



**May 2014**

**Meeting Time**  
7:00 pm

**Plant of the Month**  
**Favorites**

**Refreshments**

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**April**  
**New Members**

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**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.

**General Meeting**  
**June 5**

**Program presented by Ernesto Sandoval**

**“A Baja California Natural History: the Land of the**

**Boojum**



Having traveled to the northern half of the Baja California peninsula, Ernesto Sandoval, Director of the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory hopes to convince us to travel to this particular flavor of the Sonoran Desert, at least vicariously through his presentation if not at some future date. He has visited the peninsula during three particularly moist springs, including the 1998 El Niño, and at least 10 winters. Learn about some botanically defining characteristics of the peninsula's plant life as well as the endemic and near endemic plants, especially succulents, that are found throughout Baja. Ernesto has amassed a visually stunning collection of images from this remarkable landscape, known to some as one of the most lush deserts in the world.

Ernesto Sandoval's horticultural home is the Botanical Conservatory at UC Davis, where he has worked his way up from waterer and weeder in 1991 to Director. His botanical home away from home is Baja California. He's been traveling there since his first intrepid visit in 1995 with vehicles from Wrent-a-Wreck and a AAA map. Today it's University vehicles and a much better knowledge of beautiful and interesting locations for camping and seeing some of the Peninsula's fascinating flora and special succulents. As field trip organizer for the UC Davis Botany Club, he's led many trips to Baja California over the winter break and three during lush and moist spring breaks. The beer and the beaches are the minor distractions of these trips to see the plethora of plants — whether succulent and spiny or flowering and fighting for survival — in one of the most amazing portions of the Sonoran Desert. Ernesto hopes to, at least, convince people to visit an amazing desert that most tourists see as a 1000 kilometer wasteland with tropical beaches at its southern tip and great fishing. Be prepared to be splendidly spun into the web of desert life, Baja style.

Ernesto will also bring an assortment of less common succulents for sale as part of the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory's Green for Green program.

Attached is a photo with an Austrian Friend pondering the Pachycereus/ aka Cardon in a Cardon forest.

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### **Monthly Drawing**

Leah Imamura

Juana Williams

June 2014

## President's Message

We were fortunate to have Attila Kapitany, from Australia to educate, enlighten, entertain, and amaze us with his incredible photos of succulent plants with no official name. During casual chit-chat with him prior to the meeting, it occurred to me how privileged we are to live in an area that has many experts who basically live in our back yard. They have traveled, studied, and shared their knowledge and experiences with us. I am confident we appreciate and will utilize these resources without taking them for granted.

Ahh... and now back to my recurring subject: our Festival.

The time is near. Artie created a workflow chart of all the tasks required to make this Festival happen, into sub-section chairs and recruited very capable members to take leadership of these areas. Roxie, David and Kim presented an overview of the direction and actions of their respective areas of responsibilities.

We need to support their efforts, now, by stepping up and volunteering (how many times have you heard that!) to spend a few hours (or more) on Saturday and Sunday at the best Cactus and Succulent Festival in the San Fernando Valley. In the May Chronicle blast, a framework of day, times, and duties was offered to help you decide where your talents would be most useful and appreciated. Again, the "Volunteer Sign-up sheet" will be passed around at the June meeting.

Don't be shy – please sign up in several time slots... :o)

My "Thank you" this month is to Artie Chavez for sharing his time, knowledge and leadership in keeping our Festival alive and well during this transition time. Without his leadership over the past few years, our festival would not be the phenomenal success that it is.

See you in a few days.

Joyce

## Kids' Day at the Festival By Kathleen Misko

I'm a lucky person.

In many ways , but the one I'd like to share is that I volunteer at the LAUSD teaching garden in Silver Lake. So, for this whole semester, I have seen the result of offering tiny people information about nature, growing, weather conditions, seeds, butterflies, rain dances, equinox and chickens.

It's positively magic.

That's where you all come in.

You can be part of offering children that magic experience at our very own Kids' Festival on June 15, 2014.

We are the only club that makes education a priority.

By encouraging children in your neighborhood, your family and their friends to attend you will be giving them that gift.

Speaking of gifts... for Father's day, all the children will be able to make Father's day gifts.

