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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**  
**January meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 3, 2017**  
**7:30 pm**

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

## PROGRAM

*Succulent Garden Projects both Public and Private*  
*Ernesto Sandoval*

## PLANT OF THE MONTH

*CACTUS:*  
*Grafted cacti*

*SUCCULENT:*  
*Caudiciform succulents*

Ernesto Sandoval will take us on a tour of several garden projects he's been a part of over the years at UC Davis, his own garden and other private projects. He'll discuss some of the common connections to a successful garden project such as soils, amendments, as well as selection and placement of plants. Besides inspirational photos and an approachable presentation style, Ernesto will bring an assortment of uncommon and rare succulents and others for our gardens and/or potted plant collections!

Ernesto has been wondering and seeking questions to why plants grow and look the way that they do from a very early age. Now he explains and interprets the world of plants to a people of a variety of ages and experiences from K-12 to professionals and Master Gardeners. He regularly lectures to a variety of western Garden Clubs throughout the year and particularly to Succulent Clubs throughout California and adjoining states. Succulents and desert plants are his particular passion within his general passion for plants. He describes himself as a "José of All Plants, Master of None." Ernesto thoroughly enjoys helping others, and gardeners in particular, to understand why and how plants do what they do.

He was doing roadside identification from a very young age and when he was about 13 he asked his dad why one tree was pruned a particular way and another tree another way. His dad answered bluntly "because that's the way you do it." Since then he's been learning and teaching himself the answers to those and many other questions about the biology of plants by

getting a degree at UC Davis in Botany. Because of his interest, he worked his way from student weeder/waterer to Director over the last 25 years at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory. He's long left the "mow blow and go" landscape gardening world and has immersed himself in the world of polyculture and biodiversity by growing several thousand types of plants at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory, many of them succulents. Several of his favorite garden projects involved converting lawns and or water loving landscapes to drought tolerant and diversity filled gardens! He likes to promote plant liberation by encouraging gardeners of all sorts to grow more plants in the ground when possible. He loves the technical language of Botany but prefers to relate information in more understandable methods of communication! By helping people to understand the workings of plants he hopes to help us better understand how to and why our plants do what they do and how we can maximize their growth with less effort. A friend once described his lecture style as "Edutainment" and he works to make science fun and engaging.



Ernesto Sandoval



Agave colorata, photo by Ernesto Sandoval

\*\* If your last name begins with **F - K** please bring in goodies for the refreshment table.

**2017 Plant of the Month**

MONTH

January  
February  
March  
April  
May  
June  
September  
October  
November

CACTUS

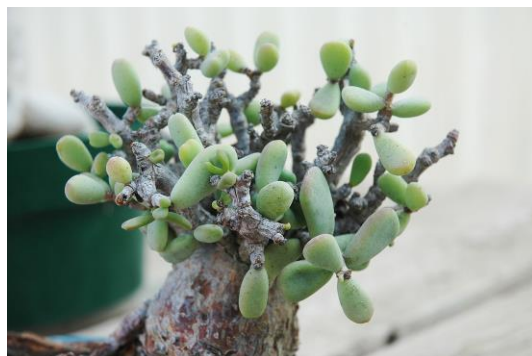
Grafted cacti  
Columnar  
*Mammillaria* (hooked spine)  
*Astrophytum*, *Ariocarpus*  
*Parodia*, *Notocactus*  
*Gymnocalycium*  
*Ferocactus*, *Echinocactus*  
*Opuntioids*, *Pereskia*  
Epiphytic cacti

SUCCULENT

Caudiciform succulents  
Succulent as bonsai  
*Aloe* hybrids  
*Kalanchoe*, *Graptopetalum*  
*Euphorbia* – African continent  
Succulent crests  
*Adenium*, *Pachypodium*  
*Agave*, *Calibanus*, *Nolina*, *Yucca*  
*Deuterocohnia*, *Dyckia*, *Puya*



*Sinningia leucotrica*



*Cotyledon sinus alexandri*



*Adenium obesum*



*Euphorbia francoisii*



**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 (626) 405-2100

**DESERT FORUM**  
*Saturday, 14 January 2017*

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 9:00 – 9:45            **Registration**  
 Please bring your CSSA or affiliated club badge or membership card for admission  
  
 In order to receive free admission, you must arrive by 9:45. Late arrivers will need to pay for Huntington admission.
- 9:00 – 11:00        **Desert Garden**  
 Knowledgeable staff and docents will be stationed throughout the Desert Garden and Desert Conservatory  
 Aloes will be flowering
- 11:00 – 1:00        **Plant Sales – (exclusively for CSSA and club members)**  
 Gate opens by the Teaching Greenhouse at 11:00 for plant sales - *please, no early bird shopping, and no shopping after 1:00.*  
 Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted
- 1:00 – 5:00         **Free Time**  
 Attendees are welcome to tour the gardens and galleries as of 10:00 am

**Lunch:**

The Café in the visitor center features a variety of sandwiches, salads, and grilled items

