



CACTUS CHRONICLE

Mission Statement:

The Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society (LACSS) cultivates the study and enjoyment of cacti and succulent plants through educational programs and activities that promote the hobby within a community of fellow enthusiasts and among the greater public.

December 6, 2014
Holiday Party
16633 Magnolia Blvd.
Encino, CA 91356
5:30 pm

New Members
Shirley & Joel Goldman
Trish Pettinelli

***Come to the Spectacular Holiday
and Awards Party***

Saturday, December 6th—5:30 PM
Sepulveda Garden Center

**Potluck, Raffle, Plant-Of-The-Month Awards,
and Auction**

**See Page 3 for a full description of the night's
festivities**

RE-ELECTED OFFICIALS

Marquita Elias
1st VP, Programs

Manny Rivera
2nd VP, Plant of Month

Cheryl White
Secretary

Danielle Duboff
Director 1

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Marquita Elias

2nd VP, Plant of the Month

Manny Rivera

3rd VP, Special Events

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Membership

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Historian

Nils Schirrmacher

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Drawing & Plant Procurement

Richard Roosman

Mentor Program Chair

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Cactus Garden Chair

Chris Rogers

Cactus Chronicle Distribution

Richard Roosman

John Matthews

Holiday Party Chairperson

Barbara Hall

Holiday Party Awards Procurement

Gerald Reichert

Cactus Garden

Chris Rogers

Meeting Refreshments

John Noster

Steve Rudolf

Publicity

Kim Thorpe

Monthly Drawing

Leah Imamura

Juana Williams

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DECEMBER, 2014

In the beginning, I thought this year would never end. That was in January and here it is, 2015 looming at us and I'm wondering where the year went and did we accomplish what we set out to do. Well, I did, sort of-with a couple of road trips. But back to business:

A few of our goals were to have more Mentoring sessions (**done**), more Special Events (**done**), enroll more new members (**done**), have a bigger and better Festival (**done**), add new speakers to our Programs (**done**), have greater member participation in Plant of the Month (**done**), enjoy better refreshments (**done**), and that is just the top of our list of goals. We are looking forward to next year's challenges by building on our accomplishments, trying new approaches, and learning from our misses.....We also look forward to increased member participation in our activities. Our question to you – what can we do to get you involved????? Let us know!

The San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society held their Winter Show and Sale at the first of November. Several of our members entered plants into the competition and every one of them came home with at least one ribbon. Congratulations to Sandy Chase, Tim Harvey, Barbara Hall, Karen Ostler, Richard Roosman, Phyllis Frieze, Manny Rivera, Kyle Robinson, Chris Rogers, and John Matthews. If I missed seeing your plant, I apologize.

At the November meeting, we held elections for four positions. The incumbents were willing to run again and were then reelected. Congratulations to Marquita Elias (1st VP-Programs), Manny Rivera (2nd VP-Plant of the Month, Cheryl White (Secretary), and Danielle Duboff (Director 1). We look forward to another fantastic year with these great leaders!

All appointed positions are reappointed except for Refreshments. As noted last month John and Steve chose not to re-up. Lisa Gailey and a friend have volunteered to serve as our Refreshment Committee. We thank them for their willingness to fulfill the needs of a very important aspect of our meetings!

That still leaves us in need of a Librarian. LACSS has the greatest Library of all C&S Clubs (again, my opinion) and will continue to serve our members with new books and journals. We need someone who likes books and has an appreciation for detail. Step right up and be the first to volunteer!!!!

The Board of Directors held their last meeting of the year last Sunday. Following up on the Strategic Planning Committee's decisions, budgets were allocated for our various activities (mentoring, special events, library, etc.) Each Director presented a preview of 2015 programs and events. We have been fortunate to have successful Festivals and Intercity Show proceeds for the past few years which have allowed us to expand our activities.

So, we finish off our fantastic year with a sumptuous Holiday Award Dinner. This is truly a fun time to acknowledge the Plant of the Month participants and winners. Good food, good fun, good members, good auction plants, good grief-make sure you are there!

Thanks to everyone for your support throughout the year.

See you soon and Happy Holidays.

Joyce

DON'T MISS THE FUN!!
LOS ANGELES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
HOLIDAY PARTY

December 6, 2014, 5:30 PM
At the Sepulveda Garden Center
16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino
Potluck Dinner – Plant Auction
Plant Exchange Activity

Plant-of-the Month Total Points Awards!

Each attendee is requested to bring one side dish, salad, or dessert.
Please have all food and gifts at the Center between 5–5:30PM.

Set up is on Friday, December 5 from 10 am to 2 pm

We need volunteers to help set-up and clean up.

