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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY !!

**February meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2012
7:30 pm**

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

PROGRAM

The World of Bulbs
Tom Glavich

PLANT OF THE MONTH

CACTUS:
Gymnocalycium

SUCCULENT:
Aloe hybrids

Tom Glavich will present a program on bulbs. Tom is a member of the San Gabriel Cactus and Succulent Society and is Vice President of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. Tom has also been active in the CSSA and Inter-City Shows. He has generously contributed many informational articles to this and other clubs on a variety of succulent plant families. Tom is an engineer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Aside from an interest in bulbs, cacti and succulents, he recently took up ceramics and produces some lovely pots that he sells at local shows.

Last month Buck Hemenway spoke about succulents from South Africa. His program was illustrated with beautiful pictures of exotic flora.

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

If you have not paid your dues for 2012, please send a check in the amount of \$15.00 (\$20.00 for couples) to Brigitte Williams, 10222 Sunland Blvd., Sunland CA 91040.



Gymnocalycium saglionae, photo by N. Christianson

If you have any 4-inch plastic pots you don't plan to use, please bring a few to the meeting to give to Sue Swartz. Sue grows many succulents to sell at our May sale from cuttings she takes from her yard. These plants have traditionally been very popular with the public and with those just starting in the hobby. There is no cost to Sunset for these plants, so their sale represents pure profit to the Club.



Aloes, UC Berkeley Botanic Garden, photo by N. Christianson

PLANT OF THE MONTH 2012

Cactus

Succulent

CACTUS

SUCCULENT

- February Gymnocalycium
- March Mammillaria, hooked spine
- April Astrophytum
- May Parodia (Notocactus)
- June Echinopsis
- September Ariocarpus, Leuchtenbergia

- Aloe hybrids
- Conophytum, Cheirdopsis, Glottiphylum
- Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon
- Euphorbia – Madagascar
- Pachypodium, Adenium
- Stapelia, Fockea, Raphionacme

October	Ferocactus, Echinocactus	Dudleya, Echeveria
November	Melocactus, Buiningia, Discocactus	Crassula, Sedum

January 2012 Plant of the Month Winners

Junior Cactus No entries

Senior Cactus

1 st Place	John Matthews	<i>Mammillaria vetula ssp. gracilis</i> Monstrose
2 nd Place	Stan Kamin	Cactus crest
3 rd Place	John Matthews	<i>Mammillaria</i> cv. Fred

Junior Succulent

1 st Place	William Wilk	<i>Senecio crassissimus</i>
2 nd Place	William Wilk	<i>Senecio medley-woodii</i>
3 rd Place	William Wilk	<i>Senecio anteuphorbium</i>

Senior Succulent

1 st Place	Laurel Woodley	<i>Othonna herrei</i>
2 nd Place	Brian Gold	<i>Othonna euphorbioides</i>
3 rd Place	Nels Christianson	<i>Senecio bulbiniifolius</i>

The January POM judges were David Verity and John Luhnnow accompanied by Buck Hemenway.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11, San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Winter Show and Sale, Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA, info. www.sdcss.net

March 3 & 4, "Prelude to Spring" Winter Bulb Festival, UC Irvine Arboretum. March 3 10 am – 4 pm, March 4 11 am – 3 pm. Info.: Laura Lyons 949-824-5833.

March 23 & 24 Orange County Cactus and Succulent Spring Show and Sale, 9am-5pm, 1000 S. State College Blvd, (Anaheim Methodist Church), Anaheim CA, Contact Vince Basta 714-267-4329.

April 7 & 8, South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale at South Coast Botanic Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes, CA, info. 310-832-2262.

April 14 & 15, Green Scene Plant Sale, at The Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Rd., Fullerton CA 92831.

May 5 & 6, Sunset Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale, Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City CA, info. 310-822-1783.

May 6, South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show and Sale, 9am-4:30 pm, South Coast Botanical Gardens, info. 310-833-6823.

May 13, Huntington Plant Sale, 10 am – 5 pm, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino CA, info. 626-405-2160.

May 18 & 19, Gates Cactus and Succulent Society, 31st Show and Sale, Fri & Sat 9 am – 4:30 pm, Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Drive, Glen Avon, CA, info. 951-360-8802.

May 26 & 27, Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Annual Show and Sale, 10 am – 4 pm, Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo, CA, info. 805-237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org

June 2 & 3, San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Summer Show and Sale, Balboa Park, Room 101, info. 858-382-1797.

June 9 & 10, Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society Plant Show and Sale, 9th from 9 am – 5 pm, 10th from 9 am – 3:30 pm, Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino CA, info.

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ALOE HYBRIDS

Many, if not all, Aloes will hybridize with other Aloes and some of the most collected plants of this genus are hybrids. Hybridization has occurred frequently in nature and some examples seen at The Huntington are Aloe ‘principes’ which is a hybrid of *A. arborescens* and a natural hybrid of *A. capitata* x *A. marlothii*. However, most hybrid Aloes are man made. Examples at The Huntington are *A. ‘Goliath’*, a hybrid of *A. barberae*, *A. ‘Sophie’* and *A. ‘Pink Perfection’*. Early Aloe hybridizers were Ed Hummel (*A. ‘Blue Elf’*), John Bleck (*A. ‘Pepe’* and *A. ‘Brass Hat’*), David Verity (*A. David Verity*) who sought the traits of frequent flowering and small size. In recent years Kelly Griffin (*A. ‘Sunrise’* and *‘Viper’*), Brian Kemble (*A. ‘Wunderkind’*), Karen Zimmerman (*A. ‘DZ’*) and Tim Harvey have developed choice Aloe hybrids.

A partial list of Aloe hybrids: (hybrid names should be written with single quotes around them)

Black Beauty, Blimey Limey, Blue Boy, Blue Elf, Blue Fang, Brass Hat, Bright Ember, Christmas Carol, Coral Fire, Crosby’s Prolific, David Verity, Delta Lights, Denise, Dental Work, Doran Black, Dragon, DZ, Fang, Fiesta, Fire Ranch, Franco, Gargoyle, Goliath, Grassy Lassie, Green Gold, Jaws, Jimmy, Lavendar Beauty, Lavender Star, Little Spikey, Lizard Lips, Lysa, Medium Well Done, Moondance, Olympic Star, Orange Marmalade, Pepe, Peppermint, Peregrine, Pink Blush, Princess Jack, Quicksilver, Raspberry Ribbons, Reseda Rose, Rico, Rooikappie, Sean’s Red, Seymour, Silver Ridges, Son of Sugar, Sparkling Burgundy, Starfire, Sunrise, Sunset, Tom Jack, Tropic World, Viper, Vito, Walmsley’s Blue, Walmsley’s Bronze, White Stag, Winter Sky, Wunderkind



Gymnocalycium, photo by N. Christianson



Ceibas (Chorisia) in winter at South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA, photo by N. Christianson

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