

The newsletter of the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Affiliated with the Cactus and Succulent Society of America



Don't forget! The March regular meeting will be the first Sat., March 7, 1:00 p.m. due to a room-scheduling conflict!

(Even more results can be seen in the E-newsletter.) Shoppers added marvels to their collections from vendors gathered from far and wide. And many club members

New Member Orientation: 12: 30 p.m. just before the meeting, in Room 101.

helped make this a fun day for all. See SDCSS President Kelly Griffin's thanks to the volunteers on page 2.

The Pre-Meeting Workshop is at 11:00 a.m. on the patio: The basics for a succulent soil, by Peter Walkowiak

Snacks at the March meeting: If your last name begins with M through Z, please bring a snack to the meeting!

March Coffee in the Garden is being hosted by Leon and Susan LaFreniere, March 8, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They live near the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. See the preview on page 4 for more information.

Program Speaker: Woody Minnich. The plants of the Klein Karoo to the Great Karoo in South Africa. Lots of amazing photos and personal experiences! Don't miss it! See the preview on page 3.

Plant of the Month: Peter Walkowiak talks about the fat plants of Namibia! See page 5.

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Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park.

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President's message

WOW! What a Show! It is just a warm up to our Summer Show and Sale.

Did you see we made television? Thanks to **Christine Vargas** who had a hand in this!

Ok, specifically, I want to remind everyone how much your efforts are appreciated!

Special thanks to everyone involved setting up, Brita Miller and husband, Sarah Clayton and husband, Don Hunt for wiring the credit card access, and Brian Shepherd, John Williams,

George Plaisted, Peter Walkowiak, Jeff Harris, Rick Davenport and Luis Urias. More thanks to our wonderful Cashier Team: Lynn Elliott, Melanie Howe, Brita Miller, Beth Dargan, Linda Stewart, Sarah Clayton, Denise Griffin, Hilde Hinchcliff, Bob Rhodes, Cathy Clark, Christine Vargas, Michele Heckathorn and Jim De-Forest as team leader. The Greeting Table kicked it with Candy Garner, Kathy Harris, Wendy Goldman and a host of rotating people signing up new members. Security for the Show and Sale areas was handled by Frank Lozoya, Ron Chism, Luis Urias, Jared Kooiker, Lou Crow, Mike Bjorklund, Penny Sommerville and managed by Brian Shepherd. The kitchen managed very well with a light touch from Pam Badger and the help of Carol Jean Wolcott, Kaijah Marcon, and a world of help from members that brought in side dishes. The holding table had several people manning it including Chuck Ramey and Jeff Harris. Clean up was a team effort with George Plaisted, Wendy Goldman, Chris Dawson, Brita Miller, and others taking care of cleaning up the room and disposing of boxes. Special thanks to all of you who brought boxes. Major thanks go to Paul Maker for programing and maintaining the registers and developing the show results. Thanks finally to Susan Hopkin our Head Clerk and the Judge's Clerks, Alison Baldwin, Barbara Hutchins, Cathy Clark, Jennifer Harris, Sue Thomas and Bill O'Daniel.

If you some how missed the chit credit, please contact me at the March meeting, and I will fix that. I know it is just a little thank you, but still, these are thanks that are well earned.

Our March meeting has us visiting yet another but altogetherly different part of South Africa and our Guide will be Woody Minnich. Please see the notes in this issue. I always look forward to the superb photos he presents, and the unusual plants that he finds. This will be a great program to see and learn, not just about the plants and the habitats they exist in, but also you will get to see some really truly good photos. Look for balance, composition, use of light and all the wonder that a good photo can convey. Woody is a master at capturing plants at their best and most interesting.

We are adopting a speaker evaluation form that one of our sister clubs came up with, and this will further help us improve our monthly meetings and make certain that they are reflecting what you like to see and hear. Also, the feed back will assist the speakers in tailoring better presentations for us. Please take the time to fill it out if you would, and let us know how we are doing. And yes, it can be completely anonymous.

Have a great spring! Hey what happened to winter??? It is 80 degrees in February....I'm not complaining!









