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September Guest Speaker John Matthews A Survey of the Genus Haworthia

I will start with a very brief summary of the Haworthia history and some of the important people involved with this succulent. Next we will discuss some individual plants that are a part of my extensive collection and have an opportunity to closely scrutinize these specimen. We should have plenty of time to answer questions about the culture of this genus and how to care for them. This discussion is strictly hands-on; no slides or computer presentation. Although I have never been to South Africa or received a formal education in the botanical sciences, I have a passion for the genus Haworthia.

I have collected Haworthias off and on for 35 years beginning in the early 1970's and was a member of the Sunset Succulent Society for 5 or 6 years. I dropped out of the hobby when I moved to a condominium and had to get rid of all my plants. In 2002 I rediscovered the Sunset Club and renewed my fascination with these succulents. I rejoined the Sunset club, then the Los Angeles club, then the San Gabriel Club, and then the Long Beach club where I am the newsletter editor. I also volunteer at The Huntington Gardens where I am responsible for the care and propagation of the Haworthia collection

New Members—August

Jeff Palmer
Sharon Yonashiro

Intercity Show

I want to thank all the LACSS members who participated in the 25th annual Inter-City Show and Sale this year either as an exhibitor or by helping out during the show/sale or in setup or teardown. There were 1,392 entries in the show with a total of 1,450 plants displayed. The ratio of cacti entries (over 700) to succulent entries(over 600) is welcome after years in which succulents outnumbered cacti 2 to 1. There were 35 novice exhibitors(a record high) as well as 31 advanced and 32 open. These numbers represents a record number of entrants and LACSS was well represented. The sale was very good so our club should receive a substantial check. The dinner and auction were entertaining as usual with Mike Buckner and Woody Minnich auctioneering. I hope you won the auction item you wanted - there were some real beauties. If you are missing a Rebutia entry in a pot textured like small donuts, call Tom Glavich (626) 798-2430 or at (626) 798-2430.

John Matthews

Growing Area for Rent

Run out of Room for your collection? LACSS members John Matthews, John Martinez and Tim Harvey can be of great assistance. They have substantial space for rent located in SOMIS; an area with an exceptional growing environment. There is a shade cloth structure, hoop house and space for raised beds. Affordable rent and the water is inexpensive. Please contact John Matthews at (661) 714-1052

A Note from the Editors Husband:

Well folks, after traveling over 5,00 miles in Tanzania and Zambia, we returned home only to have Phyllis break her lower knee cap. The crack will not necessitate surgery and seems to be healing quickly but has left her in a incapacitated condition. She can put no weight on the leg and must wear a heavy brace for the better part of six weeks. I will keep you update but all notes of good cheer are welcome. Talk to you all soon.

Steve

Southern California September 2010 Calendar of Events

**September 4 27th Succulent Plant Symposium
Huntington Botanical Gardens
Saturday, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

PLANTS FOR THE YEAR 2010
LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY (LACSS)

Month	Cacti	Succulent
January	Hooked Spine Mammillaria	Senecio and Othonna
February	Monotypic Cacti	Adromischus, Anacampseros & Avonia
March	Copiapoa	Aeonium, Sempervivum & Sedum
April	Astrophytums	Cucurbitaceae
May	Echinopsis, Lobivia, & Trichocereus	Agavaceae
June	Thelocactus	Caudiciform Euphorbia
July	Melocactus	Cissus & Cyphostemma
August	Favorite	Favorite
September	Miniatures	Miniatures
October	Variegates	Variegates
November	Echinocactus	Haworthia Retuse Type
December	<i>Holiday Party</i>	

Entry Classes: All new members, new to the hobby, should enter plants in the Novice class. Novices must move to the Advanced class after they have won a total of 40 first place awards in the Plant of the Month competition. Individuals who own a nursery are required to enter in the Open class. Although it is not advised, LACSS members are free to enter a plant in the Open class at any time.

Prizes: All prizes are awarded at the Holiday Celebration in December. Trophies are awarded by entry class for those members who scored the most points in either the cacti or combined succulent categories. In the Novice and Advanced classes the top three scorers in each of the plant categories will also receive a prize (typically a plant). These prizes are awarded based on the total number of points scored during the year. Finally, a trophy is awarded to members, regardless of class, who have earned the most points in the cactus or two succulent categories during the prior year.

Entry Requirements: All entrants must be LACSS members. Members are restricted to 3 plants per entry category per month – a total of 6 plants. In the Advanced and Open Classes, members must have been in possession of their plants for at least one year. Those members showing in the Novice class may immediately enter a recently obtained plant. You can only enter plants that conform to the Plant of the Month schedule described above.

Plants that are in flower and the rarity of the entry are two additional criteria judges employ in determining monthly winners

Judging Scale		Points Awarded	
Condition	50%	First	5
Size and Maturity	25%	Second	3
Staging	20%	Third	1
Nomenclature	5%		

Plant of the Month ~ August Winners		
Novice Division		
Succulent - Favorite Plant		
Award	Name	Plant
First	Roxie & Jim Esterle	Euphorbia bongolavensis
First	Roxie & Jim Esterle	Pachypodium eburneum
Second	John Noster	unkonwn
Third	John Noster	Adenium obesum
Third	Roxie & Jim Esterle	Euphorbia fruticosa
Cactus - Echinocereus		
First	Terry Brandt	Sulcorebutia glomeriseta
Advanced Division		
Succulent - Favorite Plant		
Award	Name	Plant
First	Norma Lewis	Sanseveria 'Patens'
Second	Norma Lewis	Crassula rupestris
Third	Norma Lewis	Gasteria batesiana Barberton Form
Cactus - Echinocereus		
None		
Open Division		
Succulent - Favorite Plant		
Award	Name	Plant
First	Barbara Nolan	Euphorbia species
Second	Barbara Nolan	Adromischus species
Third	John Matthews	Haworthia 'Bev's Wonder"
Cactus - Echinocereus		
First	Barbara Nolan	Stenocactus multicosatus
Second	Barbara Nolan	Epithlantha micromeris
Third	Barbara Nolan	Copiapoa tenuissima

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WHEN IS IT? SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

LUNCH 11:30, AUCTION STARTS AT 1:00

FURTHER INFORMATION: CONTACT JOHN LUHNOW AT (310) 908-9682

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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

Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society
Cactus and Succulent of the Month September 2010 - *Miniatures*



Mammillaria hernandezii

The term "miniature" does not have a precise botanical meaning. It is connected to the hobby and the showing of plants at different venues. In these shows there is typically a category of plant referred to as Miniatures, specifically designating that this entries must be shown in pots that are no more that 3 inches in diameter.

There are in fact a fair number cactus and succulents whose growth patterns are small and never grow to sizes that exceed the show restriction. Therefore there are two types of plants that meet the show criteria depending on the show rules. In one case you have juvenile plants that have been place in pots in order to meet the standard stated above. In this instance the "miniature" when repotted may grow to a much larger size. In the second case you have plants that are truly diminutive by nature and will retain their small size as they mature.

In this article a few examples of cacti and succulent species will be presented that will retain their smaller forms even as they mature. Despite their diminutive

size, these plants can be stunning and will enthrall those who view them.

Examples of small cacti include *Mammillaria hernandezii*, *Echinocereus davisii*, and ,although it can form sizeable clumps when mature, *Rebutia heliosa*.



Echinocereus davisii

Examples of smaller succulents include lithops, conophytums, and some species of haworthias.



Steve Frieze, August 2010

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 6:30 PM.

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

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Upcoming Programs:

October Guest Speaker
Artie Chavez

First Class Mail

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