The tea room at Liu Fang Yuan is a nice option for fresh Chinese food

The coffee shop by the bookstore offers a small selection of pre-made options

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- FEB. 11 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY, SPRING SHOW AND SALE BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA—INFO 858-382-1797
- MAR. 23-25 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE THURS. 23<sup>RD</sup> 6-8PM---FRI. MAR. 24<sup>TH</sup> 9-7PM---SAT. MAR. 25<sup>TH</sup> 9-5  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA INFORMATION CALL 562-587-3357
- APR. 8-9 SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD., PALOS VERDES, CA INFO: 310-378-1953 <http://www.southcoastcss.org>
- APR. 23 HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 4:30 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-3504
- MAY 5-6 SUNSET SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM, 4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 7 SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm  
SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS, INFO. 310-833-6823
- MAY 12-13 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 35<sup>TH</sup> SHOW AND SALE  
FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm, at LAND SCAPES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STYLE 450 E. ALESSANDRO BLVD., RIVERSIDE, CA INFO. 951-360-8802
- MAY 20-21 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB PLANT SHOW AND SALE 10-4 pm RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA  
INFO. 562-631-5876
- MAY 27-28 CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
ANNUAL SHOW & SALE (10-4PM), LUDWICK CENTER, 864 SANTA ROSA SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – INFO. 805-237-2054, [www.centralcoastcactus.org](http://www.centralcoastcactus.org)
- JUNE 3-4 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY-- SUMMERSHOW & SALE  
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA INFO. 858-382-1797
- JUNE 10-11 LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY PLANT SHOW AND SALE JUNE 10 9-5—11th 9-3  
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD., ENCINO, CA.  
INFO. [www.lacss-show.com](http://www.lacss-show.com)
- JUN 30-JUL 2 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS  
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.  
626-405-3504 PLANTS SALES START JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> THRU JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
SHOW OPENS JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> THUR JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>
- JULY 20-22 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE. THURS. 20<sup>TH</sup> 6-8pm, FRI. JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> 9am-7pm, SAT. 22<sup>ND</sup> 9-5pm  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- JULY 26-31 CSSA CONVENTION, TEMPE, AZ.
- AUG. 12-13 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE AT THE LA COUNTY ARBORETUM, 9am-5pm  
daily, 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA.  
INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 or ARTIE CHAVEZ 818-482-8795

- SEPT. 2            HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM  
                         ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON 626-405-3504
  
- SEPT. 3            LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION -12-5PM  
                         RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615 INFO. 562-631-5876
  
- Oct. 7-8            BAKERSFIELD CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
                         SHOW & SALE SAT. 10-5---SUN. 11-3 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 2216 17<sup>th</sup> STREET  
                         BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304 FREE ADMISSION & PARKING, INFO 661-8318488
  
- OCT. 21-22        PALOMAR SHOW AND SALE SAT 9-5, SUN 10-4, SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDENS  
                         230 QUAIL GARDENS ROAD, ENCINITAS, CA  
                         INFO [hciservices@gmail.com](mailto:hciservices@gmail.com). 858-382-1797
  
- NOV. 4-57         SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 9am-4pm BOTH DAYS  
                         SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM 310 NO. BALDWIN, ARCADIA, CA MANNY RIVERA  
                         626-780-6957 or JOHN MATTHEWS 661-714-1052

We mourn the loss of James “Jimmie” Nettles who left us two months ago. We will long remember his friendly banter, constant smile and good humor. Sunset members send thoughts of peace and encouragement to Coni and hope to see her again soon.

We also mourn the loss of longtime member Bill Campbell who graced countless meetings, shows and field trips with his desire to learn, his optimistic nature and his spark of bright light. We send our condolences to Judy and the family. Judy sent in the Los Angeles Times obituary on Bill:

Bill Campbell, intellectual mensch, much adored by his many loved ones died peacefully in Santa Monica on Thanksgiving Day. Bill brought laughter, wordplay and light to everyone he touched. After 2 years in the U.S. Army during World War II, he started his librarian career with degrees from UCLA and Berkeley. He eventually retired as Manager of the Technical Document Center at Hughes Aircraft Co. where he worked for 26 years. His many talents included folk and Scottish Country Dancing, serving as a Getty Docent for 15 years, a love for and extensive knowledge of American and English history, Spanish fluency and becoming a horticulturist with his wife Judy. Bill was delightful, kind, proud yet of humble warmth and strength.



*Pterodiscus* sp.



*Ipomea platense*

Membership Renewal

Sunset Succulent Society Membership Form 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: New Member or Renewal (Please circle.)

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Membership Dues Individual Membership per year         | \$15.00 |
| Family Membership                                      | \$20.00 |
| To send Newsletter by U.S. Mail, instead of email, add | \$ 5.00 |

Cash or check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please renew your Sunset Succulent Society membership at our first meeting of 2017 on January 2<sup>nd</sup> or by mail. Thank you.

You may mail your completed form and check:

Sunset Succulent Society  
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Santa Monica, CA 90403

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