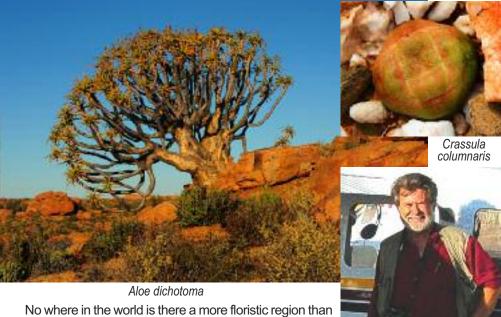
All photos by Collette Parr

March program speaker

SOUTH AFRICA

The Richtersveld, the Klein Karoo to the Great Karoo By Wendell S. (Woody) Minnich

All photos by Woody Minnich



No where in the world is there a more floristic region than that of South Africa. The diversity of plants, from the monocots to the dicots, is just fantastic. From the bulbs and grasses to the abundant succulents, never is there a time when flowers aren't present.

Besides the great wealth of very specialized and often endemic succulent plants, there is also a wonderful array of curious animals. The lizards, snakes and tortoises are first to grab your attention, while the often secretive mammals range from the small Meer cats, to the rambunctious Baboons and numerous large herbivores. None of these are to be missed!

There are also very specialized and often numerous populations of insects. These striking creepy-crawlers are like the plants, everywhere!

South Africa is a magnificent place of color, form and texture. Life is everywhere and there is never a dull moment. No matter how many trips one makes to these areas, finding something intriguing and beautiful is always easy!

The region of South Africa, from Uniondale to Oudtshoorn, to Ladismith, to Montagu, is commonly called the Klein Karoo. From this region south and west, one travels through the Little Karoo and the Great Karoo. Heading north you eventually merge into the southern reaches of the well-known Richtersveld. It is here we will conclude our presentation near the peaceful little town of Springbok.

Needless to say, the richness of plants and animals from this area is far greater than one presentation can show. Thus, a second part to this South African adventure (part 2) will cover the Richtersveld and north to the Orange River, the famous land of the Nama people. "Namagualand, Land of the Halfmens."

In South Africa, the sheer number of succulent plants is astounding, and the niches they inhabit are most unique and fascinating. Some of the genera we will see from this expedition



Euphorbia multiceps

include: Aloe, Avonia, Anacampseros, Conophytum, Crassula, Cotyledon, Dioscorea, Gibbeaum, Glottiphyllum, Haworthia, Larryleachia,

Lithops, Monsonia,

Woody Minnich



Aloe khamiesensis

Pachypodium, Pelargonium, Quaqua, Senecio, Stapelia, Tyle-codon as well as many other seldom-seen or rare genera.

The non-succulent plants are also a feature of this area, ranging from the numerous bulbs to the breathtaking Proteas. As is often the case, the time of the year can make an incredible difference in the way plants appear, thus modifying their color, size and shape. We made this trip in South Africa's winter — spring, August 2008. The colors created by the stress of winter were often spectacular, and it's amazing the number of plants that choose to produce their beautiful flowers during this season.

Visiting this kind of succulent-rich expanse truly opens one's eyes to the diversity of the plants we love so much. Seeing them in habitat also helps to give us the knowledge needed to better cultivate them successfully in the greenhouse and garden.

Hopefully, for those of you unable to travel to these special places where so many succulents grow, this presentation will allow you gain insight into some of the secrets found, while being in South Africa's wild places.

You're invited!

Coffee at Susan and Leon LaFreniere's home Sunday, March 8, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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3102 Pomegranate Court Escondido, CA 92027

Avid gardeners Susan and Leon LaFreniere moved from Connecticut to California six years ago, from four robust seasons to four mild ones. They both fell in love with the Old World Garden at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, which is near their home, and they loved the exotic shapes, exciting

blooms, and year-round interest there.

Spoiled from the rainfall in Connecticut, they quickly tired of constantly watering the grass at home, and they began removing thirsty plants from the perimeter of their garden and replacing them with succulents.

Then in 2014 the drought became a reality, and they decided to lose all the grass and plant succulents instead. They joined several cactus and succulent clubs to learn and to find interesting plants for their garden.

