



CSSA Affiliate

HOLIDAY

PARTY

**Saturday,
December 9, 2017**

**LOCATION:
16633 Magnolia Blvd.
Encino, CA 91316**

**Dinner begins
at 5:00pm**

**EMAIL:
lacss.contact@gmail.com**



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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.

**LOS ANGELES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
ANNUAL AWARDS POTLUCK
DON'T MISS THE FUN!!**

**Saturday, December 9, 2017 dinner begins at 5:00 PM
The Sepulveda Garden Center
16633 Magnolia Blvd, Encino CA, 91316**

**Potluck Dinner - Raffle - Plant Auction
Optional Gift Exchange Activity (\$15 value)
Plant-of-the Month Total Points Awards!**

**MEMBERS MUST PROVIDE 8 SERVINGS OF FOOD PER ATTENDEE.
ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED AND MAY BRING ONE GUEST.
PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ITEMS AT THE SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER
MEETINGS OR CALL KANDIE @ 818-625-0699**

Please have all food, gifts and plants at the center by 4:30PM.

- ◆ Recognition & prizes for Plant-of-the-Month award winners
- ◆ Plant/Gift Exchange (optional)
- ◆ Fabulous auction will allow members to contribute
- ◆ Raffle

**All members are invited and may bring one guest.
If you have any questions, or to sign up, contact
Kandie Soderstrom
818-625-0699 or email: kandsod@pacbell.net**

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LACSS.contact@gmail.com

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Richard Roosman

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Holiday Party Chairpersons

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Cactus Garden

Chris Rogers

Meeting Refreshments

OPEN

Monthly Drawing

Leah Imamura

Juana Williams

**New Board Committee Officers
will be updated on the January
2018 Newsletter.**

President's Message

December, 2017

Hi to everyone,

So, my gig as President of the finest Cactus and Succulent Society has come to an end. What a fantastic experience it has been. The Club has grown in members and financial strength. Our Festival has continued to have more visitors than any year prior. We added a Fall Sale which surprised all of us with the overwhelming turnout of visitors. Each aspect of club activities has grown in participation and variety and I can honestly say, I had little to do with any of this. All of this success is due to the involvement of our members, I was just there to maintain order and to direct traffic. I want to thank all of you for making the last four years one of the most positive and rewarding times of my life.

I offer a big thank you and congratulations to Kim Chavez for accepting the challenge to run for the President's office. She will bring her own style and creative ideas to club activities and we look forward to hitting the road running as she takes over the reins.

In the past, Artie Chavez has always been there with answers and guidance so it should not come as a surprise that he was elected as Director 2, Education. Artie shares his knowledge and skills with a sense of humor and ease. Gretchen Davis, Treasurer, agreed to serve one more term as did Diane Miller, VP-Special Events. Both are already preparing for next year's challenges and we are grateful for their dedication, support and attention to the needs of the Club.

LACSS will finish the year with our Annual Awards Dinner. This is our time to get together for good conversations, good food, good laughs and to celebrate our 2017 achievements. I hope all of you will be able to attend.

May the Holidays fill you with happiness and joy.

May the New Year bring you continued good health, prosperity and peace.

Sincerely,

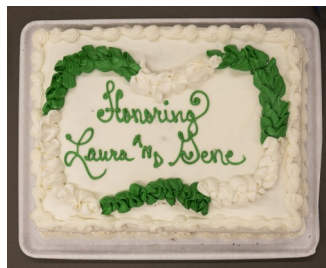
Joyce

What did I miss or I didn't hear That!

November 2017 Meeting

This time we are only sharing some pictures provided by Ron Cooper.
Happy Holidays to everyone!

PICTURES ARE COURTESY OF RON COOPER, MEMBER OF LACSS





THE HUNTINGTON

LIBRARY, ART COLLECTIONS, AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, California 91108 (626) 405-2100

BOTANICAL GARDENS

DESERT FORUM *Saturday, 13 January 2018*

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. Late arrivers will need to pay for Huntington admission.
- 9:00 – 10:00 Coffee and doughnuts will be available in the lower part of the Desert Garden
- 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**
Participants are welcome to tour the gardens and galleries from 10:00 to 5:00.

Lunch:

- The café in the visitor center features a variety of sandwiches, salads, and grilled items
- The tea room at Liu Fang Yuan is an option for Asian food
- The coffee shop by the Store offers a small selection of pre-made options



Congratulations to New Officers for 2018

At the November 2, 2017 LACSS meeting the following new slate of officers were unanimously elected:

President:	Kim Thorpe Chavez
Vice President, Special Events:	Diane Miller (returning)
Treasurer:	Gretchen Davis (returning)
Director II, Education:	Artie Chavez

If you are interested in serving on the board committee or in another leadership capacity, please step up and let Kim know. The work of our outgoing officers will be acknowledged at the holiday party.

Membership

Membership News

Ilona Buratti

Edward Frey, Alex Reyes, & Ika Irsan, joined LACSS in November, be sure to welcome them. They will be wearing their name badges...Ika will be sitting next to Kyle Williams.



We were all smiles at the end of the meeting, thanks to all of you who came in with your dues & updated membership forms. Helping at the membership table were L-R, **Ericka Freeman**, **Mary Chang**, & Kim's mom **Tani Bova**.

I cannot thank them enough for the extra work they did for us.

The work wasn't finished at the end of the evening, your information is entered into our new email system, *Mailchimp* that will go into effect February 2018.

Please get those dues, and forms in so you can be included on the email list.

Name Tags, Badges, or whatever we call them, please pick yours up at the Membership Desk,

At \$10 each, there are **over 50 unclaimed this year alone**...heck guys, that's \$500, plus tax. They are earning frequent flyer mileage going back & forth from my house to club meetings. The unclaimed badges from past years fill a gallon bag.

