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Echinocereus pectinatus, Coahuila, Mexico

Photo by Wendell "Woody" Minnich

Welcome New Members!

We are happy you have joined us !

You are invited to attend the New Member Orientation in Room 101,
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, at 12:30 pm, on March 5th, preceding the General Meeting.
Drop by earlier at 11:00 am, for the Pre-Meeting Workshop on Pruning

For more information on membership benefits and SDCSS, please visit our website at www.sdcss.net.

More details inside!

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President's Message



Well another winter sale is in the books. We managed so well, thanks to so many people's efforts. I want to sincerely thank everyone involved. From all those who participated in the show or just lent a hand, you should all take a bow. Your contributions make your club the very best. So many of you worked really hard and your time and talents really showed. I feel very lucky to be a part of this group.

We had a generous donation of bottled water this year....Thank you Jon Richard! I wanted to make mention of that along with the shortbread cookies brought in by Brian for those waiting in line....I had a few too.... sorry!

We were a little scarce on the cleanup but thank you to those that hung around to the bitter end!

I still have the "Thank You Coupons" for all our volunteers ~ If I did not manage to thank you personally, please do see me at the March meeting and I will be certain to do so!

Our March meeting is going to be a cactus special, specifically it's about the cactus jewels of Mexico presented by SDC&SS Life member and avid plant adventurer, Woody Minnich. Casa del Prado is the place to be but please, please, please remember that this meeting is a week before our usual meeting date. This change was made to accommodate another club's show and sale. **OUR MEETING DATE IS MARCH 5th!**

See you there! ~ Kelly

Next General Meeting - March 5th



The next SDCSS General Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5th,
at 1:00 pm, in Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 101

Pre-Meeting Workshop, "Pruning" by Peter Walkowiak - 11:00 am

New Member Orientation - 12:30 pm, guided by Pat and Jay

Please have your Brag Table entries in place by 12:30

Snacks/Appetizers - Please bring a snack to share
if your last name begins with A - M

**Calling all
Volunteers!**

We are already signing up volunteers for the Summer Show & Sale
scheduled on June 4th - 5th. Got an hour? A few hours?

Let us know and we will find something interesting for you to do!

Please email: newsletter@sdcss.net or

speak with Wendy Goldman or Susan Hopkins at the next meeting.

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The San Diego Zoo Safari Park would also love to have your help as
a volunteer, maintaining the gardens. They also gladly accept
donations of plants from the Old World. Please contact
May Fong Ho at mayfongho@yahoo.com or 760-233-3948.



Upcoming Events!

Moving to Arizona Sale
John Egan's Plant Collection
February 27th, 10:00 - 1:00
No Early Birds Please!!

Long time SDCSS member John Egan, is relocating to Tempe, Arizona. Moving all of his plants at this time is too much so he is having a sale!

The collection is mostly 6" - 18" clay and ceramic pots, with collections of mixed cactus, succulents, and Euphorbias.

5456 Wellesley Street East,
La Mesa, CA 91942
(619) 301-9138

Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

The North San Diego County C & S Society!



~ **SPRING FESTIVAL**
~ **PLANT SHOW & SALE**

Saturday, March 26th
11am to 3pm

Open to the Public!

COME SEE WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT!

PERFECT FOR THOSE JUST STARTING WITH CACTUS & SUCCULENTS!

THERE WILL BE AN IN-HOUSE SHOW, PLUS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WILL HAVE PLANTS FOR SALE.
JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 12:00PM. - WORKSHOPS WILL RUN THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

Park Ave Community Center, 210 E. Park Ave., Escondido, CA

For more info contact: Brita Miller @ 858-484-7118 or Brita_Miller@yahoo.com We're on FB! Palomarcactus.org

15th BIENNIAL MID-STATES CONFERENCE

JUNE 9, 10, 11, 12, 2016
DENVER, COLORADO

What better place to be in the month of June!

TEN OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS

TEN OF THE BEST CACTUS & SUCCULENT VENDORS

AFFORDABLE LODGING, SHOW PLANT AUCTION, FUN FIELD TRIPS

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At the Hilton Double Tree, 13696 E. Iliff Place, Aurora, CO 80014
1-844-596-2350 Sponsored by The Colorado CSS

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

44th Annual Show & Sale

April 9-10, 2016 9 AM - 4 PM

South Coast
Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw
Blvd.
Palos Verdes
Peninsula 90274

Show included with paid garden admission. Adult \$9, Senior/Student w/ ID \$6, ages 5-12 \$4, under 5 & Garden Members free.