**Please call or email Barbara Hall to sign-up at
(818) 368-6914 or lbcjhall@aol.com**

- Great dinner that includes *succulent* roast turkey and ham provided by the club (PS: we need 3 turkeys & 2 hams this year_and cooks to prepare them..... any volunteers?) You will be reimbursed.
- Recognition & prizes for Plant-of-the-Month award winners
- Plant/Gift Exchange
- Prize for the best-grown *Pleiospilos bolusii* – bring last year's holiday plant to compete in this category
- Fabulous auction will feature member donations, with all proceeds going to our Club
- Free special raffle ticket to folks who renew their membership_by Thursday December 4

All members are invited and may bring one guest.

Plant of the Month -- November

Plant of the Month 2014

November
Miniatures

December
Holiday Party

2015

January
Discocactus
Anacampseros, Avonia,
Ceraria

February
Mammillaria Clusters
Sarcocaulon

March
Pediocactus,
Sclerocactus
Sedum

April
Variegates

May
Aztekium
Geohintonia

June
Favorite

July
Echinocactus,
Ferrocactus
Pachypodium-
Madagascar

August
Eriosyce, Neochilinea,
Neoporteria
Lithops

September
Ceriodes (N. America)
Didiereaceae

October
Miniatures

November
Miniatures

December
Holiday Party

Succulent -- Miniatures

Rookie

First	Kathryn Boorer	Euphorbia ambovombensis
Second	Kathleen Misko	Euphorbia decepta
Second	Kathryn Boorer	Agave filifera 'compacta'
Third	Joyce Schumann	Albuca sp.
Third	Kathleen Misko	Crassula sp

Novice

First	John Suci	Tylecodon pearsonii
Second	Efren Flores	Tylecodon bucholzianus
Second	John Suci	Euphorbia poissonii
Third	Nils Schimmacher	Dudleya gnoma
Third	Phyllis Frieze	Haworthia magnifica v. splendens

Advanced

First	Kim Thorpe	Tylecodon pearsonii
First	Sandy Chase	Pseudolithos caput-viperae
Second	Barbara Hall	Pelargonium sibthorpiifolium
Second	Barbara Hall	Conophytum oboordelum
Third	Sandy Chase	Pseudolithos eylensis
Third	Kim Thorpe	Avonia quinaria

Open

First	Artie Chavez	Pseudolithos migiurtinus
Second	Artie Chavez	Pelargonium antidysentericum
Third	Artie Chavez	Conophytum ectypum

Cactus -- Miniatures

Rookie

First	Kathryn Boorer	Echinocereus purpureus crest
First	Kathryn Boorer	Rebutia perplexa
Second	Joyce Schumann	Turbinocarpus valdezianus
Third	Joyce Schumann	Sulcorebutia rauschii
Third	Kathryn Boorer	Mammillaria spinosissima

Novice

First	John Suci	Astrophytum caput-medusae
Second	John Suci	Copiapoa tenuissima
Second	Phyllis Frieze	Eulichnia saint-pleana
Third	Phyllis Frieze	Sulcorebutia rauschii
Third	John Suci	Sulcorebutia rauschii

Advanced

First	Kim Thorpe	Mammillaria herandezii
Second	John Martinez	Ortegocactus maddougallii
Third	Kim Thorpe	Cumulopuntia pentlandii

Open

First	John Matthews	Astrophytum caput-medusae
Second	John Matthews	Copiapoa tenuissima monstrose
Third	John Matthews	Maihueiopsis clavarioides

Get Ready for Another Year of Fun

Make sure you renew your membership as soon as possible. Membership prices have not changed. Individual membership is still \$20.00, family membership only \$25.00. If you would like to have the Chronicle mailed to your home, add an additional \$10.00 for postage. Name badges will remain at \$9.00.

There were conflicting deadlines in two of our announcements so we are offering you a chance to still get in on the Membership Renewal Raffle at the Holiday Party.

If your renewal is received in the LACSS P.O. Box by Thursday, December 4, your name will be in the raffle.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joyce Schumann at ropojo@pacbell.net.



A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Norma Lewis has been an active and esteemed life member of our club. She extends her thanks and great appreciation to everyone who helped and supported her move into retirement.

Norma now resides at Belmont Village on Ventura Boulevard near the 405. She looks forward to being in touch with everyone and can be reached at 818-855-1155.

T-SHIRTS T-SHIRTS T-SHIRTS

Attention all LACSS members who joined LACSS June 1, 2014 or later.

Have we got a deal for you!

We are offering the latest LACSS T-shirts to you for the special price of \$10.00 each.

Now is a good time to get those holiday gifts for people who have everything!

See Sylvia or Danielle before the meeting or at intermission.

LACSS and the Skirball Cultural Center

Early in October, Deborah Thompson of the Skirball Cultural Center contacted us to enlist our aid in collecting succulent cuttings for one of their programs. She was planning to repurpose various containers into planters using succulents. Of course, we jumped at the opportunity to share our interests with another group. Our members came through with boxes and boxes of succulent cuttings of many species. Below is an excerpt from Deborah's note of appreciation and a few photos of the event.

