



CSSA Affiliate

**Next Meeting
Thursday**

September 1, 2016

**16633 Magnolia Blvd.
Encino, CA 91346**

**Doors Open
at 6:15 pm**

**Meeting begins
at 7:00pm**

**Refreshments for
September
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August New Members

Bob Cohen
Crystal Cohen
Cindy Diener
Jessica and Judy Einboden
Precila Galang
Bruce Mesick
Len Stern (renewal)
Lindsey Stevenson
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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.

September Program:

**"Dudleya: Succulent Diversity in Our Own Backyard"
presented by John Martinez and Nils Schirmmacher**

The Santa Monica and San Bernardino mountains are home to a plentiful and varied assortment of Dudleya. An hour's drive into our local hills can yield 11 species and 6 subspecies, a genus density equal to that of Baja.

For the past two years, John Martinez and Nils Schirmmacher have photographed these succulents in habitat, trekking slopes and canyons to locate and identify our native treasures. Their introduction to Dudleya of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties will feature their photos, provide a description of each species, and impart lessons learned in the field.

John Martinez currently lives in Moorpark with his wife Linda and is a retired Los Angeles Fire Department Battalion Chief. He is a member of the San Fernando Valley Bromeliad Society, Los Angeles CSS, San Gabriel Valley CSS, and a past volunteer at the Huntington Botanical Garden. John has a deep fondness of nature and has been growing xeric plants most of his adult life. Over the past 6 years he has shared a co-op succulent growing compound in Somis with three experienced growers of cactus, succulents, and other exotics.



Aside from maintaining his plant collection, John's time is divided between golf, gardening, photography, occasional fly fishing, and grandchildren. As a native of Southern California, John attended California State University of Northridge where he received a Bachelors Degree in Art.



Nils Schirmmacher has been collecting succulents since 1999, the year he joined the CSSA. In 2005, he became an LACSS member and currently serves as club historian. From his Los Angeles apartment, he's building a collection of seed-grown plants that includes members of the Aizoaceae, or mesembs. This pursuit led to his joining the Mesemb Study Group in 2014.

Nils shares his home and garden with his wife Malynnda, who is kindly indulging his newfound interest in tarantulas. He holds a Master's Degree in Art from UC Irvine and has had several gallery exhibitions. By day Nils works as an Art Handler.

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Holiday Party Awards

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Meeting Refreshments

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President's Message

September 2016

It would seem that all of the exciting events for the year are behind us (including the Olympics). But, gladly, that is not true. Still left on our calendar are the Huntington Botanical Symposium, three more cactus & succulent show and sales, and last but not least, the Winter Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale hosted by San Gabriel Cactus and Succulent Society. If you have placed any plants in our monthly POM competition, you should consider, also, entering them in the San Gabriel Show. Our Rookies and Novices have quite the good eye for competition quality plants, so show them off and maybe win a ribbon!

In this heat, it seems ridiculous to be talking about our Holiday Awards Dinner. But we must. After many years of chairing the event, Barbara Hall decided to retire from this position. We gratefully thank Barbara for always putting together a fun event. Kandi and Don Soderstrom eagerly volunteered to take her place. They have considerable experience due to their involvement in other non-profit groups. Already, they have begun preparations for the centerpieces. More information regarding this as it develops.

Again, it may seem premature but elections will be held in November. John Suci has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. The following offices are up for election: VP- Programs (currently held by Marquita Elias), VP -Plant of the Month (currently held by Manny Rivera), Secretary (currently held by Cheryl White) and Director 1 (currently held by Danielle Duboff). John will make an announcement at the meeting regarding the time frame and process for nominations.

Several months ago, Phyllis Frieze resigned as Editor of the Cactus Chronicle citing increased employment duties and decreased time to get everything done on time. As luck would have it, Jose Villarroel accepted the challenge and will be the Chronicle Editor beginning October, 2016. Phyllis and Jose have been working together the last two months so there will be no interruption to our high-quality newsletter. If you wish to submit an article or announcement to Jose you may email him at: jo.villa818@gmail.com. The deadline for submitting articles remains the 20th of the month. Thank you, Phyllis, for your patience and dedication in making our newsletter one of the best!

Mark your calendars – we will have a special 3rd Saturday of the month meeting in September. If the weather has cooled off considerably by then, we will spend some time in the cactus garden, getting acquainted with the plants, admiring the results of past cleaning/planting sessions and formulating a plan to continue our care responsibilities.

