

December 2013

Holiday Party

New Member

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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.

***Come to the Spectacular Holiday
 and Awards Party***

**Saturday, December 7th—5:30 PM
 Sepulveda Garden Center**

**Potluck, Raffle, Plant-Of-The-Month Awards,
 and Auction**

**See Page 3 for a full description of the night's
 festivities**

ELECTED POSITIONS

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the elected positions for 2014

**President
 Treasurer
 Director
 Vice President Special Events**

**Joyce Schumann
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 David Le
 John Martinez**

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2nd VP, Plant of the Month

John Martinez

3rd VP, Special Events

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Raffle & Plant Procurement

Chronicle Distribution

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Mentor Program Chair

Kathleen Misko

Richard Just

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Inside Show Co-Chair

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Kim Thorpe

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Holiday Party Chairperson

Gerald Reichert

Holiday Party Awards Procurement

Chris Rogers

Cactus Garden

John Noster

Steve Rudolf

Meeting Refreshments

Leah Imamura

Juana Williams

Monthly Drawing

President's Message—November 2013

Sepulveda Garden Update

On October 26, we had our last workday at the Sepulveda Garden Center Succulent Garden dedicated to weeding and clean-up. This has been a yearlong club effort, with many of you planting, weeding, and donating plants. The garden is looking good, and next year, we will begin labeling the plants with scientific and common names and location of origin.

The *Chronicle* deadline doesn't allow me to name the October 26 volunteers, but please know how much your efforts are appreciated. And thanks, Chris Rogers, for spearheading this event.

Mentoring Program

Many thanks to Scott Schaffer for leading a mentoring session on the Haworthia and Gasteria families this month. Thirteen members attended, and learned about hybridizing, germinating, and propagating these plants. Members also had an opportunity to see how an obsessive mathematician organizes and keeps records for his collection.

Nominations for 2014-2015 Officers

We are happy to announce nominations for the new slate of officers for positions open for 2014 - 2015. Please see the announcement in this *Chronicle* issue. We will vote on these officers at the November 7 meeting. Thank you John Suci, Natalie Welsh, and Sandy Chase, for serving on the nominating committee.

Holiday Party – Saturday, December 7 at 5:30 PM

So many members have already signed up for the LACSS Holiday Potluck Party that we may have to order extra tables and chairs. Thanks in advance to our expert party planner Barbara Hall for coordinating this event. The optional gift exchange will use last year's format: the more "desirable" your plant, pot, or other gift, the greater your chance to get a fabulous gift in return. The auction will feature member donations, with all proceeds going directly to our club, so please bring something special for the auction. Bring your potluck dish to share at 5:00. Sign-up for food, set up, and clean up at the November 7 meeting. Any questions? Check out the flyer in this *Chronicle* issue or contact Barbara Hall.

Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again. Please bring your checkbook to the November 7 meeting and pay your dues for next year. Dues are still \$20.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for families. If you receive the *Chronicle* through the US Postal Service, the extra charge will be \$10.00 per year for black and white copies, reflecting postal service increases. If you pay your dues at the November meeting, you will be eligible for a special raffle at the Holiday Party!

Please remember: there is no Thursday meeting in December, as the December 7 Holiday Party replaces it.

Roxie Esterle

LACSS President

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DON'T MISS THE FUN!!
LOS ANGELES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
HOLIDAY PARTY

December 7, 2013, 5:30 PM
At the Sepulveda Garden Center
16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino

Potluck Dinner– Plant Auction
Plant Exchange Activity
Plant-of-the-Month Total Points Awards!

Each attendee is requested to bring one side dish, salad, or dessert.
Be sure to have all food and gifts at the center between 5-5:30 pm

We need volunteers to help set-up and clean up.

Please call or email Barbara Hall to sign up
at (818) 368-6914 or lbcjhall@aol.com

- Great dinner that includes *succulent* roast turkey and ham provided by the club (PS: we need 3 cooks to prepare them.... any volunteers?)
- Recognition and prizes for Plant-of-the-Month award winners
- Plant / Gift Exchange
- Party favor plants for all participants
- Prize for the best-grown *Erioseyde heinrichiana* –bring last year's holiday plant to compete in this category
- Fabulous auction with all proceeds going to our club
- Free special raffle ticket to folks who renew their membership by December 5

All members are invited and may bring one guest.

2014 Membership Renewal Raffle



If you pay your 2014 membership before the holiday party in December, you will be eligible to participate in the Holiday Membership Raffle. The prize is this wonderful Agave Gypsophila Variegata, cv. Ivory Curlls, grown by Kelly Griffin, artistically staged by our own Artie Chavez. It is a spectacular plant, ready to be placed in your collection. Send this form to the below address or pay at the November meeting. Any questions please contact, Danielle Duboff, LACSS Membership at 805-540-0144.

