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May meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
7:30 pm

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

PROGRAM

Sunset Succulent Society Visit to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
Laurel Woodley

PLANT OF THE MONTH

CACTUS:

Parodia, Notocactus

SUCCULENT:

Euphorbia, African continent

Former 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.

Last month Karen Ostler gave us an animated and enlightening presentation on transplanting and staging for the show.

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

2017 Plant of the Month

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTUS</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
May	<i>Parodia, Notocactus</i>	<i>Euphorbia</i> – African continent
June	<i>Gymnocalycium</i>	Succulent crests
September	<i>Ferocactus, Echinocactus</i>	<i>Adenium, Pachypodium</i>
October	<i>Opuntioids, Pereskia</i>	<i>Agave, Calibanus, Nolina, Yucca</i>
November	Epiphytic cacti	<i>Deuterocohnia, Dyckia, Puya</i>

April 2017 Plant of the Month Winners**Junior Cactus**

1 st Place	Genevieve Tan	<i>Astrophytum asterius</i>
2 nd Place	Christine Kaunitz	<i>Ariocarpus fissuratus</i>
3 rd Place	M.A. Bjarkman	<i>Astrophytum myriostigma</i>
HM	Christine Kaunitz	<i>Astrophytum 'Onzuka'</i>

Senior Cactus

1 st Place	Karen Ostler	<i>Ariocarpus retusus x A. fissuratus</i>
2 nd Place	John Matthews	<i>Ariocarpus retusus</i>
3 rd Place	John Matthews	<i>Ariocarpus fissuratus</i>
HM	Maria Capaldo	<i>Astrophytum 'Snow Storm'</i>

Junior Succulent

1 st Place	Williaam Wilk	<i>Kalanchoe uniflora</i>
2 nd Place	William Wilk	<i>Kalanchoe fedtschenkoi 'Aurora Borealis'</i>
3 rd Place	William Wilk	<i>Kalanchoe tetraphylla</i>

Senior Succulent

1 st Place	Maria Capaldo	<i>Graptoveria 'Debbi'</i>
2 nd Place	Laurel Woodley	<i>Kalanchoe vigueri</i>
3 rd Place	Maria Capaldo	<i>Kalanchoe tomentosa</i>

The April POM judges were Judy Franklin and Anne Bystrom accompanied by Karen Ostler.

Plant of the Month, Cactus: *Parodia, Notocactus*:

Several years ago the genus *Notocactus* was synonymized with *Parodia*, and in modern references, all *Notocacti* were moved into *Parodia* although many hobbyists and botanists disagreed with this placement. In the last two or three years DNA work has disagreed with this lumping, as reported, for example, in the recent "Taxonomy of the Cactaceae" by Joël Lodé. The original distinguishing characteristic was the red stigmas in the flowers of *Notocactus*, and the yellow stigma in those of *Parodia*. The distinguishing characteristic between the two genera evolved over time, eventually becoming a minor difference in the attachment of the seed to ovary. *Parodia* had swept up several other genera, but this may be reversed as botanical and genetic studies continue. Nonetheless, the two are separate in many seed catalogs, in older reference books, in our shows, and in most of our collections.

Parodia is a genus of South American cacti found primarily in Argentina and Bolivia. All have deep ribs and flowers at the crown in summer. *Parodia* typically occur at higher elevations in summer rainfall regions and survive in harsh conditions. They commonly have curved golden spines and orange or red flowers although *P. senilis* has straight white spines. The travelers on the 2012 CSSA trip to NW Argentina had the privilege of seeing several species of *Parodia* in habitat, among them *P. maasii*, *P. senilis*, *P. microsperma* and *P. dextrohamata*.

Notocactus are South American Cacti, with the center of the genus in Brazil and Argentina, but with members in Uruguay, Paraguay and Bolivia as well. All are easy to keep, growing freely in the spring through the fall, and going more or less dormant in the fall. Some will flower in mid-winter, and given their native environment, most do better given a little water year around. If watering *Notocactus* in the winter, avoid fertilization or weak growth may result. Some of the more tropical species need protection from colder weather to prevent scarring, but most will take normal Southern California winters without protection.

All the species are easy to grow from seed. Seed is available for nearly all the species and from many localities. Fresh seed germinates readily and can grow to a show quality plant in just a few years. Vegetative propagation of the clustering types is easy as well. Cuttings taken during the late spring and early summer root readily and show new growth before the season is over. Some well-known species are *N. glaucinus*, *N. graesneri*, *N. haselbergii*, *N. herteri*, *N. leninghausii*, *N. magnificus*, *N. mammulosus*, *N. ottonis*, *N. roseoluteus*, *N. schlosseri*, *N. scopu*, *N. uebelmannianus*, and *N. warasii*. Many species of *Notocactus*, such as *N. horstii*, *N. leninghausii* and *N. magnificus*, are native to regions in southern Brazil that receive some rain in all seasons and therefore can take our winter rain as long as it is not followed by temperatures below 40° F.



