



LOS ANGELES  
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# CACTUS CHRONICLE

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## October Program

*Blue Collar Bonsai*  
By Ralph Massey

Ralph Massey will present a workshop on low cost succulent staging and design to enhance imagination and reduce cost using inexpensive plants and materials. Club members attending are requested to bring a teaspoon, pencil, tweezers, butter knife, and garden clippers. Plants, planters, potting mix, and staging materials will be provided. However, you may wish to bring a small quantity of your own staging materials or plants to the work shop.

Leave rules and traditions at home and be prepared to roll up your sleeves and get dirty.

A friend introduced Ralph to succulents in 1971. By 1972 he was a member of the Los Angeles, San Gabriel, and Sunset Clubs. He worked at the Huntington Botanical Gardens with John Trager on the ISI (International Succulent Institute plant releases) for two years and has volunteered at sales in the greenhouse at the Huntington for about 30 years.

Ralph divides his time between studio and greenhouse continuing with his art career which began in 1961. He is currently sharing his experience in staging at local clubs, demonstrating techniques he has learned from Seymore Linden, Frank Horwood, Hank Greenburg, and others.

## Important Notice

Effective November 2010, meetings of the LACSS will start at **7:00 PM**. The Sepulveda Garden Center will open for set-up at **6:45** and not before. Please adjust your schedules accordingly.





## September New Members

*Ed Anolin*  
*Mary Beth Baloga*  
*Charles Moore*  
*Rhonda Peacock*



## Early Membership Renewal

Membership dues for 2011 will increase from \$15 to \$20 for a single individual to compensate for increased costs and other expenses that have accrued during the past year. In addition, those receiving the newsletter via the US mail will incur a \$5 charge to offset the costs of mailing which have gone up astronomically. Family memberships will cost \$25 with the same charge for mailed newsletters.

Anyone paying their 2011 dues during the month of October will receive 3 raffle tickets for the Holiday Party centerpieces. If members pay their dues after October and before the month of December they will receive 2 raffle tickets. Help the club increase its Treasury so we can better serve the club. See you at the next meeting.



## LACSS 2010 Calendar of Events

October 23 Joe Chan Auction  
Caro Desert Nursery (see the flyer in this edition of the Chronicle)

November 6 & 7— San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale  
LA County Arboretum  
301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia

December 3 –5 Orange County Cactus & Succulent Winter Show & Sale  
Fullerton Arboretum  
1900 Associated Road, Fullerton

# Plant of the Month - September Winners

## Novice Division

### Succulent - Miniature

Award	Name	Plant
First	Efren Flores	Tylecodon Buchulziana
Second	Jairo Ramirez	Conophytum truncatum v. wiggettae
Third	Ronit Weiss	Lithops sp.

### Cactus - Miniature

First	John Martinez	Rebutia heliosa
Second	Rio Cernak	Unknown
Third	Helen Frank	Mammillaria hermandzii

## Advanced Division

### Succulent - Miniature

Award	Name	Plant
First	Barbara Hall	Conophytum obcordellum
Second	Barbara Hall	Conophytum reconditum ssp. Reconditum
Third	Barbara Hall	Crassula ausensis ssp. Titanopsis

### Cactus - Miniature

First	Barbara Hall	Puna bonniea
Second	Barbara Hall	Mammillaria crenita monstrose
Third	Barbara Hall	Mediolobivia pygmaea
Third	Barbara Nolan	Rebutia heliosa

## Open Division

### Succulent - Miniature

Award	Name	Plant
First	John Matthews	Conophytum obcordellum 'Lambertense'
Second	John Matthews	Conophytum pellucidum
Third	John Matthews	Haworthia emelyae hybrid

### Cactus - Miniature

First	John Matthews	Astrophytum caput-medusae
Second	John Matthews	Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus
Third	John Matthews	Mammillaria gracilis monstrose

# Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society

## Cactus and Succulent of the Month October 2010 - *Variegates*



Variegated Gymnocalycium

All variegates are mutants. Something has gone wrong with the cellular structure of the leaf or stem growth tip (apical meristem) of the plant. As a result of this mutation, chlorophyll is missing from some or all layers of the plant epidermis.

Variegation is known in most plant families, and variegated plants have a place in most gardens. The bright yellow and white of variegated foliage adds pattern and rhythm to many herbaceous borders. In succulent plants variegates are generally separated from normal plants, and compete against other variegates to put them on an equal footing. Variegated plants grow slower and are generally smaller than non-variegates of the same species. A large well grown variegate of any species is truly an achievement.

