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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
January meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2012
7:30 pm

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

PROGRAM

Lithops

Tom Vermilion

Lithops: Different But Not Necessarily Difficult

PLANT OF THE MONTH

CACTUS:

Epiphytic cacti

SUCCULENT:

Bulbs: Veltheimia, Bowiea

Tom Vermilion is an excellent grower of Lithops and comes highly recommended. He writes: "The program discusses where Lithops differ from other succulents in terms of watering, dormant period, pests, etc., and includes a gallery of select species. Tips on culture are geared more toward beginners and those who've had difficulty in keeping these unique plants alive. Topics include raising from seed, Lithops growth and dormant periods throughout the year and areas where Lithops are found, in fact, just like other succulents. I have been actively involved in the hobby since 1998 but I first became interested in Cacti & Succulents in about 1974 and have been growing them off and on ever since. My primary interests are in Lithops (big surprise), Echeveria hybrids, Aloe hybrids, Agaves and more."

**** 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 2013, 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, 19 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

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

PLANT OF THE MONTH, CACTUS: EPIPHYTIC CACTI

Epiphytic cacti are some of the first cacti spotted by Europeans in tropical America. There are several families of epiphytic cacti, including Apocactus, Disocactus, Epiphyllum, Hattiora, Heliocereus, Hylocereus, Lepismium, Pfeiffera, Rhipsalis, Rhipsalidopsis, Schlumbergera and Selenicereus. Seymour Linden used to say that just in the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro there are sixteen species of epiphytic cacti, many of these being Rhipsalis. Some of the genera such as Hattiora, Lepismium and Rhipsalis tend to be collected as species while hybrids of the other families are very popular. Hybridization across the genera began early and already in the mid 20th Century the consuming public looked forward to purchasing many varieties of Easter Cactus, Christmas cactus and hundreds of Epiphyllum hybrids, all known for their spectacular flowering at various times of the year.



Lepismium cruciforme, Campo Alegre, Santa Catarina, Brazil, photo by N. Christianson

PLANT OF THE MONTH, SUCCULENT: VELTHEIMIA

Veltheimia is a South African winter growing genus in the hyacinth family. There are two species, capensis and bracteata, both with various forms. Both are drought resistant.

PLANT OF THE MONTH, SUCCULENT: BOWIEA

Bowiea, a member of the lily family, is a drought resistant South African bulbous species that is winter dormant. It is known for its onion-like appearance due to its overlapping scales. In the late spring it begins to put out one or two long shoots that grow long and branch, requiring a trellis to keep the plant neat. Bowiea should be kept dry in the winter. Plants will pup in the summer growing season.

PLANT OF THE MONTH 2013

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CACTUS

SUCCULENT

January	Epiphytic cacti	Bulbs: Veltheimia, Bowiea
February	Mammillaria, straight spine	Senecio, Othonna
March	Copiapoa, Matucana, Oroya	Gasteria
April	Eriogyne	Gerradanthus, Ibervillea, Kedrostis
May	Stenocactus, Echinofossulocactus	Euphorbia – Medusa type
June	Rebutia, Weingartia, Sulcorebutia	Bursera, Commiphora, Pachycormus
September	Parodia, Notocactus	Cissus, Cyphostemma
October	Opuntia, Pereskia, and Austrocylindropuntia	Agava, Calibanus, Nolina
November	Miniature cacti under 3”	Argyroderma, Pleiospilos, Faucaria

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9, San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Winter Show and Sale, Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA, info. 858-382-1797.

March 22- 24 Orange County Cactus and Succulent Spring Show and Sale, Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23, 9am-5pm, Sunday, March 24, 12-4pm, 1000 S. State College Blvd, (Anaheim Methodist Church), Anaheim CA, Info. 562-587-3357.

April 13 & 14, 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 20 & 21, Green Scene Plant Sale, at The Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Rd., Fullerton CA 92831.

April 27, South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show and Sale, 9am-4:30 pm, South Coast Botanical Gardens, info. 310-833-6823.

April 28, Huntington Plant Sale, 10 am – 5 pm, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino CA, info. 626-405-2160.

May 4 & 5, Sunset Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale, Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City CA, info. 310-822-1783.

May 17 & 18, 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 25 & 26, 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 1 & 2, San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Summer Show and Sale, Balboa Park, Room 101, info. 858-382-1797.

June 8 & 9, Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society Plant Show and Sale, 8th from 9 am – 5 pm, 9th from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm, Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino CA, info. lacss.contact@gmail.com

June 15-20, 35th CSSA Biennial Convention, Austin, TX, info. www.cssa2013.com

June 28-30, CSSA Annual Show and Sale, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, info. 626-405-2160 or 2277. Plant sale starts June 28th, show opens June 29-30. Free to public.

July 26-28, Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale, Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27, 9am-5pm, Sunday, July 28, 12-4pm, 1000 S. State College Blvd., (Anaheim United Methodist Church), Anaheim, info. 949-212-8417.

August 17 & 18, 28th Annual Intercity Show and Sale at the LA County Arboretum, 9am-5pm daily, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, info. Call Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 or John Matthews 661-297-5364.

September 7, Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium, all day at the Huntington.

September 22, Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction, Rancho Los Amigos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd, Long Beach 90615, info. 310-922-6090.

November 2 & 3, San Gabriel Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale, 9am-4pm both days, LA County Arboretum (address above).

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