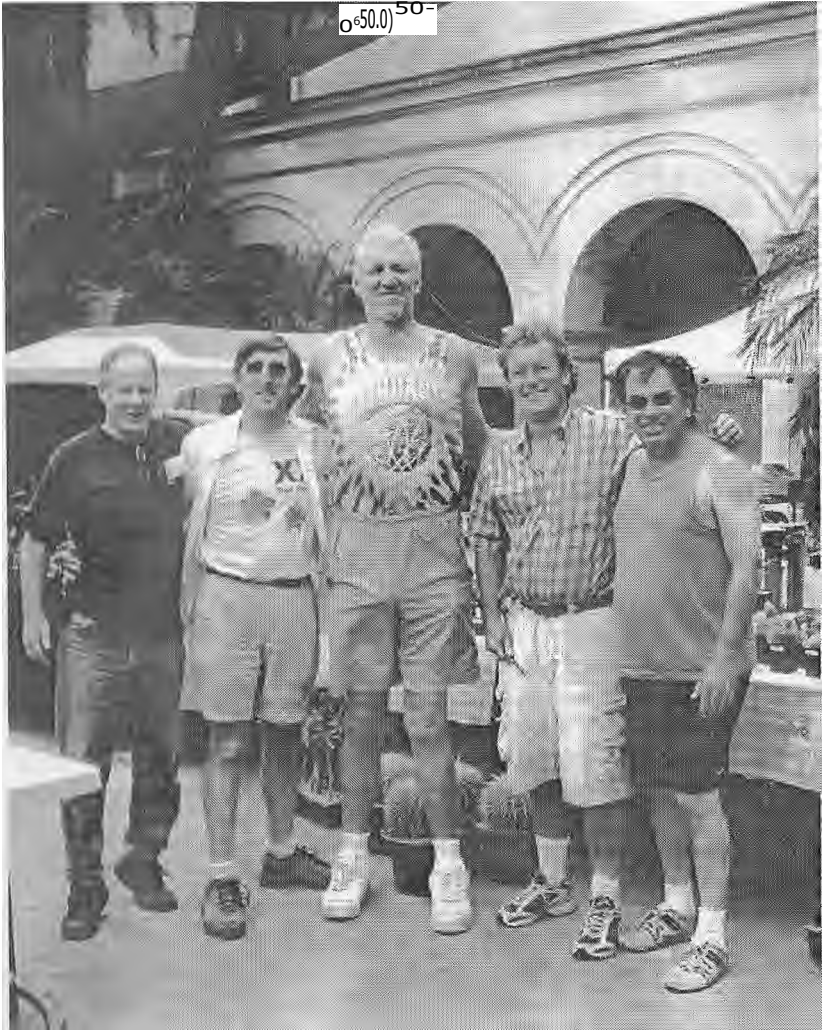


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Next Meeting is Saturday July 8, 2006 at 1:00 pm
Program: Brian Kemble on his last trip to Oaxaca Mexico
Room 101 Casa Del Prado
Balboa Park, San Diego CA

Presidents Message

June 16th, 2006

Here comes Summer!

Wow, it's actually getting hot this afternoon, not the slightest sign of "June-Gloom" anywhere. This sort of reminds me of Saturday before last during our annual Show and Sale! What an incredible turn out and Herculean effort on the part of our membership! KUDOS ALL AROUND!!! It is such a privilege and an honor to associate with this kind of an event that just seems to get better and better every year!

Thanks to YOU, the setup and organization gets more and more fine-tuned every year, leaving everyone with a little more time to breathe and socialize.

Thanks to YOU, we continue to break records in gross sales, giving our society the ability to contribute more to it's membership and the community at large.

Thanks to YOU, beginners and experienced professional growers alike can be challenged and have their concerns addressed by a fellowship of like-minded individuals.

Thanks to YOU, our plants enjoy their day in the sun, strutting their stuff in our world-class show, which continues to attract people from all over the globe.

People came from far and wide to enjoy this event, including a couple of our regular vendors who both traveled well over 500 miles just to be in attendance. I can't help but mention Guillermo Rivera from Argentina, who traveled well over 2500 miles to visit with us and give us two excellent presentations on cactus species in Argentina and Bolivia. What an incredible event, and the incredible dedication of everyone involved to continue this great tradition.

