



GEMS of the DESERT



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Next meeting: Thursday, Feb 26th, 2009, 7:30 pm

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Right: *Pseudolithos cubiformis* (rare Asclepiad) at LBCSS 2004 auction

Above: *Resnova megaphylla* 'Robust Form' - bulb with wonderful spotted leaves

Hello – Members and all interested Persons – Welcome to this OCCSS Newsletter

Feb 26th program:

Todd Masilko, "Cacti of Mexico" Todd loves to camp in the deserts of California, Arizona and was inspired by the Huntington's cactus garden. He enjoys photography, propagating and growing plants. Recently Todd began to travel specifically to see plants in habitat. In the last 2 years, he has visited Baja California, Oaxaca / Central Mexico, and Yemen & Socotra. He hopes to make many more trips in the future. A member of the San Gabriel club, a few of his favorite plants include *Fouquieria*, *Pachycormus*, *Agave*, *Adenia*, *Ariocarpus*, *Astrophytum*. Todd sometimes sells / trades plants with other club members.

Bring to meeting plants you'd like to show off! As usual if you have that plant you just have to share as it is pretty, or in flower or rare, or you have identification questions or problems with pests or disease, bring it along for our discussion table.

Plant of the month: *Turbinicarpus* and *Dudleyas*!

Announcement! Please bring back any club library books you have borrowed!

Please renew with the form on last page or at our meeting to keep getting our newsletter!

ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

When: The society meets on the fourth Thursday during the months January thru October. Call for November and December dates. Refreshments and camaraderie begin at 7pm. The meeting starts promptly at 7:30.

Where: The meeting room at Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton, CA 92839. Exit the 57 Freeway at Yorba Linda Blvd, several exits North of the 91 Freeway. Travel west to Cal State Fullerton Campus. That is Left if you are traveling North, or Right if you are traveling South. Turn left from Yorba Linda Blvd into the CSUF parking lot by the stadium at Associated Road. This is the light after the freeway exit. Park in the dirt parking lot in front of the arboretum. The evening entrance is 50 feet north of the regular entrance to the gardens, a concrete path that leads directly to the meeting building. We sometimes meet in Oak Hall.

What happens? The program consists of a talk or demonstration by a recognized expert on some aspect of succulent plants. Other activities include a business meeting, discussion of the member's plant table (plants that are interesting, blooming or in trouble), including answers to questions by members and guests, sale of plants and related items, plant raffle, check out & return books from the club library.

Admission: None. **It's free!!!** **Who may come:** Everyone interested in Cacti & succulents welcome.

Upcoming Cactus 2009 events: from www.OCCSS.org

Date	Location	Detail
Feb 26 th	OCCSS Meeting	Todd Masilko, Cacti of Mexico
March 7, 8	SCCSS Show 9am-4	South Coast CSS Show, SCBG on Crenshaw Blvd, RPV, CA 310-832-2262
March 26 th	OCCSS Meeting	Speaker To Be Determined, Saturday workshop below is in addition to mtg
March 28 th	Propagation Workshop at Orange Coast College	Saturday, Joe Stead on Propagation at Orange Coast College grnhse, see details elsewhere in newsletter, signup sheet at meeting or email to dfry2007@Yahoo.com
APR. 10-15	CSSA Tucson	CSSA CONVENTION, WESTIN LA PALOMA RESORT & SPA, TUCSON, AZ. FOR MORE INFO. GO TO WWW.CSSAINC.ORG
APR. 18-19	Green Scene	GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE—AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM http://fullertonarboretum.org/event_green.php
May 2 nd , 3 rd	Sunset CSS Show & Sale	Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave. Culver City, Ca. Info. #310-822-1783; Also bromeliad show same building different room
May 3 rd	SC Epiphyllum Show	South Coast CSS Show, SCBG on Crenshaw Blvd, RPV, CA 310-832-2262
May 9 th	Gates CSS Show 9am-4pm	Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Drive, Glen Avon, Ca, Info. 909-360-8802
May 17 th	LA Epiphyllum Show 9am - 4pm	50th Annual Epiphyllum Show & Sale Date(s) Sunday May 17 Location: Ayres Hall LA Arb
May 17 th	Huntington Plant Sale 10am to 5pm	Huntington Botanical Garden 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, Ca 626-405-2160
June 6, 7 th	San Diego CSS Show & Sale	Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, Ca. Info.--#619-477-4779
June 13th and 14th	LA Cactus Society Show And Sale	Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Bl., Encino, Ca., Show Information- Call 818-363-3432
June 26th thru 28th	CSSA Annual Show And Sale	Huntington Botanical Gardens at 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, Ca. 626-405-2160 or 2277 Plant Sales Start June 26th thru June 28th, The show opens on June 27th thru June 28th to the public
Aug 15 th & 16th	24 th Annual InterCity Show & Sale	Los Angeles County Arboretum, 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, Ca. Info. Call Tom Glavich at 626-798-2430
Aug. 29th	Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium	All day at the Huntington, renowned speakers on Desert Plant topics
Sept. 27 th	Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction	18127 South Alameda St., Rancho Dominguez, CA 12:00 p.m.
Nov. 7th - 8th	San Gabriel Valley Cactus And Succulent Society	Show And Sale at La County Arboretum Address Above
Dec. 5th -6th	Orange County Show & Sale	Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton, Ca 92831

