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**Coffee in the Garden ~ Saturday, September 17th**  
Hosted by Peter Walkowiak and Inacia Matheus

**Annual Club Picnic ~ Sunday, September 18th**  
Please RSVP by September 12th!

**Next General Meeting, Saturday, October 8th**

More details inside, on these events and more....

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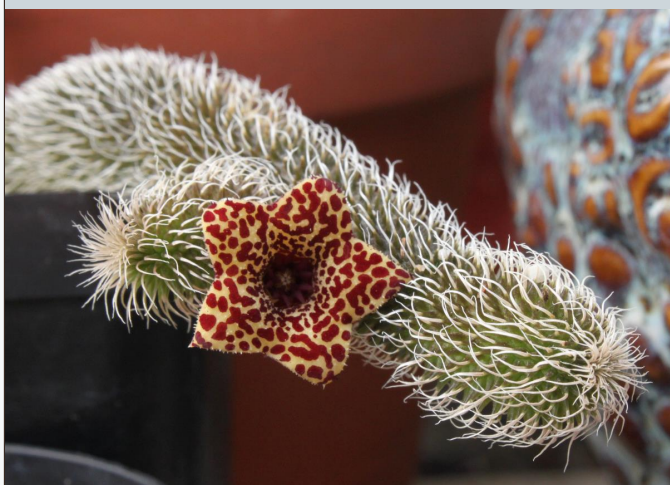
### Job Opportunity

Seeking strong, succulent plant knowledgeable person to work in Vista greenhouse on Tuesdays. Knowing names of plants and watering would put you at the top of the list. Please contact Tina Zucker At [Succulentsus@gmail.com](mailto:Succulentsus@gmail.com), with your qualifications and telephone number.

### Book Wanted

I am interested in buying the book:  
*Caudiciform and Pachycaul Succulents*,  
by Gordon Rowley.  
If you have one for sale or know where I might find a copy, please contact me.  
Tina Zucker @ [succulentsus@gmail.com](mailto:succulentsus@gmail.com)

### On the Cover: *Stapelia pilosus* Photo by Sue Thomas



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## President's Message



Another great meeting on the books! I want to offer thanks to Tina Zucker for her workshop on Echeveria propagation. It absolutely filled the kitchen area with people overflowing, and was well liked and well attended.

I also want to thank Melanie Howe for her great mini talk on plants that eat insects, a refreshing change of pace. The talk on plants eating insects instead of the other way around, was a nice change of pace. Much goes into each meeting and this is no small part. I even managed to come home with a pitcher plant to try to grow.

To all the brag table participants, Muchas Gracias! We once again filled all the tables ~ it is fun to see so many nice plants and even if only a few win, it is great to see so many different and cool things! Please let's keep it up.

It was a well attended meeting which surprised me as I was thinking with the conflicting events of the day most notably the Intercity show and sale in LA that it might not be. I am grateful for the audience and hope that I motivated some of you to think about growing more Dudleyas. I am certain that you saw something different. Perhaps we can plan a club Dudleya tour next spring when this group is blooming and at its best.

Our September Picnic is going to be at the San Diego Botanical Garden (Quail Gardens) on Sept. 18th (Sunday) @ 10 to 2 (lunch at 11:30) This is a pot luck with the club providing main course and beverages. Please RSVP by emailing or calling Chris Miller so we can get our numbers straight. There are more details on page 5. Mark your calendar and bring your smiling face along with a salad, side dish or dessert and have a great day in the garden.

See you all soon! ~ Kelly G

**Due to the Club Picnic, there will be no General Meeting in September.  
Next General Meeting is Saturday, October 8th!**

## Introducing "SDCSS.net"

If you haven't already done so, take a minute or two to visit our Club website at [www.sdcss.net](http://www.sdcss.net)! There is a wealth of information and resources at your fingertips and thanks to the ongoing efforts of our "Webmaster Extraordinaire" Paul Maker, information is kept current and relevant.

Here are just a few things the website has to offer:

- Meeting and event information
- Plant show and brag table photos
- Announcements
- Library of *Espinas y Flores* (newsletters) dating back to 1965
- Membership benefit information
- SDCSS Directors, Board Members, and Contact Information
- Payment portal for memberships, events, donations, ads, newsletter copies, etc.



**Memberships can be paid online! Visit us at [www.sdcss.net](http://www.sdcss.net)**

October Program preview....

## **“Exploring South Africa from Cape Town to Richtersveld”**

By Guillermo Rivera



Guillermo will take us on a journey through the provinces of the Western and Northern Capes, exploring the great succulent diversity of South Africa. We will explore several National and State Parks: Namaqua, Richtersveld, and others. Conophytums, Lithops, Aloes, Pachypodium, and many Mesembs are among the plants we are going to highlight in this presentation. There will also be some wildlife shots from Kruger National Park and photos of the incredible event of mass flowering in the desert.