Susan had taken a Federated Gardens landscape design class (and a Master Gardeners class, too) while living in Connecticut, which helped prepare them for the major task

> of removing all the plants and grass in the garden. With the help of some heavy machinery and contractor Robert Oldfield of Landscape One — and guidance from landscape designer Susan Rojas of Waterwise Botanicals — they built a dry river bed and hills, and the framework for a beautiful garden design.

> They had already acquired many interesting succulents, so when planting time came, they bought only two palo verde trees and six specimen plants. And the results are something not to be missed!

Garden visitors will see lots of aloes, agaves, cereus, golden barrels, and opuntia in a park-like setting, serene and comfortable. Leon favors big plants with prickers. Susan likes the smaller softer ones. So there's something for everyone!

Join the fun, sip coffee, and enjoy a feast for the eyes on Sunday, March 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the LaFreniere home garden: 3102 Pomegranate Court, Escondido, CA 92027.





March plant of the month

Fat plants of Namibia

By Peter Walkowiak



Namibia is located north of South Africa on the west coast of Africa. It has two distinct climate zones; the southwest is a winter rainfall region, and the rest of the country is summer monsoon. With this diverse weather there is a great diversity in the succulent plants present.

Plant genera that you can find in Namibia are Sarcocaulon, Moringa, Othonna, Pachypodium, Pelargonium, Pterodiscus, Sesamothamnus, Stericulia, Adenia, Adenium, Avonia, Cypho-stemma to name a few. Most are very easy to grow here in San Diego.

In this talk during the March regular meeting, the care and environmental needs will be discussed of the plants I bring for display.



Collette Parr photos

Pre-meeting workshop

The basics of a succulent soil

By Peter Walkowiak

In this workshop all aspects of soil will be discussed. Without a quality soil — the foundation of successful growing — it is difficult to get good, consistent results. A good soil provide should drainage, have good water and nutrient retention, and be long lasting. I will demonstrate how the



soil ingredients are mixed.

Bring in a plant to transplant with pot. I will use your plants for the demonstration. Please no larger than six-inch pot. There may be extra soil after the workshop, so bring an empty six-inch pot to take some home.

Soil and Fertilizer for Succulents

By Peter Walkowiak, B.S. Horticulture, PW Plants

There are three ingredients for my soil mix. You can substitute other materials, and those will be listed below. There are three materials to avoid: peat moss, sand and kor (coconut husk). Both peat moss and kor are not composted, and when they do, it turns to muck. Sand compacts and does not dry out or allow good air penetration.

Soil

60% Perlite #3, substitute pumice. This should be completely wetted and mixed. Do not remove fines unless excessive.

20% Compost, substitute good potting soil. I get my compost from the green recycling at the local dump and let it age for a month minimum.

20% DG (decomposed granite). Use 1/8 screen to remove gravel from fines. Gravel is for top

dressing and fines for the soil mix.

Mix DG and compost together. Add this to the WET perlite and mix till blended and no white is showing from perlite. Soil is ready to use. Always use moist soil and never water newly transplanted succulents.

Fertilizer

0-50-30 Grow More water soluble fertilizer

15.5-0-0 Calcium Nitrate, water solu-

White vinegar, 2 tablespoons per gallon, pH of 6.0 to 6.5

Increase nitrogen in the early spring and late summer; decrease during heat waves, mid-summer and winter.

SDCSS Winter Show results!

And the winners are...

Best in Show

Don Hunt's Euphorbia waringiae

Any SDCSS club member can bring a plant to enter into an SDCSS show, including the Summer Show which will be Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7! Come to club meetings to learn how best to "stage" your plant for winning results. You might find new plants to admire, and if you're lucky, acquire!

Meanwhile, here are the results of the SDCSS Winter Show!