There will be games. A photo opp at the cactus couch, clay pots to make and take home. There will also be plants to be potted in corks. A plant maze, designed by Artie Chavez and Kim Thorpe, lead by the Boy Scouts, that will earn them a pin to Kids Klub.

It's a fun outing and one that I want you to encourage all of your people and their people and their people to take part in it.



**SIGNUP NOW!**  
**LACSS ANNUAL DROUGHT TOLERANT**  
**PLANT FESTIVAL**

**DINNER**

**DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014**

**TIME: 5:30PM**

**COST: \$25.00**

Dinner will include: Appetizers (donations are welcome), BBQ tri-tip, chicken, salad, beans, garlic bread, cake, ice cream, water, soda, coffee. Bring your own wine or beer if desired.

Cash or check only; if paying by check, make it out to the LACSS

Please contact Barbara Hall to make a reservation; pay me at the June meeting, by mail or at the latest Friday, June 13, 2014

Come and enjoy a delicious meal followed by the rare plant auction.

Thank you,

Barbara Hall  
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16340 Armstead Street  
Granada Hills, CA, 91344



## *Attention all Festival Volunteers*

To answer the most FAQ of volunteers, the following is offered. This list is for reference only. Other needs will be identified as the event evolves.....

Thank you for your willingness to be involved with the **ONLY Cactus and Succulent Event in San Fernando Valley.**

<b>Day/time</b>	<b>Areas needing assistance</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Set up vendor area outside (move tables into place, help set up tarps, assemble outdoor displays, hang banners, etc.)
<b>Friday</b>	Set up inside tables, kids exhibits, (move tables, place table cloths, set up books, set up kid's area, place signage, etc.)
<b>All day Sat and Sun</b>	Kitchen (monitor users of refreshments, trash removal, help set up and tear down)
<b>All day Sat and Sun</b>	Hospitality table (Sign in visitors, distribute handouts, membership information, general information, sell member plants and t-shirts, etc.)
<b>All day Sat and Sun</b>	West Hospitality table (Sign in visitors, direct them to the vendors, indoor displays, speakers, etc.)
<b>All day Sat and Sun</b>	Garden's Cactus Garden tours
<b>Saturday 4 PM</b>	Dinner setup (arrange tables and chairs, place tablecloths, etc.)
<b>All day Sat and Sun</b>	Plant holding (outside - check in visitor's purchases while they tour the inside displays)
<b>Sun Kid's activities</b>	Sign-in participants, answer questions re exhibits, assist with crafts & games, etc
<b>All day Sat and Sun</b>	Assist visitors with purchases to their vehicles, if needed.
<b>Saturday 8-3</b>	Help set up the silent auction (bid sheets, questions/answers, log in plants, announce winners, contact winners, etc.)
<b>All day Sat and Sun</b>	Floater – roam the venue and assist others where needed. (Answer questions, give directions, etc.)
<b>Sunday 4 PM</b>	Help tear down all the things we put up.

Thanks again – Joyce Schumann, Volunteer Coordinator



<p><b>Waterwise Botanicals</b> www.waterwisebotanicals.com</p> <p>32183 Old Hwy 395 Escondido, CA 92026 (760) 728-2641</p>	<p><b>For more information:</b> <b>Contact: Mikayla Taylor</b> work: (760)728-2641 cell: (951)445-3322 mikayla@waterwisebotanicals.com</p>
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## **THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SUCCULENT CELEBRATION AT WATERWISE BOTANICALS, JUNE 6-7**

North San Diego County's Waterwise Botanicals nursery will host the spectacular two-day event, Succulent Celebration, on **Friday and Saturday, June 6-7, 2014.**

This one of a kind event in Southern California celebrates the versatility, sustainability, and beauty of succulents. Come to Waterwise Botanicals to enjoy a kaleidoscope of color, creation, and education on drought tolerant landscaping, and living art at its best.

Also featured is the exciting reinvention of Garden Design magazine and its creators.

The superior lineup of speakers includes best-selling author and photojournalist Debra Lee Baldwin; plant explorer and hybridizer Kelly Griffin of Altman Plants; Peter Loyola of Oceanside's Succulent Café; Robyn Stockwell, owner of Succulent Gardens in Northern California, and Tom Jesch of Waterwise Botanicals.