Notocactus scopu



Notocactus schlosseri



Notocactus roseoluteus



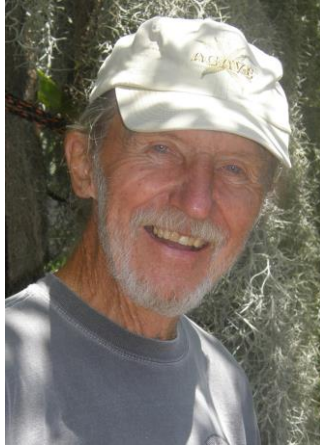
Parodia comaparana, photos by N. Christianson

Plant of the Month, Succulent: *Euphorbia* from the African continent

The genus *Euphorbia* has a myriad of plant forms and habitats. All plants in this genus have a poisonous, milky, latex-like sap and unusual floral structures. Succulent hobbyists have been long interested in following the introduction of new *Euphorbia* species. Some of the more common *Euphorbias* of the African continent are *E. aeruginosa*, *E. baioensis*, *E. ballyana*, *E. bupleurifolia*, *E. clavigera*, *E. columnaris*, *E. cooperi*, *E. dichroa*, *E. enopla*, *E. esculenta*, *E. evansii*, *E. flanagani*, *E. grandicornis*, *E. hallii*, *E. horrida*, *E. ingens*, *E. lactea*, *E. lignosa*, *E. mammillaris*, *E. meloformis*, *E. obesa*, *E. perplexa*, *E. poissoni*, *E. polygona*, *E. pseudocactus*, *E. schoenlandii*, *E. stellispina*, *E. susannae*, *E. trigona*, *E. unispina*, *E. valida*, *E. venenifica* and *E. xylacantha*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAY 6-7 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 35TH 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
- 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 9-4—11th 9-3
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD., ENCINO, CA.
INFO. 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: JUNE 30TH THRU JULY 2ND
SHOW OPENS JULY 1ST THUR JULY 2ND**
- JULY 20-22 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE. THURS. 20TH 6-8pm, FRI. JULY 21ST 9am-7pm, SAT. 22ND 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 32ND 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. 24 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 17th STREET
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304 FREE ADDMISSION & PARKING, INFO 661-8318488
- OCT. 28-29 PALOMAR SHOW AND SALE SAT 9-5, SUN 10-4, SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDENS
230 QUAIL GARDENS ROAD, ENCINITAS, CA
INFO hciservices@gmail.com. 858-382-1797
- NOV. 4-5 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



Sunset members mourn the passing of longtime nurseryman and Sunset member Rogers Weld who we lost in late March. He and his wife Darlene had moved to Camarillo after liquidating his Fernwood Nursery. Rogers was known for his friendly banter, his many plant-related stories, a quick wit, a deep faith and for his good selection of interesting sale plants at our shows. And a good salesman he was! He liked pointing out the qualities of this or that plant, hoping to snag a sale. We will really miss our friend Rogers. We send Darlene our warm embrace with the hope that the sun will shine again soon for her.

52nd ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE, CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA HUNTINGTON LIBRARY & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Dates: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 30, and July 1---2, 2017

Location: The Huntington: 1151 Oxford Drive, San Marino, CA

The Botanical Center. Contact 626---405---3504

Show & Sale Hours: Sale: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 10:00am---5:00pm

Show: Saturday & Sunday, 10:00am---5:00pm

Show Set---up: Thurs., June 29, 9am---1pm

Enter Plants: Thurs., June 29, 1pm---8pm & Friday, June 30, 10:00am---4:00pm. Judging starts at 5:00pm Friday

Auction: Items need to be registered by 3pm, Saturday, July 1

There will be a Silent Auction during dinner and a Live Auction (35 items max.) after dinner. Auctioneers will decide placement of items: 2 items per person/business marked as donation or split.

Dinner: HBG's Bon Appetite: \$30 per person (\$35 after June 19). Mail checks, made out to CSSA, to Bonnie Ikemura, 8400 Bleriot Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045; Reserve spot by Phone: 213---305---1421 or email Bonnie at bikemura@hotmail.com Reservations must be made by June 19, 2017 Teardown: Sunday, July 2, 5:00pm

Be sure to pick up a Show Schedule, Index and entry tags from your CSSA Club Affiliate at your next club meeting if you are interested in entering plants in the Show or in the Auction.

All Cactus & Succulent Club members, CSSA members, vendors, volunteers or show participants need to wear their club badges (if you have one) AND a special CSSA/HBG pass that reads "Annual CSSA Show Participant" to enter the HBG for free. If you are an HBG member, this doesn't apply. Please obtain a pass from your CSSA Affiliate at your club meeting or contact Barbara Hall, Show Chair, before the event. We are not permitted to hand out passes at the HBG entryway.

There are opportunities to participate/volunteer in this year's show, even for a couple of hours in the showroom or sales areas, hospitality (food) area, information table, holding area, welcome table at the HBG entry & setup/teardown. All participants receive a show T-Shirt as a thank you.

See you at the Show!

Barbara Hall, CSSA Show Chair

Email: lbcjhall@aol.com Phone: 818---368---6914



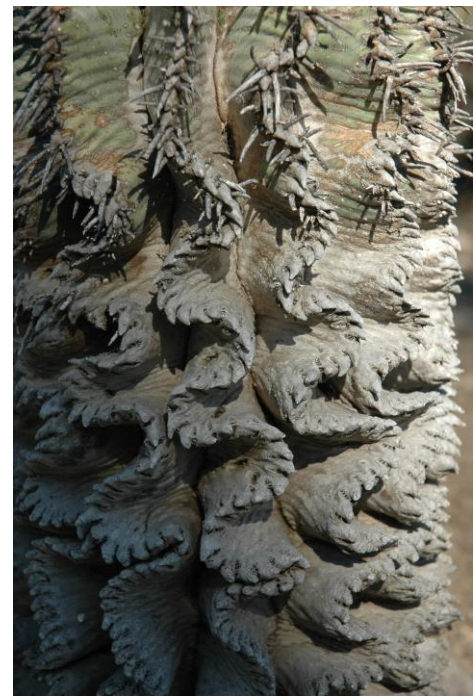
Euphorbia bupleurifolia



Euphorbia gymnocalycioides



Euphorbia fasciculata



Close up of old *Euphorbia horrida*

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