Schlumbergera

Membership

Welcome New Members!

Whether you are new or have been around for years,
we are glad to have you in our Club!

Members of the SDCSS can enjoy the following benefits:

Monthly Newsletter ~ *Espinas y Flores*

Up to date information on C/S Events

Field Trips (Huntington, etc.)

"Members Only" early entrance to the Winter and Summer Sale

Show your plants at the SDCSS Winter and Summer Shows

Monthly SDCSS General Meetings

Invitation to Summer Picnic and Holiday Party

Opportunity to sell plants at meetings/sales

Access to a first-class C/S Library

Volunteer opportunities

Plant workshops

and much more.....!



Membership Notes

Dues: Please pay your membership dues on time. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Paul Maker at membership@sdcss.net.

Save a Tree:

If you no longer wish to receive the SDCSS newsletter in print form, please contact Sue Thomas at: newsletter@sdcss.net

SDCSS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Dues are \$15.00 per year per individual, and \$5.00 per year for each additional household member. The Newsletter is emailed. Mailed paper copies are available for an additional \$10 a year. Each member has all the rights and benefits of the organization.

Type of Membership (please check one): New _____ Renewal _____

Annual Membership Dues (E-mail Newsletter): \$15.00 _____

Add USPS delivery (Paper Newsletter): \$10.00 _____

Annual Dues – International (Paper): \$30.00 _____

Additional Household Member(s) each: \$ 5.00 _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Member Information: (Please PRINT to fill in ALL blanks below!)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and State: _____ Zip + 4: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ Cell/FAX: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

Additional Household Members: _____

Do you wish to receive E-mail notifications of Club events and issues? Yes _____ No _____

Mail this form or a copy, along with a check or money order in US Funds, payable to SDCSS to:

SDCSS Membership Dept, c/o Paul Maker
1245 San Pablo Drive, San Marcos, CA 92078

Meet a Member:

Melanie Howe

2015 Volunteer of the Year

Melanie was surprised to be named volunteer of the year and I was surprised to hear that she has only been a member since 2013! It seems that she has always been a member of the SDCSS because she immediately jumped in there to volunteer, and she fits right in! Melanie has been interested in cacti and succulents for many years. She was looking for a new place to socialize and she came to a meeting, liked it and decided to stay. She loved the cashiers immediately and with her retail experience, decided to join the crew. She says she really loves some of the people and sees herself being involved with the society for many years to come and would like to be even more active in the future. She also helps with set-up, clean-up, and wherever general help is needed. Thank you Melanie!

Melanie moved to San Diego when she was 4 years old and currently lives near Mission Trails Park in San Carlos with her dog and plants which she loves. She has a B. S. in Biology with an emphasis in Botany from SDSU. A few years ago she worked in the greenhouse at SDSU for the Soil Ecology and Restoration Group there. Melanie says, "this was a major leap forward in my horticultural education."



Melanie (with Kelly Griffin) receiving her Volunteer of the Year Award

Her favorite genus is *Dudleya* and she got her first plants in the 1980's from Mark Doderio, a local environmental biologist. She grows *Ferocactus viridescens* from seed and has sold some for restoration work. She says she sometimes has good results with seed she is given and will try to grow just about anything. She also collects *Adromischus*, *Rhipsalis*, *Ceropegia*, *Ruschia*, stapeliads, caudiciforms, carnivorous plants and grows native plants as well. She admits she prefers cacti! How brave! She has also started propagating plants for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for their endangered butterfly habitat. For Fish and Wildlife, she will be involved in

their project called "The Butterfly Restoration Project" for endangered butterflies, and she is very excited about this. Melanie also volunteers with dog rescue groups and helps out at their adoption events. Besides plants, dogs, and butterflies, she enjoys jigsaw and crossword puzzles.

Melanie says she is "not a delicate person." I find her directness very refreshing and I am enjoying getting to know her. She is a hard worker as evidenced by her cashiering ability, her volunteer work, her being awarded Volunteer of the Year, and in the way she cares for the plants. Melanie would like us to know that she is looking for work and she says besides the skills she already has, she can learn anything. Please talk to her if you know anyone who would like to hire this hard working and refreshing gal

By Denise Huntsman Griffin



Dudleya brittonii x *pulvurulentia*
Photo by Denise Huntsman Griffin



Coffee in the Garden at Tina Zucker's

Saturday, March 26th, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Hi everyone, it's Tina from the Club!

