



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.

CSSA Affiliate

Next Meeting

Thursday

June 4th, 2015

16633 Magnolia Blvd.
Encino, CA 91356

Doors Open at

6:15 pm

Meeting begins at

7:00pm

Refreshments

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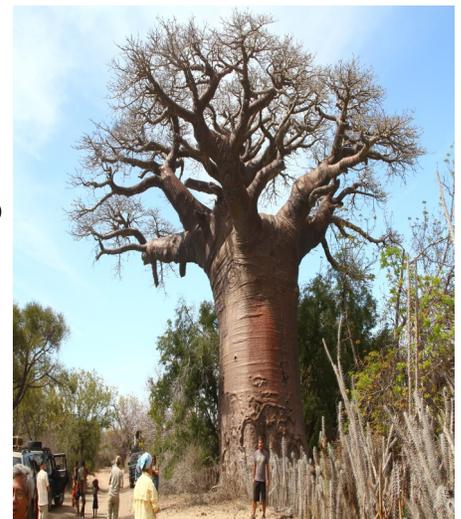
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Program: Madagascar: The Island of the Big Trees Presented by Guillermo Rivera

This presentation will cover a recent journey to the western and southern part of the Island of Madagascar. The island is not only rich in endemism (plants that are only found in this place), but also with animals that are unique to this environment. Lemurs and Chameleons are almost exclusively found in Madagascar. Among the plants, the genus *Adansonia* is perhaps the most common, but plenty of *Aloes*, *Euphorbias*, *Didiereas*, *Alluaudias*, and *Pachypodiums* can be found as well.



Born in Argentina, he is owner of South America Nature Tours (formerly Cactus Expeditions). For the past 12 years his company has been dedicated to the organization of tours to such locations as South America (Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador), Mexico and South Africa, with emphasis on plant habitats (bromeliads, cacti, and orchids), and birding. Guillermo is a former researcher at the University of Cordoba, Argentina. He has a BS degree in Biology from the University in Cordoba and an MS (Marine Biology) and a Ph.D. (Biology) from Northeastern University. Guillermo also earned a Ph.D. in Botany from the University of Cordoba.



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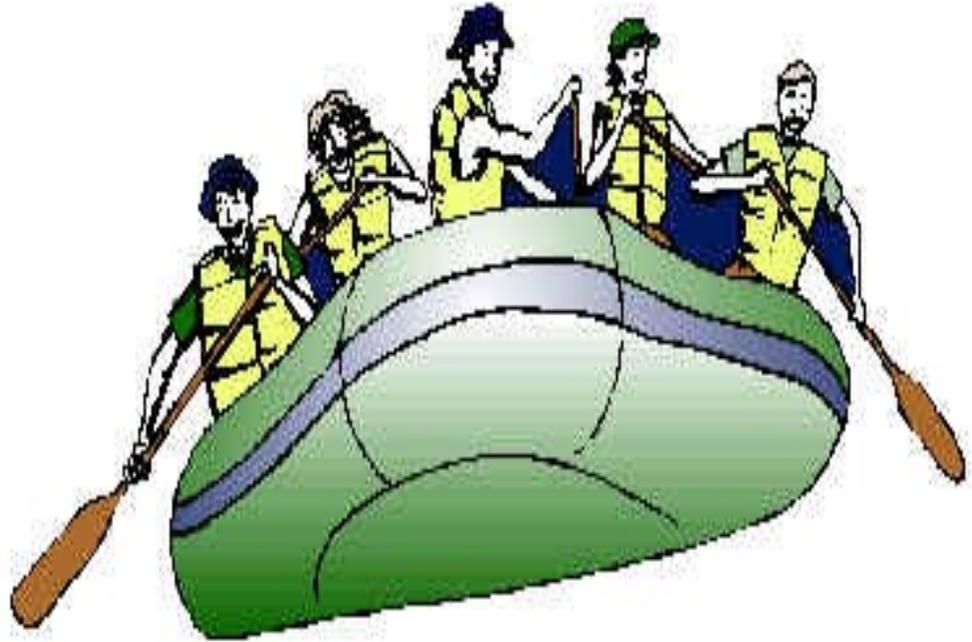
Monthly Drawing

Leah Imamura

Juana Williams

President's Message

June, 2015



On Vacation: River Rafting down the Colorado River.

