



Sweepstakes Winner

NEW MEETING PLACE

March Plants of the Month:
Cacti:
Notocactus/Parodia
Succulents: Dudleya

Save These Dates:

March 21, Palms to Pines Garden Show

March 27 – 29, Orange County C&SS Show & Sale

April 11- 12, South Coast C&SS Show & Sale

April 22, Earth Night in the Gardens

May 15 & 16 Gates C&SS Show & Sale

From the President:

We definitely got an early taste of the spring-like weather this last 4-6 weeks. I hope you took the warm opportunity to start early with your spring gardening. There is always much to do as the winter days become shorter while the daylight grows longer. From the looks of our member vendors selling plants at our meeting, they seem to have a head start to another busy springtime sale. Thank you to all those who have donated plants/prizes for the raffle. Sometimes there may also be free plants and cuttings from kind and giving members. Although, as you already know, most of our succulents will tolerate the drought fairly well it is still winter and I for one would welcome more rain and precipitation any day.

As we get settle more into our new meeting location, we will inevitably make some adjustments and refinements to improve our meeting. I am keenly aware of some of the issues that arise during last month's meeting. During our meeting, there is another group that also meets down the hallway from us. We will make any necessary accommodation for each group so as to not interrupt either one during their respective evening. These issues are being addressed and I ask that everyone have patience while sharing your concerns.

By now everyone should know that the Biennial CSSA meeting will be in June in Claremont, CA. The Gates CSS will co-host this event with the San Gabriel Valley CSS. The official program guide and registration material is now available both online and in hard copy at this month's meeting. Some of you may have received it in the mail as well. Take some time to look at the convention details and all the talks and events it will offer. It will be packed with world-renowned speakers, spectacular tour events, and some huge plant collections for sale. Come share your love and curiosity for all things cactus and succulent. There are still plenty of volunteering opportunities available that will translate into free admission to the convention. More details will be shared at this month's meeting.

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NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, March 4,
NEW PLACE - NEW TIME! 7:00 PM

AT THE REDLANDS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1307 E CITRUS AVE, IN REDLANDS, CA. 92374

Springtime is synonymous with plant and garden shows. Like previous years, there is no shortage of shows this spring. The Palms to Pines District Garden Festival will be March 21, 2015 and our club will be a participant at the show. Consider entering your succulent or cactus plant at this flower show. This can help you prepare for our big annual show and sale in May. The event is free and there will be a talk on succulents. Our club's home tour and Earth Night events will be in April. As usual, information to these and other succulent-related events is in this newsletter.

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March Speaker

Woody Minnich

Woody has been in the cactus hobby for some 45 years and has become well known for his participation in many of the cactus and succulent clubs. He is an honorary life member of nine clubs as well as a life member of CSSA (Cactus & Succulent Society of America.) He has served in almost all positions of leadership from president, to newsletter editor, to show chairman and so on. He is also known for his extensive field work studying primarily the cactus family. He has traveled throughout Africa, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Madagascar, Mexico, Namibia, New Zealand, Peru, Socotra, the United States and Yemen. From these trips and his nursery experience he has developed an extensive knowledge of the cactus family as well as many of the other succulent genera.

No where in the world is there a more floristic region than that of South Africa. The diversity of plants, from the monocots to the dicots, is just fantastic. From the bulbs and grasses to the abundant succulents, never is there a time when flowers aren't present. Besides the great wealth of very specialized and often endemic succulent plants, there is also a wonderful array of curious animals.

Visiting this kind of succulent rich expanse truly opens one's eyes to the diversity of the plants we love so much. Seeing them in habitat also helps to give us the knowledge needed to better cultivate them successfully in the greenhouse and garden. Hopefully, for those of you unable to travel to these special places where so many succulents grow, this presentation will allow you gain insight



into some of the secrets found, while being in South Africa's wild places.

MINI SHOW RESULTS Feb 2015

Cacti, Columnar Cacti

Novice

Large 1st Echinopsi8s hybrid, Dick Hammer

Intermediate

Large 1st Echinopsis hybrid, Judy Horne

2nd Pilosocereu sp, Judy Horne

3rd Stenocactus marginatus, Karen Roholt

Advanced

1st Pilosocereus gounellei, Bob Laughlin

2nd Matucana madisoniorum, David Hawks

3rd Echinopsis bridgesii monstrose, David Hawks

Succulents, Haworthia, Gasteria

Novice

1st Haworthia attenuate, Dick Hammer

2nd Haworthia reinwardtii, Dick Hammer

Intermediate

1st Haworthia sp., Diana Roman

2nd Gasteria "Green Ice", Karen Roholt

3rd Haworthia truncate, Diana Roman

Advanced

1st Haworthia herbacea, Tony Marino

2nd Gasteria "Little Warty" Greg & Anna Cavanaugh

2nd Haworthia attenuate, Greg & Anna Cavanaugh

3rd Haworthia retusa, Bob Laughlin

Total Entries 30, NICE!

