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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
January meeting
Tuesday, January 2, 2018
7:30 pm

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

PROGRAM

*From Windowsill to the Poor House:
Building and Maintaining a Cactus and Succulent Collection*
Gunnar Eisel

PLANT OF THE MONTH

CACTUS:

Crests and monstrose

SUCCULENT:

Dracaenaceae: Sansevieria

Gunnar Eisel will explore why we collect and what we collect, building and “right-sizing” your collection, do’s and don’ts of managing your collection, a few example collections, pest control and current trends and innovations. Gunnar’s interest in cacti and succulents can be traced back to his childhood infatuation with photographing night-blooming cereus flowers and a few unfortunate encounters with *Opuntia* glochids. His interest in cacti became intensified through many trips to the Anza-Borrego desert.

Born and raised near Heidelberg, Germany, Gunnar has taught music at Cal State University Los Angeles, Cal State University Fullerton, Whittier College and Fullerton College. He is currently full-time music theory and history professor at Citrus College in Glendora, CA where he states his students are occasionally “subjected to his rantings” regarding cacti and succulents. An avid cactus and succulent collector, Gunnar serves as General Manager and Convention Chairperson for the Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) and is Past-President of the San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society.

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

2018 Plant of the Month

| <u>MONTH</u> | <u>CACTUS</u> | <u>SUCCULENT</u> |
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| January | Crests and monstrose | <i>Dracaenaceae: Sansevieria</i> |
| February | <i>Notocactaceae: Parodia</i> | <i>Crassulaceae: Aeonium, Greenovia, Sempervivum</i> |
| March | <i>Opuntiodiae: South America</i> | <i>Asphodelaceae: Gasteria</i> |
| April | <i>Trichocereinae: Echinopsis</i> | <i>Aizoaceae: Prominent Roots: Aloinopsis, Mestoklema</i> |
| May | <i>Cactaceae: Mammillaria, straight spine, cluster</i> | <i>Euphorbiaceae: Medusa type</i> |
| June | <i>Cactaceae: Coryphantha, Escobaria, etc.</i> | <i>Vitaceae: Cissus, Cyphostemma</i> |
| September | <i>Echinocereinae: Echinocereus</i> | <i>Apocynaceae: Stapelia, Hoodia, etc.</i> |
| October | <i>Cactoid: Copiapoa</i> | <i>Asphodelaceae: Aloes endemic to Madagascar</i> |
| November | <i>Cactaceae: Astrophytum</i> | <i>Crassulaceae: Crassula</i> |

2018 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- FEB. 10 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY, SPRING SHOW AND SALE BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA—INFO 619-990-2051

- MAR. 22-24 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE THURS. 22nd 6-9PM---FRI. MAR. 23rd 9-7PM---SAT. MAR. 24th 9-5, 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA INFORMATION CALL 562-587-3357

- APR. 7-8 SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD., PALOS VERDES, CA 9AM-4PM
INFO: heidihusnak@gmail.com or <http://www.southcoastcss.org>

- APR. 29 HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5:00 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-3504

- MAY 5-6 SUNSET SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, MULTIPURPOSE RM, 4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783

- MAY 6 SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm
SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS, INFO. 310-833-6823

- MAY 11-12 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 36TH SHOW AND SALE
FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm, INFO. 909-910-9195

- MAY 19-20 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 26-27 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 2-3 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY—SUMMER SHOW & SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA INFO. 858-382-1797

