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**June meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 7, 2011**  
**6:30 pm (one hour earlier than usual)**

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

## **PROGRAM**

***Pizza and Salad Dinner in the Meeting Room followed by:***

***A Visit to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park***  
***by Laurel Woodley***

## **PLANT OF THE MONTH**

### ***CACTUS:***

***Ferocactus, Echinocactus***

### ***SUCCULENT:***

***Euphorbia – Madagascar***

**Please bring an appetizer or dessert to our early June dinner and meeting.**

Current CSSA President Laurel Woodley is a longtime Sunset member. Her parents were early and active members of this Society also. Laurel grew up in a family that valued the growing and study of plants and she herself went on to pursue studies in Biology at UCLA. Before her retirement in 2004 Laurel was a faculty member for many years at Los Angeles Harbor College. Her knowledge of plant families is so broad that everyone seeks her counsel on plant identification and rare is the plant she cannot peg to a genus. She is a pleasure to travel with, as was the case with the Sunset field trip to Anza-Borrego this past March when numerous cacti and herbaceous plants were in spectacular bloom.

**WHAT I LIKED BEST ABOUT THE SUNSET SHOW AND SALE, from Rosalie Gorchoff:**

I liked that so many people pitched in to help in so many ways without being asked: shade cloth set up and take down, plants for show and sale, goodies to eat and drink, cashiers, clerks, boxes, tags, vendors, information, security, show set up, etc. Thank you all. I hope you had a good time!!

**FROM KAREN OSTLER, SHOW REGISTRAR:**

Our Society's very history is etched in its trophies; many of them donated by people no longer with us, some by death; Seymour Linden, Bob McClurkin and Fred Lenert. Others by moving on to other things; Nathan Walpow, Bruce Cameron and Suzanne Richards, Juan Chahinian, Ed Berghoff. All of these people have influenced the culture within our Society. When we enter plants in the Show we add to the history with each and every entry, building the future of the Society.

A big Thank you to all of the volunteers:

John Ryan, Phillip Herrera, Sue Swartz, Eugene Cornelius, John Matthews, Tony Princiotta, Mike & Jan Gove, Martin Ostler, Bonnie Ikemura, Jim & Roberta Hanna, Carol Loehman, Stan Kamin, Calvin Newman, Evelyn Stevens, Darlene Weld, Kaz Benadom, Lee Freehling, Paul Cooley, Nels Christianson, Jeff Jamison, Gerald Richert, Laurel Woodley and many others, nearly every one of our members. Your hard work makes our Show a success.

And to our vendors, thank you, thank you; you are the ones that make the continuation of the Show possible. The Vendors:

Caro Desert, Chuck Everson Books, Desert Creations, Duke and Kaz, Hanna's Succulents, Tim Harvey, JM Plants, Sunrise Nursery, Peter Walkowiak, and Rogers Weld.

And thank you to the potters; Erika and Al van Auken, and Joe Wujick, your pots make our plants shine. Thank you especially to Sue Swartz, who grows and pots up hundreds of plants each and every year for the benefit of the Society.

And I save the biggest thank yous of all for Rosalie Gorchoff and Brigitte Williams, who between them work to make sure our Show and Society run smoothly.

I hope I have not forgotten anyone, if I have, please forgive me, I haven't done it on purpose, because your work helps make the Sunset Society what it is...A wonderful group of people.

The Show this year is down slightly in entrants; 23 this year compared to 30 last year. The number of entries is down as well, at 343, but I believe the quality of plants has definitely improved. The novice entries are just amazing; but we need to encourage more novices to enter the show, we are down. Novices are the life of our Society, without them we will disappear.

Congratulations to Peter Walkowiak and his eight; yes, folks, eight; Trophies. And please notice our Novice trophy winners; Jairo Ramirez, with three trophies; Tanya Batura with two and Millicent Stein with one. Our Rookie of the year is a new couple; Jim and Coni Nettles. A job well done by one and all, I thank you.

