



Thorny Issues

SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

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Everything You Want to Know About Sedums

Monday — April 23rd, 7pm

Our speaker for the April program is J.D. Wikert, who will be giving an overview of the succulent genus *Sedum*. You might have seen J.D. speak in previous years about *Stapeliads* & *Dudleyas*. J.D. has been a member of the Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society for over 5 years, and is a former president of the Stockton Cactus and Succulent Society. In his real life, he is a fisheries biologist implementing projects to restore habitat for salmon and steelhead.



Sedum morganianum (burro's tail)

J.D.'s *Sedum* presentation will cover 'more than you want to know' about these interesting succulents. Topics will include taxonomy, distribution, care, propagation, and numerous slides covering individual species. J.D. will bring *Sedums* for display and for sale. Members are encouraged to bring their own *Sedums* in for show and tell.

Remember our 'Cactus and Succulent Care Corner.' Bring any plants in you have questions or concerns about. You will receive 1 raffle ticket per plant.

– Sandy Waters, Program Chair

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Sedum 'Autumn Fire'

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

- Meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month at 7pm
- Location: Shepard Garden & Arts Center in Sacramento.
- 3330 McKinley Blvd
- Center's phone number — 916/808-8800
- No official meeting in December
- The public is warmly invited to attend meetings

President's Message

Here we are, less than a month away from the biggest event of the year!! Hope everyone is preparing their finest plants to enter into the Show! Repot, top-dress, and clean your plants ... and don't forget to check for insects! If the Committee sees any entries with bugs the plant will be removed from the staging area. Boxes — we need shallow boxes for plant purchases, bring them to the April meeting and May 4 (Setup). Also Dennis & Ellen are needing help in the sales area — setup, plant hotel and running cash registers. If you are interested in volunteering check with them or contact me. Don't forget the show bucks, \$2/hour for your service ... sorry, board and show committee are excluded.

If any one has any questions, concerns or would like to help out feel free to contact me!

– Keith Taylor

MINI SHOW — APRIL, 2012

Cactus — Your Favorite OR Bloomer

Here are just two of Elton Roberts blooming favorite cactus plants. Thanks to Elton for sharing with us.



Borzicactus samaipatanus fl. cluster



Echinocereus coccineus fl rare yellow fl

Succulent — Your Favorite OR Bloomer



Aloe ferox



Euphorbia tubiglans



Stapelia lepida

Thought for the Month

What is the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector? The taxidermist takes only your skin
~ Mark Twain

Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is really quite as satisfying as an income tax refund.
~ F. J. Raymond

A person doesn't know how much he has to be thankful for until he has to pay taxes on it.
~ Anonymous



From the Editor's Desk —

Publication Deadline — 10th of each month.
Please forward all submissions for consideration to my contact info (per your choice) found on back page.

E-mail: [REDACTED]
Respectfully your editor, Mara Aditajs

Mini Show Winners — MARCH, 2012

Cactus — "Any Miniature"

- 1st *Frailea asteriodes*, Penny Newell
- 2nd *Maihueniopsis bonnieae*, Keith Taylor
- 3rd *Mammillaria gracillis v. fragilis*, Michelle Egan

Succulent — Caudiciform Euphorbias

- 1st *Euphorbia suzannae-marnierae*, Keith Taylor
- 2nd *Euphorbia bupleurifolia*, Mary Schuett
- 3rd *Euphorbia hamata*, Penny Newell
- HM *Euphorbia flanaganii*, Michelle Egan

DATES & DETAILS —

➤ "THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS"

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS —

FRIDAY — MAY 4TH, 2012

Center opens 8 am for set-up

Plants accepted 11 am to 7 pm (Doors closed promptly)

SATURDAY — MAY 5TH, 2012 (ANNUAL SHOW)

Judging begins 7:30 am

Plant Sale 9 am-5 pm — Exhibition/Show 10 am-5 pm

SUNDAY — MAY 6TH, 2012

ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE — 9 am—4 pm

**ALL EXHIBITORS/VENDORS MUST PICK-UP THEIR
PLANTS AND/OR EXHIBITS BETWEEN
4 PM AND 5 PM ON SUNDAY**

Keep saving flats/boxes for the Plant Sales area. You may bring them on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. They will be needed on every one of those days. We need lots!!

Plant Sales — Dennis & Ellen Ragasa are sending out a call for register help. We have two registers that will need cashiers + helpers and there are times when those two registers are backed up with customers. The Plant Hotel also needs concierge help. They will have sign up sheets at the April meeting. You may also contact them — [REDACTED]

Schedules and registration forms will be available at the April meeting and on set-up day. Or you may contact Ellen Ragasa, Registration Chair (see contact above)

If you work on Friday, the Club feeds you lunch. Saturday is a Club-sponsored lunch and Sunday is potluck. So if you volunteer you will get Show Bucks to buy plants AND you will get fed — Great Deal!!

Show time is fast approaching and we need volunteers for the Sacramento C&S Show and Sale. We are giving Showbucks for your services (Friday, Saturday and Sunday. You turn them in at the cash register when you purchase plants. You will get \$2.00 per hour. You must check in with Ron Harris before you start work and when you finish to get your Showbucks. They can be turned in at the cash register Saturday till closing (5pm) and Sunday till 3:00pm. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Ron Harris, Showbucks Chair
[REDACTED]

Sign up to work at the April meeting: Sales area - Ellen and Dennis Ragasa; Hospitality - Martha Bleshman [REDACTED]; Membership - George and Oksun Avery [REDACTED]; Clerks -

JoEllen Arnold ([REDACTED]); Set-up and Tear-down - just show up!! If you are unable to attend the April meeting to sign up then contact the above listed chairs by email. PLEASE VOLUNTEER & HELP!

There is one shadowbox space available to fill for our Show. The theme is "Making Music with Cactus and Succulents." The dimensions are 31" high x15 ½" deep x 28" wide. The plants shouldn't be labeled so one doesn't have to worry about identification. A wide variety of cactus/succulents and other items can be used. This is strictly an artistic display of plant(s) in conjunction with other items to create a visually pleasing display for the public. They are only judged by way of a *people's choice* vote. The winner will receive \$25.00. Help will be given upon request for assembly of items for the shadowbox. Anyone interested in filling this last space please call Michelle Egan at [REDACTED] by April 23.

Lastly, please do not water or apply pesticides to your plants the last week before the Show. We want dry, nice smelling plants!!

Further info—contact Keith Taylor, Show Chair [REDACTED]

➤ ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SGAAC BOARD

The SGAAC Board has adopted the following: The Center will no longer provide a laptop computer for use by clubs utilizing video/power-point presentations. Due to the misuse of the equipment resulting in broken or missing parts as well as unwelcome changes to the operating system, this action has to be taken. Please bring your own laptop which should be tested previous to your meeting. The Center's video projector is still available as usual and interfaces quite well with most laptops and programs. Please reserve the video projector well in advance of your meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

➤ PLANTER OR DISH GARDEN, YOU DECIDE

Judges, what say ye?
This lovely lady can be found in the San Diego Botanical Gardens.





FIRST CLASS

Next Meeting Date - Monday, April 23rd -- 7pm

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c/o Mara Aditajs, Editor

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www.sacramentocss.org



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Turbincarpus panarottoi RH 151 fl filaments (Elton Roberts)