### Great Variegates

*Agave* - There are several forms of variegated *Agave americana*. There are forms with a green center stripe and yellow edges, a yellow stripe and green edges, a green center and white edges, a white center and green edges, yellow centers and crinkled edges. Other species of *Agaves* have also produce variegates, with the same variety of variegation.

*Cacti* - variegates can be found in many genera. *Gymnocalycium* are the most often seen, but some columnar variegates and some *Ferocactus* variegates are also common in cultivation. The odd variegate appears in many seedling batches. Variegated *Turbinicarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Matucana* and *Ariocarpus* have been seen at some of recent shows.

Many of these are artificially propagated by grafts. The famous 'Red Caps' and 'Yellow Caps' are *Gymnocalycium* or *Lobivia* variegates that have no chlorophyll at all, and live only by being grafted onto a root stock.



Variegated Monstrose Lobivia

*Sansevieria* - There are dozens of named and unnamed varieties. Look for “Bantel’s Sensation, Futura, Silver Moon, Silver Princess, and variegated varieties of some of the cylindrical forms. Unlike normal *Sansevierias*, these can be difficult to grow. They will not tolerate cold and wet conditions. *Sansevieria* variegates can only be propagated through the tuber. Cuttings of the leaves will root, but will almost always revert to an unvariegated form. On the other hand, normal *Sansevierias* will often put out a variegated pup. These should be removed from the main plant and grown on their own roots to preserve the variegation.



*Gasteria shozodan*

*Gasteria* - The Japanese have made an art of *Gasteria* and *Haworthia* variegated cultivation. Read the 2000 CSSA Journal for just a sampling of the wonderful cultivars. Miniature white species, yellow species, even the occasional pink can be found. There are dozens of variegated *Gasterias* shown at our shows, and available from all of the local vendors. Look for *Gasteria* ‘Little Warty’, a nice white and green species, as well as many of the yellow and green species such as the Japanese hybrid *Gasteria* ‘shozodan’, shown above.

*Euphorbia* - A number of columnar variegates are available, *E. ammak*, being the one most often seen. There are also some cristate and monstrose variegates as well.



*Haworthia attenuata x pumilla variegata*

*Haworthia* - “Gray Ghost” is a *Haworthia retusa* variegated. There are several *Haworthia limifolia* variegates that look as if they were painted with mustard. Shown above is a variegated hybrid between *Haworthia attenuata* and *Haworthia pumilla*. Offsets are produced on the flower stalks, these are variegated, as are the flowers themselves.

M. Sajeva and M. Costanzo, **Succulents, The Illustrated Dictionary**

Tom Glavich October 2005

LOS ANGELES  
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CORDIALLY INVITES YOU

**To the Annual Holiday Awards Party  
Potluck - Plant Auction - Gift Exchange  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6PM  
At the Sepulveda Garden Center  
16633 Magnolia Blvd. Encino**

All members may bring one guest. Please sign up to bring Side Dishes, Salads and Desserts. Please bring food between 5 & 6 PM that night. There will be a Sign-Up Sheet at the Oct. & Nov. Meetings – We need volunteers for the Holiday Committee to help set up the room between 4 – 5 PM. See Barbara Hall

**The party will include:**

- 1. Potluck dinner, ham, turkey & drinks**
- 2. Awards for Plant of the Month points winners**
- 3. Rare Plant Auction – all members, please bring (1) plant-related item to add to the auction ie: pots, books, a nice plant, garden-related items. The club will be acquiring fewer but higher quality plants for the auction.**
- 4. Gift exchange (optional) - gifts must be wrapped & under \$15.00. Tickets will be issued to gift exchangers.**
- 5. Dish garden center pieces will be raffled off (*see the notice regarding your membership renewal for opportunities to obtain free raffle tickets*). All attendees will get a free raffle ticket.**

**If you are unable to attend the November meeting and will be joining us at the party please RSVP to Barbara Hall (818) 368-6914**



# Desert Creations

## Spectacular End of the Year Sale

All prices lowered to reduce our large inventory  
during the winter months

All Collected African Plants reduced 25 percent

The above price reduction includes hundreds of new plants from  
Madagascar and East Africa ~ Euphorbia, Adenia, Pachypodium, etc.