Advanced



Best Advanced Cactus: Peter Walkowlak's Matucana aurantiaca v. curycadensis



Best Advanced Succulent: Steve Salley's Adenium 'Arizona Volcanic Sunset'

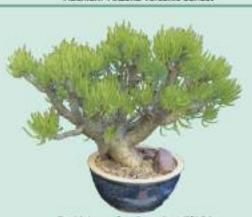


Best Advanced Winter Grower: Peter Walkowiak's Euphorbia misera

Intermediate



Best Intermediate Cactus; Carol Maker's Copiapoa cinerea



Best Intermediate Succulent: Bill S.'s Tylecodon × dinteri



Best Intermediate Winter Grower: Carol Maker's Ceraria namaquensis





Best Novice Cactus: Don Isreal's Mammillaria pilicayensis



Best Novice Succulent: Geoff Twitchell's Ficus palmeri



Best Novice Winter Grower: Susan Aach's Bowies volubilis

Details, details...

San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society

Winter Show, February 14, 2015 tabulations

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9	7	Frieze, Phyllis					2	1	1	3	
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4	2	Griffin, Denise	1		1						
4	6	Hansen, Monique					1		1	4	
17	6	Howe, Melanie	1				4	1			
18	8	Israel, Don	2	3			1	1	1		
6	2	Twitchell, Geoff					2				
18	9	Walag, Lois					3	4	1	1	
3	1	Willits, Zach					1				
5	2	Wong, Pauline					1	1			
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22	12	Haaparanta, Tapio	2	1		2	2	4		1	
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28		Maker, Carol & Paul	6	1	2	- 1	2			1	
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11	- 6	Schell, Sara					3	1		1	
20	8	Shepherd, Brian	5	2	1						
10		Sommerville, Penny		2			2				
9	4	Williams, John	1	1				2			
1	1	Noname							1		
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4	5	Fryer, Mark			2				2	1
9	5	Griffin, Kelly					1	2	2	
20	15	Maggio, Matt					5	2	1	7
7	6	Mathews, John					1	1	2	2
15	6	Menzel, Juergen	3	3						
3	6	Noel, Bobbie						1	1	4
3	1	Parr, Kienan					1			
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13	9	Patterson, Don	1			1	2	1	2	2
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4	2	Schell, Sara	1						1	
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News from SDCSS!

Find-what-you-want Classified Ads in the SDCSS newsletter!

Have you been longing for a cactus or succulent and unable to find the one you're looking for? Or, do you have a few too many of something else?

Find it or sell it with a Classified Ad beginning in the April 2015 newsletter! It's cheap, and it may be the answer to your dreams!

2 lines (minimum, about 85 characters): \$8 Each additional line: \$4

Here's a sample: *Two-year-old* Adenium obsesum *plants*, exotic flower colors and patterns, \$15 each. Call (name), 760-xxx-xxxx.

Email your text to:

valleywomenmagazine@roadrunner.com by March 10. All ads must be prepaid. Please mail a check payable to SDCSS, c/o Meg Ryan, SDCSS Editor, 1936 Wensley Ave., El Centro, CA 92243. Payment must be received by 3/15/15.

Or run a small Display Ad to promote your business!

Would you like club members of SDCSS to know about your business? It's easy! Run a display ad and tell them! We'll begin running ads in the April 2015 newsletter.

1/8 page (3.6" x 2.3") \$15

1/4 page (3.6" x 4.9") \$30

1/2 page (7.5" x 4.9") \$60

Full page (7.5" x 10") \$120

Please contact the SDCSS newsletter Editor, Meg Ryan,

for additional details at valleywomenmagazine@roadrunner.com or call 760-353-0623. Ads must be completed by March 15, 2015. All ads must be prepaid. Please mail a check payable to SDCSS, c/o Meg Ryan, SDCSS Editor, 1936 Wensley Ave., El Centro, CA 92243. Payment must be received by 3/15/15.

SDCSS reserves the right to refuse advertising which is not related to gardening, or if the ad space is filled.







2015 ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE

April 23,24,25,2015

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

at the San Antonio Garden Center 3310 N. New Braunfels Avenue 78209

WHAT TO SEE AND DO:

Cactus and succulent experts offering advice and information.

Vendors with thousands of cacti & succulents for sale.