I hope you will join us for Coffee in the Garden at my home on March 26th from 8am-1pm. If you have enjoyed seeing what I bring to the club meetings you will be overjoyed to see what I have at my home. I have thousands of plants for sale. In addition, starting at 9am and on the hour, I will take you to my backyard greenhouse to show you my own specimen collection.

Out front, you will see what 9 years growth looks like in color. My plants have grown enormous. My uncarina without leaves exposes its beautiful caudex. I also have a fabulous Senecio kleinia and Euphorbia lambii and much more.

I will be handing out a "can you find and identify these plants" list for you to search for. Who knows? Maybe there will be a prize for the first person who finds them all. So come on over and tell a friend. And oh yes, coffee, treats and hugs await you!



Rain Plan: It will not rain but if it is a light rain, bring your umbrella and we can perform "Singing in the Rain." If it is a really bad storm, we might cancel and reschedule. I vote for a beautiful day!

My address is: 552 Seabright Lane, Solana Beach. We are around the corner from the Amtrak Station

Directions: Hwy 5 to Lomas Santa Fe Drive in Solana Beach
Head west off the freeway and make a right turn onto Rios Ave., Left on Cliff, right on Seabright Lane. We are on the right side of the street. You will see lots of Firesticks and tables in the drive way, and of course I will be there waiting for you!



Coffee in the Garden at the Miller's March 19th, 11am to 2pm

Spring is springing even if it is early yet. *Mammillarias* in bloom, all the cactus swollen from the rain, and the weeds waging war against me.

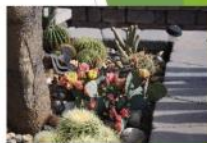
We'll have treats and BJ's great coffee and a chance to enjoy each other's company. Please wait until 11 to come, the Santee Garden Club will be having a meeting here from 10 to 11.

There will be plants for sale. Lots of *Gasterias*, *Haworthias*, and *Aeoniums* and other plants too. February is still a good time for planting succulents. I also have lots of small to medium sized clay pots that will be for sale.

10042 Waynecrest Lane Santee
Call 619-258-9810 if you get lost.

52 east to Mast. East on mast to Cuyamaca (left), go one block and turn right on Beck, down 6 blocks and turn left on Waynecrest Lane. Middle of the block on the left. Look for the cactus.

8 east to 67. Exit at Magnolia/Prospect. East on Magnolia for lots of stop lights. Left on El Nopal. Up 3 blocks and turn left onto Waynecrest Lane. Halfway down the block on the right. Look for the cactus.



Lucky Us!
There are two
Coffee in the Garden
events in March.

Join the Millers on the 19th,
and
Tina Zucker on the 26th

A Look at the Winter Show & Sale...

The weather was perfect, the plants were fantastic, the turnout was amazing, and our volunteers were top notch! We couldn't have asked for more at the annual Winter Show and Sale. Have a look at the day.



Photos by Paul Maker

SDCSS Winter Show Trophy Winners



Best Novice Cactus
Don Israel
Mammillaria elongata



Best in Show
Carol Maker
Ariocarpus fissuratus lloydii



Best Advanced Succulent
Don Hunt
Euphorbia sepulta



Best Open
Winter Grower
Peter Walkowiak
Tylecodon schaeferianus



Best Novice Winter Grower
Michael Fernandes
Bursera microphylla



Best Advanced Winter Grower
Don Patterson
Haworthia truncata



Best Open Succulent
Peter Walkowiak
Pachycormus discolor



Best Open Cactus
Peter Walkowiak
Mammillaria theresae



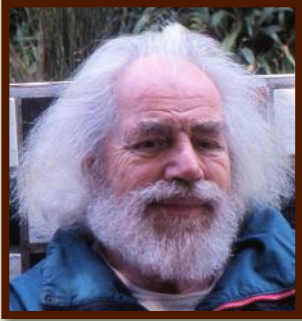
Best Advanced Cactus
Brian Shepherd
Turbinicarpus horripilus



Best Novice Succulent
Don Israel
Gasteria verrucosa

Plant of the Month

Tree Aloes by Erik Gronborg



Aloes are classified as belonging to the family Asphodelaceae which also includes Gasterias and Haworthias. All the plants in Asphodelaceae are succulent with fleshy leaves which can store water. The Aloe genus has about 400 species, or maybe had.

