

Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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Announcements

April Meeting:

April 24th 2023
6:15pm -9:15pm
Shepard Garden
& Art Center

April Speaker:
Ernesto Sandoval

Doors open at 6:15 for
plant sales and
fellowship. Program
begins at 7 PM.

Open to the public.
No admission fee.
Free parking.
Refreshments served.



April Program

PRACTICAL PROPAGATION REVISITED: TECHNIQUES FROM SEEDS AND CUTTINGS



Several years ago Ernesto gave two separate lectures to the club on plant propagation. He'll be updating us on the techniques they've been using at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory to better propagate plants both from seeds and cuttings.

Ernesto Sandoval has been seeking questions and answers to why plants grow and look the way that they do for nearly 40 years. Now he explains and interprets the world of plants to a variety of ages and from amateur to professional gardeners. He regularly lectures to a variety of western Garden Clubs throughout the year and particularly to Succulent Clubs throughout California. Desert plants are his particular passion within his general passion for plants. He has worked as the Director/ Manager over the last 30 years at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory. He's immersed himself in the world of horticultural biodiversity by growing several thousand types of plants at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory, many of them succulents!

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Mini Show:

Linda Partmann

Newsletter:

Eve Milan

Drawing Tickets:

Cindy Morales

Refreshments:

Michele Swanberg & Elaine Thomas

Annual Country Store:

Bill McCabe

Sunshine Corner:

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Annual Show & Plant Sale:

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2023 Mini Show Schedule

Month	Cactus	Succulent
April	Mammillaria	Haworthia
May	Spring Sale	No Mini-show
June	Ferocactus + Tephrocactus	Senecio + Othonna
July	Any Monstrose Cactus	Any Monstrose Succulent
August	Notocactus, Parodia or Matucana	Echeveria
September	Country Store	No Mini-show
October	Echinopsis + Neoporteria	Tylecodon + Cotyledon
November	Columnar Cactus	Dudleya
December	Holiday Party	No Mini-show



April Mini Show

Please join in the fun of the mini show! I am keeping track of the winners each month, and at the end of year Christmas Dinner, special prizes will be awarded! I promise you will be jealous when you don't win! This month's categories are easy too, so no excuses!! Doors open at 6 pm. Remember, voting closes at 7 pm sharp at each meeting! Winners announced after speaker is finished.



Mammillaria



Haworthia



Haworthia Retusa

April Mini Show Categories

Cactus – Mammillaria

Succulent – Haworthias

Mammillaria is one of the largest genera in the cactus family (Cactaceae), with currently 200 known species and varieties recognized. Most of the mammillaria are native to Mexico, but some come from the southwest United States, the Caribbean, Colombia, Venezuela, Guatemala and Honduras. The common name "pincushion cactus" refers to this and the closely related genus Escobaria.

The first species was described by Carl Linnaeus as *Cactus mammillaris* in 1753, deriving its name from Latin *mammilla*, "nipple", referring to the tubercles that are among the distinctive features of the genus. Numerous species are commonly known as globe cactus, nipple cactus, birthday cake cactus, fishhook cactus or pincushion cactus though such terms may also be used for related taxa, particularly Escobaria.

Haworthias are small succulent plants, forming rosettes of leaves from 3 cm (1.2 in) to exceptionally 30 cm (12 in) in diameter, depending on the species. These rosettes are usually stemless but in some species stems reach up to 50 cm (20 in). The inflorescences of some species may exceed 40 cm (16 in) in height. The plants can grow solitary or can be clump-forming. Many species have firm, tough, fleshy leaves, usually dark green in color, whereas others are softer and contain leaf windows with translucent panels through which sunlight can reach internal photosynthetic tissues. Their flowers are small, and generally white. Though they are very similar between species, flowers from the species in section *Hexangulares* generally have green striations and those from other species often have brown lines in the flowers. However, their leaves show wide variations even within one species. Additionally, when the plants are stressed (e.g. deprived of water), their colours can change to reds and purples. Depriving them of nitrogen generally results in paler leaves.

New Members for March 2023

Alicia Cabral
Grace Frascò
Austin Green
Paul Klein & Fred Emigh
Michele Santoro
Norie! Tafalla & Maria Cruz
Charlotte Tipton
Natalie Zhuk & Reiner Herbon
Tony Henninger & Ronald Koh

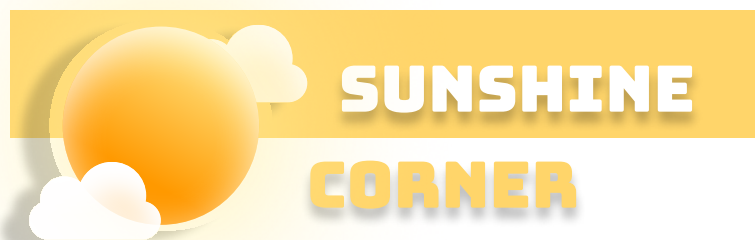
April Birthdays



02 Ronald Koh
03 Gerald Heitman
04 Paul Klein
08 Elsa Espejo
10 Gail Goodman
18 Annie Wolf
20 Marylou Carrillo
28 Jan Geiger
29 Mike Yu
30 Austin Green



Sunshine Corner



Thank you to Cherry Dulaney, our Sunshine Chair, for words of encouragement to Chere Peterson and Cindy Morales this month.

