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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

**January meeting  
Tuesday, January 3, 2012  
7:30 pm**

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

## **PROGRAM**

***Places You've Never Heard of, Plants You've Never Seen***  
**Buck Hemenway**

## **PLANT OF THE MONTH**

***CACTUS:***  
Crested/Monstrose

***SUCCULENT:***  
Senecio, Othonna

Buck Hemenway and his wife Yvonne are enthusiastic growers of succulent plants. Their one time hobby has turned in to the Prickly Palace nursery, which supplies cacti and succulents to the retail nursery trade. He is President of the San Gabriel C&SS, serves on the Boards of Directors of the Gates Cactus & Succulent Society, CSSA, Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center and is Show Chair for the CSSA Show at the Huntington Library.

They have traveled to Southern Africa on three separate occasions, most recently visiting southwest Namibia as well as the Karoos in South Africa. Join them for a look at "Places You've Never Heard of, Plants You've Never Seen and Some Other Stuff".

**\*\* If your last name begins with letter A-F, 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.

President Rosalie Gorchoff wants to thank everyone who came to the holiday party for a real enjoyable evening. Your wholehearted participation and delicious goodies made it possible.



**T H E H U N T I N G T O N**  
LIBRARY, ART COLLECTIONS, AND BOTANICAL GARDENS  
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, California 91108

**DESERT FORUM**  
*Saturday, 14 January 2012*  
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 9:30 – 10:00 A.M.     **Registration**  
Leave your sack lunch (with your name written on the bag) to be transported to the Botanical Center
- 9:30 – 12:00 Noon     **Desert Garden**  
Knowledgeable staff will be stationed throughout  
the Desert Garden and Desert Conservatory  
Aloes will be flowering
- 12:00 – 1:00 P.M.     **Welcome Comments & Lunch – Banta Hall**  
Pick up sack lunch (if you dropped it off at registration)  
Light snacks and beverages will be served  
Welcome comments – Jim Folsom  
CSSA Table – Laurel Woodley  
Note: Visitors have two other lunch options:  
- Huntington Café  
- Tea Room (reservations suggested: 626-683-8131)
- 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. **Plant Sales**     Desert Nursery opens for sales and browsing at 1:00 P.M., Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted
- 1:00 – 4:30 P.M. **Free Time**     Attendees are free to tour the gardens and galleries
- Don't miss:** “Beautiful Science: Ideas that Changed the World” in Dibner Hall (Library building), *Liu Fang Yuan*, the Garden of Flowing Fragrance (Chinese Garden), “The House that Sam Built” (Malooof) in Boone Gallery  
“Ancient Chinese Bronze Mirrors” in the Scott Gallery, “Blue Sky Metropolis” in the Library, West Hall

**Admission is free and it is suggested that club members wear your club badges.**



Senecio scaposus 'Bufflesklip' at Huntington Gardens, 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.

**PLANT OF THE MONTH 2012**

Cactus

Succulent

**CACTUS**

**SUCCULENT**

January	Crested/Monstrose	Senecio, Othonna
February	Gymnocalycium	Aloe hybrids
March	Mammillaria, hooked spine	Conophytum, Cheirdopsis, Glottiphyllum
April	Astrophytum	Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon
May	Parodia (Notocactus)	Euphorbia – Madagascar
June	Echinopsis	Pachypodium, Adenium
September	Ariocarpus, Leuchtenbergia	Stapelia, Fockea, Raphionacme
October	Ferocactus, Echinocactus	Dudleya, Echeveria
November	Melocactus, Buiningia, Discocactus	Crassula, Sedum



Echinocactus crest, Tucson, Arizona, photo by N. Christianson

**From Gary Lyons, Huntington Gardens, December 8, 2011**

What happened in the San Gabriel Valley last week has been called by some, a meteorological anomaly. As a whole, the botanic garden looks like it experienced a deadly hurricane. However, I am pleased to report that the Huntington Desert Garden is the least damaged of all our gardens; it does not mean we did not have significant damage. The north end of the Desert Garden suffered the most damage and we are having trouble getting to the worst of the damage, which is in the Desert Garden nursery and the Madagascar bed. In the Madagascar bed our beautiful Fever Tree (*Acacia xanthophloea*) was blown out of the ground and is on top of the west side of the display. We still have to chainsaw our way into the north end of the Desert Garden nursery to see how many plants were crushed by fallen acacia limbs. Our large *Euphorbia ammak* hybrid (our largest tree euphorbia) was blown over on an *E. tirucalli*. Numerous *Aloe ferox*, *A. spectabilis* and *A. marlothii* were blown over but can be rescued. Near the garden entrance and across from the Palm Garden, our largest *Aloe bainesii* is now half its original size. Throughout the garden there is a thick carpet of leaf litter, broken tree branches, broken ceroid stems, yucca branches (plus our tallest *Yucca rostrata* across from the Baja Bed, which was blown out of the ground). *Cereus* and *Stenocereus* limbs are scattered throughout the garden, numerous flowering agaves

blown over. Wherever there are beaucarneas there are thick carpets of their leaves. A few Yucca filifera lost a branch or two, but all are still standing. My guess is the garden will be cleaned up sometime in the Spring.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- January 21, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Plant Sale, UCI Arboretum, Massonia echinata, assorted Aloes and Echeverias among others, contact Laura Lyons, 949-824-5833.
- February 11, San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Winter Show and Sale, Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA, info. [www.sdcss.net](http://www.sdcss.net)
- 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, 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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, 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 5 pm, 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 3:30 pm, Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino CA, info. [lacss.contact@gmail.com](mailto:lacss.contact@gmail.com)

**PLANT OF THE MONTH, SUCCULENT: SENECIO**

Senecio is a genus of the daisy family (Asteraceae) that includes many succulent species found in both the Old and New Worlds. Most species have either yellow or cream colored flowers but pink is also found. Senecio arborescens and S. praecox (Pittocaulon praecox) are natives of Mexico whereas S. barbertonicus, S. haworthii, S. macroglossus, S. pusillus, S. rowleyanus and S. scaposus are native to South Africa and S. sempervivus v. grantii to Somalia and Kenya. Senecio sempervivus sempervivus is found in Yemen. A number of succulent relatives have been moved to the genus Kleinia and Pittocaulon.

**PLANT OF THE MONTH, SUCCULENT: OTHONNA**

Othonna is genus of small or shrubby plants in the Asteraceae concentrated in Namibia and the Western Cape region of South Africa that are winter growers. The leaf forms and growth habits are diverse with some plants being pachycauls. Plants of this genus are often long lived and popular among hobbyists for their unusual shapes. Most flowers are yellow.

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