See You All at the Festival!

**Plant of the Month
2015**

June
Favorite

July
Echinocactus,
Ferrocactus
Pachypodium-
Madagascar

August
Eriosyce, Neochilenia,
Neoporteria
Lithops

September
Ceriodes (N. America)
Didiereaceae

October
Miniatures

November
Crests and Monstrose

December
Holiday Party

**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

Plant of the Month -- May

Succulent -- Sansevieria

**Rook-
ie**

First	Lisa Gailey	Sansevieria cylindrica
Sec- ond	Linda Holub	Sansevieria trifasciata golden hahnii
Sec- ond	Kim Jakobi	Sansevieria sp.
Third	Sonia V.	Sansevieria fisheri
Third	Kim Jacobi	Sansevieria suffruticosa cylindrica

**Nov-
ice**

First	Kathryn Boorer	Sansevieria pinguicula
Sec- ond	Kathryn Boorer	Sansevieria kirkii "super clone"
Third	Kathryn Boorer	Sansevieria "fernwood"

Advanced

First	Kim Thorpe	Sansevieria pinguicula
Sec- ond	Sylvia Strehlo	Sansevieria sp.
Third	John Martinez	Sansevieria katkii

Cactus -- Aztekium, Geohintonia

Advanced

First	Kim Thorpe	Geohintonia mexicana
Sec- ond	Kim Thorpe	Aztekium hintonii
Third	Kim Thorpe	Aztekium ritteri
Third	Barbara Hall	Aztekium ritteri

What is your favorite plant?



Mammillaria



Haworthia bolusii var.
blackbeardiana



Cyphostemma juttae
(left) & Aloe dichotoma
(Huntington Gardens)

50th ANNUAL CSSA SHOW & SALE AT THE HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS

Dates: Friday, June 26 to Sunday, June 28, 2015
Location: Botanical Center (same as last year)
Show Setup: Thursday, June 25th, 9:00am-1:00pm
Enter Plants: Thursday, June 25th 1pm-6pm and Friday, June 26th 10:30am-4:00pm. Judging starts at 5:00pm on Friday, June 26th

Auction: Items need to be registered by 12pm Saturday, June 27th. There will be a Live Auction (30 items maximum) after dinner and a Silent Auction during dinner. Auctioneers will decide placement of items. Two (2) items maximum per person/business marked as donation or split.

Dinner: Dearmore BBQ: \$25 per person. See Kathleen Misko. Reservations must be made by 12Noon, Saturday, June 27th.

Tear down: Sunday, June 28th at 4pm

There are many opportunities to participate in this year's Show and Sale. Be sure to pick up a Show Schedule and Index at the next meeting. All Cactus and Succulent Club members, CSSA members, vendors, and volunteers or show participants need to wear their club badges AND a special CSSA/HBG pass that reads "Annual CSSA Show Participant" to enter for free. Please see Barbara Hall, Show Chair, or John Matthews, our CSSA Affiliate, to obtain a pass before the event. We cannot give these passes out at the HBG entry gate.

Even though this is a one-class Show I would encourage everyone to enter a plant or two. Last year a few novices had plants on the trophy table. Please consider volunteering for a few hours in the showroom or sales area, cashiering, information table, hospitality area, welcome table at the HBG entrance, holding table, T-shirt distribution, showroom setup and teardown. We also need 12 clerks to help the Judges on Friday night. See Manny Rivera.

All participants will receive a T-shirt as a thank you. There will be signup sheets at the May and June club meetings. Last year we had a great turn out of volunteers from the LACSS and SGVCSS. Let's do it again!

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CSSA ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 36th biennial Convention of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America will be at Pitzer College in Claremont this year. The opening reception and get together will be Sunday, June 14 2015 at 5:00 PM. Convention proper begins on Monday morning June 15 and continues through the Closing Banquet on Friday June 19.

The Society is happy to return to the Los Angeles basin for the first time since 2001. The Gates and San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Societies are our hosts for this Convention. The more than 300 members of the combined societies are anxious to welcome members of the CSSA from all over the world.

Our hosts are formulating an effort to make this convention more affordable. Pitzer is one of the Claremont Colleges group that consistently produce some of the most successful graduates in our country. In addition, the director of the Arboretum at Pitzer (Joe Clements), has completely revamped the decorative plantings at Pitzer and today the grounds are a true succulent wonderland.