Guillermo Rivera was born in Argentina and is owner of Southern Cross Nature Tours (formerly, South America Nature Tours). For the past fifteen years, this company has been dedicated to the organization of botanical and nature tours throughout mainly South America (Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Columbia, Bolivia, Ecuador), Mexico, and also South Africa, Madagascar, and Namibia, with emphasis on succulent plants, bromeliads, and orchids.

Guillermo is a former researcher at the University of Cordoba, Argentina. He holds a BS degree in Biology, University of Cordoba; MS Marine Biology, Northeastern University; PhD in Botany, University of Cordoba.



## **NATtalk: Rediscovering Lost Plants in Baja California Sur**

On Tuesday, September 20th at 7PM, the San Diego Natural History Museum's Curator of Botany, Dr. Jon Rebman, will talk about the year he spent in Baja California Sur. He will share information about floristic diversity, discuss collaborative scientific endeavors, reveal the extreme beauty and interesting natural history stories of many of the Cape region's plants, and recap some of his botanical expeditions and discoveries (including species new to science) in the Cape region.

You can find more information and a link to tickets here: [NATtalk](#)

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# SDCSS Annual Summer Picnic

**The Summer Picnic is just around the Corner!**  
**Join us for Fun, Food, and Friends**  
at the San Diego Botanic Garden in Encinitas,  
on Sunday, September 18th, at 10:15 am – 2:00 pm

- Where:** San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Dr, Encinitas, CA 92024.  
We will be meeting in the same area Palomar holds their show/sale, on the south side of the parking lot.
- Who:** SDCSS Members and their family/friends.
- What:** Food, fun, friends, and plants!  
You may enjoy the Botanic Garden before/after the event
- Lunch:** Rotisserie chicken, drinks, plates, utensils, etc., will be provided.  
Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share, and pack it in a disposable container so cleanup is a whiz and you can spend more time in the gardens/less time tracking down your container/platter!
- Lunch will be served between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm
- Cost:** \$5 per person, in advance. Payment can be made at the August meeting, online via the the SDCSS website, or by mail to: Chris Miller, 10042 Waynecrest Lane, Santee, CA 92071. Please make checks payable to SDCSS.
- Parking:** Free - Identify yourself as a patron of the SDCSS event
- Directions:** (From the south) Take I-5 North, exit Encinitas Boulevard and turn right (heading east) (0.5 miles), turn left on Quail Gardens Drive (0.3 miles). The entrance to the Gardens will be on your left  
(From the north) Take I-5 South, exit Leucadia Boulevard and turn left (heading east) (0.5 miles), turn right on Quail Gardens Drive (1 mile). The entrance to the Gardens will be on your right

**Please RSVP by September 11th!**

**Email Chris Miller at [cmiller@cox.net](mailto:cmiller@cox.net), or call (619) 258-9810**

Once you have RSVP'd, you may pay online at [www.sdcss.net](http://www.sdcss.net),  
click on "Payments/Membership and other"

You may also mail a check payable to SDCSS,  
to Chris Miller, 10042 Waynecrest Lane, Santee, CA 92071

**Hope to see you there!**





# Coffee in the Garden

Hosted by Peter Walkowiak and Inacia Matheus

**Saturday, September 17th, 2016**

Open house 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**BBQ Party Immediately Following Open House!**

Location: 1172 Avocado Ave, Escondido, CA 92026

Peter's Ph#: (858) 382-1797      Inacia's Ph#: (760) 415-5105

Email: hciservices@gmail.com

**View an amazing collection of plants while overlooking the hills and valleys of Escondido.**

**"You've seen some of my plants at various shows, but there are many more to see and many of you have indicated an interest in seeing the entire collection." ~ Peter W.**

**You may stop by to look around and shop, any time between 10:00 and 3:00**  
**If you would like to attend the BBQ, please RSVP. Contact info above.**

**We will provide snacks and iced tea, however when the party starts, I'll have the beer chilled, some pork on the smoker, and have chips & salsa ready. If you would like something with more spirit, please feel free to bring it along with you.**

**Sales inventory is available ~ PWPlants"**  
**20% discount for purchases totaling \$50 and up, and 30% on \$150 and up**

