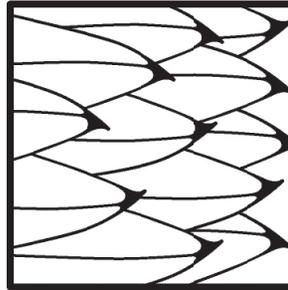


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# On the Dry Side

January 2010

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First of all I again want to thank Terry Skillin for organizing our November Lotusland trip. What an incredible place! My only complaint is I wish the tour was longer. If you missed it this is a must see for your future plans. It was a beautiful day and we got the last day of tours before closing for the Winter until they re-open in February. We ended the trip with a stop in Carpinteria at Terra Sol Nursery. This is a full service nursery and they carry a large selection of cacti & other succulents. Needless to say the storage under our bus was full of the plants that many of us purchased.

The December meeting was Mary Peracca's last duty as our president. She is passing her job on to Gene Schroeder. Thank you Mary for being a great president this past year and welcome Gene! Another thank you to Eva Zayha for all her informative newsletter re-caps. We appreciate all of your writing in the dark! She has passed the pen to yours truly.

There is still a spot open for the Publicity position. Joan Field has done an incredible job but we need to fill her position; So give it some thought, this is what keeps our club rolling and we really do have a fun board!!!

Our annual December potluck/auction was once again a success with a large attendance and the food was awesome! Special thanks to Pat Gilson and Maggie Wagner for organizing all the tasty food that was brought. Thanks to Rob Skillin for getting us some real "beauties" for the live auction.

Nick Wilkinson and Charles Spotts kept us entertained by running the live auction with their expertise and bad jokes, oh, I meant funny jokes!!! Thanks guys! Some people got some great deals and some potential show plants.

The silent auction gets better every year, a special thanks to all that contributed plants; this helps boost our club account.

Thanks also to all the who helped with the set up and clean up. We had a lot of people lending a hand for this afternoon of fun, food and plants.

We hope everyone had a great holiday and best wishes for the New Year - look forward to seeing everyone in January.

~Jan Moon

# E C H E V E R I A

## SPEAKER OF THE MONTH:

**Brian Kemble**

**Director of Horticulture - Ruth Bancroft Garden**

Brian Kemble has been involved with The Ruth Bancroft Garden since 1980. He is highly regarded in the horticultural world and lectures in this country and in South Africa on the Agave family, Aloes, Bromeliads, Echeveria and the history of The Ruth Bancroft Garden and other horticultural topics. Kemble has a B.A. in Philosophy from Antioch College. His work has been in the area of horticulture since 1976, including garden design and installation, tree trimming and garden maintenance. Brian's work for the Garden has included hybridizing of aloes, agaves and some South American cacti. Brian has traveled extensively in Mexico and South Africa, studying and photographing plants in their native habitats.

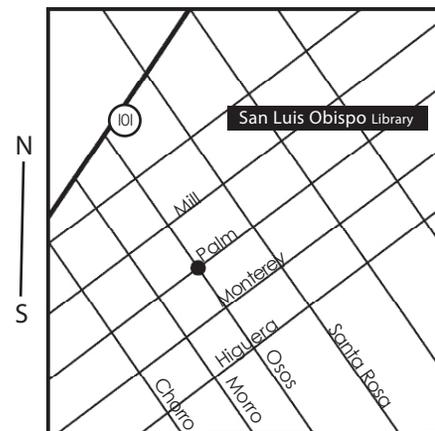


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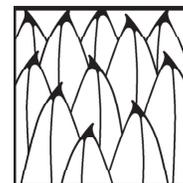
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### BOARD—MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be held on January 10'th right after our General Meeting. As always all members are welcome.



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A one time free newsletter will be mailed out to those who sign in at the monthly meetings. After this dues must be paid in order to start a subscription.