All are invited to experience "the best garden event of the year" with acres of nursery and display gardens to explore, hands-on workshops, a grand assortment of succulents and low-water plants for sale, the chance to speak with industry experts, arts and crafts vendors with succulent-themed gifts, food trucks and more.

Hours 9:00am to 5:00pm both days. Free parking and admission. Event details can be seen at [www.succulentcelebration.com](http://www.succulentcelebration.com)

Waterwise Botanicals, established in 2010, is a 20+ acre wholesale/retail nursery located in the rolling hills of Escondido, in North County San Diego. Just off Interstate-15 northwest of the highway at 32183 Old Hwy 395 Escondido, CA 92026

**Plant of the Month  
2014**

**June**

Favorite, Favorite

**July**

Escobaria, Corypantha  
Cucurbitaceae

**August**

Obregonia, Strombo-  
cactus, Echinomastus  
Fockea, Raphionacme,  
Brachystelma

**September**

Thelocactus  
Fouqueria

**October**

Ariocarpus  
Euphorbia  
(Madagascar)

**November**

Miniatures

**December**

Holiday Party

**2015**

**January**

Discocactus  
Anacampseros, Avonia,  
Ceraria

**February**

Mammillaria Clusters  
Sarcocaulon

**March**

Pediocactus,  
Sclerocactus  
Sedum

**April**

Variiegates

**May**

Astekium  
Geohnintonia

**June**

Favorite

**July**

Ecinocactus,  
Ferrocactus  
Pachypodium-  
Madagascar

**May**

**Plant of the Month**

**Succulent -- Mesembryanthemaceae (other than Lithops  
and Conophytum)**

**Rookie**

First	Kathryn Boorer	Glottiphyllum oligocarpum
Second	Kyle Williams	Faucaria tigrina
Second	Kathryn Boorer	Faucaria tuberculosa
Third	Kathleen Misko	Faucaria longifolia
Third	Kathryn Boorer	Titanopsis calrarea

**Novice**

First	Sylvia Strehlo	Faucaria tigrina
Second	John Suci	Titanopsis calcarea
Third	John Suci	Aloinopsis malherbei

**Advanced**

First	Sandy Chase	Erepsia sp
Second	Sandy Chase	Marlothistella stenophylla
Third	John Martinez	Titanopsis schwantesii

**Cactus -- Buiningia, Uebelmania**

**Rookie**

First	Kathryn Boorer	Uebelmania pectinifera
Second	Kyle Williams	Uebelmania pectinifera

**Advanced**

First	Kim Thorpe	Uebelmania pseudopectinifera
Second	Kim Thorpe	Uebelmania pectinifera
Third	Rio Cernik	Uebelmania brevicylindrica
Third	Kim Thorpe	Buiningia brevicylindrica

Please note that there was an omission in the February POM results. Natalie Welsh was also awarded a first place in Rookie succulents for Aloe cv 'Viper'. Congratulations Natalie!

## Cactus & Succulent - Calendar Of Upcoming Events For 2014

- June 7-8** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society –Summer Show & Sale  
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego **Info** (858) 382-1797
- June 14-15** **Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Drought Tolerant Plant Show & Sale 9-3:30** Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino [www.lacss-show.com](http://www.lacss-show.com)
- June 27-29** **CSSA Annual Show & Sale** –Huntington Botanical Gardens 1151 Oxford Road  
**Info** (626) 405-2160 or 2277 Sales Start June 27 Show Opens
- July 25-27** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale **Info** (949) 212-8417  
Friday July 25 9am-5pm, Saturday July 26 9am-5pm, Sunday 27 12-4pm  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim
- August 9-10** 29th Annual Intercity Show & Sale-LA County Arboretum, 9am-5pm Daily  
301 No. Baldwin Ave **Info** Tom Glavich (626) 798-2430 or John Matthews (661) 714-1052
- August 30** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium **All Day at the Huntington**
- September 7** Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction -12-5  
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach 90615 **Info:** (310) 922-6090
- November 4-5** San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale 9-4 Both Days  
LA County Arboretum 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia

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1151 Oxford Road—Info (626) 405-2160 or (626) 405-2277  
Sales start June 27—Show opens on Saturday June 28