



CSSA Affiliate

HOLIDAY

PARTY

Saturday,

December 10, 2016

**7901 Lindley Blvd.
Reseda, CA 91346**

**Party begins
at 5:00pm**

Location:

**The Kiwanis Club
of Northridge
Therapeutic Living
Centers for the Blind**



"Spike"
Snoopy's older brother
Copyright Peanuts

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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.

DON'T MISS THE FUN!!

LOS ANGELES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 10, 2016, 5:00 PM

The Kiwanis Club of Northridge
Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind
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. LACSS will provide coffee, water and iced tea. Feel free to bring a special beverage for yourself. Please have all food, gifts and plants at the center between 4:30-5:00PM.

There will be a \$5.00 deposit/ per person when you sign up; deposit is returned at the party. If attending, please sign up by December 1st.

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.10th) & 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.
If you have any questions, or to sign up, contact**

**Don & Kandie Soderstrom
818-840-0941 or email:kandsod@pacbell.net.**

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Meeting Refreshments

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President's Message

December, 2016

Hi to all,

As a continuation of the topic "what your club offers to you," I will cite the upcoming Holiday Awards Dinner. This is our annual recognition of all members who have participated in the Plant of the Month mini - competition. A few participants will graduate to the next level and all POM participants will receive a gift from the club. The live auction is the perfect time to acquire a great plant for your collection. Plants are donated (100% or 70/30% split) by our members, for our members. There is also the optional gift exchange of something plant related. Gifts should be wrapped. Plants do not need to be wrapped. There will also be a raffle of a cactus and a succulent plant. You won't want to miss this one!!! See the flyer elsewhere in this Chronicle.

The closing of this year brings the end of term for several Board members. Their contributions to LACSS have been enormous and too significant to document here. We will miss their insights, humor, and dedication. Artie Chavez, Barbara Hall, Cheryl White, Danielle Duboff, John Matthews, Linda Holub, Lisa Gailey, Kim Thorpe, Marquita Elias: We Thank You for all your contributions to make LACSS what it is today.

Our loss of the outgoing officers is balanced by our gain in the form of the newly elected or appointed officers. To refresh everyone's memory, the following are the newly elected officers:

Ron Behar is now 1st VP for Programs, Matthew Gaskill is our Secretary, and Ilona Buratti is our Director 1 for Membership. Newly appointed officers are John Martinez who is now our Intercity Show Representative, Kal Kaminer is Member-at-Large assisting at the Membership table, Nancy Neymark is Member-at-Large serving as POM and monthly statistics compiler, Kandie and Don Soderstrom are the Holiday Awards Dinner Coordinators, Jose Villarroel is our Chronicle Editor, M.A. Bjarkman is our CSSA Representative, and Kathleen Misko is Kid's Day Coordinator. We welcome them all and look forward to working with them next year.

2016 has been a wonderful year for LACSS. Our Festival was the best ever (as usual), our activities have been well received, and we are blessed with an energetic membership. We finish the year with exciting plans for 2017 and look forward to the participation of all members. Together we will continue to fulfill our mission statement to the best of our ability.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday time. Peace and good health to all.

See you soon.

Best,
Joyce

“What Did I Miss?” or “I didn’t hear that!!” November meeting, 2016

The meeting started on time by welcoming new and old members and a few visitors. (It would need to be confirmed but I think we have had new members and visitors every month this year.)

As the POM judges assessed each plant in each category, the business of the club continued.

❖ The first agenda item was the announcement and introduction of the nominees for the four offices up for election. The vote was taken and each candidate was elected by voice vote. New Officers are Ron Behar- 1st VP Programs, Matthew Gaskill- Secretary, and Ilona Buratti- Director 1 Membership. Manny Rivera was reelected as 2nd VP POM.

❖ The next agenda item was the announcement for the Holiday Dinner. Various aspects of the Dinner were presented by Kandie Soderstrom, Holiday Dinner Chair. Main items include food, (catered and potluck), auction, gift exchange, sign-up sheets, and pots for centerpieces.

❖ John Suciu announced the upcoming Mentoring session on Aeoniums to be held at Marquita’s home, on Sunday, November 20.