# Upcoming Events

**January 16**  
**Desert Forum Garden & Greenhouse Tour - Free to CSSA Members & Affiliates**  
**Huntington Botanical Gardens - 9:30am**  
 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino 91108 (www.huntington.org)

**January 17**  
**CSSA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Huntington Botanical Gardens**  
 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino 91108 (www.cssainc.org)

**February 13**  
**San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society Winter Show & Sale**  
**Casa del Prado in Balboa Park - 9:00am**  
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## Refreshments

Sign up to bring refreshments and get a 4 inch plant!! **You must sign the Hospitality Sign-Up Sheet** and bring refreshments to get a plant. We need refreshments for each monthly meeting and we need to know who is bringing them. Thanks to everyone who has been contributing to the refreshment fund; donations can be made at the refreshment table. ~Pat

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Lilian Sakurai observes *Pachycereus pringlei* and *Echinocactus grusonii* among other plants while on the recent CCCSS Lotusland field trip.

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# Hospitality News

The CCCSS Christmas potluck was a great success - thanks to all who participated.

# Echeveria

Like many plant groups the genus Echeveria has a complex and often hard to describe set of criteria. They take on many shapes and sizes, species are often variable to the point of confusion and there are new cultivars popping up all the time. Generally speaking, Echeveria is a large genus of plants found from Mexico to the northern tip of South America. Most of the 130 or so species are rosette shaped, very succulent and come in most colors of the rainbow, predominately green, blue, red, pink or purple. Some are stemless and grow into clusters, while others remain a single stalk and tend to be more solitary in growth. The flowers of this fantastic succulent bloom on a tall spike that holds five to ten blooms per spike and are often yellow, red, orange or pink. No matter what the season you're bound to find a species in bloom. Great in containers or the landscape, Echeveria, commonly referred to as "hen and chicks," are sun loving succulents in our costal climates and are therefore one of the most versatile and common succulents found at our local nurseries.

The care required for Echeveria varies depending upon where you live on the Central Coast. For those of us living within the costal regions of SLO County, bright light to full sun is best. Growing your succulents this way will afford you the ability to capture Echeveria at their finest, showing high color and compact growth habits. For those of us living inland, Echeveria are best grown in an area that receives morning sun and partial shade during the hottest times of the day.

Propagating Echeveria can be a highly rewarding experience and is generally easier to do than with many of our other favorite succulents. If your Echeveria offsets, or produces "pups," they can simply be removed from the mother plant and be planted elsewhere. If your Echeveria is more solitary and grows a large stalk, you can propagate by "de-heading." Clearly more nerve-racking for the first timer, de-heading is achieved by cutting the head off of your Echeveria at a point where some leaves (two to four) are still present on the remaining stalk. The top can be re-rooted and planted again, and, if done properly, the remaining stalk will produce many small plants at the top. Another tidbit that makes Echeveria such a remarkable plant is the number of wonderful hybrids on the market today. Many of the most unusual varieties are available, in large part, to the hard work and curiosity of Dick Wright, hybridizer extraordinaire.



## Echeveria 'Painted Lady'

Heat: Light shade in North County in Summer  
 Sun: Light shade to full sun  
 Growth: Small shrub to 2 ft.  
 Frost: Hardy to 25°F if dry  
 Water: Plenty of water in Spring and Summer  
 Frost: Hardy to 25°F if dry



## Echeveria derenbergii

Heat: Questionable during the summer in North County  
 Sun: Full sun to light shade  
 Growth: Clumping succulent rosettes, 2" in diameter  
 Water: Needs moderate watering in Summer.  
 Propagation: Leaf cuttings or offsets  
 Frost: Hardy to 25°F if dry



## Echeveria laui

Heat: Light shade in North County in Summer  
 Sun: Light shade  
 Growth: Mostly solitary  
 Water: Some Summer water  
 Propagation: Seeds, offsets or leaf cuttings  
 Frost: Hardy to 25°F if dry



## Echeveria shaviana

Heat: Light shade in North County in Summer  
 Sun: Partial shade to shade  
 Growth: Mostly solitary  
 Water: Some Summer water  
 Propagation: Offsets or leaf cuttings  
 Frost: Hardy to 25°F if dry



## Echeveria Agavoides

Heat: Problematic in Summer in North County  
 Sun: Full sun  
 Growth: Clumping rosettes up to 8" in diameter  
 Water: Plenty of water in Spring and Summer  
 Propagation: Leaf cuttings, offsets, seeds  
 Frost: Hardy to 25°F if dry