, notices, photos, and any corrections may be sent via email to:  sgvcssclub@gmail.com.

Material must be received by the 20th of the month to be considered for publication in the next issue of the newsletter.

Upcoming Shows and Sales

- **Inter-City Show & Sale @ LA Arboretum**
 - Aug 5-7, 9AM-5PM
 - intercityshow.com
- **Succulent Plants Symposium @ The Huntington Library, Art Museum & Botanical Gardens**
 - Sep 3, 9AM-3PM, reservations required
 - huntington.org
- **Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society Fall Show and Sale**
 - Oct 22-23 9AM-5PM / 10AM-3PM
 - palomarcactus.org
- **The Huntington Fall Plant Sale**
 - Nov 4-6, 10AM-5PM
 - huntington.org



Tom Glavich and Manny Rivera demonstrate plant staging techniques at our July Workshop.



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