❖ Nancy Neymark has been busy working on the zip code- based map of our Festival visitors. It pinpoints the distribution of our visitors, which aids us in determining the effect of our publicity. In short, visitors come from all over the valley and sometimes from out of the country! She has also started mapping the Sepulveda Cactus Garden. It was moved and seconded that she could purchase the 100 foot tape measure that will make the measuring easier.

❖ Kathleen Misko distributed flyers and announced the Desert Creation Holiday Boutique being held on Saturday, November 19. A few of our members will have craft items for sale at this event.

❖ The POM category this month was *Variiegated* for both cacti and succulents. The definition of what qualifies as a *variegated* is always part of the explanation. A loose interpretation would be “a change in pigmentation caused by a virus or other outside influence.” As we have become accustomed, the plants were of very high quality and interest.

❖ Following our usual three minute break, Marquita introduced our speaker, Rob Skillin. Rob gave an excellent slide show on his trips through the Central Andean Cordillera. His photos of the smallest to the largest cacti were fantastic!

Finally, it was time for the raffle. Great plants and pots!!! We thank everyone for their generosity throughout the year for donating items for the raffle!!!!

And thus concludes the final meeting for 2016.

Joyce



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BOTANICAL GARDENS

DESERT FORUM *Saturday, 14th of January 2017*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:00 – 9:45 **Registration**
Please bring your CSSA or affiliated club badge or membership card for admission

In order to receive free admission, you **MUST** arrive by 9:45 A.M.
Late arrivers will need to pay for Huntington admission.
- 9:00 – 11:00 **Desert Garden**
Knowledgeable staff and docents will be stationed throughout the
Desert Garden and Desert Conservatory
Aloes will be flowering
- 11:00 – 1:00 **Plant Sales – (exclusively for CSSA and club members)**
Gate opens by the Teaching Greenhouse at 11:00 for plant sales -
please, no early bird shopping, and no shopping after 1:00.
Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted
- 1:00 – 5:00 **Free Time**
Attendees are welcome to tour the gardens and galleries as of 10:00 am

Lunch:

The Café in the visitor center features a variety of sandwiches, salads, and grilled items

The tea room at Liu Fang Yuan is a nice option for fresh Chinese food

The coffee shop by the bookstore offers a small selection of pre-made options.

LACSS New Board Members

At the November meeting, a vote was taken to elect members to the LACSS board; the following members were elected:

VP, Programs Ron Behar

VP, POM Manny Rivera

Secretary Matthew Gaskill

Director, Membership Ilona Buratti

The Board and members would like to thank the outgoing Board Members:

VP, Programs Marquita Ellis

Secretary Cheryl White

Director, Membership Danielle Duboff

Kyle Williams was appointed to the position of Director, Education which was vacated by Ron Behar who was elected VP Programs.

Help Wanted

Everyone comes to the meeting knowing there will be vendors selling plants of all kinds, raffle plants of high quality, Plant of the Month competition stiff enough to make you sweat, and a program to pique your interest to add just six more genera to your collection or to travel to some exotic location.

But, we also come to the meeting expecting some fabulous repast to tingle our taste buds. This can only happen if someone has taken the time to remind the selected alphabet group to bring something and then to “set the table” for everyone to partake of the offerings.

That someone is called “The Refreshment Committee.” Our 2016 committee (Linda and Lisa) decided to create a new Cactus and Succulent Society and now have a club to run which leaves them no time for refreshments.

We need one or two people to step up and be our new Refreshment Committee.

Don't be shy. Here is your chance to be involved.

Please contact Joyce before January so we can continue our tradition of good eats!

ropojo@pacbell.net or 818-705-3224

Thanking you in advance for your service to the club.

Happy Holidays

December
Holiday Party

Plant of the Month 2017

January
Copiapoa
Tylecodon

February
Escobaria
Acharragma
Aloe Clusters
(no larger than 6" pot)

March
Echinopsis
Euphorbia Caudiciform

April
Mammillaria
w/out hooks
Bromeliad

May
Small cactus
staged as miniature
Small Succulent
staged as miniature

June
Favorite

July
Stenocactus
Echinofossulocactus
Pachypodium/Africa

August
Melocactus
Euphorbia Caudiciform

September
Opuntia N. America
Sansevieria

October
Grafted Cactus
Grafted Succulent

November
Ariocarpus
Agave

December
Holiday Party

Plant of the Month -- November

Cactus -- Variegated

Rookie

First Sonia Villarroel Opuntia sp

Advanced

First Kathryn Boorer Ferrocactus emoryi
Second Kathryn Boorer Echinopsis sp
Third Kathryn Boorer Coryphantha elephantidens