The last (probably) Board of Directors meeting for 2016 will take place in September. If you have any concerns for the Board to address, feel free to contact me so I can place it on the agenda.

See you soon.

Best,

Joyce

The Interesting Intercity Show and Sale 2016

Forget the prime parking space in the shade! I knew things must be busy at the Show & Sale as I gladly pulled into the last space in the furthest corner of the overflow parking lot. On the walk to the back gate, many

people were headed toward their vehicles carrying boxes full of cacti and succulents. This is a good sign.....

The sales area was full of shoppers looking for that special, rare, or exotic plant to complete (or start) their collection. The excitement was palpable. Not wanting to dodge and weave my way through sales looking for my

special, rare or exotic plant, I headed inside to the Show area. Definitely a full house here! The competition was serious!!! The quality and variety of plants was incredible. Dodging and weaving was still the traffic pattern but worth it. I was very pleased to see so many entries by LACSS members, and many with ribbons. A few LACSS members had plants on the "Trophy Table." Congratulations to all who won ribbons and many, many thanks to all who entered plants. You did yourself proud!

Another very good sign was the number of visitors eagerly joining the walks and talks seeking insights to the world of cacti and succulents. Most overheard comments – "OOhh", "Aahhh", "What is this?", "LOOK AT THIS!!!!!"

I don't have a complete list of participants but the attached tally provided by Tom Glavich gives an overview of the major point winners.

Looking forward to seeing you next year-same time, same place, more plants.

Joyce

Announcement

Gregg DiChirico is one of our favorite speakers. Some of us went to his special two-day close-out sale and got some wonderful deals; there are many more plants that have to go. He is now available only by appointments. He still has Bromeliads and many many succulents. If you go take your own boxes. The location is Island View Nursery, 3376 Foothill Rd., Carpinteria CA 93013. If you haven't been there before, Enter thru the huge Nursery in the front, exit the rear and turn right. Gregg's nursery is one of many located in the rear. After the sale he will also be open by appointment for a few weeks. As they say "everything must go!" For additional information contact Gregg at u4banut@yahoo.com

2016 Intercity Show Award List

Cacti	Name	Plant
Best cactus/novice	Cheryl While	Gymnocalycium horstii
Best cactus/advanced	Ron Harris	Tephrocactus geometrizzans
Best cactus/open	Karen Ostler	Obregonia denegrii
Best Native U.S. Cactus	David Hawks	Escobaria alversonia
Best Argentine Cactus	John Matthews	Blossfeldia liliputana
Best Chilean Cactus	Alex Abrahamian	Copiapoa cinerea
Best Ariocarpus	Dave & Eileen Tufenkian	Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus var elephantidens
Best Astrophytum	Bill Munkacsy	Astrophytum myriostigma
Best Cereus	Cheryl While	Espostoa lanata
Best Echinocereus	Alex Abrahamian	Echinocereus pulchellus
Best Gymnocalycium	Bill Munkacsy	Gymnocalycium spegazzinai
Best Mammillaria	Bill Munkacsy	Mammillaria herrerae
Best Opuntieae	Ron Harris	Tephrocactus geometrizzans
Best Rebutia/Sulcorebutia	Cheryl While	Sulcorebutia heliosa
Best Epiphytic Cactus	Sharon Sedillo	Rhipsalis salicornioides
Best Crested Cactus	Miles Anderson	Turbincarpus valdezianus crest
Best Variegated Cactus	Kathryn Boorer	Echinopsis variegata
Best Exhibit	Karen & Martin Ostler	
Best Allied Interest	John Martinez	Dudleya cymosa ssp cymosa habitat



