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Gasteria batesiana 'Umbeluzi'

Photo by S. Gildenhuys

The April General Meeting is Saturday, April 9th, 1:00-4:00 pm,

Rm 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

~ Pre-meeting Workshop, "Raising Cacti and Succulents from Seed"

11:00 am, - Brian Shepherd

~ New Member Orientation, at 12:30 pm by Pat and Jay

~ Plant of the Month, "Borrego Bloom" - Leslie Sheridan

~ Program: "Gasterias, South Africa's Big Smile" - Brian Kemble

More details inside!

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President's Message

Our March meeting was a great day packed with lots of information and many beautiful photos and plants - Perhaps a little too much but we will work on that.



I want to give thanks to Woody Minnich for making the long trek out here from his home, now in the state of New Mexico, and delivering a memorable program about an unforgettable expedition to hidden Mexico. Seeing great photos of seldom (never) seen cactus in the wild, is truly special.

I also want to thank Erik Gronberg for his well constructed plant of the month program on Tree Aloes, and Juergen Menzel for sharing some very special cactus in all their glory.

Our upcoming April program by Brian Kemble, Curator at the Ruth Bancroft Garden, will undoubtedly be very interesting. You will see pictures of plants in the veld and gain a better understanding and examination of a special group of plants that Brian knows very well ~ Gasterias. I know of no one better in this country to do that! Brian Kemble last visited our club in August, 2013, and gave a fantastic program on a trip he made with Walker Young to Jalisco, Mexico. We look forward to having Walker Young back as a speaker in the near future as well.

Please consider how important you are to this club, and if you see something that needs improvement, by all means speak up about it, and even better, make it so. We also need new people and ideas on the board to keep the club rolling, so to speak. If you want to help out but aren't exactly sure how, talk with Wendy or any other board member, and we can help with suggestions and ideas.

Our Summer Show is lurking on the horizon and we should be focusing on repotting and preparing our show plants now. It is only two meetings away....June 3rd, is set up, and June 4th and 5th, the show and sale.

Did you know it is already Spring! I have said it before and I will say it again, I want a job as a weather man....You say "it is going to rain like never before", you say "the wettest winter ever" and we are now an inch and half behind normal and you still have a job! Great place and time to be growing cactus and succulents. The desertification is now!

There is a 20% chance I am going to work today! If I do make it in, there is 50% chance I will get something done.....Sounds good to me! I am writing this on Saturday, so the 20% chance is a little bit inflated! There is 100% chance we will have a great April meeting, so I hope to see you on April 9th, at Balboa Park! ~ Kelly G

Next General Meeting - April 9th

The next SDCSS General Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 9th, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, in Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 101

Pre-Meeting Workshop, "Raising Cacti and Succulents from Seed" by Brian Shephard - 11:00 am. Try your hand at growing interesting plants from seed. Handouts, growing medium, seeds and pots provided. All the supplies that you will need – just bring a little patience. Plants at varied stages of development will be on display

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 N - Z

Don't forget to Bring a Brag Table Plant!

Lithops seedlings

Photo by Brian Shephard

Learn how to grow cactus and succulents from seed.

Attend the Pre-Meeting Workshop at 11:00 am, preceding the April 9th, General Meeting.



Membership

Membership Benefits!

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 renew your membership when due. 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

Let's work Together to make Our Club Great! Sign up to Volunteer Today!
We are currently looking for Helping Hands for the Summer Show and Sale!

We need: Cashiers, security, Box Manager, setup and cleanup,
Judges Clerks, and general help.

Please email us today 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. **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



Coffee in the Garden at Wanda and Gary's

Saturday, April 16th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please join us for a visit to the botanic wonderland of Wanda Mallen and Gary Vincent. They have a two-acre garden filled with all kinds of interesting plants, including lots of cactus and succulents, plus Australian natives, conifers, tropicals and more in a series of garden rooms and colorful vignettes. Even if you've been there before, there is always something new, in particular this year is an African-themed garden. The site is flat and easily walkable and parking is plentiful on the street.

Joining us for the tour will be members of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society and the San Diego Horticultural Society. Don't miss it!



