

GEMS OF THE DESERT



Newsletter of the Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society
www.occss.org

President's Message

By: Mary Chittenden

Late summer and the days are already getting shorter. Late summer and early fall are the sunniest seasons in my yard and I have to protect my plants from sun damage during this time. Does anyone else have this problem?

Our first Sale and Show at our new location went well. We'll have preliminary results at our next meeting as well as present plaques to winners from the show. I'd like to thank Show Chair, Vince Basta; Sale Chairs; Lori Coxe, Denise Fry and Rick Davenport for all their hard work. Without them it wouldn't happen. Barb also did a great job of making all our shoppers feel welcome and we all enjoyed her spirit!

The speaker I'd planned for this month has had to cancel due to a family emergency, so our speaker this month will be a surprise TBA.

Next Meeting

Thursday August 25, 2011
at 7:30pm

OCCSS Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month. Meeting place is **the Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 State College Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92806.**

Other events coming up include:

September 3, 9:00 am — Succulent Symposium at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA.

Sept 4 -- CSSA Board of Directors Meeting.
Huntington Botanical Gardens.

Sept 25, 12 noon -- Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction. 18127 South Alameda St., Rancho Dominguez, CA.



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Raffle Table

Greetings OCCSS Members. Our Clubs' Raffle Table is not only a fun part of our monthly meetings, but it also helps to pay for the refreshments. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for only \$5! It seems that everyone who buys tickets takes home at least 1 new treasure. On behalf of our club I want to thank all of the members and vendors that have donated plants and other growing related items to support it. All donations are greatly appreciated. Even root-able plant cuttings are great. A special thanks to member Lorraine Ferguson who has been bringing in fantastic [Agaves](#) and other plants to share with club members. It's always interesting to see what ends up on our table. Thank you all for your participation!

Denise Fry - Raffle Table Dossier

OCCSS Leadership Team for 2011

President; Mary Chittenden
 Denise Fry; V.P. Excursions, Raffle Plants
 Lori Coxe; Treasurer
 Barbara Kerr; Secretary, Raffle Sales
 Roger Claassen; Past President (2008)
 Lori Coxe & Denise Fry; Summer/Winter Sales Co-chairs
 Vince Basta; Past President (2010), Summer/Winter Show Entry Chair, PotM Mini-Show Director
 Craig Fry; Library Chair
 Pat Hamilton, Mary Ann Rogers & Sue Gilley, Refreshments
 Rick Davenport; CSSA Affiliate Representative
 Darryl Craig; Newsletter Editor
 Daiv Freeman; OCCSS.org Webmaster



CSSA Corner

August 2011

Those who live in the western US should be planning to attend the Succulent Symposium at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens on September 3rd, 2011.

The annual meeting of the Society was held on July 2nd, 2011 at the Huntington Library. President, Laurel Woodley recapped the last year's activities which included the successful Convention in San Diego in April. It's not too early to begin planning to attend the next Convention in April 2013.

Announcements

We will be looking for a volunteer to bring the coffee supplies and make coffee at our meetings starting in May. If you'd be able to help us out, please contact Mary Chittenden, or any Board Member. Thank you.

Plant of the Month Mini-Show for July 2011

Novice Class - Succulent

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- HM

Novice Class - Cactus

- 1st -
- 2nd -
- 3rd -

Intermediate Class - Succulent

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd

Intermediate Class - Cactus

- 1st -
- 2nd -
- 3rd -
- 3rd -

Advanced Class - Succulent

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- HM

Advanced Class - Cactus

- 1st -
- 2nd -
- 3rd -
- HM -

Plant of the Month Mini Show

<u>Month</u>	<u>Cactus</u>	<u>Succulent</u>
January	Copiapoa	Conophytum
February	Echinopsis/Tricho/Lobivia	Pelargonium/Sarcocaulon
March	Mammillaria clusters	Aloe Cultivars & Hybrids
April	Columnar Cacti	Medusa type Euphorbia
May	Mutants - crests, monstrose, oddballs...	
June	Rebutia/Sulcorebutia	African Pachypodium
July	any 3 favorites	any 3 favorites
August	Monotypic Cacti	Bursera/Commiphora
September	Echinocactus/Ferocactus	Dorstenia/Ficus
October	Ariocarpus	Sansaveria
November	Miniatures	
December	---- No mini-show ---- Holiday Party -----	

Classes:
 Novice - WHITE
 Intermediate - YELLOW
 Advanced - BLUE

Points:
 1st 10 pts
 2nd 8 pts
 3rd 5 pts
 HM 2 pts

Up to 3 cacti and 3 succulents each show per exhibitor please

“The favorites mini-show was not a points judged show”

Vince Basta; PotM Mini Show Director

Up Coming Events

September 3: 28th Succulent Symposium at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA

September 25: 12 noon -- Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction. 18127 South Alameda St., Rancho Dominguez, CA.

Editor's Pic



A couple representatives of monotypic cacti.
Ortegocactus macdougalii and *Strombocactus disciformis*
Photos: Darryl Craig; CoronaCactus Nursery

OCCSS is looking for articles that relate to the Plant of the Month mini show. We could use articles about a genus in general or a focused article about just one species or a group in that genus. Look over the schedule for the year and let us know what plant you want to write about. To avoid multiple articles about the same subject, talk to Newsletter Editor or email at ccn@coronacactus.com and let us know what subject you will be writing about so we can mark you down. Photos would be an excellent addition to your article!

OCCSS Library

The Library will be at the Meeting [this Thursday](#), Check it out for [Great Books](#) with Fun Pictures and Cultivation Information

Any OCCSS Member can check up to three books for a month. Craig can provide Information on good books. Don't forget to bring back checked out books

Thanks, *Craig Fry: OCCSS Library Chair*

OCCSS now has its own page on [Facebook](#). You can find us by searching for "[Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society](#)" in the search box.

Contact the Newsletter Editor:
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Discussion Table

Each meeting we have a table set aside for discussion items related to C&S. These could be plants that need a name, an interesting plant or growth form, specialty tools you use or have made, an article in a Journal or other publication or anything else you'd like to discuss or just show off to the club.