Recent proposed changes based on DNA studies will split the genus Aloe into six new genera. Aloes are distributed mostly in southern Africa, extending to Madagascar and north throughout Africa and into the Arabian peninsula. Their natural habitats range from the dry grasslands in southern Africa to the deserts of Yemen, from the beaches of South Africa to mountains up to 11,000 feet, like *Aloe polyphylla* from Lesoto.



Aloe leaves when broken, exude a sticky bitter sap. In most species the leaves form rosettes. The tubular flowers are on single or branched stalks and range in color from red through orange, yellow to almost white. In their native habitats they are pollinated by sunbirds and bees, and here by hummingbirds. Aloes prefer lots of sunlight and a soil with fast drainage. They are generally easy to grow.

Aloes range in size from *Aloe squarrosa* with rosettes 2 inches wide to *Aloe bainesii* which can grow to a 60 feet tall tree. The presentation will focus on tree aloes, which means that they have trunks with a number of branches. Included will also be some large aloes with an unbranched trunk and one large rosette of leaves. Though there are a great many aloes which grow to be more than six feet tall, I have limited the presentation to species you can actually see growing in San Diego. I took all the pictures here in San Diego County.



More
Tree Aloes
by
Erik
Gronborg

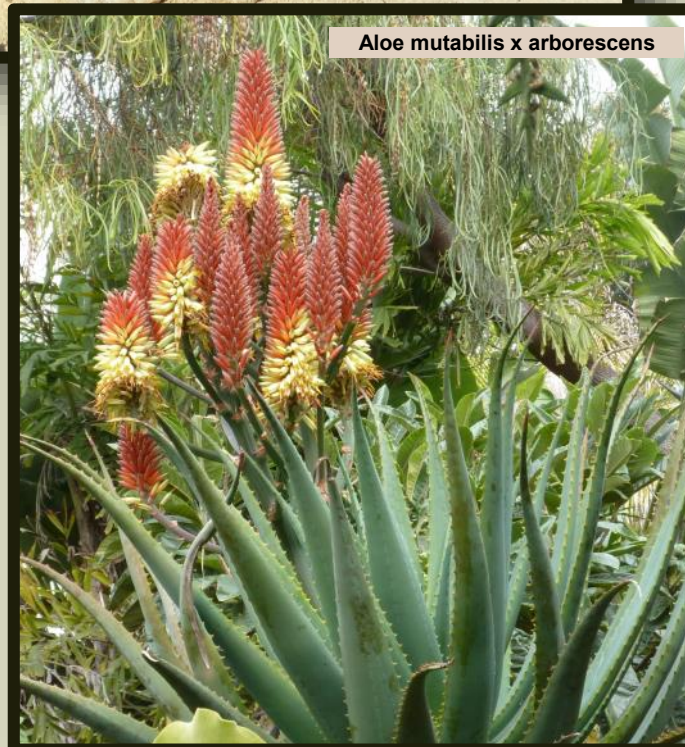
Aloe dichotoma



Aloe castanea



Aloe mutabilis x arborescens



Mexico, The Hidden Treasures of Coahuila

By Wendell S. Woody Minnich

Mexico is thought by many to be the richest region in the world for cacti. For all those individuals who travel in search of rare and unusual cacti, their first choice is often Mexico. The Sierra Madre Oriental is considered the center of diversity for Mexican genera, ranging from *Ariocarpus* to *Aztekiums*, *Echinocereus*, *Ferocactus*, *Geohintonia*, *Gymnocactus*, *Mammillaria*, *Obregonia*, *Pelecephora*, *Thelocactus*, *Turbinicarpus* and many, many more. Because of the plethora of plants found in the states of Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, San Luis Potosi and Hidalgo, most field workers have just decided to ignore the little explored Coahuila.

For most of us, Coahuila and its neighboring state of Chihuahua were often only used as drive-throughs on our way to the succulent rich south. In recent years, many of the serious plant explorers have started finding new back country roads in these two states. These new roads have graciously opened up some of the rarely explored areas to extremely remote regions, and some of these back country roads (trails) are not even found on the maps! Coahuila, as close as it is to the USA, actually has some of the least explored and most remote regions in all of Mexico.

