



GEMS of the DESERT



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY

CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Next meeting: Thursday, Dec 10th 2009, 7:30 pm

Meeting at Fullerton Arboretum exit 57 N at Yorba Linda Blvd. next to CSUF stadium

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Vince Basta
 Treasurer: Nancy Rokkum
 Vice President Programs: Denise Fry
 VP Excursions: Craig Fry
 Membership: Kathy McNair
 Website: Daiv Freeman www.occss.org
 Secretary: Lori Coxé (562) 921-4615



Above: OCCSS members at Grigsby gardens on our bus trip last month. Right: we fell in love with Quail Gardens, found the topiaries are permanent exhibits, not part of the Sculpture in the Gardens
Hello – Members and all interested Persons – Welcome to this OCCSS Newsletter

6:00pm - Holiday Mixer! Show up at our regular meeting place early to eat, drink and be merry! Food and drinks will be provided to show our appreciation for our members. Also there's a big year end raffle!

Dec 10th Todd Masilko will talk with slideshow on his trips to Cedros and Baja California, Mexico. Todd gave us a talk in February and is very active in the CSSA and succulent world. Todd has joined expeditions to the exotic succulent paradise island of Socotra. A member of the SGVCSS, he collects of caudiciform trees, specializing in Burseras. His favorite plants are Fouquieria, Pachycormus, Agave, Adenia, Ariocarpus, Astrophytum.

Please return all library books to Craig Fry at our meeting

Plants of the month: Cacti and succulent plants from Baja and other parts of Mexico

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.

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

Orange County
Cactus And
Succulent Society

Our Meetings are at
Fullerton Arboretum!
First Class Mail

Below: scenes from OCCSS 2009 bus trip to San Diego Botanic Gardens (Quail)

Left: checkout at Grigsby's; right: members liked the musician topiary by the Mexican garden



Below club members done shopping wait for our bus in the exotic ambience at Grigsby's

OCCSS editor
419 Main St #138
Huntington Beach
CA 92648-5199



Orange County Cactus
and Succulent Society