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April Program

MAY SHOW AND SALE PREPARATION

The May Show and Sale will be held May 5 and 6 this year! Now is the time to start your preparations if you haven't done so already. In this month's program, club president Mariel Dennis and others will take us through the dates and times of the show weekend, the Show Schedule, how to fill out registration forms for show entry plants, how to prep your plants, and the judging process. Sign-up sheets to work the show, Publicity Fliers, Show Schedules, and Registration Slips will be available. Come learn from the expertise of other club members or contribute your expertise. Have questions? Audience participation is encouraged!

Now for the pep talk: All members have wonderful plants. We have seen them shared in the Mini-Shows, brought them in for Show and Tell, and shared pictures of them on our phones. Please plan to enter your cactus and succulent "Pride and Joys" in the show. Novices and Advanced collectors are encouraged. There is a special category for novices, so say to yourself, "What an opportunity to participate!" and "My plants *are* good enough!" It is guaranteed that you will be rewarded with learning, a sense of community with others through participation, and intensified appreciation of your own plants from seeing them on the show tables. Let's see a surge of plant entries from new and old member novice collectors and advanced collectors! See you at the meeting!

Boxes Needed for May Show & Sale

Please collect and bring empty boxes to the April meeting and to the Show and Sale in May. These will be used to box up customers' plants at the sale. We expect a huge sale this year, so please bring as many boxes as you can. Thanks!



Meeting Details

The Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 PM.

Next meeting: April 23

Shepard Garden & Arts Center | 3330 McKinley Blvd | Sacramento, CA 95816

center phone: (916) 808-8800 | www.sacramentocss.org

April Mini-Show

SUCCULENT & CACTUS: ANY NON-STANDARD OR NOVELTY PLANTING

A non-standard planting would be an unusual ceramic, metal or wooden toy, container, or art object used for a planter. Examples include a coffee pot or other appliance, kitchen crockery, an aquarium or landscaping item, hollow figurine or doll, knickknack, or art object used as a pot.

Aquarium toys or a Nature's Container from our show category made of driftwood or unusual rocks with hollows with plants added are good examples, as are glazed caricature planters. Adding miniatures, toys, or figurines of all kinds, as in a dish garden, can enhance a theme or just add a fun touch.



March Mini-Show Winners

SUCCULENT: PELARGONIUM/GERANIUM

1st Place – Cassidy Roberts-Yee, *Pelargonium ferulaceum*

2nd Place – (Tie) Rudy Aguilar, *Geranium* species & Keith Taylor, *Pelargonium rapaceum*

3rd Place – Theresa Roberts, *Pelargonium ferulaceum*

Honorable Mention – Steve Goodman, *Pelargonium ferulaceum*

CACTUS: RHIPSALIS/MEXICAN RAT TAIL

1st Place – Jennifer Khal, *Rhipsalis cereoides*

2nd Place – Kris & Ryan McAninch, Mini-Rat tail *Rhipsalis*

3rd Place (Tie) – Victor Rosario, *Rhipsalis salicornoides* & Cassidy Roberts-Yee, *Rhipsalis salicornoides*

Honorable Mention – Theresa Roberts, *Rhipsalis pilocarpa*



Pictures Needed from May Show & Sale

Our May newsletter highlights the wonderful people and plants that make our annual show and sale so successful. If you have great pictures from the show or sale and would like them included in the May newsletter, please send them to newsletter@sacramentocss.org by May 15, and we will include as many as we can. Pictures of the show tables, individual plants, and the sale area are most welcome! Thank you!

—the Editor

May Show DOs and DON'Ts

- DO** read the show schedule and familiarize yourself with dates and times.
- DO** bring your plants in on Friday, May 5 as early as possible after 11 AM. All plants must be in place by 7 PM.
- DO** sign up for at least one committee at the April meeting. Areas that always need help: Plant Sales, Plant Hotel, Hospitality, Security, Membership, and Refreshments. Chairs will be at the April meeting with their sign-up sheets. The club feeds all volunteers!
- DO** collect and save boxes/flats for the Plant Sales. Costco, Sam's Club, grocery stores, etc., are good places to collect. Give the boxes/flats to Steve.
- DO** wear your name badge. Not all of us know who everyone is, and this helps break the ice. No name badge? There will be stick-on ones available.
- DO** bring a dish to share for the Sunday potluck lunch.
- DO** help with kitchen clean up all three days.
- DO** use white registration slips for Division III (planters, dish gardens, etc.) regardless of whether you are a novice, junior, open or advanced.
- DON'T DON'T DON'T** water or apply pesticides to your plants the week before the show.
- DON'T** remove any of your show plants before the Sunday 4 PM closing time.
- DON'T** take home that beautiful rosette ribbon you win for Best in Show. The Club reuses them each year.
- DO** take home the smaller ribbons you win.
- DON'T** leave your purse or valuables in plain sight in the Center. Ask the Center Monitor to put them behind the desk in the Center office.
- DO** vote for your favorite shadowbox.
- DO** come to work, have fun, get to know your fellow Club members, and buy plants for next year's show. It's lots about *camaraderie* (and just a little about competition).