Attendees will be able to stay in the dorms at Pitzer. The brand new West Hall will be our home. Rooms are double, with two twin beds. Two double rooms share one bath. The cost is \$70 per night per double room. You are able to book one (\$35.00) or two beds (\$70.00) in one room as you please. With your permission, we will pair you up with another attendee, or you can make your own arrangements. You must let us know when you are making your booking, if you wish to share with a specific person. We are also able to book two rooms together for specified people, if you let us know.

Food at Pitzer is excellent. Those of you who've had children at private universities recently, know that the food service has changed since we were there. The price of the food is the best part. We have a package that includes breakfast and lunch for all 5 days of Convention for \$119.90 total. We suggest that every attendee exercise this tremendous deal. We will not be serving sweet rolls prior to any of the morning meetings.

Now for the good parts:

- Fabulous plant sale for all the days of the Convention!
- Talented speakers from all over the world! Wonderful Tours on Tour Day!
- Fantastic Plant Auction!
- Opening banquet at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens!
- Terrific Bookseller, Chuck Everson!

Guided tours of the grounds at Pitzer!

19 well-respected speakers include Ernst Van Jaarsveld, Len Newton, Panayoti Kelaidis, Kelly Griffin, and our own Tim Harvey

Tours include local places like Lotusland, Huntington Gardens, LA Arboretum and others you may have visited, but this time you will have many co-visitors who may have a different perspective on the plants.

Full preregistration to the convention is \$295 (before May 1) and \$365 after. You must be a CSSA member to attend (LACSS membership is not sufficient). CSSA membership is \$50/year.

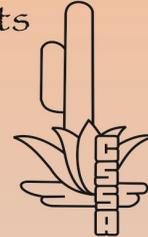
Online registration for Convention, rooms, trips, food, CSSA membership and much more information including pictures can be had at convention website cssa2015.COM.

Prepare to Enjoy!

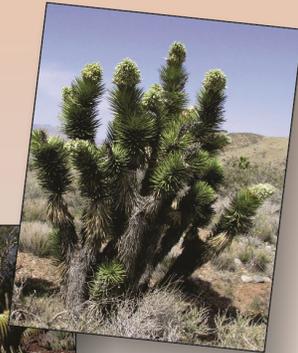
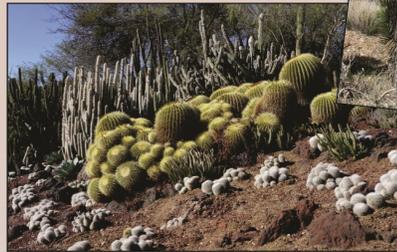
the 2015 *CSSA* Biennial Convention
in a setting filled with Succulent Plants



Pitzer College
Claremont, California
June 14 – 19, 2015
online registration
www.cssainc.org



- Internationally renowned Speakers
- Plant and Book Sales
- Plant Auction
- Field Trips
- Tours
- Opening Banquet at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens



Hosts
San Gabriel Valley C&S Society and Gates C&S Society

Presenters

Michelle Cloud-Hughes
Thomas Cole
Doug Dawson
Julia Etter & Martin Kristen
Kelly Griffin
Steven Hammer
Dr. Heidi Hartmann
Tim Harvey
Ernst Van Jaarsveld
Gary James
Zlatko Janeba
Panayoti Kelaidis
Brian Kemble
Stephen McCabe
Len Newton
Andry Peignat
Jon P. Rebman
Jeremy Spath
Joe Stead
Sula Vanderplank

Cactus & Succulent - Calendar Of Upcoming Events For 2015

- 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 Ayres Hall & Lawn Area, 9am-5pm Daily**
301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia Info Tom Glavich (626) 798-2430 Or John Matthews (661) 714-1052
- 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
- November 7 -8** San Gabriel Valley Winter Show & Sale - Ayres Hall
301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia **Info** Tom Glavich (626) 798-2430 Or John Matthews (661) 714-

California Garden Club, Inc Calendar for 2015

June 8-12 CGCI 84th Annual Convention. Reno, Nevada
Host: Golden Foothills District

San Fernando Valley District Calendar for 2015

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
LA 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



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General Meeting Thursday, June 4th, 2015

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June Events

- 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