

Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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February Program

TWO PROGRAMS: POT GLAZING WITH KEITH & PLANT PROPAGATION WITH J.D.

This month, we will have two programs for our members. On one side of the room, Keith Taylor will be bringing back for glazing the cactus and succulent pots that many of you made in the fall. Keith will bring glazes and provide you emerging potters with ideas and handy tips for adding the finishing touches to the art pieces you designed. Hopefully, you create a pot you will want to use for at least one of your entries in the spring show!

If you did not make a pot in the fall, please join J.D. Wikert for a talk on plant propagation on the other side of the room. J.D. is a regular speaker at SCSS meetings, and a wealth of knowledge on taxonomy, distribution, cultivation, and propagation of succulents.

Both J.D. and Keith will be providing plants for the raffle and for sale. Keith will also be bringing pots for sale.

News & Notes

Affiliate Corner

As announced at the January meeting, there are two major shows/sales/conventions occurring this year, both sponsored by the national society, Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA). One show/sale is in June at the Huntington Gardens in San Marino (near Los Angeles). The other show/sale/convention is in San Luis Obispo in mid-July. For more info about both, please go to the CSSA web site cactusandsucculentsociety.org and click on the appropriate info pages. Info fliers for both events will be available at the February meeting or contact me at nedmar@omsoft.com. See you there!

—Marilynn Vilas, Affiliate Representative

2019 SCSS Board and Committee Chairs

President:	Mariel Dennis
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Mini-show:	Steve Goodman/Shawnee Giles
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Librarian:	George Krigas
Membership:	Carole Hada
Door Prizes:	Dennis Ragasa
Annual Show Co-chairs:	Mariel Dennis/Keith Taylor
National Club Affiliate:	Marilynn Vilas
Sunshine Corner:	Marilynn Vilas
Drawing Tickets:	Ryan & Kris McAninch
Annual Country Store:	Steve Goodman/Holly Maxwell



February Mini-Show

CACTUS: GYMNOCALYCIUM, NOTOCACTUS AND PARODIA

Gymnocalycium is a South American genus with about 70 species. They are named after their flower buds which are naked (no hair or spines). Their range includes Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, southern Bolivia and part of Brazil. The plants are generally globose and solitary although some species do offset. The ribs are tuberculate to varying degrees, giving the appearance of small chins. This leads to the nickname “chin cactus”. Plants are usually fairly small growing up to 12 inches across by 7 inches high. Flowers are mostly pale pink although a few species have red or yellow flowers.

Parodia and Notocactus are described as one because Notocactus has recently been re-classified into the Parodia genus. You can, however, still find plants sold as Notocactus. Their range includes Argentina, Peru, Bolivia, Columbia and Uruguay. There are about 50 species in the genus Parodia. In size, they range from small globose to columnar plants up to 3 feet high. Most plants are deeply ribbed and spiny. Their growth habit ranges from solitary to clumping.



SUCCULENT: SEMPERVIVUM

Sempervivum is a genus of about 40 species in the family Crassulaceae. They are commonly known as hens and chicks, houseleeks and live forever. The plants are succulent perennials growing in rosettes, commonly with many offsets. The habitat range is from Morocco to Iran, the Iberian mountains, the Alps, the Carpathians, the Balkan mountains, Turkey, Armenia, and the northeastern Sahara. Sempervivums are monocarpic. Each rosette will flower and then die. Asexual reproduction is achieved through the offsets. They are quite hardy, surviving from zones 4 to 8.



January Mini-Show Results

CACTUS

- 1st: JoEllen Arnold, Echinobivia species monstrose
- 2nd: Steve Goodman, E. 'Rainbow Bursts' crested
- 3rd: Keith Taylor, Cylindropuntia ramosissima crested
- Honorable Mention: Keith Taylor, Mammillaria 'Fred'

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- 1st: Shawnee Giles, Aeonium tabuliforme
- 2nd: Kris McAninch, A. canariense
- 3rd: Rudy Aguilar, A. arboreum 'Cyclops'
- Honorable Mention: Diana Aguayo, A. species crested

May Show and Sale Information

NEW TO THE MAY SHOW — PHOTO SHOW

This year's May Show and Sale will feature a new Photo Show. This will be a non-judged portion of the show, open to members of the SCSS. We know there is more to our members' collections and gardens than can be brought to a show, so we are asking members to bring photos of plants and gardens featuring the enjoyment we get from our plants. Interested members can bring framed pictures (no less than 8" x 10"), ready to hang, to the meetings prior to the show. Jerry Friis will store them until the show and will hang them prior to the show. Please provide a label with each picture, including your name, your contact information (email and phone number), and information about the subject of the picture (for example, location or plant name). This is a great opportunity to share with the public and with each other much more than can be brought in a pot! Please direct questions to Jerry Friis via email at friisfam@mac.com or text at 530-304-5431.