Please contact Cherry if you know of anyone needing a little sunshine to brighten their day.
Cherry Dulaney, cdaf182@gmail.com.

CACTUS AND SUCCULENT GARDEN EXPANSION



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
SCSS Garden Expansion Project
!!! NEW DATES !!!
Saturday, May 13 for soil installation
Friday, May 19 for rock and plant installation



Due to the heavy rains, the project committee has decided to move the project to the dates above. Hopefully those of you who have signed up to work can still make one or both days. Besides the condition of the turf at the park, we wanted to avoid two popular SCSS events... the trip to Poot's Nursery and the annual plant sale.

We are also in need of some tools and the use of a pickup truck. We will soon have a list of plants we will need. This area is somewhat shady. Donations will be appreciated.

THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING MAKE THIS PROJECT A SUCCESS!
 Please contact us if you want to join in or have questions.

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 George Krigas 916-862-0349 georgekrigas@gmail.com
 Bill McCabe 916-225-5974 8mcca8e@sbcglobal.net

DONATIONS NEEDED!

BORROW: Tools and the use of a pickup truck.
 See tool list.

DONATE: Send us a list of plants/size you may have to plant. This area is somewhat shady.
 Please contact us if you want to join in, have donations, want to lend us stuff or just have questions. Email is easiest. Please provide your phone and email.

SCSS GARDEN PROJECT TOOL LIST

Tool	Need	Have	Rent
Pickup truck	1		
Round point shovels	5	2	
Square shovels	3	3	
Wheel barrows heavy duty	4	1	
Land leveler	1		1
Heavy duty steel rakes	3	1	
Aluminum Landscape rake	1		1
Steel bar	1	1	
Lifting strap	1	1	
2x4 wood pieces 3-4ft.	6		
2x6 piece of plywood	1	1	
layout stakes	5	5	
Large tarps 12x12 +	2	1	
large hammer	1	1	

SCSS Annual Show and Sale

SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
PRESENTS THE 63RD ANNUAL

*Cactus & Succulent
2023 Plant Show & Sale*

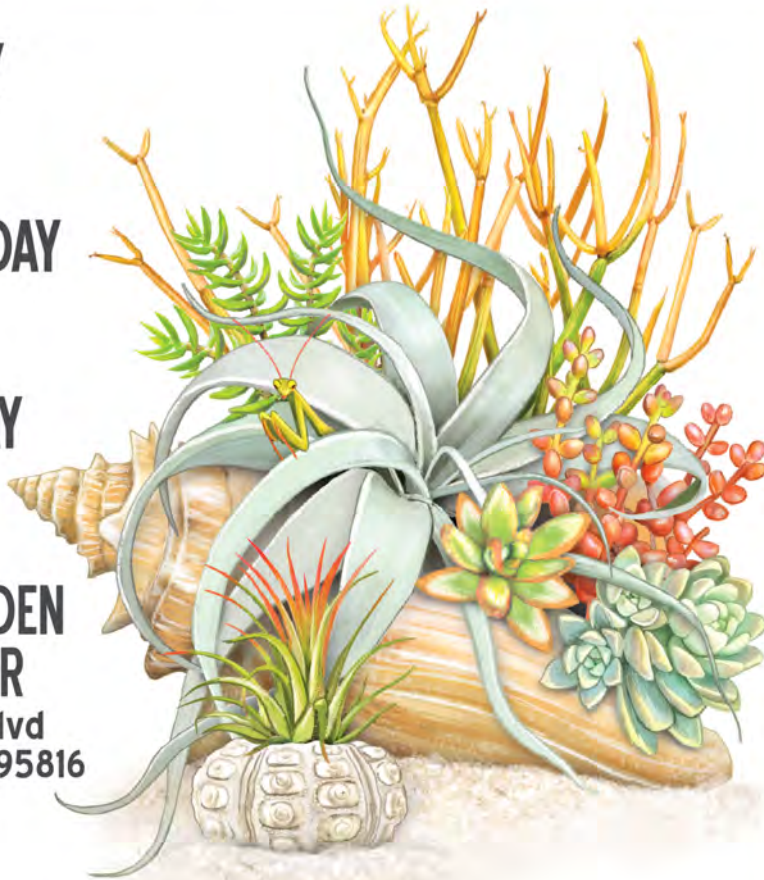
Free Admission

**MAY 5, FRIDAY
1PM-5PM**

**MAY 6 SATURDAY
9AM-4PM**

**MAY 7, SUNDAY
9AM-3PM**

**SHEPARD GARDEN
& ARTS CENTER
3330 McKinley Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95816**



www.sacramentocss.com

Masks encouraged

Show Reminders:



Show Time Dos and Donts

IT'S SHOW TIME!!!! The April meeting is just two weeks before the show so it's time to get hopping! At the meeting you can pick up entry slips, show schedules, publicity fliers and sign up for committees. Entry slips will be available on Friday set-up also. Here are a few do's and don'ts to help everyone enjoy the show weekend.

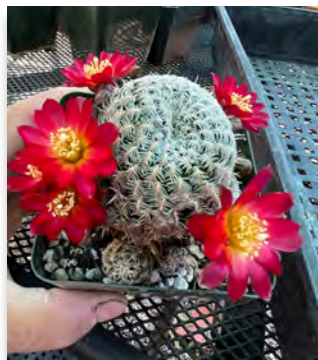
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- Do read the show schedule to familiarize yourself with the new times and dates.
 - Do bring your plants in on Friday, May 5 between 9am-1pm.
 - All plants should be in place by 1pm.
 - Late entries will be accepted Saturday morning between 8-9am.
 - Do sign up to volunteer.
 - Areas that always need help: Plant Sales, Saturday set-up and Sunday tear-down, Security, Membership. See Carole Hada for volunteer lists.
 - Please check in at the Volunteer Table when you arrive. Remember if you volunteer at the show, the club feeds you.
 - 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 temporary ones.
 - Do help with kitchen clean up on all three days.
 - Do bring boxes/flats for the Plant Sales.
 - After purchasing your plants, please take them to your car, no Plant Hotel.
 - Please do not water or apply pesticide to your plants the week before the show.
 - Please do not remove any of your show plants before the Sunday 3pm closing time.
 - Please help with Sunday tear-down and clean up.
 - Do come to work, have fun, get to know your fellow club members and buy plants for next year's show. It's weekend of camaraderie and working for the good of the club.

Sale Update: Vendors

Even More Vendors: 21 Total

Jim Smith, with his great Haworthia hybrids, will be back with many more plants than when he was last here in 2021. Austin and Mel, from the Public Land store on 21st street in Sacramento, will be here for the first time. They will have much more for sale than they carry in their small store. Stan Verkler will be back after missing last year. Nick Wilkinson, Owner of Grow Nursery in Cambria (<https://www.succulentsandmore.com/2016/05/where-spiky-meets-stylish-grow-nursery.html>), will be back after several years away. We will also have a carnivorous plant vendor.

That's just scratching the surface. Also selling will be Annie Wolf of Desert Wonders, Bill Munkacsy of Planta Seca, Cassidy Roberts-Yee of Radiant Cactus, David Calibo of Gardener's Home, J.D. Wikert, John Bloss of JC Succulents, Naomi Bloss of California Succulents, Keith Taylor of Kitoi Pottery, Kal Kaminer, Lesley Shores & Jerry Slater of L & J Plants, Mike Cone with his pottery, Mark Muradian with his pottery, Martin Gil with his pottery, Oahn Vu of Green Gemini Cactus, Peter Beiersdorfer & Jaan Lepson of P. B. & J. Cacti and Succulents, Peter Walkowiak of PW Plants, and Richard & Emily Withers of Dry Creek Cactus and Pottery and Ekishi Pottery.





Martin Gil

Hi everyone at the Sacramento CSS. My name is Martin and I wanted to quickly introduce myself. I've been coming to the sales for a few years now and finally found the time to be part of the club. I mostly like caudiciforms. I'm also really passionate about all things pottery. My main influences are historical and contemporary Japanese and American potters like Shozo Michikawa, Chris Gustin, Kazuya Ishida, Voulkos, and so on. I also enjoy making pots for cactus staging. Being a new member of the SCSS I wanted to hear what you all had to say about cactus pots. I want to hear your opinions on what makes a good pot, what features or styles do you wish there was a better representation of and any suggestions/requests you might have for me (call it market research). So if you see me, come say hey and talk to me about pots and plants. I've included a few photos of things that I'll be bringing to the show this May. 1793.mgil@gmail.com



Sacramento Orchid Society Sale

Hello Fellow Society Members,
I want to invite you and all your members to the Sacramento Orchid Societies spring plant show and sale.

Orchids Big and Small, sponsored by the Sacramento Orchid Society will be held at the Wyndham Sacramento on April 29th and 30th. We welcome all clubs and societies in the greater Sacramento area and beyond. Please extend this invitation to all family and friends as we are open to all.