We were lucky to have come out ahead financially again, and this has allowed the SDC&S Society to make an emergency \$1000 contribution to the Anza Borrego Foundation to help stave off a 4000 acre habitat destruction eminent on the fringes of the park boundary. I am proud to say we are in a position to help in these sorts of situations, and this is exactly the larger picture of WHY the SDC&S Society exists! We are also planning on promoting and supporting some other C&S related activities this year, like sending some of our volunteers to the Huntington Botanic Garden's Succulent Symposium, and organizing some additional activities. If you have a cause or a concern you think the SDC&S Society should be helping out with, please don't hesitate to contact me or any other Board member (our contact information is always on the back of every issue of the EYF).

President's Message (continued)

Volunteers are the life and breath of an organization like this, and without YOU, we're bound to flounder, flail, and fail. I know our society is full of resources and individuals with copious skills and talents. One of the greatest aspects of an active club like ours, with the rich diversity of its membership, is that we are constantly coming up with GREAT IDEAS about how we can improve the flow of communication, publicize our events, and take our mission to the public at large. As an example, we have no less than 8 line-item improvements we are going to make for next year's June show and sale, none of which are huge, but all of which will help with making volunteering all the more pleasant. We have a Winter show to test-drive some of these improvements, and our regular monthly meetings for everyone to get familiar with each other and the necessity of some of these items. We need YOUR HELP! If you have experience with, or want to gain some experience with, web-design, public speaking, writing, trophy design and maintenance, fine-arts and graphic design, carpentry, BOTANY and/or HORTICULTURE, or if you simply have some extra time to help setup and break-down our regular meetings, then WE WANT YOU!!! And please please please don't ever hesitate to bring your questions, comments, or concerns with you as well.

We have two speakers listed so far for our July meeting, Brian Kemble will be giving us a presentation on his latest trip to Oaxaca, Mexico, and Kym Hunter will be giving us a quick talk on the Point Loma Native Plant Reserve. We still have "Plant of the Month" plants listed for the remaining months of this year, so if you would like to give a brief talk, please let me, Kelly Griffin, or any other board member know, and remember: you will receive paid admission to the Succulent Symposium at the Huntington Botanic Gardens this coming September in return (not to mention the great excuse to ignore everything else and study one of our favorite plants for an evening or two)!

Looking forward to seeing you in July,

Mark Fryer



Many thanks to Candy Garner, Pam Badger, Mark Fryer and anyone else who took a turn in our info booth at the sale. We have several new members because they were there to share the info!
Chris



Elizabeth Glover with one of the wonderful Epiphyllum flowers that she brings to the show

The Herbster, always ready to give a pretty girl plant advice!



Miles Anderson of Miles to Go fame in the Show area



Lots of action in the sales area



Amazing!

Another record breaking sales year and what many have said, our best show ever. Our club members have given once again of their time and energy to make this a great event.

There are many people to thank for our success starting with **Chris Miller**, our sales chair. She did a fantastic job coordinating the vendor contracts, bar codes, and structuring the sales area. She would like to thank all those that help set up the sales area before the show started. Although we had fewer vendors than last year, we still ended up earning more than ever before thanks to the great offerings of our vendors and a credit card machine. I want to personally thank all our vendors, particularly our long distance vendors like **Mark Muradian, Miles Anderson, Woody Minnich, Jimi Ascencio,** and **Dylan Hannon**. They came a long ways and provide our sales area with quality offerings and our show with award winning plants. **Tom De Merritt** risked life and limb to put up the shade cloth for our sales area, he also programmed the registers with **Joe Kraatz** and **Anthony McFarland**, **Tom** helped set up the show and sales area with , **Jeff Harris, Sarah & Richard Yorba, Joe Kraatz** and **Terry & Keenan Parr** and worked the registers for much of the show. *Amazing!* Thanks also to Tom's daughters, **Yulia & Katya** who lent their helping hands as well. Others that are so vital to the sales area included the non stoppable **Joe Kraatz, Sara Schell, Michelle Heckathorn, Jerry & Candace Garner,** and **Collette Parr** who conduct member sales Friday night and worked the sales area on Sunday. Thanks also to **Wilbur** and **Elizabeth Glover** for watching those sales plants while people visited the show. The clean up team include **Sara & Richard Yorba,** the entire **DeMerritt family, Kathy & Steve Harris,** and **Susan Hopkins**

Our show this year was fantastic thanks to many hard working members. **Laura De Merritt** coordinated the table rentals and table coverings, **Sue Hopkins** organized all the clerks for the judging, **Chris Miller** and **Collette Parr** did all the point tallies and **Pam Badger** provided us with some wonderful nourishment. **Pam** also contributed an award winning educational display. Other amazing displays were entered by **Rudy Lime** and **Joe Kraatz.**

Peter Walkowiak wins the Herculean award for the largest plants in the show, but this year he also won the Peoples Choice award for his amazing *Adenium glaucum*, a plant he purchased as a seed-



ling 25 years ago. Juergen Menzel won the high point trophy with his magnificently grown cacti. I want to thank our judges, Larry Grammer, Woody Minnich, Dylan Hannon, and Joe Stead, for doing a great job awarding the ribbons and trophies.



