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NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, September 5th at 7:00 PM
AT THE REDLANDS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1307 E CITRUS AVE, IN REDLANDS, CA

Plants of the Month

Cactus – Miniatures

Succulent – Miniatures

Save the Date!

Sept. 1st -
 Huntington
 Botanical Garden
 succulent
 symposium

Sept. 15th - Long
 Beach Cactus Club
 Annual Plant
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Sept. 29 – Gates Cactus
 cook off.

From Our President:

The Labor Day weekend traditionally recognizes the American labor movement but it also marks the official end to “summer” for many. For the succulent enthusiasts like you, there are still plenty of long and warm days to fine tune that drought-tolerant garden of yours. There is a handful of cactus show and sale remaining on the calendar year so get in on the fun before everyone takes that winter break.

One event of special interest is the annual Succulent Symposium taking place at the Huntington Botanical Garden on September 1, 2018. Detailed information and agenda are included in this newsletter.

Karen Zimmerman gave a captivating talk last month and shared some of her aloe hybrid secrets with us. I hope everyone has a better appreciation for the complexity of plant biology that goes into creating a new hybrid plant. Be on the look-out for more of Karen’s new aloes in the future.

This month Gunnar Eisel returns for another unique perspective talk to the world succulents. We will finalize all details in regards to our BBQ/cactus cook-off at the monthly meeting.

Please join us for another mini show whose theme is miniature. This means the pot’s inner diameter has to be no greater than 3 inches. The plant itself is not necessarily miniature. It’s the pot!

Please feel free to share your favorite photos of cactus and/or succulents with the club. Email pictures of your ever-evolving garden, plant design, or anything pertaining to drought tolerant plants to our newsletter editor, Trisha.

Until Wednesday evening...

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Our Program This Month

Gunnar Eisel

"Beauty in the Eye of the Beholder: Our Wonderful and Weird Hobby"

It is easy to see what attracts people to roses or African violets. However, if one asks C&S enthusiasts what they like about cacti and succulents, one is bound to get very differing answers. At first glance, people are surprised at the variety of striking shapes, textures, unworldly features one sees at our C&S shows. However, our appreciation grows deeper as we become more sensitized to the subtleties of our plants. With some plants, it's love at first sight. With others, we may wonder what all the fuss is about.



Our appreciation of our plants often changes as we become more familiar with them. We may even discover that plants which first attract us often align themselves with aspects our personalities.

Beauty in the Eye of the Beholder will explore what to look for as we broaden our appreciation of C&S. To paraphrase author Neale Donald Walsch, "growth begins at the end of your comfort zone".

BIO

Gunnar Eisel's interest in cacti and succulents can be traced back to his childhood infatuation with photographing night-blooming cereus flowers and a few unfortunate encounters with opuntia glochids. His interest in cacti became intensified through many annual trips to the Anza-Borrego desert.

Born and raised near Heidelberg, Germany, Eisel has taught music at CSULA, CSUF, Whittier College and Fullerton College. He recently retired as music professor at Citrus College in Glendora, CA where his students were frequently subjected to his rantings regarding cacti and succulents.

An avid C&S collector, he serves as General Manager of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) and as past President of the San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society.

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

Advanced

- 1st – Melocactus zehntneri v. canescens – Frank Nudge
- 2nd – Melocactus ernestii longicarpa – Tommy Dodson
- 3rd – Melocactus sp. – Frank Nudge

Succulents

Novice

Intermediate

- 2nd Sesamothamnus lugardii – Mike Madrigal
- 3rd Mestoklema arboriforme – Mike Madrigal

Advanced

- 1st Pachypodium sp – Tommy Dodson
- 2nd Euphorbia squarrosa – Kim Urman
- 3rd Fockea edulis – Kim Urman

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End-of-Summer Plant Sale

Saturday, September 8, 2018, 9AM to 4PM



Annual BBQ/Cactus Cookoff

The BBQ will be held at The Roman's Home this year.