MAY SHOW UPDATE

The May Show Committee is already hard at work! The publicity flier will be available at the February meeting, ready for distribution. Marilyn Vilas will also have the flier available electronically. You can email her for a copy at nedmar@omsoft.com. Coming soon will be the May Show booklet for those eager to get their plant registration organized. Sign-up sheets for various committees will be available at upcoming meetings as well.

Upcoming Events

Apr. 6-7. South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274. Saturday and Sunday 9am-4pm.

Apr. 13-14. Monterey Bay Area Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale. San Juan Bautista Community Hall, 10 San Jose St. San Juan Bautista, CA 95045. Saturday and Sunday 9am-4pm.

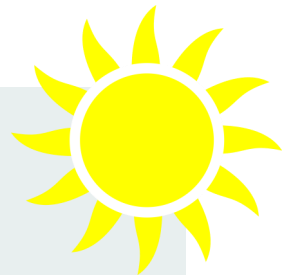
Apr. 27-28. San Jose Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale. Emma Prusch Farm Park, 647 S. King Rd., San Jose, CA 95116 Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-3pm. For more information: sjactussucculent@gmail.com.

Sunshine Corner

Ian Dennis recently had foot surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. A card has been sent from the club.

For the newer members, the Sunshine Corner is a way for the club to express thoughts to those who are under the weather (no pun intended) or condolences. If you know of any member who needs a cheerful thought, please contact Marilyn Vilas at 530-753-7011 (leave a message) or at nedmar@omsoft.com. Thanks.

—Marilynn Vilas, Sunshine Chair



Meeting Details

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

Next meeting: February 25

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

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Proposed 2019 SCSS Budget

	<u>Jan 19</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Country Store	600.00
Annual Show Income	
Plant/Pottery Vendors	-42,000.00
Annual Show Income - Other	<u>60,000.00</u>
Total Annual Show Income	18,000.00
Membership Dues	2,000.00
Mo. Plant Drawing Tickets	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Income	21,600.00
Expense	
Taxes	10.00
Annual Show Expenses	
Refreshments	1,000.00
Judges Gratuity	950.00
Merchant Discount	1,400.00
Show Fees	550.00
Show Flyers	300.00
Thank You Awards/Pots	1,325.00
Annual Show Expenses - Other	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Annual Show Expenses	7,025.00
Awards	25.00
Bank Service Charges	70.00
Contributions/Memorials/Friends	500.00
Dues and Subscriptions	
Center Dues	125.00
CSSA Dues/Expenses	<u>600.00</u>
Total Dues and Subscriptions	725.00
Library Expenses	300.00
Mini Show Awards	180.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
Office Supplies	150.00
Newsletter Expenses	400.00
Plant Table Fees - Monthly Meet	2,250.00
Fall Sale Table Fees	150.00
Spring Sale Table Fees	150.00
Field Trips/Bus Trips Expense	1,500.00
Refreshments-Monthly Meetings	180.00
Rent	1,450.00
Program Exp - Speaker Fees	3,000.00
Storage Unit	1,700.00
"Sunshine" Postage	100.00
SGAC Landscape Project	500.00
Supplies	
Roster	<u>50.00</u>
Total Supplies	50.00
Door Prizes	250.00
Travel & Ent	
Christmas Dinner	400.00
Meals - Board Meetings	<u>250.00</u>
Total Travel & Ent	650.00
Total Expense	<u>21,340.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>260.00</u>
Net Income	<u>260.00</u>

Welcome

New Members

*Hannah Baldwin
Barbara Brown
Karen Castaneda
Alyssa De La Rosa
Laura McNaughton
Donna Marshall
Dan Meier
Kienan Parr
Laurel Rady
Danielle Sawicky*