Succulents		
Best succulent/novice Best succulent/advanced Best succulent/open Best Caudiciform Best Madagasc.Plant,not Euph. Best Anacardiaceae Best Euphorbia non Madagascar Best Madagascar Euphorbia Best Agave Best Aloe Best Miniature Aloe Hybrid Best Asclepiad Best Crassula Best Echeveria Best Fouquieria Best Gasteria Best Haworthia Best Mesemb Best Dyckia Best Pachypodium Best Bonsai Succulent Best Crested Succulent Best Variegated Succulent Best Lithops	Christofer Zeferas Mike Hackett Naomi Bloss Christofer Zeferas Peter Walkowiak Petra Crist Peter Walkowiak Jim Hanna Anthony Krock John Matthews Tim Harvey Greg and Anna Cavanaugh Rebecca Mallonee Naomi Bloss Keith Taylor John Matthews Rob McGregor Jim Hanna Steve Ball Peter Walkowiak Greg and Anna Cavanaugh Kathryn Boorer Anthony Krock Tom Vermilion	Cyphostemma currori Euphorbia abdelkurii Ceraria namaquensis Dioscorea elephantipes Uncarina roeoeseliana Pachycormis discolor Euphorbia bupleurifolia Euphorbia francoissii Agave albipilosa Aloe Inflamed Fockea edulis Crassula cv coralita Echeveria agavoides Ebony Fouquieria fasciculata Gasteraloe Shining Star Astoloba corrugata Mestoklema arbiforme Dyckia Tina Walker Pachypodium saundersii var compacta Operculicarya decaryi Pedilianthus macrocarpus Agave bracteosa medial varegate Lithops pseudotruncata alpina
Joint		
Best Collection Best Staged Plant Best Any Other Genus Best Miniature Rarest Plant in Show	Jeff Delzel Petra Crist Kathryn Boorer Keith Taylor Luke Wooden	Bursera sp Pelargonium mirable Brachychiton rupestris Blossfeldia liliputana Pyrrocactus umadeave
Show Committee		
Most Popular Plant High Points cactus/novice High Points cactus/advanced High Points cactus/open High Points succulent/nov High Points succulent/adv High Points succulent/open Grand Sweepstakes Best Rookie Novice(Succulent) Best Rookie Novice (Cactus). Show Spirit	Not Given Kal Kaminer Kathryn Boorer Karen & Martin Ostler Kal Kaminer Kathryn Boorer Peter Walkowiak Kathryn Boorer John Matthews	

**Plant of the Month
2016**

September

Turbinicarpus
Gymnocactus
Cyphostema
Cissus

October

Mammillaria with hooks
Asclepiad

November

Variegated

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
Sanseveiria

August Plant of the Month

Cactus -- Astrophytum

Rookie

First	Kal Kaminer	Astrophytum caput-medusae
Second	Matthew Gaskill	Astrophytum asterias cv super kabuto
Second	Matthew Gaskill	Astrophytum asterias hybrid
Third	Matthew Gaskill	Astrophytum myriostigma hybrid
Third	Sonia Villarroel	Astrophytum capricorne

Novice

First	Linda Holub	Astrophytum ornatum
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Advanced

First	Kathryn Boorer	Astrophytum ornatum
Second	Cheryl White	Astrophytum myriostigma
Third	Kathryn Boorer	Astrophytum capricorne v minor
Third	Rio Cernak	Astrophytum kabuto

Open

First	John Matthews	Astrophytum v super kabuto
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Succulent -- Adenium

Rookie

	Sonia Villarroel	Adenium obesum
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First	Ron Behar	Adenium
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Advanced

First	Cheryl White	Adenium
Second	Kathryn Boorer	Adenium arabicum

Open

First	Manny Rivera	Adenium obesum
Second	Manny Rivera	Adenium somalense v nova

Cactus & Succulent - Calendar of Upcoming Events For 2016

- 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
Huntington Fall Sale
- 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

Congratulations

From the oldest cactus and succulent club to the newest cactus and succulent club – our most sincere and happy congratulations to the new kids on the block!!

The founding members of Conejo Cactus and Succulent Society (CCSS) are to be commended for their vision, perseverance and willingness to tackle the endless paper work to create a new organization. We look forward to watching them grow and wish them much success.

The Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Club

Exciting News

It was only a matter of time. It's been 38 years or so since a new cactus and succulent society was formed in Southern California. Say hello to the Conejo Cactus and Succulent Society (CCSS) - a CSSA affiliated club meeting in Newbury Park, Ventura County, midway between the Santa Barbara Club and the Los Angeles club. We hope to see lots of members from those two clubs; as well as any other of the Cactus & Succulent Clubs. Of course we will attract most of our new members from the Ventura County area who may not have ever had a Cactus & Succulent Club so close to them. The focus of CCSS will be worked out as the interests of new members is surveyed.

There will be great presentations with perhaps some new speakers hiding in the area. Also a chance to catch a presentation possibly missed from your home club as we plan to have the out-of-town speakers making the rounds as well and a chance to meet a whole new group of cactus and succulent enthusiasts. This will be an opportunity for those who may be attending a club event for the first time. Field trips, home garden visits, plant sales and more.

Meetings will be the first Monday of every month. First meeting is planned for October 3, 2016. The Meeting place is the Borchard Community Center at 190 Reino Rd, Newbury Park CA 91320 it starts at 7:00pm.

Please contact Linda Holub at (805)-501-0761 or email conejocss@hotmail.com for more info.



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