Address: 3856 Cedar Vale Way, Fallbrook, CA 92028

2016
Summer Show & Sale
Presented by
The San Diego
Cactus & Succulent Society

Free Admission!
Exotic and Collectible Plants
From Around the World
Casa del Prado ~ Balboa Park
Room 101 and Courtyard

Sale

Saturday June 4th
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 5th
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

SDCSS
“Members Only”
Shopping
Saturday, June 4th
9:00 - 10:00 am

Visit us online at
www.sdcss.net

Aloe cv. 'Delta Lights'
Photograph
by Kelly Griffin

Show: Saturday, 10:00 - 3:00 & Sunday, 10:00 - 4:00

Additional Show/Sale Information

Parking is at a premium! Consider arriving early (before 8:00 am), or parking at Inspiration Point on Presidents Way, and riding the Free Balboa Park Tram. www.balboapark.org/visit/parking



Notocactus scopae Photo by Mark Fryer

BYOB - Bring your own Box!
Cardboard boxes are provided but are in limited supply. Please bring a box for yourself, and a few to share

Sign up for a membership on Saturday, and be admitted to the sale at 9:00 am during the "Members Only" shopping hour

Free Planting and Cultivation information

Visit us online at www.sdcss.net

Show Check off List

Healthy



Nicely potted



Top dressed



Pruned



No bugs



Categorized



Delivered to Show early



Enjoy the Show!

Enter your Plants in the Summer Show

Why enter a plant in the Summer Show? First, you've dedicated a lot of hard work into raising such a beautiful specimen. Why not show off a little? You can learn some growing tips by our judges, experts in the field. Also, the more plants you display, the better your chance of winning ribbons and plant sale coupons. Lastly, you can help draw enthusiasm and new members, to our club. The Show is right around the corner, so begin preparing your plants to look their best and mark your calendar for June 4th, and 5th, to follow the Show schedules will be printed in the May issue of *Espinas y Flores*. Rules and categories can be accessed immediately at www.sdcss.net, click on "Club Show Info."

"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."

Volunteers are still needed for the Summer Show and Sale. If you have time and would like to help make our biggest event even better, let us know. Email: newsletter@sdcss.net. A little bit goes a long way!

Also, the San Diego Zoo Safari Park would 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.



**Calling all
Volunteers!**

Borrego Bloom

Plant of the Month Presentation

By Leslie Sheridan



Each year I get excited when spring rolls around as it presents another opportunity to visit the wildflowers in Anza Borrego. I love the contrast of the dry desert floor and the bright colorful flowers. This year I was particularly eager due to our high rainfall and the anticipation of a “superbloom”. My friend and I made the drive out to the Anza Borrego State Park and were not disappointed. It was a beautiful sunny day but still chilly when the wind passed through. The visitor center was quite busy as other nature lovers made the trip to check out the wildlife. Close to the parking lot was a lot of Indigo flower, *Psoralea schottii*, Beaver tail cactus, *Opuntia bairdii*, and Ocotillo, *Fouquieria splendens*. The further away we got from the visitor center there was a lot more variety to be found, but the flowers were very small and low to the ground. Open closer examination some of the blooms were quite spectacular. There was a lot of Parish’s poppy, *Eschscholzia parishii*, with bright yellow blooms, Desert star, *Monoptilon belliioides*, with cheery white flowers and Brown eyed Primrose which I found to be very colorful. One of the more exciting finds was a large *Ferocactus cylindraceus*, or Barrel cactus, that was waist high and most like a couple of hundred years old. There were many other varieties of small wildflowers and I will be presenting pictures of these during my presentation. ~ Leslie Sheridan



Gasterias: South Africa's Big Smile

by Brian Kemble

Why have I called my program on *Gasteria*, 'South Africa's Big Smile'? It's not because they look amusing, with their plump flowers and tongue-like leaves, but because the distribution of the genus is shaped like a big smile, starting near the Namibia-South Africa border in the northwest, extending

down along the west coast and all the way across the southern part of the country, and then up the east coast to the Transvaal in the country's northeast. There are 24 recognized species, along with a number of subspecies and varieties, and all of them occur in South Africa, with a little spill-over into neighboring



countries at either end of the "smile". The talk will include lots of habitat photos as well as pictures of plants in cultivation. ~ Brian

SFSCS Vice-President Brian Kemble has given numerous presentations for the club in past years, but this is the first time he has done a program on *Gasteria*. He has been growing these wonderful plants since the 70's, and has sought them out in his travels in South Africa. Though related to *Aloe* and *Haworthia*, the genus *Gasteria* has a charm all its own, with its dangling, pot-bellied flowers and the great range of textures and markings found in its leaves.