LACSS Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Name of Additional Members: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____

Type of Membership: New Member Renewal

Single Membership \$20 annually \$10 1/2 year (July or after)

Family Membership \$25 annually \$12.50 1/2 year (July or after)

Newsletter by U.S. Mail (\$10 postage fee in addition to the membership charge)

Send me a plastic name badge (\$9.00 each)

Cash Check: number _____

Cactus & Succulent – Updated Calendar Of Upcoming Events For 2014

- February 8** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society, Spring Show & Sale
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego — **Info** (858) 382-1797
- March 28-30** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Spring Show & Sale
Friday & Saturday March 28-29 9-5 Sun. March 30 12-4
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim **Info** (562) 587-3357
South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes **Info** (310) 378-1953
- April 19-20** Green Scene Plant Sale—at the Fullerton Arboretum 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton 92831
- April 27** Huntington Plant Sale 10-5 Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino (626) 405-2160
- May 3-4** Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City **Info** (310) 822-1783
- May 4** South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale---9am-4pm
South Coast Botanical Gardens **Info** (310) 833-6823
- May 16-17** Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 33rd Show & Sale Friday & Saturday 9-4:30
Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Drive Glen Avon **Info** (951) 360-8802
- May 17-18** Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale 10-5
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach **Info** (310) 922-6090—www.lbcss.org
- May 24-25** Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Show & Sale 10-4pm
Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo **Info** (805) 237-2054,
www.centralcoastcactus.org
- June 7-8** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society –Summer Show & Sale
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego **Info** (858) 382-1797
- June 14-15** Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Drought Tolerant Plant Show & Sale 9-3:30
Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino E-Mail www.lacss-show.com
- June 27-29** CSSA Annual Show & Sale –Huntington Botanical Gardens 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino,
Info (626) 405-2160 or 2277 Plant Sales Start June 27 Show Open and Free to the Public on
June 28
- July 25-27** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale
Friday July 25 9am-5pm, Saturday July 26 9am-5pm, Sunday 27 12-4pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, **Info** (949) 212-8417
- August 9-10** 29th Annual Intercity Show & Sale at The La County Arboretum, 9am-5pm Daily
301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
Info Tom Glavich (626) 798-2430 Or John Matthews (661) 714-1052
- August 30** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium All Day at the Huntington
- September 7** Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction -12-5
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach 90615 **Info:** (310) 922-6090
- November 1-2** San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale 9-4 Both Days
LA County Arboretum 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia **Revis**

Plant of the Month

2013

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2014

January

Mammillaria without
hooked spines
Pelargonium

February

Columnar Cacti
Aloe Hybrids

March

Opuntias (So. America)
Agave

April

Gymnocalycium singles
Yucca, Nolina,
Calibanus, Beau-
carnea

May

Buiningia, Uebelma-
nia
Mesembryanthemaceae
(other than Lithops &
Conophytum)

June

Favorite, Favorite

July

Escobaria, Corypan-
tha
Cucurbitaceae

August

Obregonia, Strombo-
cactus, Echinomastus
Fockea, Raphionac-
me, Brachystelma

September

Thelocactus
Fouqueria

October

Ariocarpus
Euphorbia
(Madagascar)

Plant of the Month - November Winners

Succulent -- Crests and Monstrose

Rookie

First	David Le	Aeonium arboreum Schwarzkopf cristata
Second	David Le	Echeveria fimbriata cristata
Third	Marquita Ellias	Aeonium arboreum

Novice

First	Jim Esterle	Euphorbia mauritanica
Second	Jim Esterle	Euphorbia flanaganii
Second	Jim Esterle	Euphorbia nerifolia
Third	John Suci	Euphorbia nerifolia
Third	Phyllie Frieze	Crassula crest

Advanced

First	Rio Cernak	Euphorbia kibwezensis
Second	Cheryl White	Pachypodium rosulatum gracilis
Third	Rio Cernak	Euphorbia grandicornis "Zig Zag"

Open

First	John Matthews	Luckhoffia beukmanii crest
Second	John Matthews	Sempervivum "Jungle Shadows" crest
Third	John Matthews	Aeonium tabuliforme crest

Cactus - Crests and Monstrose

Rookie

First	Dylan Shapiro	Stenocactus crest
Second	Mia Shapiro	Gymnocalycium grafted crest

Novice

First	John Suci	Myrtillocactus geometrizans crest
Second	Phyllis Frieze	Cereus spegazzinii crest
Second	Phyllis Frieze	Espostoa lanata crest
Second	Phyllis Frieze	Mammillaria matudae crest
Third	John Suci	Echinopsis crest