Educational displays featuring cacti & succulents, SACXS Fiesta medals for sale, raffle plant drawings every hour, silent auctions on Thurs. & Fri. plus unique and landscape plant auctions on Fri. and Sat. Official Fiesta Event!









Local Water Agencies Encourage Customers To Show Off Water-Wise Landscapes

California-Friendly® Landscape Contest Entries Due April 10th

SAN DIEGO — As San Diegans continue to find new ways to conserve water during California's unprecedented drought situation, the time is ripe for residents to showcase their water-wise landscaping success stories by entering the local water agencies' California-Friendly® Landscape Contest.

As much as 50 percent of a residential homeowner's water use is for outdoor irrigation. Now is the perfect time for homeowners who have already taken this important step towards conservation to show the community what they too can do. One of these options is moving from traditional grass lawns and/or landscaping to California Friendly® plants that require far less water.

One winner will be chosen from each of the 12 agencies participating in the contest and will receive a \$250 gift certificate and recognition on the agency websites and communications channels. The contest is open to customers of the City of San Diego, California American Water, City of Escondido, City of Oceanside, Helix Water District, Olivenhain Municipal Water District, Otay Water District, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, San Dieguito Water District, Sweetwater Authority, Vallecitos Water District and Vista Irrigation District.

Last year's City of San Diego winner, Amelia Lima, says her front yard demonstrates smart use of climate-appropriate plants. "The combination of succulents and Australian natives helps produce a garden that is attractive year-around," said Lima.

JoEllen Jacoby, Supervising Landscape Conservation Designer for the City of San Diego's Water Conservation Program, says the City is always excited to collaborate with other agencies on the Landscape Contest and encourages homeowners to enter. "We know San Diegans are embracing the concept of water-wise landscaping from the response we get to our rebate programs, questions from customers and an increased level of interest," says Jacoby. "This is a great way to illustrate all that San Diego is doing to incorporate conservation into their homes, permanently."

Tips for Contestants

Winners will be judged for overall attractiveness, appropriate plant design, demonstrated water savings, appropriate maintenance and efficient methods of irrigation. Because the initial vetting of entrants is based solely on photos submitted by contestants, it's very important to frame those photos well, avoiding clutter such as a garbage can or the neighbor's car and, of course, those pesky weeds.

In addition, Jacoby had a few more pointers on how to showcase your landscape when entering the contest. "It helps the judges to receive photos that represent both the big picture and the little details," said Jacoby. "For example, provide photos that show how the landscape looks in relation to your whole house, to give a sense of proportion and scale, but also show us the close-up details, such as plant combinations that show color, texture and variety. Also, include shots of special vignettes, such as a seating area or sculpture, if you have them."

How to Enter

The deadline to enter is April 10th. Visit the official contest website at http://www.landscapecontest.com for more information, tips, additional photos of past winners and to obtain the entry form. City of San Diego residents with questions may call Chris Gehrke at (619) 533-5312; residents outside of the City of San Diego should contact their local water agency. For ideas, expert advice, exhibits and classes, visit the Water Conservation Garden, located at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West in El Cajon, or go to www.thegarden.org.

The City of San Diego's Water Conservation Program reduces water demand through promoting or providing incentives for the installation of hardware that provides permanent water savings, and by providing services and information to help San Diegans make better decisions about water use. For more information about Water Conservation, visit www.wastenowater.org.







Cactus & Succulent Sale to Benefit LLS.org

Saturday, March 14th 2014 - Sale hours 10am to 3pm - lunch available for purchase 1172 Avocado Ave, Escondido, CA 92026

inacia: 760-415-5105

So many more than can be shown here.
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Cactus and succulent calendar of upcoming events for 2015

Mar 27-29: Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society Spring Show and Sale. Friday and Saturday. Mar. 27-28 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday Mar. 29 Noon to 4 p.m. 1000 S. State College Blvd,, (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA Info: 562-587-3357.

Apr 11-12: South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale, at South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes, CA Info: 310-378-1953, http://www.southcoastcss.org.

Apr 26: Huntington Plant Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. Info: 626-405-2160.

May 3: South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show and Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. South Coast Botanic Garden, Info: 310-833-6823.