Huasteca Canyon



On our trip through Coahuila, we drove for many hours without ever seeing other vehicles or back country people. There were no urban or agricultural developments as these wild places are still virtually untouched! The valleys and mountains of these expanses will surely offer many new species for the field worker willing to do some serious exploring. Near the roads, if you wish to call them roads, I saw only a few dried-up old ghost towns where apparently some tough old Mexicans, probably from the Poncho Villa era, once resided.

From the unknown territories of Coahuila, there have been numerous new cacti and other succulents discovered and rediscovered. The crown jewel of these new plants is the fantastic *Mammillaria luethyi*. It was lost for



Mammillaria luethyi

over 60 years since its original siting, growing in a rusted tin can on a dusty ranchito porch. All of us exploring Mexico had searched for this very special *Mammillaria*, until only a few years ago, Luethy found it in northern Coahuila. The Sierra del Carmen, which abuts the Rio Grand and the Big Bend National Park, has also been the origin of other new species. Close to this area, we discovered a new, very beautiful *Echinomastus*, or possibly *Gymnocactus*? Also from this region we found a very handsome red *Sedum*, as well as *Echinocereus longisetus*, and the northern most of the *Echeverias*, *Echeveria strictaflora*. In a remote dry lake bed, Laguna la Leche, we admired the amazingly cryptic *Escobaria abdita*. Wow, just some of the treasures of Coahuila!

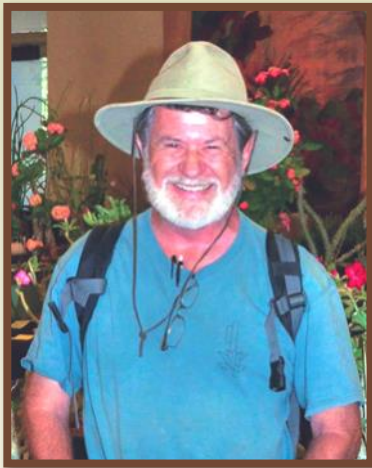
This trip was also to be an adventure in seeing some of the brand new *Agaves*, *Echeverias*, *Astrophytums*, *Echinocereus* and *Mammillarias*. We scored on almost everything we went to see, and never, in the 45 years that I have traveled Mexico, have I seen it so green. This talk will also feature many cacti and other succulents that have never been seen in books or presentations. Come explore Mexico with me!



Sedum robertsonianum

Brief Biography

Wendell S. Minnich 2015



Woody, as he is commonly called, has been in the cactus hobby for some 45 years and has become well known for his participation in many of the cactus and succulent clubs. He is an honorary life member of nine clubs as well as a life member and Friend of the CSSA (Cactus & Succulent Society of America.) He has served in almost all positions of leadership from president, to newsletter editor, to show chairman and so on. He is also known for his extensive field work studying primarily the cactus family. He has traveled throughout Africa, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Madagascar, Mexico, Namibia, New Zealand, Peru, Socotra, the United States and Yemen. From these trips and his nursery experience, he has developed an extensive knowledge of the cactus family as well as many of the other succulent genera.

Woody is also known for his many presentations. His photography is considered to be special and his commentary very entertaining and educational. He is a recognized international speaker and has spoken for plant conventions - organizations all over the USA, as well as in England, Germany, Australia, New Zealand and Mexico. Woody has also authored a number of articles for various newsletters, the CSSA journal and his photographs are well published. Woody is the creator-originator of the first color version of the CSSA journal "Cacti and Succulents for the Amateur" that also featured show plants, shows and the growers of the pictured plants.



Agave parryi f. *truncate*

He is also known for his cactus and succulent nursery, Cactus Data Plants. CDP was started in 1975 and is still in operation today. Cactus Data Plants specializes in show specimens and rare cacti and other succulents with particular emphasis in *Ariocarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Mammillaria*, *Gymnocalycium*, *Turbinicarpus*, *Melocactus*, *Copiapoa*, *Fouquieria*, *Pachypodium*, *Euphorbia*, *Cyphostemma*, *Adenium* and *Adenia*.

Woody and his wife Kathy live in the beautiful mountains south of Santa Fe New Mexico, in a region called Cedar Grove. He has a small 1,200 sq. ft. greenhouse and a few cold frames where he grows his unique plants. He is always on the move and travels frequently to do presentations and shows throughout the western United States. Woody is the proud parent of three children, Leah, Denver and Sarah, all of whom are now grown and out in the big world. Woody is also the proud grandparent of three grandsons, Indiana, Ashton and Logan. He is a retired high school teacher of 32 years where he taught Graphic Arts, Architecture, Art and Health.