"C/S Links"

Being a plant enthusiast is much easier these days, with information right at our fingertips. Literally! Go online and you can ID a plant, view habitat photos, learn cultural information, buy seeds, learn about C/S events, etc.. Information and beautiful publications are sometimes hidden "in" the web, so beginning this month, links to quality C/S online resources will be added as a feature in this newsletter. Included may be other newsletters, articles and publications, websites and blogs, photos and videos, etc.. To start, below are a few of my favorites. If you would like to share yours, please email me at newsletter@sdcss.net. ~ Sue Thomas

Just Click on the Links below....!

Cactiguide.com - A comprehensive resource on cactus. Helpful identification tools.

Succulentguide.com - A comprehensive resource on succulents

Xerophilia - Portal to downloadable PDF's of *Xerophilia*, a global online magazine featuring C/S plants, travel stories, and amazing photographs.

Mesa Garden - One, if not THE best, place to buy seeds and plants. Becoming so popular, orders may take a while, but well worth it!



March Brag Table Winners

CACTUS

Novice

1st Place: Sue Thomas - *Ferocactus johnstonianus*

2nd & 3rd: No Entries

Intermediate

1st Place: Brian Shepherd - *Echinocereus viridiflorus*

2nd Place: Candy & Jerry Garner - *Mammillaria bombycina*

3rd Place: Rick Bjorklund - *Echinocereus davisii*

3rd Place: Mary Sasso - *Echinocereus pacificus*

Advanced

1st Place: Phyllis Flechsig - *Copiapoa cinerea*

2nd Place: Brian Shepherd - *Strombocactus disciformis*

3rd Place: Phyllis Flechsig - *Rhipsalis burchellii*

SUCCULENTS

Novice:

N/A. Novices, please bring in your plants!

Intermediate

1st Place: Candy and Jerry Garner - *Dyckia* cv. Tarzan'

2nd Place: Bev Grant - *Kalanchoe manginii*

2nd Place: Bev Grant - *Euphorbia bupleurifolia*

3rd Place: Bev Grant - *Dudleya candida*

3rd Place: Penny Sommerville - *Euphorbia* sp. *cristata*

Advanced

1st Place: Kelly Griffin - *Haworthia pumila*

2nd Place: Kelly Griffin - *Agave albopilosa*

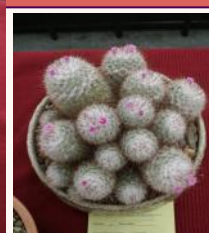
3rd Place: Kelly Griffin - *Aloe* cv. 'Lucky Charm'



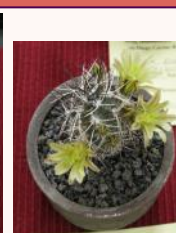
Ferocactus johnstonianus



Echinocereus viridiflorus



Mammillaria bombycina



Echinocereus davisii



Echinocereus pacificus



Copiapoa cinerea



Strombocactus disciformis



Rhipsalis burchellii



Dyckia cv. Tarzan



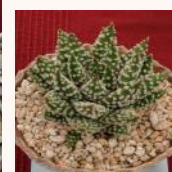
Kalanchoe manginii



Aloe 'Lucky Charm'



Dudleya candida



Haworthia pumila



Agave albopilosa



Euphorbia bupleurifolia

Novice Growers!...
Bring plants for the April Brag Table!

Upcoming Events!

Reserve July 26-31 2017

CSSA 2017 Biennial Convention

Hosted by
Central Arizona C&S Society

Field Trips
1. Desert Botanical Garden
2. Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Wataco Garden
3. Private Gardens
4. Hike in the Four Peaks region lead by Doug Dawson

World Renown Speakers
Plant Sale and Auction
and more to come...