“Over the course of the weekend, we had about 200 people participate by choosing an upcycled cup or vessel, decorating it, and planting it with a succulent. We had the LACSS cards and planter labels on the table with the plants, under a poster thanking your society. I also printed up the instructions you sent to me on Friday so that visitors left with a basic understanding of how to care for their new succulents. It was a very successful project and we are so grateful to LACSS for the generous donation of the rich variety of beautiful succulents.

Again, thank you for your help and support.”

Very Best,

Deborah



Thank you LACSS



Planting Succulents



Decorated Planter



Decorated Planters



Skirball Succulent Society



Decorated Planters

Cactus & Succulent - Calendar Of Upcoming Events For 2015

- February 14** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society, Spring Show & Sale
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego — [Info](#) (858) 382-1797
- March 27-29** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Spring Show & Sale
Friday & Saturday March 27-29 9-5 Sunday, March 29 12-4
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim [Info](#) (562) 587-3357
- April 11-12** South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale
South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes [Info](#) (310) 378-1953
- April 26** Huntington Plant Sale 10-5 Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino (626) 405-2160
- May 3** South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale---9am-4pm
South Coast Botanical Gardens [Info](#) (310) 833-6823
- May 2-3** Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City [Info](#) (310) 822-1783
- May 15-16** Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 34th Show & Sale Friday & Saturday 9-4:30
Land Scapes Southern California Style 450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, CA [Info](#): (951) 360-8802
- May 16-17** Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale 10-5
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach [Info](#) (310) 922-6090—www.lbcss.org
- May 23-24** Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Show & Sale 10-4pm
Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo [Info](#) (805) 237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org
- May 30-31** Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Drought Tolerant Plant Show & Sale 9-3:30
Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino E-Mail www.lacss-show.com
- June 6-7** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society –Summer Show & Sale
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego [Info](#) (858) 382-1797
- June 14-19** CSSA Biennial Convention, Pitzer College, Claremont, CA <http://www.cssainc.org>
- June 26-28** CSSA Annual Show & Sale –Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, [Info](#) (626) 405-2160 or 2277
Plant Sales Start June 26 -28 The Show Opens on June 27-28
- July 24-26** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale
Friday July 25 9am-5pm, Saturday July 26 9am-5pm, Sunday 27 12-4pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, [Info](#) (949) 212-8417
- August 8-9** 30th Annual Intercity Show & Sale at The La County Arboretum, 9am-5pm Daily
301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia [Info](#) Tom Glavich (626) 798-2430 Or John Matthews (661) 297-5364
- August 29** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium **All Day at the Huntington**
- September 6** Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction -12-5
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach 90615 [Info](#): (310) 922-6090
- October 24-25** Palomar Show & Sale Saturday 9-5 Sunday 10-4 at San Diego Botanic Gardens
230 Quail Gardens Road, Encinitas [Info](#): hciservices@gmail.com (858) 382-1797

California Garden Club, Inc 2015 Dates to Remember

Garden Club Calendar for 2015

January 23-25	Flower Show Symposium, Bakersfield
February 2-5	CGCI Winter Board Meeting, Fresno Host: Sequoia Foothills District
February 11-13	Flower Show School. Course IV Sponsor: Diablo Foothills District
April 20-22	Pacific Region Convention, Eugene, Oregon
April 23-24	Landscape Design Study School. Series 26, Course II Sponsor: Luther Burbank District
May 14-17	National Garden Convention. Louisville, Kentucky
June 8-12	CGCI 84th Annual Convention. Reno, Nevada Host: Golden Foothills District

San Fernando Valley District Calendar for 2015

January 22	Campo de Cahuenga Commemoration
February 23	District meeting
April 13	District Bus Tour
June 22	District meeting

San Fernando Valley District Member Clubs and Meeting Dates

Club Name	email address	Meeting Date
Burbank-Valley Garden Club	queenmum@foothill.net	1st Thursday
Cherry Blossom Garden Club	ksunness@hotmail.com	1st Wednesday
Gardening Club of Santa Clarita	leonbrook@aol.com	2nd Thursday
Lake View Improvement Association	josieza@gmail.com	1st Monday
Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society	lacss.contact@gmail.com	1st Thursday
Sherman Oaks Garden Club	patchogue26@att.net	4th Wednesday
Southern California Garden Club	hovallens@att.net	3rd Tuesday
Sunshine Garden Club	nosher04@yahoo.com	2nd Monday
Toluca Lake Garden Club	robynallyn3@gmail.com	2nd Wednesday
West Valley Garden Club	iburatti@social.rr.com	2nd Tuesday
Woodland Hills Floral Designers	bevswitzer@aol.com	4th Tuesday

On Monday, December 8, we will be attending the San Fernando District potluck lunch and quarterly meeting. The President of each club presents a summary of their activities for the past quarter. It is always fun to share ideas with each other.

