



*Gates Cactus  
and  
Succulent Society*

**JUNE 2008**

**NEXT MEETING: " WEDNESDAY " 7:30PM " JUNE 4th**

**AT THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM**

**I- 10 AT CALIFORNIA STREET IN REDLANDS, CA.**

**PROGRAM**

Our speaker this month will be **Tim Nomer**. Tim has been an avid photographer of plants and habitats for a lot of years. Many of us know him as 1/2 of the couple who take pictures of the plants at most of the cactus shows through out Southern California. You may visit his web site to see your own plants at [www.earthpix.net](http://www.earthpix.net)

Tim will use pictures of show plants to give us an understanding of why some plants win ribbons while others don't. His pictures are fantastic and he has thousands to choose from, so his presentation should be excellent and informative. You'll come away with many new ideas for displaying your plants for our show.

*Buck Hemenway*

T minus 14, and with apologies to Lord Tennyson:

Cannon (bugs) to right of them,  
Cannon (bugs) to left of them,  
Cannon (bugs) in front of them  
Volley'd and thunder'd;  
Storm'd at with shot and spray,  
Boldly they rode and well,  
Into the jaws of Death,  
[because they forgot to water them]  
Rode the six hundred[show plants].  
Stick it to 'em, all. "adapted" from

*The Charge of the Light Brigade*

As if it wasn't obvious enough, June 14th is our annual Show and Sale. and, lest euphorbia bad habit, you can bring your prize winning plants in to the Cultural Center starting at High Noon on Thursday the 12th. For the superstitious, you must bring them in on the Thursday because

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after Thursday the 12th comes FRIDAY the Thirteenth (but without Freddie). Of course. if your plants, and you, are in order silly numbers are meaningless. Unless it's FIRST place or SECOND place; those numbers we like as we talk to ourselves, plural? Confused? Just bring in at least FIVE (5) plants and someone (like Dennis or Amber, the show chair) will straighten you out. (No, if your plant is twisted they won't iron (or even nickel) it.) and there are plants available for purchase as well to help you prepare for next years show.

Support your local sheriff (cactus and) succulent society!!

Let's make this our biggest and best Show and Sale yet.

*Mjg*

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### MINI-SHOW RESULTS FOR MAY 2008

Your Best Staged Cactus and Succulents

*Helen Hughs and Dennis Kucera judging*

### BEST STAGED CACTUS

**NOVICE** small, 6" pot or less  
 1<sup>st</sup> Carlos Ruiz Echinocereus  
 barthelowanus  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Don, Mary Alice McGrew Oreocereus  
 celsianus

**NOVICE** LARGE, over 6" pot  
 1<sup>st</sup> Greg McKinley Eriogyne senilis

**INTERMEDIATE** small, 6" pot or less  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lyn Brooks Ubelmania pectinifera

**INTERMEDIATE** LARGE, over 6" pot  
 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Green Mammillaria albispina  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Roholt Mammillaria pilcayensis

**ADVANCED** PLANTERS LARGE  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tony Marino Echinocereus dasyacanthus  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Marino Echinocereus horizontalis

**ADVANCED** small, 6" pot or less  
 1<sup>st</sup> Barry, Kim Urman Eriogyne napine

**ADVANCED** LARGE, over 6" pot  
 1<sup>st</sup> Yvonne Hemenway Parodia scopa  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Kucera Echinocereus engelmannii

### BEST STAGED SUCCULENTS

**NOVICE** small, 6" pot or less  
 1<sup>st</sup> Greg McKinley Haworthia attenuata

**NOVICE** LARGE, over 6" pot  
 1<sup>st</sup> Carlos Ruiz Euphorbia cap-saintemariensis  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Don, Mary Alice McGrew Aeonium haworthii

**INTERMEDIATE** LARGE, over 6" pot  
 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Green Euphorbia tortirana  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Roholt Pachypodium lamerei

**ADVANCED** small, 6" pot or less  
 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Laughlin Pachypodium horombense  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Vermilion Lithops pseudotruncatella  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Vermilion Lithops lesliei v. hornii  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Joella Olson Lithops species  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Joella Olson Peperomia galioides