- JUNE 9-10 LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY PLANT SHOW AND SALE JUNE 9th 9-4, JUNE 10th 9-3
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD., ENCINO, CA.
INFO. www.lacss-show.com
- JUN 29-JUL 1 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA., 626-405-3504 PLANTS SALES START
JUNE 29TH THRU JULY 1ST 10AM-5PM
SHOW OPENS JUNE 30TH THRU JULY 1ST 10AM-5PM
- JULY 19-21 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SUMMER SHOW AND SALE
THURS 19TH 6PM-9PM, FRI 9AM-7PM, SAT 9AM-5PM, 1000 S. STATE COLLEGE
BLVD. (ANAHEIM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH), ANAHEIM CA, 949-212-8417
- AUG 11-12 33RD ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE AT THE LA COUNTY ARBORETUM
9AM-5PM DAILY, 301 N. BALDWIN AVE, ARCADIA CA, INFO CALL TOM GLAVICH
626-798-2430 or JOHN MARTINEZ 805-390-2139
- SEPT 1 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON, 626-405-3504
- SPET 15 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 13-14 BAKERSFIELD CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE, SAT 10-5,
SUN 11-3, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 2216 17TH STREET, BAKERSFIELD CA 93304
FREE ADMISSION & PARKING, INFO: 661-831-8488
- OCT 27-28 PALOMAR CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SHOW AND SALE
SAT 10-5, SUN 10-3, SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDENS, 230 QUAIL GARDENS RD,
ENCINITAS CA, INFO: BritaMiller1@gmail.com
- NOV 10-11 SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
BOTH DAYS 9AM-4PM, LA COUNTY ARBORETUM, ARCADIA CA
INFO: MANNY RIVERA 626-780-6957 or JOHN MATTHEWS 661-714-1052



THE HUNTINGTON

LIBRARY, ART COLLECTIONS, AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, California 91108 (626) 405-2100

BOTANICAL GARDENS

DESERT FORUM

Saturday, 13 January 2018

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 – 10:00

Coffee and doughnuts will be available in the lower part of the Desert Garden

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

Participants are welcome to tour the gardens and galleries from 10:00 to 5:00.

Lunch:

- The café in the visitor center features a variety of sandwiches, salads, and grilled items
- The tea room at Liu Fang Yuan is an option for Asian food
- The coffee shop by the Store offers a small selection of pre-made options



Dudleya pulverulenta, Sepulveda Pass, Los Angeles

There is great concern that populations of this species of *Dudleya* and others have been adversely affected by the recent southern California fires.



A form of *Sansevieria trifasciata* 'Hahnii'



Sansevieria pinguicula

Plant of the Month, Succulent: *Dracaenaceae: Sansevieria*

Sansevieria, a tropical genus of approximately 70 species, is native to Africa, Madagascar and southern Asia. There are Wrainfall. Various members of this genus are often called mother-in-law's tongue. The fibers from leaves of some species, such as *S. trifasciata*, were once used to make bowstrings. The plants grow from a basal rhizome which may be above or below ground. Shoots are once-flowering but produce offsets via stolons. Most species of *Sansevieria* are tolerant of low light levels and for this reason make excellent houseplants. Flowers are usually greenish white but may be rose, lilac-red or brownish. In the Yoruba culture of Nigeria *S. trifasciata* is used in rituals to remove the evil eye. Commonly grown *Sansevierias* include *S. cylindrica* (native of Angola), *S. desertii* (native to Zimbabwe), *S. ehrenbergii* (native to Libya south to Tanzania, Oman and Saudi Arabia), *S. eilensis* (native to Somalia), *S. kirkii* (native to Tanzania), *S. pinguicula* (native to Kenya), *S. stuckyi* (native to equatorial Africa) and *S. trifasciata* (native to Nigeria east to the Congo). There are many hybrids and variegated varieties available.



Sansevieria collection

We mourn the loss of Dean Hart who was a longtime member and vendor at our show and sales. Club members will long remember his good natured spirit. Dean was a vendor par excellence with his welcome readiness to explain how the plants grew and what their requirements were. No question was too insignificant. We appreciate his contribution to our Club and express our condolences to his family.

We have received word from Woody Minnich about a new book entitled "The Xerophile," published by the Cactus Store in Los Angeles. Woody calls this "a photographic treasure." The book features pictures by most of the intrepid and well known cactus and succulent photographers of plants in their native habitats around the world. In addition, the Cactus Store has made available popular t-shirts designed by Wood of past Inter-City shows with more designs forthcoming. For more information, check out shop.hotcactus.la

Membership Renewal 2018

If you have not done so already, please renew your Sunset Succulent Society membership at the January meeting or by mail. Thank you.

You may mail your completed form and check:
Sunset Succulent Society
1017 21st Street Unit B
Santa Monica, CA 90403

Sunset Succulent Society Membership Form 2018

Name _____

Additional Member(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

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

Membership dues: Individual Membership per year \$15.00
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