News and photos from San Diego Zoo Safari Park

Photos by Susan LaFreniere. Used with permission of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park

New Plantings

We went on a shopping spree. What fun! We found nine new aloes at Rancho Soledad, some tree aloes and some stemless: *capitata*, *divaricata*, *armatissima*, *andringitensis*, *helenae*, *munchii*, *sabaea*, *succotrina*, and *vacillans*.



Aloe capitata



Aloe andringitensis



Aloe vacillans



May Fong Ho planting
Aloe armatissima

Garden Tour

The park hosted the La Jolla Garden Club on a garden tour. About forty members were bussed to the top Nativescapes Garden, then walked through Baja, and down through the Old World Garden. Many know succulents and all remarked on the sizes, shapes, flowers, and the views.



Volunteer Mark Richards Clears damaged plants



Uprooted aloe



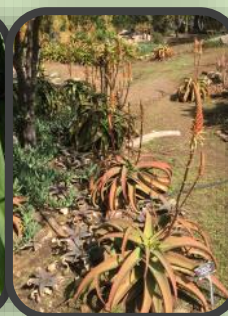
Fallen Cardon (*Pachycereus pringlei*)

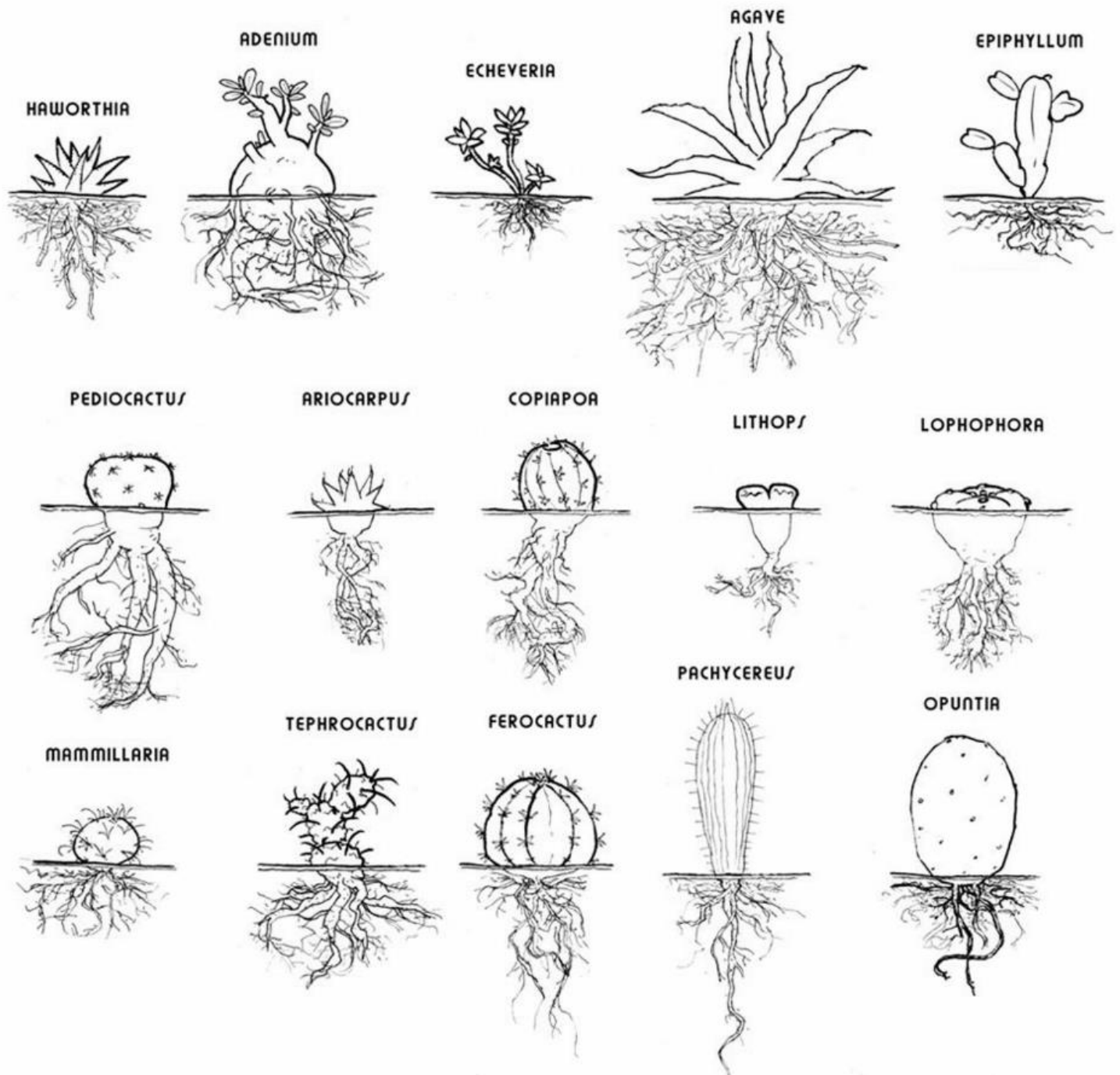
Storm Damage

Both gardens had a bit of damage after the last storm's rain, wind, and hail. Besides a whirl of leaves, twigs, and branches on the ground, a tree aloe that was dead, uprooted in the Old World Garden. A Baja Garden Cardon toppled over and split from the weight of the rainwater it absorbed, but once cut into pieces, both top and bottom can be replanted.

Aloes in Bloom

- L - R
A. chabaudii
A. tenuior
A. vanbalenii
A. cameronii





THE ROOT OF THE MATTER

CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

UPDATED 2/23/2016

- MAR. 17-19** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Spring Show and Sale, Thurs. 3/17t 6-8PM, Fri, 3/18th, 9-7PM, Sat. 3/19, 9-5PM, 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA, Info: (562) 587-3357
- MAR. 26** Palomar CS Society Spring Festival, Plant Show & Sale, 11am -3pm. Park Ave Community Center, 210 E. Park Ave., Escondido, CA www.palomarcactus.org. Contact Brita @ Brita_Miller@yahoo.com
- APR. 9-10** South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes, CA Info: (310) 378-1953 , www.southcoastcss.org
- APR. 24** Huntington Plant Sale, 10 - 4:30, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino CA. Info: (626) 405-3504
- MAY 1** South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale South Bay Epiphyllum, Show - 9am to 4pm South Coast Botanical Gardens. Info: (310) 833-6823
- APR 30 - May 1** Sunset Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale, Veteran's Memorial Center Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA. Info: (310) 822-1783