KITCHEN DUTY for MARCH

Yvonne Hemenway
HELP!

JUDGES HELP

Karen Fleisher
Cathy Godfrey

Sign UP to Help at Convention!

Sign Up Sheets at the Meeting

**2015 CSSA Convention at
Pitzer College
June 14 – 19 2015**

Planning is coming along well for our Convention. Our speakers, vendors, food providers are in place. There are a lot of activities happening in the background.

Now it is time for all of us to step up and volunteer to help. Not only does this give one a good feeling of actually helping out a worth-while activity, but it gives all of our members to attend a world class succulent event.

CSSA holds Conventions every 2 years. The last time one was held in the LA basin, was 2001. That's 14 years ago, and it won't happen again for a number of years. Get with the program and plan to participate.

So, how do you, a member of the host club get involved? Two ways – pay the registration like any other member of CSSA or VOLUNTEER to help

put on the show. **Volunteers (active members of the 2 host clubs) who will commit to at least 10 hours of service in the planning or execution of the event will be able to attend the lectures free of charge.**

We are looking for people to head various committees. They include:

Security – Karen & Martin Ostler
Auction
Closing Banquet
Room Assignment, check in and check out
Opening Reception
Welcome Bags - Eunice Thompson San Gab.)
Printed Program, execution and Sales,
Isabelle Moon (Gates)
Registration

Please see me at the next meeting if you have interest in heading any of the committees listed.

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Plants of the Month 2015

	Cacti	Succulents
March	Notocactus/ Parodia	Dudleya
April	Echinocactus/ Ferocactus	Miniature Agave
May	Best Staged Cactus	Best Staged Succulent
June	Astrophytum	Pachypodium
July	Photograph	Photograph
August	Rebutia/ Sulcorebutia	Caudiciform/ Pachycaul
September	Miniatures	Miniatures
October	Crests/Monstrose/Variegates	Crests/Monstrose/Variegates

Coming Cactus & Succulent Events

- MAR 21 Palms to Pines Garden Show 9:00AM til 4:00 PM Hutton Community Center, 660 Colton Avenue, Colton, CA 92324. Enter a plant in the Show!
- MAR. 27-29 Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society, Spring Show & Sale
Sale Friday and Saturday, March 27 & 28 9 – 5:00 PM; Sun March 29 12-4PM
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFORMATION CALL 562-587-3357
- April 11 -12 South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale;
South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes CA
Info: 310-378-1953

- April 22 Earth Night in the Garden. Landscapes Souther California Style, 450 E Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, CA 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM
- April 26th Huntington Plant Sale, 10 til 5:00 PM
Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA
Info: 626-405-2160
- May 3 South Bay Epiphyllum Society Sow & Sale, 9 AM til 4 PM
South Coast Botanic Garden
Info: 310-833-6823
- May 2 & 3 Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale
Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room; 4117 Overland Ave, Culver City CA
Info: 310-822-1783
- May 9 & 10 Long Beach C&SS Show & Sale 10:00 AM til 5:00 PM, Rancho Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, info : 310-922-6090
- MAY 15-16 Gates Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale
Friday & Saturday May 15 & 16 9:00 - 4:30
at Landscapes Southern California Style
450 E Allesandro Blvd, Riverside, CA
Info: 951-360-8802
- May 30 & 31 Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, Sepulveda GardenCenter, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA, infowww.lacss-show.com, 30th 9:00 – 5:00, 31st 9:00 – 3:30.
- June 14 – 19 CSSA Biennial Convention at Pitzer College
- June 26 – 28 CSSA Annual Show & Sale –Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA 626-405-2160 or 2277. Plant Sales start 26th – 28th, Show opens 27th & 28th. Gates open at 10:30 AM. Club membership proof required for free entry to the Show & Sale.



**Nina Hansen of the Garden and Floral Arrangers Guild won an award with this floral design last year
At the Palms to Pines Garden Festival**

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