



#### 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.

#### CSSA Affiliate

**Holiday Party**  
December 12, 2015

Kiwanis Club of  
Northridge  
Therapeutic Living  
Centers for the Blind  
7901 Lindley  
Boulevard  
Northwest Corner  
Reseda, CA

**Refreshments for  
January**

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#### New Members

Betty Chevillat  
Roger Kapit  
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## LOS ANGELES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 12, 2015, 5:00 PM  
The Kiwanis Club of Northridge  
Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind  
Northwest Corner  
7901 Lindley Blvd., Reseda

**Potluck Dinner - Raffle - Plant Auction**  
**Gift 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 4:30-5:00PM. Contact Barbara Hall @ 368-6914 or email: [lbcjhall@aol.com](mailto:lbcjhall@aol.com). There will be a \$5.00 deposit per person when you sign up; deposit returned at the party. If attending, please sign up by December 5<sup>th</sup>.

The club will provide the catered portion of the dinner: **Succulent** roast turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, ham, traditional stuffing and servers to set up & clean up.

Recognition & prizes for Plant-of-the-Month award winners  
Plant/Gift Exchange (optional)

Fabulous auction will allow members to contribute items with a 70/30 split (30% to the club). Donated items are appreciated. Two raffle opportunities this year! One raffle for early Membership Renewal (by Dec.1) & one raffle for a chance to win a beautifully staged cactus or succulent by Artie Chavez (2 winners)

**All members are invited and may bring one guest.**

**More details to follow.**

## 2015 Officers

### **President**

Joyce Schumann

### **1<sup>st</sup> VP, Programs**

Marquita Elias

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Plant of the Month**

Manny Rivera

### **3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Special Events**

John Martinez

### **Secretary**

Cheryl White

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### **Treasurer**

Kathryn Boorer

### **Director 1 Odd Years**

### **Membership**

Danielle Duboff

### **Director 2, Even Years**

David Le

### **Past President**

Roxie Esterle

### **LACSS Show Chair**

Artie Chavez

### **Show Committee**

Joyce Schumann

Kim Thorpe

Rosemary Polito

### **Webmaster**

Kim Thorpe

### **Librarian**

Susan Phillips

### **Historian**

Nils Schirmacher

### **Cactus Chronicle Editor**

Phyllis Frieze

### **Inter-City Show Liaison**

### **CSSA Representative**

John Matthews

### **Education Chair**

Kyle Williams

### **Drawing & Plant Procurement**

Richard Roosman

### **Mentor Program Chair**

John Suci

### **Member at Large**

Kathleen Misko

### **CGCI Liasion**

Natalie Welsh

### **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**

Lisa Gailey

Linda Holub

### **Publicity**

Kim Thorpe

### **Monthly Drawing**

Leah Imamura

Juana Williams

## Members Vote and Fill Three LACSS Board Positions

At the November Meeting members elected and filled 3 LACSS Board positions; members accepted the slate of mostly new candidates which included:

President	Joyce Schumann, our returning President
Treasurer	Gretchen Davis
V. P. Special Events	Diane Miller
Director 2	Ron Behar

We wish to thank the outgoing members who served on the Board

Treasurer	Kathryn Boorer
V. P. Special Events	John Martinez
Director 2	David Le

We also wish to thank the Nominating Committee Diane Miller, Nancy Neymark and John Suci

### REMEMBRANCES by Walt Wegner

Congratulations to LACSS on our 80th anniversary. I am sorry that Maxine and I could not attend this special meeting, we had a last minute transportation problem. I no longer drive at night nor on the freeway.

I fondly remember our 50th anniversary when I was president and we had our celebration at the Reseda Country Club. Joyce and Harry Tate, founding members of LACSS, were our guests. I have enjoyed my 40+ years in LACSS but time and tide takes its toll. I turn 91 this month and Maxine is XX years old. We celebrated our 70th Wedding Anniversary on November 15th.

We will continue to attend as many meetings as possible.  
I would also like to commend LACSS on its efforts to obtain new members through our annual Drought Tolerant Plant Show and Sale and the Intercity Show and Sale.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.



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**Plant of the Month  
2016**

**January**

Blossfeldia, Frailea ,  
Yavia  
Bulbs

**February**

Gymnocalycium  
Clusters  
Aeonium

**March**

Echinocereus  
Conophytum

**April**

Parodia, Notocactus  
Haworthia

**May**

Small cactus staged as  
a miniature  
Small succulent staged  
as a miniature

**June**

Favorite

**July**

Rebutia, Sulcorebutia  
Weingartia

**August**

Astrophytum  
Adenium

**September**

Turbincarpus  
Gymnocactus  
Cyphostema  
Cissus

**October**

Mammillaria with hooks  
Asclepiad

**November**

Variegated

**December**

Holiday Party

**Plant of the Month  
2017**

**Plant of the Month -- November**

**Cactus -- Crests and Monstrose**

**Rookie**

First Linda Holub Copiapoa temuissima monstrose

**Novice**

First Kathryn Boorer Rebutia crest  
Second Kathryn Boorer Myrtillocactus geometrizons crest  
Second Phyllis Frieze Copiapoa tenuissima crest  
Third Phyllis Frieze Gymnocalycium crest  
Third Phyllis Frieze Gymnocalycium crest

**Advanced**

First Kim Thorpe Gymnocalycium pflanzii  
Second Mick Gottschalk Mammillaria "Fred"  
Third Kim Thorpe Obregonia denegrii