### **Trophies**

<b>ROOKIE OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Coni Nettles</b>	
<b>SWEEPSTAKES-NOVICE</b>	<b>Jairo Ramirez</b>	
<b>SWEEPSTAKES-ADVANCED</b>	<b>Brian Gold</b>	
<b>SECOND PLACE-NOVICE</b>	<b>Lee Freehling</b>	
<b>SECOND PLACE-ADV.</b>	<b>Peter Walkowiak</b>	
<b>BEST CACTUS-NOV.</b>	<b>Jairo Ramirez</b>	<b>Mammillaria crucigera</b>
<b>BEST CACTUS-ADV.</b>	<b>Karen &amp; Martin Ostler Echinocactus polycephalus</b>	
<b>BEST SUCCULENT-NOV.</b>	<b>Jairo Ramirez</b>	<b>Cyphostemma elephantopus</b>
<b>BEST SUCCULENT-ADV.</b>	<b>Peter Walkowiak</b>	<b>Euphorbia esculenta</b>
<b>BEST CAUDICIFORM</b>	<b>Peter Walkowiak</b>	<b>Petopentia natalensis</b>
<b>BEST COLLECTION</b>	<b>Jairo Ramirez</b>	<b>Pachypodiums</b>
<b>BEST CREST/MONSTROSE</b>	<b>Millicent Stein</b>	<b>Aeonium crest</b>
<b>BEST MINIATURE</b>	<b>Karen &amp; Martin Ostler</b>	<b>Ceraria pygmaea</b>
<b>BEST VARIEGATED CACTUS</b>	<b>Brian Gold</b>	<b>Gymnocalycium bayerianum</b>
<b>BEST VARIEGATED SUCCULENT</b>	<b>Tanya Batura</b>	<b>Haworthia truncata</b>
<b>BEST ALOE</b>	<b>Nels Christianson</b>	<b>Aloe hybrid</b>
<b>BEST CEREUS</b>	<b>Karen &amp; Martin Ostler</b>	<b>Cephalocereus senilis</b>
<b>BEST COPIAPOA</b>	<b>Peter Walkowiak</b>	<b>C. hypogaeae v. barquitenis</b>
<b>BEST CRASSULA</b>	<b>Karen &amp; Martin Ostler</b>	<b>C. barkleyi</b>
<b>BEST ECHINOCEREUS</b>	<b>Peter Walkowiak</b>	<b>E. subinermis v.lutens</b>
<b>BEST EUPHORBIA</b>	<b>Peter Walkowiak</b>	<b>E. meloformis</b>
<b>BEST GASTERIA</b>	<b>Nels Christianson</b>	<b>G. batesiana</b>
<b>BEST GYMNOCALYCIUM</b>	<b>Karen &amp; Martin Ostler</b>	<b>G. bayerianum</b>
<b>BEST HAWORTHIA</b>	<b>Tanya Batura</b>	<b>H. maughanii</b>
<b>BEST LITHOPS</b>	<b>Karen &amp; Martin Ostler</b>	<b>L. dorotheae</b>
<b>BEST MAMMILLARIA</b>	<b>Peter Walkowiak</b>	<b>M. melaleuca</b>
<b>BEST PACHYPODIUM</b>	<b>Peter Walkowiak</b>	<b>P.succulentum</b>

<b>BEST REBUTIA</b>	<b>Peter Walkowiak</b>	<b>Sulcorebutia rauschii</b>
<b>BEST SANSEVIERIA</b>	<b>Karen &amp; Martin Ostler</b>	<b>S. hargesiana</b>
<b>BEST MESEMB.</b>	<b>Laurel Woodley</b>	<b>Conophytum pageae</b>

### FROM SUE SWARTZ

Our hero once again, John Ryan, was helping all throughout the show and sale. He brings the shade cloth, signs, etc. to the sale, helps members get club plants to the sales area, sets up the sales area and works all weekend helping with problems, then breaks down the area. This year he added the plant holding area to his duties. **THANK YOU, JOHN RYAN** for all this and for always doing it with a smile and good humor.

A big thanks for setting up the yard, with John's guidance, to: Phillip Herrera, Jim & Roberta Hanna, Martin Ostler, Eugene Cornelius, Michael & Jan Gove; Ed Sanders & Tony Princiotta and taking down on Sunday along with Robert Trichter.

Thank you to the following for helping Sue set up the club plants with cleaning/top dressing and pricing our donated plants: Jan & Michael Gove; Darlene Weld; and Tony Princiotta. And thanks to Gretchen Davis for overseeing the Front Door Holding Area.

A special thanks to Bonnie Ikemura for her large donation of plants, along with plants from Kaz & Duke Benadom, Millicent Stein, Robert Trichter, Peggy Oberg and Sue. Any others who dropped off plants that I did not see to thank, Thank You.

Thank you for the cash registers to Roberta & Jim Hanna and for the check out area set-up. Thank you to Roberta Hanna, Carol Loehman, Darlene Weld, Sue Swartz for cashiering and Diane Kealoha for pulling tags. A special thanks to "Credit Card Evelyn" for working all weekend for us, as we do many credit card sales.



*Echinocactus horzonthalonius*, photo by N. Christianson

### A Few Thoughts about the CSSA Convention in San Diego by Gretchen Davis

The 34th Cactus and Succulent Society of America Conference was an opportunity to meet others who enjoy succulents; to hear outstanding talks; to buy exceptional plants, hand thrown pots, and specialty books; to participate in rare plant auctions; to be part of small specialty group discussions; and to relax in beautiful San Diego. Tom Knapik's "Geometric Geophytes" and the "Pachycauls and Stem Succulent" talk of Todd Masilko were inspiring. Both young men were passionate about discovering these botanical gems in their native habitats and they shared their passion through fantastic photos. Karen Zimmerman and Kelly Griffin wowed us when they discussed their recent work with aloe hybrids. Marlon Machado, Guilleromo Rivera, Julia Etter and Martin Kristen, as well as other experts, shared their experiences with succulents at various locations world-wide. In addition to

the talks, sales, auctions, shared meals, and tours, we each received the Xeric Growers hybrid aloe "Lavender Star" and a *Fouquieria columnaris*.