Advanced

First	Rio Cernak	Gymnocalycium triacanthum crest
Second	Cheryl White	Echinopsis crest
Third	Cheryl White	Cleistocactus strausii crest
Third	Rio Cernak	Echinocereus baileyi caespitosus

Open

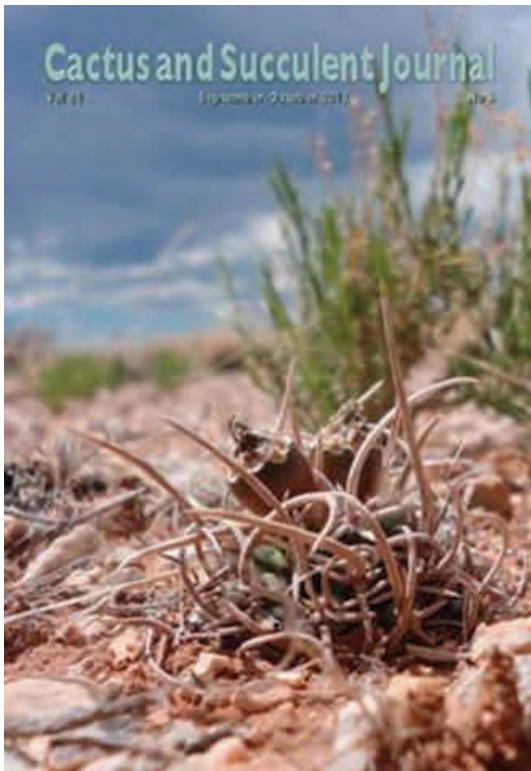
First	John Matthews	Lobivia crest
Second	John Matthews	Copiapoa tenuissima monstrose
Third	John Matthews	Mammillaria elongata crest

Well, it was a good run... I have had the honor and privilege of being the LACSS Librarian for the last ten or so years. Being the Librarian put me in a position to meet everyone in the Club and to offer all of our members the best literature in the cactus & succulent world. I appreciated everyone's support and interest in the Library collections.

But, now it is time to move on. You have "bumped me upstairs" to be President for the next two years. Once again, I am honored and I look forward to the challenges. We did not have to look far for a new Librarian. Sandy Chase will be assuming the Library duties and considering Sandy has held every office in our Club, it should come as no surprise that she was once the Librarian, also. I know you will give Sandy the same support as you did me.

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and will see you at the Podium!

Joyce, Your Former Librarian



Dan Mahr begins this extra-large issue with an extra-long article, setting the scene for the CSSA fieldtrip to northwestern Argentina. He introduces the vegetational types of the region, then gives an overview of the numerous species seen at the 96 plant stops made during the 14-day, 3000 km trip—everything from mighty *Trichocereus* to diminutive *Yavia*. Dr Guillermo Rivera, who served both as tour guide and operator, next illustrates the often unrealized variability of plants in habitat, and advises caution when rushing to create new species without first carefully researching and understanding the plants variability over their entire range and populations. *Opuntia sulphurea*, increasingly seen in cultivation with wonderfully curled spines, is the subject of Judy Pigue's article, the culmination of several years' desire to see the plant in its natural habitat. Bromeliads are widely distributed in South America, and Nels Christianson provides an in-depth guide to the various species encountered, often in dramatic settings, during the group's travels. Nels also penned a poem inspired by the plants and animals seen during his time in the field. Root

Gorelick draws our attention to an easily overlooked genus, *Pterocactus*. These very cryptic plants were seen at a number of localities on the trip. Dick Schreiber, a frequent visitor to desert habitats, provides a participants-eye view of a day in the field. Clearly, these are not all heat, sweat and dust. Finally, another CSSA field trip stalwart, Rick Gillman, tackles the genus *Gymnocalycium*, which must be one of the most diverse of the cactus genera in the area.



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LACSS Spectacular Holiday Party

December 7, 2013

Happy Happy

Sepulveda Garden Center—5:30 PM

Saturday, January 18, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm — DESERT FORUM
at the Huntington Botanical Gardens.

CSSA members and affiliate clubs are invited to a free day at the Desert Garden including a tour with knowledgeable staff, - plant sales

Forum led by Director of the Gardens, Jim Folsom. ***Wear your name badge!***

Saturday, January 25, 9:30 am - 11:00 am — 12th Annual ALOE WALK
at the Jurupa Mountain Discovery Center, 7621 Granite Hill Drive, Glen Avon, CA.
Phone 951-685-5818 for directions.

Buck Hemenway will lead the tour among the many specimens of blooming aloes and discuss their wide ranging natural habitats and how they survive in our Inland Empire climate.

This event is Free.