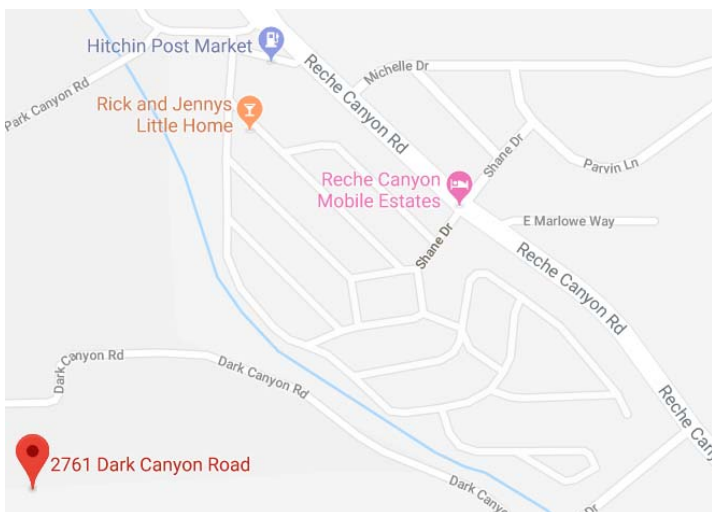
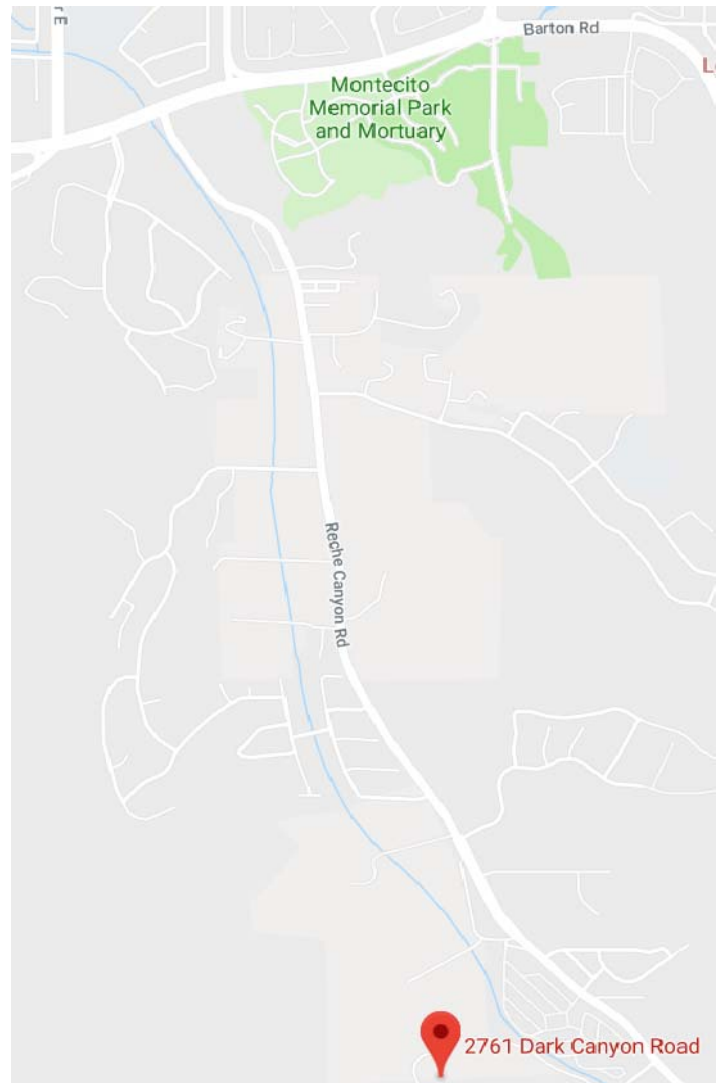
2761 Dark Canyon Rd. Colton, CA 92324

See map for directions.

The Cactus Cook-off tasting will start at 4:00. Every member is invited to bring a dish. Each dish must have **at least one succulent plant ingredient.**

1. The club provides Chicken, Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, soft drinks and water.
2. The members provide side dishes and desserts.
3. We will have a tasting competition "Cactus Cook Off" for member prepared dishes using succulent plants in preparation. Each attendee will taste and vote on the dishes you bring.

Any member who wishes to participate should bring a dish for tasting. This is always the highlight of the evening. Prizes are awarded. Everyone tastes and votes. Dinner is at 5:30.



September's Plants of the Month

The Plants of the Month for this month are "Miniatures". This category can be confusing, so here's the official guideline as to what a "Miniature" is. It is defined as any plant that is displayed in a pot that has an inside mouth diameter of 3" or less. Nothing to do with the species of the plant, just the pot size. The judges will give more consideration to plants that are truly small in nature.

2018 Upcoming Events

- SEPT. 1 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON 626-405-3504
- SEPT 15 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION -12-5PM
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA
90615 INFO. 562-631-5876
- SEPT 29 **Gates annual BBQ/cactus cook-off. Set your calendar for Saturday, September 29, 2018. 2761 Dark Canyon Rd. Colton, CA 92324** see above for details.
- Oct. 13-14 BAKERSFIELD CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY
SHOW & SALE SAT. 10-5---SUN. 11-3 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 2216
17th STREET
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304 FREE ADMMISSION & PARKING, INFO
661-8318488
- OCT. 27-28 PALOMAR CACTUS &SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SHOW AND SALE
SAT 10-5, SUN 10-3, SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDENS
230 QUAIL GARDENS ROAD, ENCINITAS, CA
INFO BritaMiller1@g-mail.com
- NOV. 10-11 SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 9am-4pm BOTH DAYS
SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM 310 NO. BALDWIN,
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