**Open**

First Artie Chavez Agave titanota

**Succulents -- Crest and Monstrose**

**Rookie**

First Kim Jacobi Pedilanthus macrocarpus crest  
Second Kim Jacobi Euphorbia kibwezensis crestata  
Second Al Mindel Echeveria gibbiflora crest  
Second Sonia Villarroel Monvilia spagazzinii  
Third Sonia Villarroel Euphorbia lactea crest  
Third Al Mindel Echinopsis cristata "Catepillar cactus"

**Novice**

First Robert and Carolyn Feldman Pachypodium succulentum crest  
Second Robert and Carolyn Feldman Euphorbia crest  
Third Kathryn Boorer Euphorbia ambovobensis crest

**Advanced**

First Kim Thorpe Pseudolithos migiurtinus  
Second Kim Thorpe Alluadia procera  
Third John Suci Euphorbia lactea

**Open**

First Artie Chavez Euphorbia ingens

## LACSS and Baldwin Hills Elementary School

For the last two years, LACSS members have generously donated many succulent cuttings to the Skirball Planting project. This project is intended to introduce young kids to the concept of recycle, reduce and repurpose. The Director of this project, Jenny, invited me to join her on her most recent venture. I had been out of town and couldn't get the word out to our members in a timely manner so Jenny scrambled around, trimmed a few of her plants and procured some from her office staff. This, in addition to visiting various thrift stores, garage sales, etc to find items that would serve as planters for the succulents. (This is the *repurpose* portion of their program.) Not all plants need to be in a pot. Cups and bowls work well, also, even though they do not have drainage holes.

Off we went to Baldwin Hills Elementary School to meet with 50+ second graders. They all knew about the drought and what "drought" meant. They also knew about succulent plants! My job was to explain how to plant the cuttings and explain the importance of proper watering. What energy! What enthusiasm! And they asked some very good questions!!

Our hope, of course, is that we sparked the interest of at least one child who will pursue a career in botany, environmental sciences, horticulture, or maybe even succulents.

A fun time was had by all and we will do it again someday.....Joyce



Joyce demonstrating how to repot



My new planter



I'm so proud and had  
So much fun!

Hello Joyce!

I just wanted to say thank you for coming out to Baldwin Hills yesterday and being a part of our planting project. It was such a pleasure having you there – and was a huge help too! Hope you enjoyed yourself as much as I did.

I've attached a few photos for you to view. Here's to future successes and partnerships!

Best,  
**Jenny Gillett**  
Assistant Educator  
School Programs  
Skirball Cultural Center  
jgillett@skirball.org

## Cactus & Succulent - Calendar of Upcoming Events For 2016

- February 13** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society – Spring Show and Sale  
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego **INFO 858-382-1797**
- March 18-19** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society—Spring Show and Sale **INFO 562-587-3357**  
1000 S. State College Boulevard (Anaheim United Methodist Church)  
Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup>-6-8pm, Friday, 18<sup>th</sup>-9am-7pm, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>, 9am-5pm
- April 9-10** South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society—Show and Sale  
South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard I  
**NFO 310-578-1953** <http://www.southcoastcss.org>
- April 24** Huntington Plant Sale 10am-4:30pm **INFO 626-405-3504**  
Huntington Botanical Gardens 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino
- April 30-May 1** Sunset Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale **INFO 310-822-1783**
- May 1** Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City  
South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale---9am-4pm  
South Coast Botanical Gardens **INFO 310 833-6823**
- May 13-14** Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 34th Show & Sale Friday & Saturday 9-4:30  
Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Drive Glen Avon **INFO 951-360-8802**
- May 21-22** Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale 10am-5 pm [www.lbcss.org](http://www.lbcss.org)  
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach **INFO 310 922-6090**—
- May 28-29** Central South Coast Cactus & Succulent Sale & Show 10am-4pm  
Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo  
**INFO 805-237-2054** [www.centralcoastcactus.org](http://www.centralcoastcactus.org)
- June 4-5** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society –Summer Show & Sale  
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego **INFO 858 382-1797**
- June 11-12** **Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Plant Show & Sale**  
**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> 9am-5pm, Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> 9am-3:30pm**  
**Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino** **INFO** [www.lacss-show.org](http://www.lacss-show.org)
- July 1-3** CSSA Annual Show & Sale –Huntington Botanical Gardens 1151 Oxford Road  
Sales Start July 1-July 3 Show Opens on July 2<sup>nd</sup> **INFO 626 405-2160**
- July 22-23** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale **INFO 949 212-8417**  
Thursday, July 21 6pm-8pm, Friday, July 22 9am-7pm, Saturday July 23 9am-5pm,  
- 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim
- August 13-14** 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Intercity Show & Sale LA County Arboretum, 9am-5pm Daily  
301 No. Baldwin Ave **INFO Tom Glavich 626 798-2430** or Artie Chavez **818-482-8795**
- September 3** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium **All Day at the Huntington** **INFO 626-405-3504**
- September 10** Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction -12pm-5pm  
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach 90615 **INFO: 310 922-6090**
- October 8-9** Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale **INFO 661-831-8488**  
Mall View Road, Bakersfield, Saturday 10/8 10am-5pm, Sunday 10/9 11am-4pm
- October 22-23** Palomar Show & Sale at San Diego Botanic Gardens **INFO** [hciservices@gmail.com](mailto:hciservices@gmail.com)
- November 5-6** San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale 9-4 Both Days  
LA County Arboretum 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia **INFO Manny Rivera or John Matthews 661-714-1052**

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