## **Directions:**

**(Trust these directions, not Google Maps, Mapquest, or phone GPS)**

**15 Freeway. Exit El Norte Pkway which is 1 mile north of Hwy 78**

**Right turn from northbound, head east or Left turn from southbound, head east**

**Immediate right on Seven Oaks Rd (frontage rd). Left on Borden Rd (1/4 mile). Left on Avocado Ave (1/2 mile)**

**Here's the tricky part...**

**1/4 mile on Avocado Ave, there is an unmarked cul-de-sac.**

**The house on the corner has a white block wall about 2 feet high.**

**THIS IS PART OF AVOCADO AVE, not a different street.**

**Turn left up this cul-de-sac. At the end of the cul-de-sac, there are two parallel driveways on the right.**

**Ours is the one on the right side.**

**We will have a sign at the bottom of the driveway indicating 1172**  
**Park in the cul-de-sac. If you pull nose-in at the front of the dirt hill, we can fit more cars.**

# Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

By Herb Stern

This park is the largest state park in California. When the Park was formed in the early 1930s, it was checker boarded by thousands of acres of private land inholdings — one estimate is as high as 60,000 acres, which is 10% of the current Park. In the last 49 years, the Anza-Borrego Foundation (ABF) has acquired more than 52,000 acres of those inholdings and other properties to give to the Park. In 2001, the purchase of 2,675-acre Lucky 5 Ranch created a wildlife corridor between Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, a mountain habitat. SDCSS contributed to that effort. Since then, additional portions have been acquired that provide a connection between the parks and Cleveland National Forest to the south. However, there are still a few inholdings left to complete the Park.

The Park also endeavors to conserve and protect the extensive plant life found throughout the 600,000 acres. With 92 different plant families, 346 genera and hundreds of flowering species, there is quite the variety of flora to discover. As ABF always seeks new funds to support the land acquisition habitat con-

## Support the Anza-Borrego Foundation

The San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society is a continuous supporter of the Anza-Borrego Foundation, the official non-profit partner of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. The Foundation acquires land for conservation in and around the Park, educates the public about the Park's resources, and supports research relevant to the region.

Members of SDCSS have already supported the Anza-Borrego Foundation through participation (bidding) on Auction Plants at the Summer Show. Not only will the proceeds from this auction (\$700) be donated to ABF, but SDCSS will match dollar for dollar the amount collected at the auction PLUS all donations made by members through November 30, 2016. There is an additional incentive to send your donation by September 30th (see adjacent article). All money's collected will be sent to the Anza-Borrego Foundation in December, along with a list of donors.

If you wish to make a donation to help preserve the beautiful and unique Anza-Borrego State Park, please send a check payable to SDCSS, and mail to the following address:

San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society  
Attn: Anza-Borrego Donation  
P.O. Box 33181  
San Diego, CA 92163-3181

You may also make a donation via the website: [www.sdcss.net](http://www.sdcss.net) or present your payment to a cashier at any General Meeting through November.

servation, SDCSS would again like to contribute toward these causes. Contributions will be doubled by our club. Plus, the ABF has a challenge grant from the Parker Foundation that will also double any gift up to \$45000. To meet the Parker grant, moneys must be donated by 30 September. +

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Photo: Agave by Marcy Yates





# August Brag Table Winners

## CACTUS

### Novice

- 1st Place: Sue Thomas- *Echinocereus mohavensis*  
 2nd Place: Julia Chimento- *Chamaelobivia* cv. 'Rose Quartz'  
 3rd Place: Heather Chan- *Sulcorebutia mentosa*

### Intermediate

- 1st Place: Jennifer Harris- *Parodia scop*a  
 2nd Place: Brian Shepherd- *Echinocereus maritimus*  
 3rd Place: Don Israel- *Ferocactus hamatacanthus*

### Advanced

- 1st Place: Terry and Collette Parr- *Neoporteria nidus* var. *senilis*  
 2nd Place: Kelly Griffin- *Mammillaria geminispina*  
 3rd Place: Kelly Griffin- *Notocactus ubelmannianus*

## SUCCULENTS

### Novice

- 1st Place: AnneMarie Ebeling- *Dorstenia foetida*  
 2nd Place: Julia Chimento- Succulents in Julia Dixon pot  
 3rd Place: Mila Thurber- Sedum, Crassula/assorted dish garden

### Intermediate

- 1st Place: Don Hunt- *Aloe pearsonii*  
 2nd Place: Tina Zucker- *Pseudolithos migiurtinus*  
 3rd Place: Jerry and Candy Garner- *Haworthia maculata*

### Advanced

- 1st Place: Jurgen Menzel- *Euphorbia cylindrifolia tuberifera*  
 2nd Place: Kelly Griffin- *Pleiospilos nelii* variegate  
 3rd Place: Kelly Griffin- *Haworthia sordida*



Chamaelobivia cv. 'Rose Quartz'