We at the SOS would like to see you there.



Orchids Big and Small
Sacramento Orchid Society's
74th Annual Show and Sale

Wyndham Hotel
5321 Date Ave.
Sacramento, CA. 95841

April 29-30, 2023
10-5 Saturday
10-1 Sunday

Admission
\$7 presale
\$10 at the door
Children under 12 free

Orchid Vendors
Demonstrations
Gardens
Seminars
Door Prizes

For more information:
Call (916)489-3263 or visit us
At WWW.SACRAMENTO-ORCHIDS.ORG
Or on FACEBOOK

The poster features a detailed watercolor illustration of various orchid plants, including pink and purple flowers, green leaves, and seed pods. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner on the right side of the illustration.

Open House

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DATE: SATURDAY JUNE 3, 2023

TIME: 9:30AM TO 2:00PM

ADDRESS: 2248 11TH AVENUE, SACRAMENTO

Join us as late spring is warming up in Jane and Dave's garden. A cactus and succulent planter bed is complimented by numerous potted cactus and succulent specimens. In addition, annuals and perennials are spotted around the landscape. Check out our "mini" greenhouse and a nearly 50 year old staghorn fern.

Upcoming Events

April & May Events



SAT. 4/22/23	9 AM – 2 PM (includes stop for lunch)	SCSS Visits Poots House of Cactus (Field Trip), Elton Roberts' (TBD) & lunch at local restaurant	Ripon (meet there). See newsletter for addresses.
SAT. 4/22-23/23	SAT. 9 AM -4 PM; SUN. 9 AM - 3 PM	Los Angeles C&SS Sale Info. www.lacactus.com	Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA
SAT/SUN. 4/22-23/23	SAT. 9 AM - 5 PM, SUN. 10 AM - 3 PM	Palomar C&SS Show & Sale Info. rwkopfstein@gmail.com <i>PAID admission to San Diego Botanic Garden required</i>	San Diego Botanic Garden, Conservatory, 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA.
MON. 4/24/23	6:00 - 9:30 PM	SCSS Monthly Meeting	Shepard Garden & Art Center (SGAC) 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA
SAT-SUN. 4/29-30/23	SAT. 10 AM - 5 PM, SUN. 10 AM - 4 PM	San Jose C&SS Show & Sale Info. www.csss.org	Peterson Middle School, 1380 Rosalia Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA
SUN. 4/30/23	10 AM - 5 PM	Huntington Spring Plant Sale <i>Reservations Required</i> Info./Reservations: www.huntington.org Sale: call 626-405-3571	Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA

Upcoming Events

May Events

FRI-SAT. 5/5-6/23	9 AM - 4 PM DAILY	Gates C&SS Sale - Info. @ www.gatescactusandsucculentsociety.com or call 909-910-9195	Redlands Church of The Nazarene, 1307 E. Citrus Ave., Redlands, CA 92374
SAT. 5/6/23	9 AM - 4 PM	Epiphyllum Society of America Show & Sale Info. www.epiphyllums.org or call 909-438-8242	San Marino Masonic Hall, 3130 Huntington Dr., San Marino, CA
FRI-SUN. 5/5-7/23	See Show Flyer	SCSS Annual Show & Sale Info. www.sacramentocss.com	Shepard Garden & Arts Center 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA
SAT-SUN. 5/6-7/23	10 AM - 4 PM DAILY	Sunset C&SS Show & Sale Info. call 310-822-1783	Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA
SUN. 5/7/23	NOON - 4 PM	Long Beach C&SS Show & Sale Info. call 714-553-6914	Women's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St., Bellflower, CA 90706
SAT. 5/13/23	MEMBERS EARLY ENTRY @ 9:30 AM, GENERAL PUBLIC @ 10 AM - 3 PM.	Santa Barbara C&SS Show & Sale More info at www.sbcactus.org	Santa Barbara, CA
SAT-SUN. 5/13-14/23	TBD	Carmichael C&SS Show & Sale	Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael, CA (corner Fair Oaks Blvd. & Grant Ave.)
SAT-SUN. 5/13-14/23	EARLY BIRD SALE: SAT. 9 AM - 4 PM (NO SHOW); SUN. SALE: 9 AM - 4 PM; SHOW: 11 AM - 4 PM	San Diego Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale Info. www.sdepis.org or call 858-565-0340	Balboa Park Room 101, Casa del Prado, San Diego, CA
MON. 5/22/23	6:00 - 9:30 PM	SCSS Monthly Meeting	Shepard Garden & Art Center (SGAC) 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA
SAT-SUN. 5/27-28/23	SAT. 10 AM - 5 PM, SUN. 10 AM - 4 PM	Central Coast C&SS Show & Sale Info. rskillin@gmail.com or www.centralcoastcactus.org	Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA