



Open Gates

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NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, November 7th at 7:00 PM
AT THE REDLANDS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1307 E CITRUS AVE, IN REDLANDS, CA

Plants of the Month

Cactus –
Auction time! Bring a plant to donate!

Succulent –
Auction time! Bring a plant to donate!

Save the Date!

NOV. 10-11 – SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

From Our President:

This month's general meeting will feature two important activities for the club. In lieu of a speaker program, we will have our annual plant auction extravaganza. Aside from the annual show and sale in May, this auction serves as our biggest fund-raising event. Not only will it generate revenue for our club, but members will also have an opportunity to purchase many special plants at low cost. Being an auction, you may very well be the winning bidder for an otherwise more expensive plant. Each member is encouraged to donate one or more plants to the club for auction. Upon requested, the club will provide you with a letter of acknowledge of your item for tax purposes. Please inform the treasurer, Joann Crabtree, for this letter. More importantly, your presence and participation will add more fun and excitement to this evening. Please free feel to bring some food, snacks, or drinks to share with everyone.

The second activity for the evening will be our election for two Board of Director positions. There will be an opportunity for nomination(s) from the floor before casting your ballot. Please consider joining the Board and share your time, expertise, and leadership to make our club an even better one. Remember, it is volunteers like you that reflect the personality, friendship, camaraderie, and success of Gates CSS. We will also share with everyone the details of our upcoming December holiday party- so please attend. As we approach the end of this year, ask yourself did you enjoy these last eleven months? How can the club improve for everyone's benefit? What speakers or topics would you like to have presented at future meetings? Do you know someone who can be a guest speaker for the club? Can you be a speaker or volunteer and help with club activities?

Your suggestion and input are always welcome so don't be shy- speak up. We love to hear from each of you. Your input is what matters. First, let's get ready for the auction.
 -Phuc

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Leadership Team 2018

Our Program This Month

Vince Basta

Auctioneer

Vince will serve as our Auctioneer for our November meeting.

BIO

My first exposure to the hobby was attending the CSSA Show in 1992 where I met Joe Clements and he encouraged me to join the San Gabriel Valley club. I attended the next meeting as everyone was getting ready for the Intercity Show and Sale. The energy was amazing and seeing all those beautifully strange and unusual plants had me hooked! By 1995, I was Secretary and later went on to become Vice President, President, Newsletter Editor of the "Communique" and Winter Show Chairman. I was also President and Show Chairman for the Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society for two years. I have also had the honor to judge several Southern California shows throughout the years and recently judged the Sunset and CSSA Shows. I have been fortunate to visit a number of cactus and succulents plants in habitat thanks to Woody Minnich, Joe and Carol Wujcik and Larry Grammer who took me on my first trip to Baja California in 1995. Seeing the plants in habitat further reinforced my interest to visit plant habitats in Northern Mexico, South Africa and Namibia with my most recent trip to Oaxaca and surrounding states. I have worked in the Truck Body and Equipment industry since 1995 where I am involved in the sales and installation of utility bodies, flatbeds, dump bodies, lift gates and truck mounted cranes. After a hard day at work, it is always relaxing to get home and see what plants are flowering or how those seedlings are growing. I am currently Vice President for the San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society and Director on the CSSA Board.



Mini Show Results

Please remember to CLEARLY fill out the Mini show entry forms. **Incomplete or illegible forms will be disqualified.** Please note, we will no longer have the Large and Small categories.

Cactus

Novice

Intermediate

1st –

2nd – Ariocarpus retusus – Mike Madrigal

3rd – Ariocarpus fissuratus – Mike Madrigal

Succulents

Novice

1st – Kalanchoe synsepala – Ann Platzer

2nd – Kalanchoe millotti – Ann Platzer

3rd – Crassula ovata gollum – Ann Platzer

Intermediate

1st – Ariocarpus fissuratus – Dick Hammer

1st – Kalanchoe sp - Mike Madrigal

2nd – Kalanchoe tomentosa – Mike Madrigal

3rd –

Advanced

1st – Ariocarpus hybrid – Frank Nudge

2nd – Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus – Frank Nudge

3rd - Ariocarpus agavoides – Frank Nudge



2018 Upcoming Events

NOV. 10-11 SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 9am-4pm BOTH DAYS
SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM 310 NO. BALDWIN, ARCADIA, CA MANNY
RIVERA 626-780-6957 or JOHN MATTHEWS 661-714-1052

New Events list for 2019 Coming Soon!!

October's Dead Plant Winner

Congrats to our 2018 Dead Plant winner, Ann
Platzer!



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