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**October meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 5, 2010**  
**7:30 pm**

**Burton W. Chace County Park**  
**13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey**

## **PROGRAM**

***Haworthia – Up Close and Personal***  
***John Matthews***

## **PLANT OF THE MONTH**

***CACTUS:***  
Crested cacti

***SUCCULENT:***  
Variegated succulents

This month Sunset member John Matthews will present a program on his favorite genus of succulent. John writes: “I will start with a very brief summary of Haworthia history and some of the important people involved with the genus. I will then discuss the individual plants (1-2 flats total) and pass them around. Questions about culture and care invariably arise during the talk. This is strictly hands-on, no slides or computer presentation.

“I have collected Haworthias off and on for 35 years. I started collecting Haworthias in the early 1970's and was a member of the Sunset Succulent Society for 5 or 6 years. I dropped out of the hobby when I moved to a condominium and had to get rid of all my plants. In 2002 I rediscovered the Sunset Club and my fascination with these succulents. I rejoined the Sunset club, then the Los Angeles club, the San Gabriel Club, and the Long Beach club where I am the newsletter editor. I also volunteer at The Huntington Gardens where I mostly take care of the Haworthias.

“I am not trained in any botanical field nor have I ever been to South Africa. I just got addicted to succulents and cacti and the plants just kept growing. I love to propagate plants and have had to rent some growing grounds when my wife said to make room for some **people** in the back yard.”

John is retired from UCLA Medical Center where he was a computer systems expert. He recently traveled in Tanzania and Zambia with other Southern Californians.

**\*\* If your last name begins with letter S-Z, please bring goodies to munch on at the break. Thank you!**

Last month Laurel Woodley gave a presentation that highlighted the cactus and succulent sales and shows of 2010 in Southern California. Her pictures were beautiful and her comments on the attributes of each show, on growing seasons, on pots, on staging, and on the plants themselves were entertaining and educational.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 6-7, San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale, LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA



Haworthia truncata variegata at 2010 Intercity Show and Sale at the LA County Arboretum, photo by Nels Christianson

**September 2010 Plant of the Month Winners**

**Senior Cactus**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Brian Gold	Frailea friedrichii
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**Junior Succulent**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jairo Ramirez	Pachypodium namaquanum
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jairo Ramirez	Pachypodium densiflorum v. brevicalyx
	John Luhnnow	Pachypodium gracilis
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Robert Trichter	Pachypodium namaquanum

**Senior Succulent**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jim Hanna	Pachypodium brevicaule
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jim Hanna	Pachypodium succulentum
	Jim Hanna	Adenium arabicum
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Brian Gold	Pachypodium rosulatum v. stenanthum
	Brian Gold	Pachypodium namaquanum

The September POM judges were Lemono Lott and Stan Kamin accompanied by Laurel Woodley.

**Remaining Plant of the Month for 2010**

	<b>CACTUS</b>	<b>SUCCULENT</b>
November	Turbinocarpus	Conophytum, Lithops, Faucaria

**WEBSITES OF INTEREST**

Members might want to check out Kelly Griffin’s websites XericWorld.com and Xericgrowers.com which have a lot of information on all sorts succulent plants. Those of you who enjoy terrestrial bromeliads should take a look at <http://dyckiabrazil.blogspot.com> which is maintained by retired dentist Constantino Gastaldi of Joinville, Santa Catarina, Brazil. He also maintains Dyckia Central, the Dyckia Brazil forum at <http://dyckiabrazil.com>. Constantino reported in a recent forum post that bromeliad specialists in the state of Mato Grosso have in the last year encountered what seem to be more than three dozen new species of Dyckia; not so remarkable given that Mato Grosso is as large as Texas. For those who like hybrids imagine the future possibilities. Bill Baker used only a handful of species and was able to achieve spectacular hybrids.



Ferocactus crest in Tucson, Arizona garden, photo by Nels Christianson



Arrojadoa rhodantha gold form with crest, near Monte Alto, Minas Gerais, photo by Nels Christianson

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