We continue to offer our attendees workshops during the show to help educate and inspire. Thank-you to Juergen Menzel for his grafting demonstration, Pam Badger for her potting demonstration, Woody Minnich for his walk and talk about judging plants, and Rudy Lime for his succulent Bonsai presentation. We also got a special treat from **Guillermo Rivera** who was visiting from Argentina. Saturday night he gave the

show workers a presentation on *Trichocereus* of South America, and on Sunday he presented a program on *Parodia*. And last but not least, a special thanks to our President **Mark Fryer** for his great ideas and leadership.

This show has grown in size and scope and we need volunteers to help those mentioned above. Thanks for all those who participated and helped in any way they could. The dedication of our members to the show makes this the amazing event that it is; **the BEST single club Cactus and other Succulent Show in the country!**

Show Chair, **Tom Knapik**



SUMMER 2006 TROPHIES AND PLAQUES

CACTUS

BEST CACTUS
 BEST NOVICE CACTUS
 BEST EPIPHYTIC CACTUS
 BEST MAMMILLARIA
 BEST OPUNTEAE

WHO

MINNICH
 GEREKE
 PARR
 HUNT
 MENZEL

PLANT NAME

MELOCACTUS WARASSII
 NOTOCACTUS BEUNEKERI
 RHIPSALIS PARADOXA
 MAMMILLARIA MAGNIFICA
 TEPHROCACTUS GEOMETRICUS

OTHER SUCCULENTS

BEST SUCCULENT
 PLATYREA
 BEST NOVICE SUCCULENT
 BEST AGAVE
 BEST ALOE
 BEST ECHEVERIA
 BEST EUPHORBIA
 BEST MESEMBRYANTHEMUM
 BEST PELARGONIUM OR SARCOCAULON
 BEST SANSEVIERIA

GRIFFIN

MYRHMELODIA

B. MAGARGAL
 CHANEY
 GRIFFIN
 GRIFFIN
 WALKOWIAK
 CHANEY
 CENA MARTIN S.

ADROMISCHUS
 A. PARRYI VARIEGATA
 ALOE CV
 ECH. XICHUENSIS
 E. CV 'TWINKLE TWIRL'
 TRICHODIADEMA BULBOSUM
 P. CATYLEDONIS
 HARGESIA SOMALIA

CACTUS OR SUCCULENT

BEST BAJA PLANT
 BEST GRAFT
 BEST MEXICAN PLANT IN SHOW
 BEST PLANT GROWN FROM SEED
 BEST SD COUNTY SUCCULENT
 BEST MINIATURE
 BEST PACHYCAL OR CAUDICIFORM
 BEST SUCCULENT BONSAI
 PEOPLE'S CHOICE

PARR
 MENZEL
 RUDY LIME
 MENZEL
 E. MARSHALL
 BUCKNER
 BUCKNER
 BUCKNER
 WALKOWIAK

GRUSONIA INVICTA
 EUPHORBIA TURBINIFORMIS
 FOUQUIERIA FASCICULATA
 AVONIA ALSTONII
 DUDLEYA CANDIDA
 AEONIUM SEDIFOLIUM
 CUSSONIA SPICATA
 FICUS THONNINGII
 ADENIA GLAUCA

DISPLAYS, EXHIBITS & HIGH POINTS

BEST EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY
 BEST EXHIBIT
 MOST ARTISTIC DISPLAY
 HIGH POINTS
 SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY
 JUDGE'S CHOICE
 JUDGE'S CHOICE
 JUDGE'S CHOICE
 JUDGE'S CHOICE