Effective immediately, a babysitting charge added to badges held over 2 months.



Membership



Hear ye, Hear ye,* &
Newsflash:



2018 dues for LACSS are...
due and payable.

Your help in paying them with the updated *Member Information Sheet* would be appreciated. I am making a list, checking it twice...and updating our membership information for the Roster...& our new email system, Mailchimp... (there will be enough glitches to keep it interesting, and a lot of work to get it correct.)

LACSS, Membership
PO Box 280581
Northridge, Ca 91328-0582

Pop those puppies (dues) into the mail, and you will automatically be entered in the annual



"I Paid my dues on time" drawing at the Awards Party on December 9th.

Ah, you say you are not attending,
~~Winners need not be present.~~ and as further incentive there will be **three winners**...These are great, not token prizes.

If you are Not sure if you've already paid, send me an email or call...
We will look it up for you.

Much thanks,

Ilona Buratti, Membership
818-414-3971

P.S. You can bring your '18 dues to the Party, & I will make sure your name gets into the "Pot" for the drawing.

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LACSS Membership Information Form

Primary member name: _____ DOB Month/Day _____

Additional family member: _____ DOB Month/Day _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

The LACSS newsletter, Cactus Chronicle, and announcements are distributed via email.

Membership dues are paid annually with a renewal deadline of December 31.

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|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Individual membership | \$20.00/ year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ½ year July or after | \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Family membership | \$25.00/year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ½ year July or after | \$12.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Name badge(s) | \$10.00 each | <input type="checkbox"/> # _____ |

Total payment: _____ Payment date: _____

Name as it should appear on badge: _____

Additional badge name: _____

Contact information, excluding birth date, will appear in the LACSS Roster unless otherwise requested.

Please send this form with a check **made payable to LACSS** to:

**LACSS Membership
PO Box 280581
Northridge, CA 91328-0581**

For office use: Cash _____ Check # _____ Cr Card: _____ Date: _____

Revised: RE 10/17

Announcements

LACSS CALENDAR FOR 2018

Monthly meetings

First Thursday of the month

January 4

February 1

March 1

April 5

May 3

June 7

July 5

August 2

September 6

October 4

November 1

December No meeting

FESTIVAL

Thursday, June 7 Physical set up

Friday, June 8 Vendor set up

Saturday and Sunday, June 9 & 10

Intercity Show and Sale

August 11 & 12

Awards Dinner

Saturday, December 8

Third Saturday of the month (if needed or wanted)

January 20

February 17

March 17

April 14 (2nd Saturday)

May 19

July 21

August 18

September 15

October 20

November 10 (2nd Saturday)

FALL SALE

September 15

All dates are confirmed by Lynn of SGC via emails dated 9-26-17 and 10-10-17.

Permits required for special events.

Announcements



We were pleased to Honor the Osler's, Laura & Gene with an *Life Member Certificate*. They spoke to a full house, and invited members to their home for an open house in November. We joined the celebration with a chocolate cake, and heartfelt applause.

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

2018 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

UPDATED 12/3/17. ANY CHANGES please email: aloescats1@aol.com

- FEB. 10 **SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY, WINTER SHOW AND SALE**
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA—INFO 619-990-2051
- MAR. 22-24 **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE**
THURS. 22ND 6-9PM---FRI. MAR. 23TH 9-7PM---SAT. MAR. 24TH 9-5
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFORMATION CALL 562-587-3357
- APR. 7-8 **SOUTH COAST CACTUS AN SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE**
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD., PALOS VERDES, CA
INFO: Website: <http://www.southcoastcss.org> // EMAIL: heidihusnak@gmail.com
- APR. 29 **HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10AM TO 5:00PM / 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 6 **SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**
9am to 4pm SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS, INFO. 310-833-6823
- MAY 11-12 **GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**
FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm, FOR INFORMATION ON LOCATION PLEASE CALL: 909-910-9195
- MAY 19-20 **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 26-27 **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 2-3 **SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY-- SUMMER SHOW & SALE**
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA INFO. 858-382-1797
- JUNE 9-10 **LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY PLANT SHOW AND SALE**
JUNE 9th 9AM – 4PM and JUNE 10th 9AM - 3PM
THE SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD., ENCINO, CA.
INFO. www.lacactus.com

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- JUN 29-JUL 1** **CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE – HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS**
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. Info: 626-405-3504
PLANTS SALES STARTS JUNE 29TH THRU JULY 1ST FROM 10-5pm.
SHOW OPENS JUNE 30TH THUR JULY 1ST FROM 10-5pm.
- JULY 19-21** **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE**
THURS. 19TH 6-9pm, FRI. JULY 20TH 9am-7pm, SAT. 21ST 9-5pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- AUG. 11-12** **33RD ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE AT THE L.A. COUNTY ARBORETUM**
9am-5pm daily. 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA.
INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 or JOHN MARTINEZ 805-390-2139
- SEPT. 1** **HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM**
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON 626-405-3504
- SEPT. 15** **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. 6-7** **BAKERSFIELD CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE**
SAT. 10AM - 5PM---SUN. 11AM - 3PM ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 2216 17th STREET
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304 FREE ADDMISSION & PARKING, INFO 661-831- 8488
- OCT. 27-28** **PALOMAR SHOW AND SALE**
SAT 10-5, SUN 10-3, SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDENS
230 QUAIL GARDENS ROAD, ENCINITAS, CA
INFO: BritaMiller1@g-mail.com
- NOV. 10 - 11** **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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DECEMBER 2017

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