

## Time Line of CSSA Firsts

- 1929** The **birth** of the national society, Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc. (CSSA)—with Dr. Arthur Duvernoix Houghton as its first president.
- 1929** The first all cactus and succulent **show** held from August 29 through September 1 in Pasadena, California with Sweepstakes awards to: 1st place, Gustav Adolph Frick (Business Manager); 2nd place, RE Willis (Secretary); 3rd place, Dr. Arthur Duvernoix Houghton (President).
- 1929** The first journal (**Journal of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America**) of the national society published in July with Scott Edson Haselton as its first editor (and paid for by said editor from 1929 through 1965)—full financial responsibility for publishing the journal taken over by CSSA in 1988.
- 1929** The first **Lifetime** member (#1 for \$100)—Nathaniel Lord Britton (Honorary President) of 4 volume 1919–1923 "The Cactaceae" book fame.
- 1930** The first **color picture** within the June Journal—followed by one on the cover of May 1931 Journal.
- 1931** The **affiliation** of local groups with the national society started in the San Francisco district.
- 1940** The first **Fellow** award—Dr. Robert Theodore Craig.
- 1941** The first **biennial convention** held in St. Louis, Missouri with 29 affiliate societies registered.
- 1949** The first affiliate society donation of their **book collection** to the CSSA Library by the Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society—creating the beginning of the CSSA Library.
- 1949** The first **king and queen** of the convention—Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Samuel and Beatrice (Bea) Marian Barad.
- 1958** The first **International Succulent Institute** {**Introductions** from 1988} (ISI) of rare and unusual succulent plants collected in various countries—for sale internationally—started by Al Erving, George Quesada, Dr. John (Jay) William Dodson, Myron William Kimnach and Thomas Juul—initially from the University of California Botanical Gardens in Berkeley.
- 1959** The first **Affiliate Reporter** published by Murray Skinner—a report to affiliate societies.
- 1979** The first **Special Service** award—Mary Glade.
- 1979** The first continuous **newsletter** for members published by editor Eleanor Elizabeth Barker—after only one year in 1942 by Scott Edson Haselton—mailed with the Journal starting in 1991—'To the Point' newsletter on and after 1997 with William McMaster (Mac) Clarke (BoD member) as editor.
- 1981** The first noted **historian** for the society—Dr. Lawrence (Larry) Waldimer Mitich (BoD member) until his death in 2000 — continued in 2005 with appointment of Charles (Chuck) Jimmy Staples as Historian.
- 1983** The first **Superior Service** award—Gary William Lyons.
- 1986** The first noted **Seed Depot** started by Peggy (Peg) Maureen Spaete — continued in 1994 by Susanne (Sue) Arlene Haffner, Board of Director member.
- 1991** The first **Friend** award—"Spike" and Charles Monroe Schulz.
- 1991** The first individual **succulent book collection** bequeathed to the CSSA Library by Fred Hutflesz (BoD member) after his death in August.
- 1993** The first **Haseltonia** periodical published with Myron William Kimnach as its first editor.
- 1996** The first **website** was launched by Joey Betzler (BoD member) with help from Bob Jewett, Jerry Barad (BoD member) and Richard Bernard (BoD member)—site content transferred to Cactus-Mall domain 1998—moved to a complete redesign with Peter Bockenthien's Joomla-based system in 2006.
- 1999** Affiliate **article archives** started by Linda Tamblyn (Kansas City C&SS).

- 2000** The first sponsored **field trip** (other than during convention time) started by Dr. Daniel (Dan) Louis Mahr (BoD member).
- 2005** The first **DVD** of the first 20 years of Journal publications 1929–1948 made available at the CSSA convention in Scottsdale, Arizona—provided by computer guru Robert (Bob) Edward Jewett (BoD member).
- 2005** The first **Conservation** award—Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society.
- 2007** The first **Children's Potting Workshop** of succulent plants at the Huntington Botanical Gardens during CSSA annual show time—in an agreement between CSSA (Laurel Glennette Woodley, Vice President) and Huntington (James (Jim) Phillip Folsom, Director).
- 2008** The first **Desert Forum** on succulent plants in January at the Huntington Botanical Gardens—in an agreement between CSSA (Laurel Glennette Woodley, Vice President) and Huntington (James (Jim) Phillip Folsom, Director).
- 2011** The first **Myron Kimnach Lifetime Achievement** award—Myron William Kimnach.
- 2012** The first **CSSA Archives**, a separate site of the CSSA website by Gunnar Eisel (General Manager)—historical material monitored by Chuck Staples (Historian).