**INTERMEDIATE** LARGE, over 6" pot  
 1<sup>st</sup> Yvonne Hemenway Aloe erensii  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Barry, Kim Urman Echeveria 'topsy turvy'  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Laughlin Sanseveria desertii  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Dennis Kucera Echeveria 'Morning Light'

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### MINI-SHOW SUBJECTS FOR JUNE 2008

#### PLANTS MUST BE ON THE TABLE BY 7:15

Succulents and Cactus; variegated, crested, monstrose, and odd ball,

4 plants maximum.

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## 2008 MINI-SHOW PLANTS

JUNE Succulents and Cactus; variegated, crested, monstrose, and odd ball, 4 max.

JULY Succulents; Bromelia family, Dychia, Abromiatella, Hechtia, Tillandsi  
Cactus; Astrophytum, Gymnocalycium

AUGUST DISH GARDENS, PLANTERS; Cactus and or Succulents, PHOTOGRAPHS

SEPTEMBER Succulents; Pachypodium Adenium, Plumeria, Cactus; Copiapoa, Coryphantha

OCTOBER Succulents; Stapelia, Huernia, Hoodia, and relatives  
Cactus; Melocactus

NOVEMBER ANNUAL AUCTION

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### OTHER TABLES

Plant Sales, Discussion, and Refreshments  
Tables will be open for the June 2008 Meeting.

Bring your Show and Tell plants to discuss or to get identified or to brag on.. A good picture will also do!

If you can, bring some 'Goodies' to support our popular *Refreshment Tables*.

And a special thank you to those who frequently bring the goodies we enjoy so much.

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Visit the Gates Cactus & Succulent Society at:

[www.gatescss.org](http://www.gatescss.org)



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Our Very Best Birthday Wishes to these members:

- 6/02 Tom Clothier {57}
- 6/02 Jim Higdem (61)
- 6/03 Joe Milligan (69)
- 6/07 Shirley Zeber (69)
- 6/08 Ted Alford (76)
- 6/08 Bob Laughlin (68)
- 6/10 Don Grecian (82)
- 6/11 Mary Alice McGrew (72)
- 6/16 Oscar Clarke (88)
- 6/22 Susan Sims (58)
- 6/24 Dennis Kucera (80)
- 6/28 Irene Gomez (70)

Special Wishes to Oscar and Don in their 80s, and to Dennis joining them at the BIG 80.. We are again especially proud of a bunch of birthday seniors and Susan, and Tom, our junors, still in their fifties, moving up to join them!

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Our congratulations and our Best Wishes for A Great Future to all:

- 6/09 Carol & Joe Wujcik (43)
- 6/10 Judy & Jerry Horne (36)
- 6/14 Roberta & Bill Alexander (??)
- 6/15 Dieter Kruger (23)
- 6/19 Marilyn & Ric Newcomer (15)



### HOST/HOUSTESS DUTY THIS MONTH

JUNE 2008

**Bertie Lou Hazell and Toni Knight** have graciously accepted the responsibility for the operation of the kitchen and refreshment tables for this Meeting. It is a lot of work so help where you can. Thanks.

# It's Showtime!!!

Yep, it is that time of the year again. Have you already started preparing your plants for the show? We've had such a good turnout for the monthly Mini Shows that I know many of you have lots of plants that should be ready (or nearly ready) for our Annual Show.

For those of you who have email, you should have received the 2008 Show Schedule. At the June meeting I will have extra copies as well as entry cards. I will also give a short overview of the Show and will answer any questions at that time.

Listed below are some "*things to consider*" for the Show:

\*Check that all plants have a name, even though there is a label in the pot, sometimes the printing on the label fades

\*Have your entry cards filled out in advance

\*Have a list of your Show plants. This list helps when you pack your plants to bring for the Show AND when you pickup your plants to take home

\*Pot is clean OR do you need to repot to a different pot?