May 2-3: Sunset Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale, Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA. Info: 310-822-1783.

May 9-10: Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show and Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach. Info: 310-922-6090 or check www.lbcss.org.

May 15-16: Gates Cactus and Succulent Society, 34TH Show and Sale. Fri. and Sat. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Land Scapes Southern California Style, 450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, CA. Info: 951-360-8802.

May 23-24: Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Annual Show and Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo, CA. Info: 805-237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org.

May 30-31: Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society Plant Show and Sale, 5/30 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 5/31 9 a.m. to

3:30 p.m., Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd. Encino, CA. Info: www.lacss-show.com.

Jun 6-7: San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Summer Show and Sale, Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA. Info: 858-382-1797.

Jun 14-19: CSSA Biennial Convention, Pitzer College, Claremont, CA http://www.cssainc.org

Jun 26-28: CSSA Annual Show and Sale, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. 626-405-2160 or 2277, Plant sales start Jun 26 thru Jun 28. The show opens on Jun 27 thru Jun 28.

Jul 24-26: Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society Summer Show and Sale. Fri. Jul 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. Jul 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun 26, noon to 4 p.m., 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA. Info: 949-212-8417.

Aug. 8-9: 30th Annual Intercity Show and Sale at the L.A. County Arboretum, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA. Info: Call Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 or John Matthews 661-714-1052.

Sep 5: Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium. All day at the Huntington.

Sep 6: Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction, Noon to 5 p.m., Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA 90615. Info: 310-922-6090.

Oct 24-25: Palomar Show and Sale, Sat. 9 a.m. to 5p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., San Diego Botanic Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens RD, Encinitas CA, Info: 858-382-1797 hciservices@gmail.com.

Nov 1-2: San Gabriel Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA.

Speaker and Event Schedule for SDCSS in 2015

March 7 *** Woody Minnich, South Africa

April 11 Buck Hemenway, Succulent Karoo/ Farewell tour May 9 Ernesto Sandoval, African Plant Safari/TBD

June 6 & 7 Summer Show and Sale

July 11 Nan Sterman, Succulent Plant Garden Design/TBD

August 8 Matthew Maggio, Cultivation/TBD Sept. 12 Annual Picnic Location TBD

October 10 Tom Glavich, Succulent Plant Cultivation/TBD

Nov. 7*** Irwin Lightstone, Succulent Plant Photography Exposition/TBD

Dec. 12 Holiday Gathering!

*** Please note, these dates are on the FIRST Saturday of the month due to an unavoidable room scheduling change.

Want to have some fun?

Participate in the Brag Table competition! Bring in a potted cactus or succulent and see what happens!

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Want to help?

Notice: SDCSS is looking for someone willing to

manage the fun and interesting Brag Table!

After several years of doing an excellent job, Candy Garner has stepped down. We thank her for all her hard work. Candy was kind enough to develop a job description for the task. **Contact Chris Miller if you are interested.**

Brag Table Job Description

- Create and print signs for three tables for Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced for cactus and succulent entries; (as required)
- Create and print signs of requirements for entries, e.g. must have owned/grown the plant for a minimum of six months or more; (as required)
- Create and print signs for "Please Do Not Touch the Plants"; (as required)
- Create, print, and cut entry forms in green (novice), yellow (intermediate) and blue (advanced); (monthly)

SDC&SS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

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Mail this form or a copy, along with a check or money order payable in U.S. funds to SDCSS to:

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- Create, print, and cut coupons for winners in same colors for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each level's winners; (monthly)
- Deliver monthly coupons to the President prior to the beginning of each meeting; (monthly)
 - Provide pens;
 - Encourage participation;
- Attend monthly meetings by 10 a.m. to position signs on each of the three tables;
 - Collect winning entry forms after winners are announced;
- Create list of winners and plant names* for each level, include the name(s) of the judges, and email to EyF Editor in a timely manner for printing in the following month's newsletter.

Candy has templates for all of the items that need to be printed and is willing to share them with whoever takes over the position.

*Please be advised the plant names are reported by each participant. The plant name may be incorrect, former name, misspelled or the writing may be difficult to read.