

Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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Announcements

September Meeting:

This month's meeting will be on September 26th at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center and will feature the Country Store sale. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm.

As our meetings continue into Fall, we need suggestions for speakers going forward. Please contact Mariel Dennis or Theresa Roberts if you have anyone in mind.



Ceropogia woodii,
Variegated String of Hearts.
Photo by Shawnee Giles

September Program

Country Store!

Imagine tables groaning under the weight of plants, pots, and other goodies—all there for club members to take home. That's what The Country Store is all about it, but only if you make it happen with generous donations.

The Country store is a fundraiser for our club with proceeds supporting future activities such as the holiday party and field trips so go through your treasures and bring what you can. If you don't have any plants to spare, how about baking some sweet treats like cookies, brownies, or cupcakes? If everybody brings something, The Country Store will be a big success!

Doors will open at 6:30 pm for setup. The Country Store will start at 7:00 pm. Come early to set out your donations, buy your tickets, and settle in for an exciting evening.

There will be five drawing categories:

1. Cacti
2. Other succulents
3. Succulent-themed items such as décor and books
4. Pots
5. Fruit and produce from your garden (please bag fruit and produce in convenient sizes)

Baked goods will be a separate category. Instead of entering tickets and then waiting until your number is called, you'll be able to buy treats with tickets whenever you feel like it. That way you can enjoy snacks throughout the evening.

Tickets will be 50 cents. Each category will have a bucket where you place your ticket. You can enter as many tickets as you like in each container/category. If your ticket number is called, you get to pick whatever you want from that category.

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Annual Country Store

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Annual Show & Plant Sale

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2022 Mini-Show Categories

Month	Cactus	Succulent
September	Country Store auction	
October	Ariocarpus	Stapeliads
November	Show us your favorite cactus	Show us your favorite succulent
December	Holiday Party.....	Awards presented to highest scores

Country Store! (continued from p. 1)

The silent auction will have higher-value plants or special items—think planters, books, jewelry, etc. Each item will have a bid sheet where you can add your name and your bid. All bids are visible, so there’s opportunity for spirited competition! Please bring cash (smaller bills, too, not just twenties) for the silent auction; in the past, winning bids ranged anywhere from \$5 to \$50.

You can bring as many items in as many categories as you like. The more stuff members bring in, the more fun it will be.

If you’ve volunteered, for example to draw and call tickets, please try to arrive by 6:30 pm so we can start promptly at 7 pm.

Pro Tips

1. Depending on how many tickets you buy, keeping track of your numbers can become a challenge. However, all you need to do is memorize the number of the first and the last ticket. If a ticket between these two is called, it’s yours.
2. If you’re more of a visual person, you can tape your ticket stubs to the back of a box or a piece of cardboard for easy reference. If you like this idea, bring cardboard and Scotch tape!
3. Bring a box or bag for the items you win!

Questions?

If you have any questions, please call or text Bill McCabe at (916) 225-5974.

Member's Corner: Hal Coburn and Troy Fajerson



Members Troy and Hal with daughter

What Piqued Interest in Cactus/Succulents?

Throughout our 38 years together (we had to get that in...)



Aloe ferox, white flower form

we've enjoyed gardens of any sort. Once, while walking our dog, we stopped to admire our neighbor Martha Bleshman's front yard and commented on her cactus and succulents. She stated she was a member of the Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society (SCSS) and suggested we join SCSS. We joined. Now we have too many potted cactus and succulents on our patio, and elsewhere in our yard, and we cannot seem to keep ourselves from adding to the chaos.

Do You Prefer Cactus or Succulents? We have no preference; although, Hal is a sucker for an aloe.

What are some of the pros and cons of gardening where you live? We don't think we have any real disadvantages. We live in

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Aloe humilis

Show Calendar

This list of California shows is provided by the national and local clubs and is subject to change. Before planning a trip, please verify details.

September 3

*Huntington Botanical Gardens
Succulent Symposium*
The Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino

September 4

*Long Beach Cactus & Succulent
Society Annual Plant Auction*
Info: (310) 845-6306

September 16-18

*Monterey Bay Area Cactus &
Succulent Society Show & Sale*
124 Atkinson Lane, Watsonville

September 23-24

*Cactus and Succulent Society of
San Jose Fall Show & Sale*
11380 Rosalia Ave, Sunnyvale

October 1-2

*Shepard Garden & Arts
Center Fall Sale*
3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento
Info: www.sgaac.org



Echinocactus grusonii.
Photo by Shawnee Giles

Free admission! **Cactus and Succulent Society of San Jose** 



Fall 2022 Show/Sale:
9/24: 10am-5pm
9/25: 10am-4pm

Society Members
 Early Access:
 9/23: 6:30-8pm
 9/24: 8-10am

Peterson Middle School
 1380 Rosalia Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Featuring rare and unusual cacti and succulents, pottery and other related merchandise.

- Experts on hand to answer your questions
- Plant Hotel available for your convenience
- BYOB! Be GREEN and bring your own box

For the latest information on volunteer opportunities, membership, and COVID requirements, please visit <https://csssj.org>.

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2022 FALL SALE

Please come to the Fall Sale at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center for jewelry, plants, crafts, flowers, antiques, art, food, and much more.

Saturday, October 1, 10 am - 4 pm
 Sunday, October 2, 10 am - 3 pm

3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento
www.SGAAC.org