

Espinas y Flores

The Newsletter of the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society

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The Holiday Party

Starts at 11:00, Dinner Served at 12:00

Catered by **Ruth Hendricks**

Holiday Joy Dispensed by "The Wine Guy"

Potluck Dessert

Member Gift Exchange

Gift Plant for Each Member Attendee

Auction of Excellent Plants

Cost is \$20 for Members and \$25 for Guests

Saturday, December 11, 2010, 11:00pm

Casa Del Prado, Room 101

Balboa Park

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, with lots to be thankful for. I am thankful to be part of this wonderful organization. The knowledge I have gained over the years has made my life more interesting and purposeful. The friendships have made my life fuller. The interesting people I have met have added spice to my life. I love picking up a book on plants and thinking I heard this person speak or I met this person. Going to Tucson two years ago for the convention was so cool, I went back last year for a visit with the **Garners**. I have hopes that people who come to our convention in April will have the same reaction.

We had a rough meeting in November, with audio visual failure at all levels. **Mark Fryer** forged on with his kinky talk on hybridizing plants. The Faux Plant Brag Table was very creative and **Pam Badger** did a fine job rewarding the entrants. Vendor sales were good. There was also lots of plant material on the exchange table. So I think everyone went home with new plant friends. **Jeremy Spath** was not able to give his talk on Panama due to projector issues. He did talk for a few minutes about his trip, which only wetted our appetites for more. I understand he will be giving his talk to the Bromeliad Society in the next few months. Hopefully we can let you know when if you would like to see it. We have had some difficulty with getting some of his pictures on the website. We are still working on that. Even though we had some difficulties, the rest of the meeting was good, with lots of member interaction and some new members signed up. Our membership is currently at 560!

One of our responsibilities for the convention is the center pieces. For the closing banquet we are going to make succulent centerpieces. This will take the form of wreathes, arrangements, dish gardens and whatever else we think of to plant. I believe the theme is "Anything Goes". Be sure to see the article in this newsletter.

The Holiday Party is our next meeting on December 11th. There are several ways to take home plants from this event.

Bring a gift plant for the plant exchange, the cooler the better since it will be chosen sooner.

Receive a plant for being a member.

Bid on plants at the Auction after the dinner is through.

This auction features plants, pots and art that are donated for the auction. The proceeds from the auction help to offset the cost of the event so we don't have to increase the price to our members. Please start

thinking about a special plant you might want to donate. We will have an auctioneer and also a silent auction as we did last year. So I am looking for two things 1) items to be auctioned and 2) volunteers to help keep it organized and flowing smoothly. Let me know if you are interested in volunteering.

Show up around 11 for the party, The **Wine Dude** will be on hand dispensing Holiday joy in his Santa Hat. Dinner will start around noon. Be sure to bring your potluck dessert.

For those of you interested in signing up for the convention, the information is available on our website and was in the last issue of the CSSA Journal.

The web page is coming along nicely. We are looking for member nurseries and landscapers that would like their information on our web page. If you have input or recommendations for our web page please let **Candy Garner** know at cgarner1@yahoo.com. Please use web page on the subject line of the e-mail.

It is the time of the year to renew your membership for 2011. Fill out your membership form in the back of the newsletter and bring it to the December meeting or mail it to **Collette Parr**. Remember those of you that continue to get your newsletter by mail will be paying for first class postage starting in 2011.

Enjoy the Holidays and stay warm!

Chris Miller
28 November 2010



Chris and Santa, December 1952

Cover Photo: A succulent wall garden, from the shop of Flora Grubb Gardens. Check them out at www.floragrubb.com.

Go to <http://www.flickr.com/photos/anniesannuals/sets/72157614346658861/show/> for a slide show on using succulents in a garden.

Thanks to **Joe Kraatz** for these great links!



November 2010 Faux plant Brag Table Winners

Awarded by **Pam Badger**

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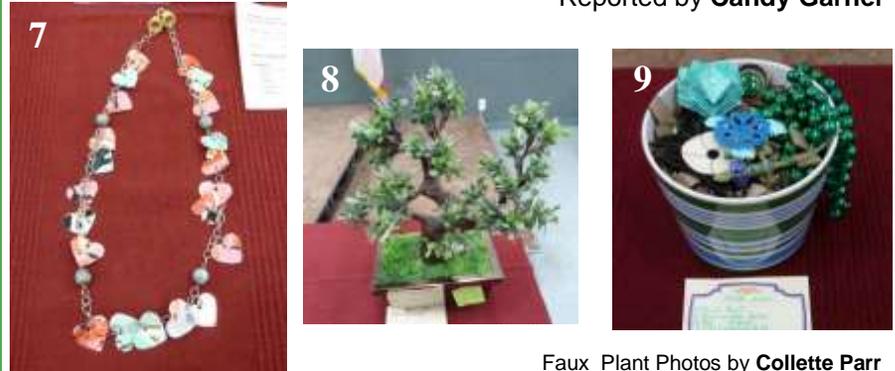
- Best Use of Rock - **John Mellein** - *Ariocarpus retusus v. lapis* (1)
- Best Use of a Bed Spread - **Juergen Menzel** - *Saguaro chenillensis* (2)
- Best Use of Heavy Metal - **Pam/Lee Badger** - *Bronzocactus kirki kirki* (3)
- Best Use of Crocheting - **Michelle Heckathorn** - *Mammillaria crocheten-sis 'Eunji'* (4)
- Best Use of Air - **Candy Garner** - *Tephrocactus hydroballoonensis* (5)
- Best Immortal Plant - **Laura Hershey** - *Nex testimonium hersheyi* (6)
- Best Use of Kid's Clay - **Pam Badger** - *Cereus penciliformus* (A)*
- Best Use of Seashell - **Jessica McGee** - *Mammillaria calciformis* (B)*
- Best Use of Disco - **Ed & Sharon Wirth** - *Discocactus v. mirrorballis* (C)*
- Best Use of Chewie - **Penny Sommerville** - *Stenocereus gummosus*'Fidoosum' spiral form (D)*
- Best Use of Snow - **Penny Sommerville** - *Cephalocereus senilis* 'Old Man Winter' (E)*
- Best Use of Undergarment - **Judith Dunham** - *Mammillaria nofun4uen-sis* (F)*
- Best Use of Marijuana - **Bev Grant** - "Mellow-"*Kat-U's marijuanusus* (G)*



SUCCULENT

- Best Use of Recycled Material - **Michelle Heckathorn** - *Ceropegia alu-minia v. recyclensis* 'Arizona' (7)
- Best Use of Lights - **Vanessa Nelson & Billy the Kidd** - *Sarcocaulon crassicaule* (8)
- Best Garden - **Lianna Camp** - Mardi garden (Parade pearls, Bryophyllum booze, Blue beignet, Chief crassula tutu, Zamia zulu) (9)
- Best Use of Death - **Bev Grant** - *Deadleya skeletonii* (H)*
- Best Use of Simplicity - **Bev Grant** - *Dudleya brittonii*

Reported by **Candy Garner**



Faux Plant Photos by **Collette Parr**
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MARK'S MONSTERS



Hybrid Plants developed by **Mark Fryer** Photo by **Collette Parr**

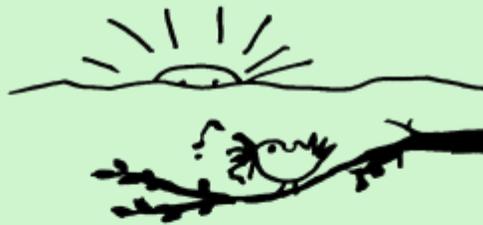
SDCSS HELP Wanted ADS

If you are looking for a way to help, here are some ideas:

Show Co-Chairs for the Winter and Summer Shows to assist Peter Walkowiak with planning, setup, etc	Ride Coordinator: Point of contact for those members who need a ride to meetings and those willing to give rides.	Trophy Sponsorship: We are in the process of updating trophies and are looking for donations to support the process.
Education Chair for Summer Show: Put together a program for education during the summer show	Membership Committee members to support the membership chair in providing membership services.	Trip Coordinator to coordinate trips, arrange bus contracts, destination requirements, etc.

Contact **Chris Miller** at c.miller@cox.net if you would like to volunteer or for more information on what the job entails. There isn't a better way to get to know other club members than volunteering!

ELIBET'S Corner



The early bird gets the worm. Sleep late if you're a worm.

The Holiday Party

Our annual Holiday Party will replace the regular meeting on Saturday **December 11th**. It will start at 11:00, with dinner served at 12:00

Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for guests

Ruth Henricks from The Huddle will cater a wonderful holiday dinner

Herb Stern "The Wine Guy" will be there dispensing holiday joy

A "potluck" dessert table is set up to share your culinary expertise

Member Gift Exchange is optional. Bring one really nice plant, be sure to put your name on it.

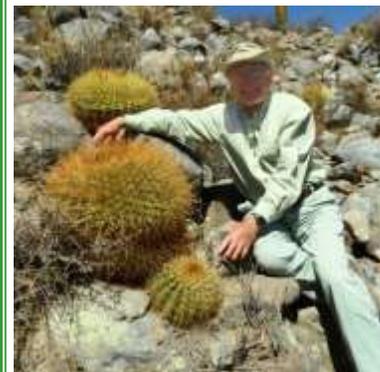
The Society will continue the tradition of giving each member who attends this event a gift plant.

Auction of 'bare root' plants from Western Cactus Growers and other donated plants will be held after dinner. We are looking for donations of excellent plants to auction.

Cut off will be December 5th. If you haven't signed up, contact Chris Miller, 10042 Waynecrest Lane, Santee CA 92071, (619) 258-9810, c.miller@cox.net

Electronic Espinas Y Flores

The newsletter is available for viewing and downloading at the Club website, www.sdcss.net. Take a look! This electronic version contains additional color images. A high resolution version from which fully detailed images can be downloaded, is also available. In addition, errors found in the hardcopy newsletter are corrected in the electronic version.



From our recent trip to Argentina, *Soehrensia bruchii* & flower. The Editors

Help with Centerpieces for the CSSA 2011 Convention

April 24 – April 29.



We are actively seeking donations of items and plants to help us create centerpieces for the closing banquet. “Anything Goes” is the theme so start thinking “outside the box” and finding objects that can be planted up with cacti and succulents such as bowls, dishes, pots, teapots, small boxes or crates, shells, baskets, tins, succulent wreath forms, Tonka trucks, urns, bonsai containers, miniature pots etc. **Debra Lee Baldwin’s** book “Succulent Container Gardens” is a huge resource stuffed with inspirational ideas for containers and imaginative ways to use plants. **Debra’s** “Succulents in Containers” CD also has a wealth of great ideas. We will also need topdressing, marbles, beads, pebbles, sphagnum moss, coir, ornaments and decorations to adorn the creations.

When taking cuttings, consider color and texture – the more variety the better, and also plants that give dimension to arrangements, “thrillers”, “fillers” and “spillers”.

More of the small green boxes that can be used for planting up cuttings will be available at the January meeting. If you have containers that you would like to donate we will begin accepting them at that time also.



Please contact **Linda Stewart**, 858 488 8234, lbs@san.rr.com or **Sarah Clayton**, 858 705 1475, sclayton@san.rr.com with any questions or suggestions – we’d love to hear from you.

Photos supplied by Linda Stewart

For those that don't get the Union/Tribune, here is an article on how to construct a succulent wreath. <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2010/nov/26/circle-of-life/> **Joe Kraatz**

Memberships about to expire

Unless they’ve been paid in advance for multiple years, all memberships expire December 31, 2010! Beginning in 2011, members are strongly urged to forego the mailed, hardcopy version of *Espinas Y Flores*, and accept only the e-mailed version. The cost of membership remains \$15 per year for e-mail but **beginning in 2011 rises to \$20 for mailed hardcopy**. New membership forms are on the cover sheet. Your renewal payment should be accompanied by the properly filled out form and received by December 31, 2010.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 22, 2011: DESERT FORUM at Huntington Botanical Gardens, 10:30am to 4:30pm. CSSA affiliate clubs (us) are invited to a free day at the Desert Garden including a tour with knowledgeable staff, a plant sale, and a forum led by Director of the Gardens, Jim Folsom. The club is planning an expedition. Watch for the announcement.

Feb. 12, 2011: SDCSS Annual Winter Show and Sale. Go to www.sdcss.net for details

Apr. 24-29, 2011: CSSA 34th Biennial Convention. San Diego, CA. Mission Valley Marriott Hotel.

May 21-22, 20011: Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 29th Show & Sale. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Drive, Glen Avon, CA. For information call: 909-360-8802.

Mark your calendar now!
CSSA 2011 CONVENTION



April 24 - April 29, 2011
 Marriott Hotel - Mission Valley
 San Diego, California
 Watch for future updates
www.cssainc.org

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Confirmed Convention Speakers

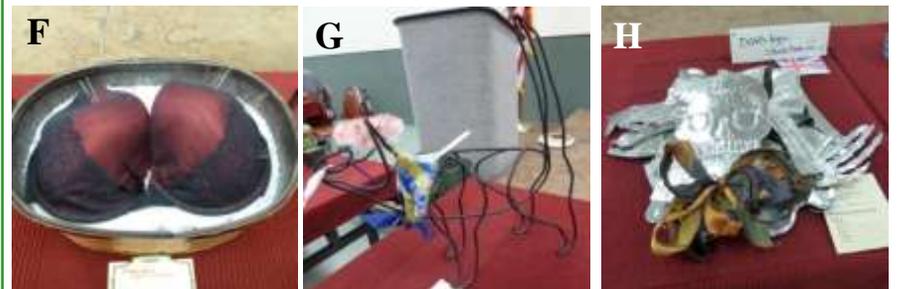
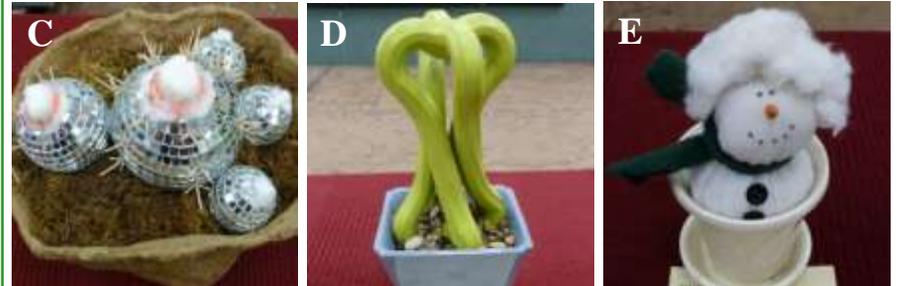
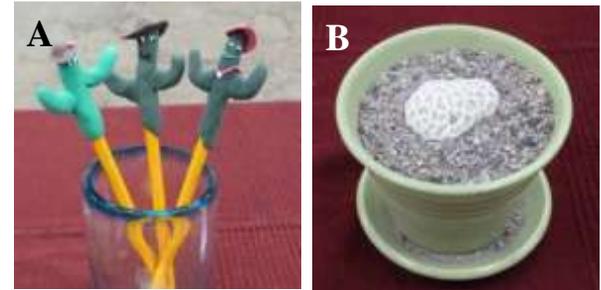
Myron Kinnach - Banquet	Tom Knapik	Jackie Poole
Debra Baldwin	Julia Etter/Martin Kristen	Guillermo Rivera
Tom Glavich	Marlon Machado	Karen Zimmerman
Andrew Hankey	Todd Masilko	

The due date for submission of all material to be published in EyF will be the second-to-last Saturday of the month preceding the next monthly meeting. All submissions are to be made to the Editors. Please e-mail your articles to **Paul & Carol Maker** at pdmaker@roadrunner.com.

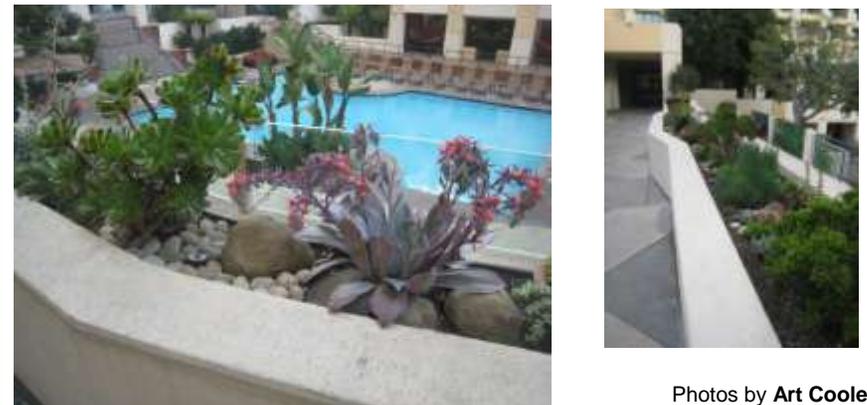
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more Faux plant Brag table Photos

Photos by **Colette Parr**



Marriott Hotel decorated for cssa



Photos by **Art Cooley**

SDC&SS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Dues are \$15.00 per calendar year per individual, and \$5.00 per year for each additional household member. Newsletter is E-mailed. Mailed paper copies of the newsletter are available for an additional \$5 a year. *Each member has all the rights and benefits of the organization.*

Annual Dues – (E-mail Newsletter) \$15.00 _____
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Additional Household Member(s) \$5.00 _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Member Information: (Please PRINT to fill in ALL blanks below!!!)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and State: _____

Zip + 4: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell/FAX: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Additional Household Members:

Do you want to receive E-mail notifications of Club events and issues?
Yes _____ No _____

Mail this form or a copy, along with a check or money order payable in US Funds to SDCSS to:

**SDCSS Membership Department
c/o Collette Parr
7924 Grape Street
La Mesa Ca 91941-6323**

If joining in months other than January, use the following to calculate your Annual Dues at \$1.25 a month: Feb - \$13.75, Mar—\$12.50, Apr - \$11.25, May— \$10, Jun—\$8.75, Jul—\$7.50, Aug—\$6.25, Sep—\$5, Oct—\$3.75, Nov—\$2.50, Dec—\$1.25. For First Class mail, use \$1.66 a month.
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