\*Top dressing for plant

\*Plant is groomed: no dead leaves, spider webs

\*Plant is free of pests: no ants, no mealy bugs

\*Containers to transport plants to the Show

## **And Don't Forget**

Do NOT water your plants the day before or the day you drop off your plants

You can drop off plants Thursday beginning at noon and Friday from 8 AM-5:30 PM  
Show opens at 9 AM on Saturday -- come see how

you and your plants rated!!!

Check the back of your entry cards for judge's comments

You can begin picking up plants Saturday at 4:00 PM

There will be plenty of help at the Cultural Center for those of you who need assistance getting your plants from the car to the Show area. There will also be help in the Show area if you need help at that time.

There is more to the Show than just judging the plants. There will be Sales tables, Kids Corner and a raffle too. Thanks in advance to those of you who will be donating plants and other items to the raffle. We will of course have our usual informal pot luck luncheon. The Club provides items for sandwiches and beverages. Members bring side dishes and desserts. Thanks in advance to those of you who will be bringing dishes to share, we can use all the help we can get!!

This is always a fun event that helps our bank account too. The success of the Show & Sale depends on your participation.

For you new members, please, please, please, plan on being a part of this event. You will find the Show a very rewarding experience and you will meet our members. We look forward to a good turnout and hope this is one of our best shows ever!

~Amber Jones, 2008 Show Chair

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It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

# CSSA SHOW AND SALE

The annual CSSA Show and Sale will take place from Friday June 27 through Sunday June 29 at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens.

This is the National Show and Sale and is extremely worth-while for all of our members to attend. The sale in the parking lot is annually the largest sale of succulents in the world. There is No charge to attend the CSSA Show and Sale.

You also have a chance to participate. CSSA needs volunteers to help with setting up the Show and manning the Sales area during the show.

We, Gates C&SS also need help on Thursday, June 26 from 9:00 until noon to get the exhibit room set up. We need help all weekend in the sales area, helping customers with their plants and other functions related to collecting \$\$ for them and making sure people get out with their own plants.

If you can give us two hours any time during the weekend, we'll give you free admission to the gardens. Sign up sheets will be at the June meeting or e-mail Buck. Also there will be entry tags and schedules at the June meeting.

*Buck Hemenway*

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## Our Show and Sale.

Others are covering how to enter plants and such in this edition. This is about how our Show and Sale gets done. It is with **YOUR help**. That's right YOU, the one reading this. Without everyone pitching in, we cannot hope to continue the wonderful heritage of the quality show and sales of past years. OK what can YOU do?

1. Enter plants in the show.
2. Help with set-up and tear-down.
3. Donate one good plant for the raffle. This event is the difference between breaking even or losing money.

4. Join the rest of the group on the 14th and have a Great Time.

Here's what is happening and when we need help.

### Thursday, June 12.

9:00AM until Noon: Show Set Up. We need 6 to 10 people to set up tables, cover them and get the room ready for the show.

Noon until 4:00: Sales Area Set Up. We need 6 or so people to get the sales tent up and organized.

Bring your plants for the show. From 12:00 noon until 5:00 on Thursday and 8:00 AM until 4:30 on Friday. We will be cutting off entries at about 4:30 on Friday as judging is scheduled to start at just after 5:00.

### Friday June 13

8:00 until 5:00 - Sellers bring plants. Don't try to bring them on Thursday, there will be no place to put them.

Friday 5:00 until 9:00 - Judging and early sales for members in the sales area.

### Saturday June 14

The Cultural Center gates open at 8:00, sales and the show will open at between 8:30 and 9:00.

You can collect your show plants at 4:00, not before. We've advertised that the event will run until 5:00, but normally the crowd is gone by 4:00.

You may also collect your plants on Sunday morning from 8:00 until 12:00 noon.

We need help on Sunday morning to get the sales area dismantled and the show completely torn down. We need 4 to 6 people then.