PAM BADGER
 RUDY LIME
 JOE KRAATZ
 MENZEL
 MENZEL
 BUCKNER
 RUDY LIME
 MINNICH
 MENZEL

(50 OR FEWER ENTRIES)
 (TOTAL POINTS)
 FICUS SP
 PACHYPODIUM SUCCULENTUM
 COAHUILIENSIS
 PYMAEOCEREUS BIEBLII

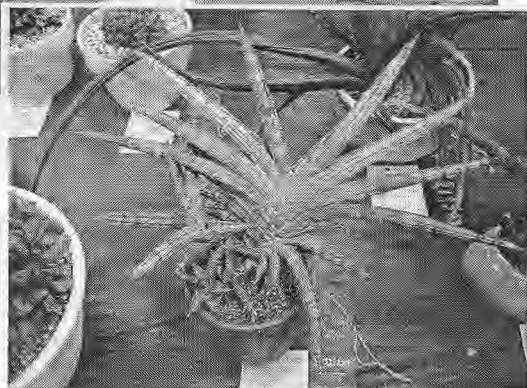
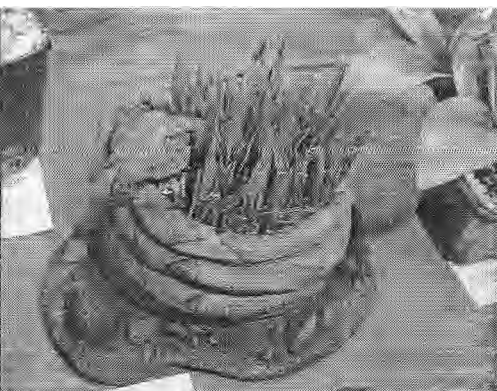
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Rudy Lime
checking out
the show re-
sults





All kinds of shapes and sizes
make up the 2006 Annual
Summer Show

UPCOMING EVENTS

2006

July 12th: SDCSS Board Meeting at Tom DeMerritt's house 6PM

Aug 19 & 20th: 21st Annual Intercity Show & Sale at the LA County Arboretum: Largest Cactus & Succulent Show in the world. Long Beach, LA CSS and SG CSS clubs work together on this show. Info 818-988-9306

Sep 2nd: Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium, all day at HBG. There is a fee. Day includes tours, speakers, dinner and a plant auction.

Sep 9th: SDCSS Special Event (details out soon)

Sep 9th: Master Gardeners Fall Home Gardening Seminar, 8 am to 4 pm at Marina Village Conference Center . See their website for more info www.mastergardenerssandiego.org

Sep 24th: Long Beach CSS club annual auction at Dominguez Adobe, 18127 S. Alameda St, Compton CA (Dominguez Hills)

Oct 14 & 15th: San Gabriel CSS Annual Show & Sale, at LA County Arboretum, exit Baldwin off 210, Arcadia, CA. Bsure to leave time to tour the grounds.

Dec 9th: SDCSS Holiday party, noon until we have too much fun!

2007

Feb 10th: SDCSS Winter Show and Sale, 9 to 4

May 25-30: CSSA 32nd Biennial Convention at the Seattle Airport Double-Tree Hotel. Reception May 25, presentations May 26, 27, 29, 30 and field trips May 28



What's the Status?

By Chris Miller

Old World Succulent & Baja Gardens

The SDCSS maintains the Baja and Old World Succulent Gardens at the Wild Animal Park. We are always looking for volunteers to help with all the different kinds of things that need to be done to maintain and improve the gardens.

If you take a walk in the gardens this week you will find, *Aloes* and *Euphorbias* in bloom, the Boojum Trees and *Ocotillo* in leaf, and the rest of the plants are plump from the rain. Juergen does almost all the weeding in the Baja Garden by hand and says that there are lots of Boojum, *Ocotillo* and *Ferocactus* volunteer seedlings in the garden. The Baja Garden is over 25 years old and the plants are very mature. The Old World Succulent Garden is not as old, but we still have some nice mature *Aloes*, *Euphorbias* and *Pachypodiums*.

We have a handful of volunteers that come one to three times a month to work in the garden. We need more to keep ahead of the weeds and to start the improvement projects we need to do. One of the first orders of business needs to be identifying and making signs for plants along the trail, so that the gardens are more educational. We need someone to maintain the *Agave* Garden. We have several *Agave* in the greenhouse that need to be planted out. The greenhouse needs a cleanup day and we have plants in the ground around the greenhouse that need some care. We also need some carpentry work done in the greenhouse.

So there is a lot to do and we can always use more help. Volunteers work at their own pace, doing what they can do. If you want to volunteer once in awhile or adopt an area to maintain, you will be welcomed! If you are interested call me at (619) 256-9810 or e-mail me at c.

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