Open

First Kyle Williams Gymnocalycium saglionis

Succulent -- Variegated

Rookie

First Kim Greenblatt Euphorbia ascot rainbow
Second Al Mindel Euphorbia lactea crest
Third Sonia Villaroal Agave lophantha

Novice

First Kim Jacobi Aeonium 'Starburst' crest
Second Marquita Ellias Aloe arborescens
Third Linda Holub Agave kisshokan

Advanced

First Kathryn Boorer Euphorbia milii
Second Kim Thorpe Fockea edulis
Third Kathryn Boorer Ceropegia dichotoma

Open

First Kyle Williams Agave applanata 'creme spike'
Second Kyle Williams Agave isthmensis

2017 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

UPDATED 11/7/16 ANY CHANGES please email: aloescats1@aol.com

- FEB. 11 **SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY, SPRING SHOW AND SALE**
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA—INFO 858-382-1797
- MAR. 23-25 **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE**
THURS. 23RD 6-8PM---FRI. MAR. 24TH 9-7PM---SAT. MAR. 25TH 9-5
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFORMATION CALL 562-587-3357
- APR. 8-9 **SOUTH COAST CACTUS AN SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE**
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD., PALOS VERDES, CA
INFO: 310-378-1953 ; Website: <http://www.southcoastcss.org>
- APR. 23 **HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10AM TO 4:30PM / HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS,**
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-3504
- MAY 5-6 **SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 7 **SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**
-9am to 4pm SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS, INFO. 310-833-6823
- MAY 12-13 **GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 35TH SHOW AND SALE**
FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm, at LAND SCAPES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STYLE
450 E. ALESSANDRO BLVD., RIVERSIDE, CA INFO. 951-360-8802
- MAY 20-21 **LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB PLANT SHOW AND SALE**
10-4 pm RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA
INFO. 562-631-5876
- MAY 27-28 **CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY**
ANNUAL SHOW & SALE (10-4PM), LUDWICK CENTER,
864 SANTA ROSA SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – INFO. 805-237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org
- JUNE 3-4 **SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY-- SUMMERSHOW & SALE**
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA INFO. 858-382-1797
- JUNE 10-11 **LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY PLANT SHOW AND SALE**
JUNE 10th 9AM – 5PM and JUNE 11th 9AM - 3PM
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD., ENCINO, CA.
INFO. www.lacss-show.com

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- JUN 30-JUL 2** **CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE – HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS**
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. Info: 626-405-3504
PLANTS SALES START JUNE 30TH THRU JULY 2ND
SHOW OPENS JULY 1ST THUR JULY 2ND
- JULY 20-22** **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE**
THURS. 20TH 6-8pm, FRI. JULY 21ST 9am-7pm, SAT. 22ND 9-5pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- JULY 26-31** **CSSA CONVENTION, TEMPE, AZ.**
- AUG. 12-13** **32ND ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE AT THELA COUNTY ARBORETUM**
9am-5pm daily. 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA.
INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 or ARTIE CHAVEZ 818-482-8795
- SEPT. 2** **HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM**
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON 626-405-3504
- SEPT. 3** **LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION**
12-5PM RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615
INFO. 562-631-5876
- Oct. 7-8** **BAKERSFIELD CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE**
SAT. 10-5---SUN. 11-3 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 2216 17th STREET
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304 FREE ADDMISSION & PARKING, INFO 661-8318488
- OCT. 21-22** **PALOMAR SHOW AND SALE**
SAT 9-5, SUN 10-4, SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDENS
230 QUAIL GARDENS ROAD, ENCINITAS, CA
INFO hciservices@gmail.com. 858-382-1797
- NOV. 4 - 5** **SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**
9am-4pm BOTH DAYS---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM 310 NO. BALDWIN, ARCADIA, CA
INFO: MANNY RIVERA 626-780-6957 or JOHN MATTHEWS 661-714-1052

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