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The Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society August 2010 Speaker

Part 2 of a Chilean Adventure by Steve Frieze

Steve and Phyllis Frieze spent a month touring Chile and investigating the habitat of many of the most remarkable cacti to be found anywhere in the world. The fields of Copiapoas and Eriocyce were breathtaking and exhilarating. Part 2 will include a visit to two very remote canyon locations—both required extensive hikes into very arid environments—and their discovery of some extraordinary settings that left an indelible image in their minds. Their trip occurred prior to the recent devastating earthquake and will highlight the conditions of the towns as well as the plant environments. They will also share some photos of possible primitive paintings that were discovered inadvertently as they explored the great rock wall at the end of one of their hiking expeditions. Lastly, they will take you to the Andes mountains where large golden-spined Eriocyce aurata were found.

LACSS 2010 Board Members

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Intercity Show by John Matthews

By now you should have identified all your show plants and repotted as needed. Don't wait until the day before you bring your plants to the show to water them. Wet plants leave stains on the tablecloths that don't seem to come out. Remember to bring a little extra of each top dressing you use to handle those travel mishaps. Don't forget the Golden Sweeps so you may want to bring 3 or 4 plants in a category. Plant entry times are Wed 8/11 1:00 to 7:00, Thurs 8/12 9:00 to 9:00, and on Fri 8/13 9:00 to 4:00.

Dinner always sells out so contact Evelyn Stevens at 626-442-1391 ASAP for the dinner. If you can't make the dinner you can always just attend the auction. There has been an overwhelming number of auction plants (80/20 split) so there is a limit of 2 items person and you need to notify one of the show chairpersons in advance.

As one of the three sponsoring clubs, LACSS stands to financially benefit greatly from this show. Correspondingly, we need to step up and volunteer as much as we can to make the show and sale a success. I hope to see very few empty slots on the volunteer signup sheets at the August meeting. Even if you can only donate one hour it will help. It is great way to get more involved with the hobby and the show and maybe meet someone new. Active participation in the show is really a great learning experience. Everyone should be a clerk at least one time for a real insight into how plants are judged. If you're not sure of what time you can help, just signup anyway - there is always an opportunity to help out at the last minute. Remember - no experience necessary! If you volunteer or enter plants, the sales area will be open for early sales at approximately 2:00 or so on Friday.

Don't forget your LACSS badge. The Arboretum security will be in force.



Southern California 2010 Calendar of Events

August 14 & 15 25th Annual Intercity Show and Sale
LA Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Avenue
For information call: Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 or
John Matthews 661-297-5364

Plant of the Month

Plant of the month winners for July will be reported in the September Chronicle. There are no plant articles this month since there will be no competition. Bring your favorite specimen to share with club members regardless of the genus. Bring at least two of your special friends.

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%		

Run out of Room for your collection??? John Matthews, John Martinez and Tim Harvey can be of great assistance. They have space for rent located in SOMIS, an exceptional growing environment. There is a shade cloth structure, hoop house and space for raised beds. Affordable rent and the water is less expensive. Please contact John Matthews (661) 297-5364.

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:

August Guest Speaker
Steve Frieze

First Class Mail

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