Remembering Frank White
By
Marquita Ellias

It is with great sadness that I must inform you that Frank White passed away on October 21st at his Newbury Park home. Frank and his wife Cheryl have been active members of the LACSS for over 14 years. Frank was a Professor Emeritus, Department of Pathology, School of Medicine, University of San Diego. He had a brilliant mind, a gentle manner and wonderful sense of humor. I was fortunate to carpool with Cheryl and Frank on the long commute to the meetings. The time passed so quickly when speaking to Frank. He was so engaging and being a scientist, always challenging me to try new propagation techniques. But he was more... a true renaissance man. Cheryl told me that he would take a subject and dive into it; immersing himself into the subject completely and then when he felt satisfied he would move onto another interest. Whether it was philosophy, art or exploring a different culture no subject was off limits. Many of you remember him with the fantastic Agave display at the Drought Tolerant Plant Festival. He truly personified the LACSS mission in education, always being the professor.

Cheryl and Frank created a wonderful garden that he shared with friends and members of the club, often giving impromptu tours to friends, or friends of friends or people that had just stopped by.

On a more personal note, he hired my nephew who has Asperger Syndrome (a form of autism) and was extremely patient with him. He gave him his first job repotting plants and cleaning up the pine needles. My nephew got a real kick out of Frank telling him to work very slowly and carefully; when so many people in his life had always told him to be faster. Frank's patient nature was very comforting and encouraging to my nephew. My family loved Frank for that. In short, Frank will be sorely missed by all of us.

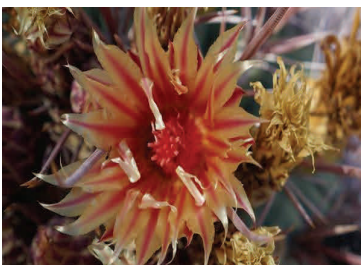
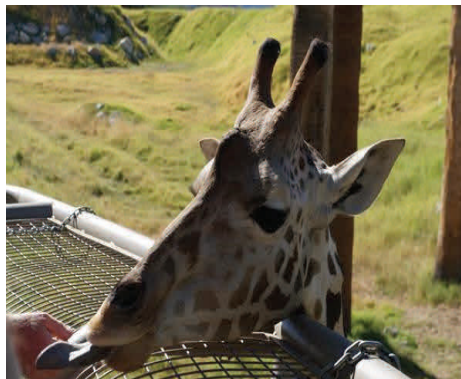


What a great day!!!! Road Trip. Plant peeps and the desert.
By Kathleen Misko

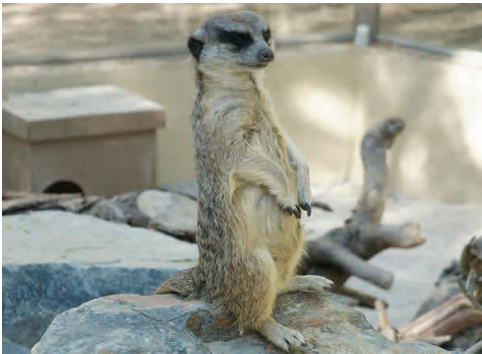
Sailing down to Palm Springs on a Saturday morning. Podcasts on my ipad and suddenly, THE LIVING DESERT. We arrived on time and we boarded our trams. We had to split up because the trams couldn't accommodate all of us in one vehicle. There was quite a large turnout of our members. Our guide was so happy with what he knew he just couldn't help himself sharing every little detail. So, if we wanted to know about the animals, our tram was the tram to ride. Now unfortunately, we didn't realize this until we were in the throes of the tour. Some of the riders attempted to steer our guide to the flora. But no, he would not move until every bit of information he knew was shared with us. That was our experience. I don't mean to leave you with the impression we didn't enjoy ourselves because we certainly did. What this tour became was the self-identity tour. Or in a cartoonish way, "Hey, wasn't that a? "

The tram portion of the tour finished and left us at the Nursery. Bingo! That's where we met Bob Lindstead, the plant propagator and overall brainiac. He was the highlight of the trip. So excited to be giving away 1 gallon natives to spread the word and tell us of his workshops on propagation. Hopefully, John Martinez will be able to fit that into our schedule for 2015. What wonderful plants and a 20% discount.

We did see giraffes and jaguars up close and personal, which I loved. Thank you to all that attended. It makes it so much more fun to spend time with our members and get to know more about them and their collections.



Living Desert Trip





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HOLIDAY DINNER

December 6

5:30 pm