All Cacti reduced 40 Percent

All other plants reduced no less than 25 Percent

**Dates: October 9 and 10, 2010 from 9:00 to 5:00**

*Club Members (any Southern California cactus and succulent society)  
will be allowed to make their purchase prior to the general public - the  
public sale begins at 12:00 P.M. on Saturday*

**Located in the San Fernando Valley  
15914 Rayen Street North Hills California 91343**

**Directions: Exit the 405 Freeway at Nordhoff (go west after exiting for  
approximately two blocks)**

***Call (818) 482-8795 for additional information***



# Another Fantastic Auction!

## The Joe Chan Caudiciforms

### Saturday October 23

On **Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the **Caro Desert Nursery**

9607 E Ave. S-12 Littlerock, CA 93543 (the old CDP location)

the **verbal auction will take place at 1:00 pm.** The **Caro Desert Nursery** will be open at **10:00 am** for their **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Sale.**

Lunch & drinks will be provided prior to the special sale and auction.

This event will follow in the tradition of the Sobel, Wakamatsu, Grammer, Johnson, Hulett, Caro and Hackett auctions. The auction format will be the same and will be conducted by CDP, Woody Minnich. You may place email, phone or in-person bids on the show plants as listed from the auction list. For more information or a copy of **the auction list** please email **Woody** at [cactusdata@msn.com](mailto:cactusdata@msn.com) or

phone **505-281-5884** or **661-406-9816**

All of the plants presented in this auction are from Joe's wonderfully staged collection of show plants. Many of his plants have been recent trophy winners in shows such as the Inter-City, CSSA and SGVCSS winter show. See the next page for a listing of Joe's plants.

All of Joe's plants are beautifully presented in show quality pots such as traditional bonsai, Joe Wujcik, Don Hunt, Erika Van Auker, Mark Muradian, and Charley Ball, as well as other revered ceramicists.

You will not want to miss this opportunity to get show plants of this quality!

**Some of the genera and species available include;**

Operculicarya decaryi, Operculicarya pachypus, Adenia spinosa, Adenia venenata, Adenia glauca, Pachycormus discolor, Bursera microphylla, Ficus petiolaris, Ficus palmeri, Dioscorea elephantipes, Dioscorea hemicripta, Cyphostemma uter, Cyphostemma sietziana, Cyphostemma betaformis, Fouquieria purpusii, Fouquieria fasciculata, Dorstenia gigus, Dorstenia gypsaphylla, Bombax elypticum, Fockea edulis and Euphorbias, Adeniums, Agaves, Conophytums, Lithops, Ariocarpus, Pelargoniums, Sarcocaulons, Tylocodens, Boswelias and much, much more!

*Put this date on your calendar (October 23<sup>rd</sup>)*

*for a very, very special opportunity!*

# *San Fernando Valley*

## *Bromeliad Society*

### *Meeting Announcement*

*Date: Saturday Oct 9, 2010*

*Time: 10:00 am*

*Where: Sepulveda Garden Center  
16633 Magnolia Blvd. Encino, CA 91316*

*Speaker: Tom Glavich*

*Topic: Succulent Bromeliads*

Tom Glavich is a long time grower of succulent and some non-succulent bromeliads. He is one of the co-chairs of the Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show, which has the most competitive succulent bromeliad classes of any show, with upwards of 30 Dyckia being entered every year. He is also Vice President of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, and author of the CSSA's Beginner's Guide Column, which has included Dyckias and Hectias in recent years. In his spare time he grows a variety of plants.

The talk will be “**Succulent Bromeliads**”, and will feature succulent bromeliads that have appeared in shows and gardens, concentrating on Hechtia and Dyckia, but crossing well into the "Semi-Succulent" genera. Potting and staging these to bring out their best attributes, along with a few slides on cultivation will be included.

**Speaker will start promptly at 10:15 AM**

**General Meeting** starts at 7:30 PM on the **first Thursday** of the month at the Sepulveda Garden Center located at 16633 Magnolia Blvd. in Encino between Hayvenhurst and Balboa.  
Set-up and social hour starts at 6:45 PM.

Bring a smile! Make new friends! **GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

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Upcoming Programs:

October - Ralph Massey  
November - Nick Wilkerson  
December—Holiday Party

**First Class Mail**

**Next Meeting: October 7, 2010**  
Sepulveda Garden Ctr. 16633 Magnolia Bl. Encino

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