Propagation Workshop details: On Saturday, **March 28**, our club will be going to Orange Coast College for a "propagation workshop" given by Joe Stead. Due to the parking situation there, we need to have a head count of people that will be participating in this program. There will be a sign up sheet at our next club meeting, or you can email your response to us at: dfry2007@Yahoo.com. The itinerary for the day will start with a tour of the Horticulture facility, then cover seed growing, propagation from cuttings and grafting, and if time permits, other methods such as air layering. You need to bring a lunch and we can continue as long as people are interested in hanging around!

"Last month Tom Glavich was our clubs' guest speaker, and he gave a wonderful program on Haworthias. New enthusiasts were created at that meeting! Thanks again Tom for sharing your knowledge and love of Haworthias with our members!" ----- Denise

Long Beach CSS, Jan 2009, www.lbcss.org
Left cactus garden, right Ipomoea tree in flower!

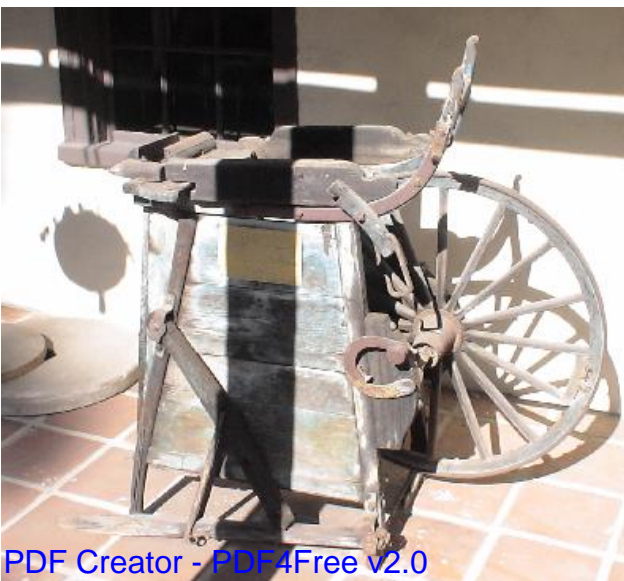


Below: Tylecodon in flower Right: historic adobe ranch building
Take the tour of the adobe + aviation museum if you visit!



Bottom: Early ranch gear

Ranch bread baking oven



Full Name _____

OCCSS Renewal Form - Renewing Members - Check box if address unchanged _____ else fill out address below:

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone# (_____) _____ - _____

Email address: _____@_____

_____ \$25 Send me PRINTED NEWSLETTER _____ \$20 EMAIL ONLY newsletter (sent as a color .PDF)

New Address - Mail check for \$25 printed or \$20 email only to: (or bring this filled out form to meeting)

OCCSS, c/o Membership Chairperson, 13732 Flower St., Garden Grove, CA 92843

Check box _____ if you do NOT wish to be listed in roster. Members only receive a copy of roster

Please print your name carefully so we can update your membership.

I have a growing area and welcome visitors or group tour with an appointment. Yes _____ No _____ check one

Would you be willing to volunteer at shows or other events? Yes _____ No _____ check one

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Our Meetings are at

Fullerton Arboretum!

First Class Mail

Historic building of Claritian Order next to where Long Beach CSS meetings held



Below: ornate scrollwork on vent of historic building, view of LBCSS cactus garden

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