Convention Hotel

Tempe Mission Palms. It is in downtown Tempe, home to Arizona State University, with many shops, restaurants and entertainment venues. It is a 4-minute walk to a light rail station and 3.5 miles to the airport.

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

Confirmed Speakers and Vendors for the 15th Biennial Mid States Cactus and Succulent Conference June 9,10, 11th 2016 Aurora, Colorado



Speakers

Bob Barth
Leo Chance
Dave Ferguson
Kelly Griffin
Kelly Grummons
Panayoti Kelaidis

Steve Lovecky
Woody Minnich

Marcia Tatroe
Peter Walkowiak

General Title, titles subject to be modified

The Canary Island Succulents, Texas
Cold Hardies for the Mid States, New, Colorado
The World of Opuntias, New Mexico
Rare and Seldom seen Agaves and Aloes, California
Propagation and Cultivation of Cacti and Succulents CO
Conference Introduction, Cacti and Succulents from Botanical Gardens around the World, Colorado
The Cacti and Succulents of Texas Texas
Mexico, The Hidden Treasures of Coahuila, New Mexico
Banquet, It's All About the People
Rocking, with Cacti and Succulents , Colorado
Staging plants for the show, California

Vendors

Cactus Data Plants	Woody Minnich	<i>Edgewood, New Mexico</i>
Carol Wichern Ceramics	Carol Wichern	<i>Denver, Colorado</i>
Ceramics	Tim Preston	<i>Denver, Colorado</i>
Cold Hardy Cacti	Leo Chance	<i>Colorado Springs, Colorado</i>
Coldhardycactus.com	Kelly Grummons	<i>Denver, Colorado</i>
Crump's Greenhouse	Mike Crump	<i>Buena Vista, Colorado</i>
J & J Cactus	Joyce Hochtritt	<i>Midwest City, Oklahoma</i>
Paul's Desert Plants	Paul Kiebler	<i>San Antonio, Texas</i>
PW Plants	Peter Walkowiak	<i>Escondido, California</i>

There are two vendors not shown on this list; they are not confirmed as of yet.

The Conference will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton 13696 Iliff Place, Aurora, CO 80014. 1-844-596-2350 June 9-12, 2016. A special room rate of \$104.00 has been arranged for Conference attendees.

If you have any questions regarding the speakers or vendors, please contact Woody Minnich at cactusdata@msn.com or 1-661-406-9816

News and photos from San Diego Zoo Safari Park

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



SDCSS President Kelly Griffin came to help identify some of the aloes planted in the Old World Garden and some of those from the Dick Henderson donation that we received early last year. It is always a great learning experience for us when he comes. We thank Kelly for his time and expertise.

The Old World Garden Accession project is moving right along. Over 200 plants have been tagged and catalogued. We expect to put at least 50 tags in each month, the new plants that have recently gone in and portions of those planted long ago.

The February speaker for PCSS was Panayoti Kelaidis, curator of the Denver Botanic Gardens. Peter Walkowiak brought him to the Safari Park gardens and Panayoti was full of excitement and compliments. He had never visited before and thought they were very well laid out. He encourages the San Diego Zoo Global to highlight them and make them a destination for visitors to see just like Denver and Huntington Botanical Gardens. The park's Volunteer Office has been charged with focusing more on the Park's plants this year. To help with that we have developed Talking Points for volunteers to use with visitors to the garden. More educational material will also be created for both gardens.



Aloe blooms have hit their peak. Next up, we anticipate WEEDS in the weeks to come.

If you would like to relax amid the plants and views of the gardens, please join us. Donations are welcomed too. Contact us at mayfongho@yahoo.com or 760-233-3948.

by Susan LaFreniere



CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

UPDATED MARCH 23, 2016

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|-------------------|---|
| 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.southcoastcass.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 |
| JUNE 9-12 | Mid States Conference, Sponsored by Colorado CSS, Hilton Double Tree, 13696 E Iliff Pl, Aurora, CO 80014 Info: Randy, rtatroe@q.com (303) 699-8958 or Woody, cactusdata@msn.com (661) 406-9816 |
| 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 |
| DEC. 10 | SDCSS Holiday Party |