Echinocereus mohavensis



Sulcorebutia mentosa



Echinocereus maritimus



Neoporteria nidus var. senilis



Crassula/assorted dish garden



Dorstenia foetida



Haworthia sordida



Haworthia maculata



Notocactus ubelmannianus



Succulents in Julia Dixon pot



Mammillaria geminispina



Parodia scop



Ferocactus hamatacanthus



Aloe pearsonii



Pseudolithos migiurtinus



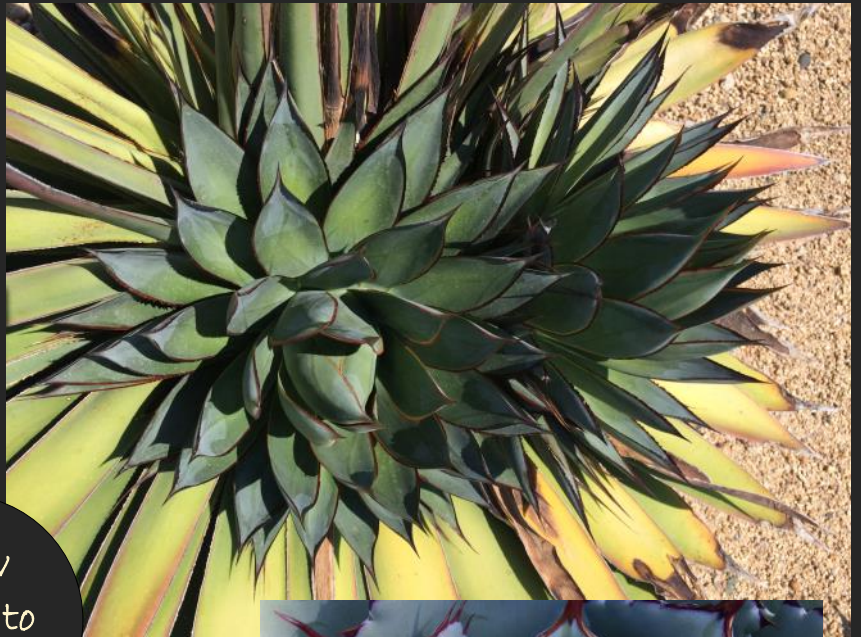
Pleiospilos nelii variegate



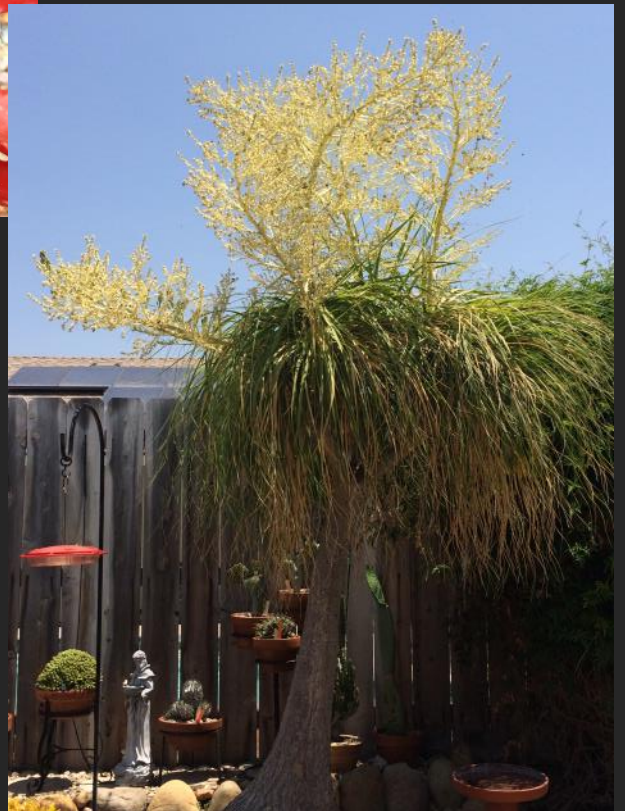
Euphorbia cylindrifolia tuberifera

Brag Table Information provided by Denise Huntsman-Griffin  
 Photos by Sue Thomas





A few  
photos to  
share...



Clockwise from top left.:  
~ Aloe on display at San Diego County Fair  
~ Agave 'Blue Glow' in the garden of Bill and Jean O'Daniel,  
showing new growth from center  
~ Agave potatorum  
~ Beaucarnea recurvata in bloom (O'Daniel's garden)  
~ Haworthia cooperi var. obtuse  
~ Aloe dorotheae

Photos by Sue Thomas



## CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

- 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
- SEPT. 18**        SDCSS Annual Club Picnic, 10:15 am - 2:00 pm, San Diego Botanic Garden,  
230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024. Members only.
- 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
- DEC. 10**         SDCSS Holiday Party

### 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. **Please fill in all blanks and PRINT CLEARLY! Thank you!**

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