--Show Committee



Upcoming Events

RUTH BANCROFT GARDEN EVENTS

Saturday, April 21, 8 AM - 9:30 AM. Garden Mandala. \$25, \$20 Members.

Saturday, April 21, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Evening Garden Photography. \$20, \$15 Members.

Saturday, April 28, 10 AM - 11 AM. DIY Serene Succulents. \$40, \$35 Members.

Visit the Ruth Bancroft Garden web site for details on each event, including registration.

SKILLIN OPEN GREENHOUSE DAY

Saturday, April 21, 10 AM - 3 PM. Skillin Ranch, 8910 Camino Cielo, Arroyo Grande. Enjoy food and refreshments while touring Rob's personal collection of cacti and succulents, and viewing their recently planted private botanical garden. Of course they'll be selling plants; everything from smaller affordable collectables to larger show-ready specimens. This year they will also be raffling a beautiful *Fockea edulis* in an 11 inch pot at noon – a ticket is free to each attendee – no purchase necessary, but must be present.

UC DAVIS ARBORETUM PLANT SALES

Saturdays: April 29, May 12, 9 AM - 1 PM. These sales have an amazing variety of waterwise, California native, South African bulb and succulent plants. Many hard-to-find varieties are available. Find more information at arboretum.ucdavis.edu or call 530-752-4880.

UC DAVIS CONSERVATORY FIELD TRIP FOR SCSS MEMBERS

Saturday, May 12, 10:30 AM. Join SCSS members for a field trip to the UC Davis Conservatory.

Directions: The Conservatory is located off of Kleiber Hall Drive on the UC Davis campus. Access is from HWY 113 (NOT THE UC DAVIS EXIT OFF OF HWY 80) to Hutchison Drive east/right and then left onto Kleiber Hall Drive. Parking is free on weekends so attendees can park in either of the two lots adjacent to the Conservatory greenhouse. UC Davis staff recommend using Google Maps to navigate, since it takes into account that **the center of campus is not available to vehicular traffic, and traditional GPS devices do not have the Conservatory mapped.** See the link below.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Botanical+Conservatory,+Davis,+CA+95616/@38.5414555,-121.7571255,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x8085290639c7e9ad:0x1b978803c37f763a!8m2!3d38.5415045!4d-121.7549052>

SCSS MEMBER PIZZA PARTY

Monday, May 21, 6 - 9 PM. The club will be hosting a pizza party dinner for our members. Pizza and beverages will be provided by the club. We'll be dining in the small room at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center (not our normal meeting room). Pizza delivery is scheduled for 6:30 PM. In addition to celebrating our members, especially our show and sale volunteers, we'll spend some time capturing lessons learned from the show and sale. Please RSVP to Mariel at president@sacramentocss.org by May 20 so we can be sure to have enough for everyone. Thanks!



June Program to Feature Club Members

The June program is designed to highlight club members' knowledge, expertise, and love of cactus and succulents. A panel presentation format will be used. Each participating member will be asked to speak for 10-12 minutes on a focused topic of their choice. Your talk could be organized around a particular genus or species or theme (winter growers, miniatures, cactus flowers, etc.) or some other idea you propose. Here are the guidelines to help you prepare a brief talk to engage other club members and to make the panel presentations cohesive:

- Photos or actual specimens related to your topic
- Brief description of your topic (plant group, theme)
- What draws you to your topic or theme
- Sacramento area culture information related to the plants included in your topic
- Resources for obtaining plant material or other items related to your topic

Inclusion in the program will be on a first-come basis. Please contact Theresa Roberts at robertst@csus.edu to volunteer. Additional help will be available to help you prepare your presentation if you want it.

SACRAMENTO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY PRESENTS THE 58TH ANNUAL **CACTUS & SUCCULENT SHOW**



MAY 5, SATURDAY

9 AM – 5 PM (PLANT SALE)

10 AM – 5 PM (EXHIBITION)

MAY 6, SUNDAY

9 AM – 4 PM (PLANT SALE & EXHIBITION)

FREE ADMISSION • FREE PARKING • PLANT SEMINARS



Happy Birthday

to the

April Celebrants