On Wednesday, we had an opportunity to tour Anza-Borrego, the Huntington, Sherman Gardens in Corona del Mar, several private succulent gardens, or specialty nurseries. Kelly led a group on a tour of Dudleyas in four local habitats: Oceanside, Laguna Canyon, San Juan Capistrano, and Torrey Pines.

The 35th Biennial CSSA Conference is scheduled for April 2013 in Austin, Texas. I've marked my calendar and look forward to another opportunity to meet with those interested in the fascinating world of cacti and other succulents.



Ferocacti and Thelocacti at Huntington Botanical Garden, photo by N. Christianson

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 4-5, San Diego C&S Society Show and Sale, Balboa Park, Rm. 101, San Diego, Info.: 858-382-1797.

June 11-12, Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale, June 11 9-5, June 12 9-3:30, Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, info Sandy Chase, 818-367-0864.

July 1-3, CSSA Annual Show and Sale, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, for information call 626-405-2160 or 2277, plant sales start June 25, show opens June 26, free to public.

July 16, Westchester Begonia Society, 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show and Sale, 9 am – 5 pm, Covenant Presbyterian Church, 6323 W. 80<sup>th</sup> Street (NW corner of Sepulveda & 80<sup>th</sup>), Westchester.

**July 23, 3:00 pm, Sunset club's poolside BBQ and auction at the home of Rosalie and Nathan Gorchoff, 13219 Fiji Way, Unit A, Marina del Rey 90292, tel 310-822-1783.**

July 29-31, Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society Summer Show and Sale. Friday, July 29 noon to 7pm, Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 9am to 5pm, 100 S. State College Blvd. (Anaheim United Methodist Church), Anaheim, Contact: Vince Basta, 714-267-4329.

August 13-14, 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Intercity Show and Sale at the LA County Arboretum, 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA., for information call Tom Glavich, 626-798-2430 or John Matthews, 661-297-5364.

September 3, Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium, all day at the Huntington.

September 25, Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction, 18127 S. Alameda St., Rancho Dominguez, CA at 12 noon.

### **SUNSET SUCCULENT SOCIETY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS IN 2011 !!**

Congratulations to Sunset Club from John Bleck, Life Member, Goleta, California

Boy! Fifty years! A big high-five! Though Millie Stern wanted me to be a charter member it was a couple of years before I got involved, eventually serving in most capacities. Sunset was the first club to resurrect the shows which had been so much a part of CSSA's early years.

Programs that were given included Succulent Bromeliads, Succulent Compositae, Mammillarias, Succulent Plant Families, Succulents as Bonsai, Mexico Trips and the small Aloe hybridizing grant (1979-82) that was conducted

at UCSB Department of Biological Sciences research greenhouses. Dr. Dale Smith was the faculty sponsor on this project.

A couple of members I started out with and was close to were Millie Stern, mentioned above, whose specialty was Crassulas, and Bob McClurkin, our long time librarian, who was my mentor in learning about succulent literature. Both were charter members.



Euphorbia francoisii, photo by N. Christianson

**PLANT OF THE MONTH 2011**

***NO MEETING IN JULY OR AUGUST***

**CACTUS**

**SUCCULENT**

June            Ferocactus, Echinocactus  
 September   Copiapoa, Matucana  
 October       Melocactus  
 November    Ariocarpus

Euphorbia – Madagascar  
 Bursera, Operculicaria, Commiphora  
 Succulent Crests  
 Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon

**April 2011 Plant of the Month Winners**

**Junior Cactus**

1<sup>st</sup> Place            Robert Trichter            Uebelmannia pectinifera

**Senior Cactus**

1<sup>st</sup> Place            Nels Christianson        Uebelmannia pectifera var. pseudopectinifera  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place            Brian Gold                Uebelmannia pectinifera  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place            Brian Gold                Uebelmannia flavispina  
                           Brian Gold                Buiningia aurea

**Junior Succulent**

1<sup>st</sup> Place            David Verity                Hectia sp.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place            Judy & Bill Campbell    Dyckia cv. Infrared F2 (B. Baker)  
                           Liza Nabor                 Dyckia  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place            David Verity                Puya sp. dwarf (from J. Bleck)

**Senior Succulent**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jim Hanna	Dyckia cv. Keswick (B. Baker hybrid)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Brian Gold	Abronietaella brevifolia
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Nels Christianson	Dyckia cv. Sun Bear (Bryan Chan hybrid)
	Jim Hanna	Dyckia cv. Winter's Edge (B. Baker)

The April POM judges were Teresa Gold and Phyllis Klein accompanied by Larry Grammer.



Dudleya stolonifera  
seen in Laguna Canyon, Orange County, on the CSSA Convention tour led by Kelly Griffin,  
photo by Gretchen Davis



Sunset CSSA conventioners Dave Verity, Nels Christianson and Laurel Woodley  
examining and photographing Dudleya viscida near Oceanside  
photo by Gretchen Davis

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