- MAY 13-14** Gates Cactus & Succulent Society, Show & Sales, Fri & Sat 9-4:30 pm, at Landscapes Southern California Style, 450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, CA. Info: (951) 360-8802
- MAY 21-22** Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale, 10-4 pm, Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA Info. (562) 631-5876
- MAY 28-29** Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale 10-4PM), Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo, CA. Info: (805) 237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org
- JUNE 11-12** Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, 6/11 9-5, 6/12 9-3:30. Sepulveda Garden Ctr., 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA Info: www.lacss-show.com
- JUNE 4-5** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale. Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Rm. 101, San Diego, CA. Info: (858) 382-1797
- JULY 1-3** CSSA Annual Show & Sale. Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA Plant sales run July 1st - 3rd. The Show is open July 2nd - 3rd. Info: (626) 405-3504
- JULY 22-23** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale. Thurs, 7/21, 6-8 pm, Fri, 7/22, 9-7pm, Sat. 7/23, 9-5pm. 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA. Info: (949) 212-8417
- AUG. 13-14** 31st Annual Intercity Show & Sale at the LA County Arboretum. 9-5pm daily. 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA. Info: Call Tom Glavich @ (626) 798-2430, or Artie Chavez @ (818) 482-8795
- SEPT. 3** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium, all Day at The Huntington. Info: (626) 405-3504
- SEPT. 10** Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction, 12-5PM, Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90615. Info: (562) 631-5876
- OCT. 8-9** Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-4, East Hills Mall, Center Court, 3100 Mall View Rd., Bakersfield, CA 93306. Info: (661) 831-8488
- OCT. 22-23** Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4. San Diego Botanic Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Rd., Encinitas, CA. Info: hciservices@gmail.com. (858) 382-1797
- NOV. 5-6** San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, 9am - 4pm both days, LA County Arboretum, 310 No. Baldwin, Arcadia, CA Info: Manny Rivera (626) 780-6957 or John Matthews (661) 714-1052