*Buck*

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## TOP DRESSING

Karen Roholt has an interesting idea that several of us are interested in. Here are her words: I had discussed, with a few people and Amber, at the last meeting, how difficult it is to find a variety of top dressing. I had brought a gallon ziploc bag of small lava rock to put in the raffle last month. Should we suggest that people bring a quart size freezer zipper bag of top dressing to trade someone else who brings some to the meeting. I can bring two kinds. I'd love to get a couple new colors. We could set aside a table and put a sign that you could take a bag only if you leave a bag. If someone has a whole lot of a particular kind they can bring several bags to put in the raffle.

Bring a bag full if you wish to participate.

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Calendar of Garden Events - 2008

**\*June 14** Green Faire and Gates Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, Jurupa Mt. Cultural Center, Glen Avon, CA 951-360-8802

**\*June 14-15** LA Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Bl., Encino, CA. 818-363-3432

**June 14-15, 21-22** 3rd Annual Lavender Festival, Highland Springs Resort & 123 Farm, 10600 Highland Springs Ave. Cherry Valley, CA, 92223. tel: 951-845-1151.

**\*June 27-29** CSSA Annual Show & Sale, Huntington BG, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. 626-405-2160 or 2277. Show- 28-29; Plant Sales 27-29

**\*July 25-27** Orange County Summer Show & Sale, Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton, CA. 714-870-4887.

**\*Aug 16-17** 23rd Annual Intercity Show and Sale, LA Co. Arboretum, .301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, CA. 626.798.2430 or 818.368.6914.

## Welcome Our New Members

There were no new members at our May Meeting. However, 'The Show' is a splendid opportunity for us to talk to and encourage visitors to attend a meeting or two and learn more about our plants. As you work Our Show, in the many areas requiring your help, you will be questioned about planting, growing, watering, fertilizing and caring for these beautiful plants. Succulents are attracting more attention recently because they are drought tolerant. You can be our best recruiters. Tell the visitors what attracted you to our hobby and meetings. But as always, **TALK TO THEM!!**

## Random Thoughtlessness

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

My weight is perfect for my height -- which varies.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.

How can there be self-help "groups"?

If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

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## PEST OF THE MONTH

A Monthly Feature by *Michael J. Green*

**"Opuntia Bug? Cactus Bug? Chelinidea vittiger?"**

Be sure to read this month's column on the next page and on the Website. It is very informative!

## Opuntia Bug? Cactus Bug? *Chelinidea vittiger*?

By Michael J. Green

If a rose by any other name is still a rose, trouble by any of these names is still trouble. Once tested as a biological control for Opuntia, *Chelinidea vittiger aequoris* was no where near as effective as the *Cactoblastus cactorum* moth now threatening Mexico's lucrative carmine azo dye industry being only 8 miles off the coast. *Chelinidea vittiger aequoris* is actually HERE and probably even in YOUR backyard. *Chelinidea vittiger*, in its various forms, ranges from California to Virginia, northward to Montana, and southward to northern Mexico. Hamlin (1932) showed Central Florida as the southeastern U.S. limit of *C. v. aequoris*.<sup>1</sup> The adult has a length of 10 to 13.5 mm; width across pronotum 4 to 5 mm. The most striking features of *C. vittiger aequoris* are a conspicuous dorsal, yellow stripe (not fin) on the head, nearly solid yellow pronotum, and yellow veins of the forewing. While the feeding of the bugs leaves unsightly marks on the cactus pads, the plants never seem to suffer too badly, even with heavy infestations. Eggs are usually laid in a row on the longest cactus spines<sup>2</sup>. Systemic pesticide sprays work quite well to reduce / eliminate the populations.

*Chelinidea vittiger* has been seen on Opuntias, Cleistocactus, Echinocactus, Ferocactus, Echinocereus and Stenocactus in Riverside.



*Chelinidea vittiger* adult on Cleistocactus



*Chelinidea vittiger* nymphs on Opuntia



*Chelinidea vittiger* on Ferocactus



*Chelinidea vittiger* damage on Opuntias

<sup>1</sup> [http://creatures.ifas.ufl.edu/beneficial/c\\_v\\_aequoris.htm](http://creatures.ifas.ufl.edu/beneficial/c_v_aequoris.htm)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.hartmanprehistoricgarden.com/sa-chelinidea.html>