



Thorny Issues

SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

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Member's Winter Growing Plants — January 23rd, 7pm

Welcome all SCSS members to another New Year. We are starting 2012 off with a program that was well received last year. Members are asked to bring in Winter Growing Plants. It is important to know what plants are “Winter Growers” and require different care than “Summer Growers.” Your plants can be common or rare. We'll want you to tell us about your plant and how to properly care for it.

Or maybe you're having problems with a plant and are unsure of how to care for it. This is the meeting to bring the plant to, and ask for HELP! There is such a wealth of knowledge in our Club, our members are plant lovers willing to share that knowledge and ideas with you. We'd like every member to bring in a plant this month!

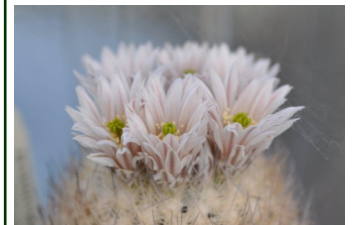


Conophytum uvaeforme (Stone plant)

Sandy Waters, Vice-President and Program Chair

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Echinomastus mariposensis SB 1391
(courtesy Elton Roberts)

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 at the beginning of a new year, a couple new Officers and a returning Board of Directors. You would think after 2 years as President I would have run out of ideas, but I still have a couple up my sleeve. Whether they are good or not has yet to be seen. We are in need a Mini-Show Chair. It's a simple task — Set up, tabulate and present winners each month. If interested please let me know. Let's make this a banner year!

– Keith Taylor

MINI SHOW — JANUARY, 2012

Cactus — Any Varigate

Just about any plant can potentially have variegation, and in many this feature denotes one of genetic weakness or a viral infection. However, in many others variegation almost seems to be the norm and these plants are incredibly hardy and resilient landscape and potted plants. And they look great, partly because they look different, but mostly because the multiple colors are often more attractive than the single colors. Variegation in succulents is almost always caused by normal genetic variation, at least initially, once this mutation occurs, they are selected for and magnified in the cultivation process. Most variegates in the wild would probably be eliminated due to the tendency for the variegated tissues to be naturally 'weaker' and more prone to insect attack, sun damage, lesser ability to photosynthesize in low light situations (and hence become weak and die) and infection from fungi and bacteria. But in captivity, under the right environment, or protected from evolutionary pressures, many of these variegated plants perform beautifully and make excellent landscape and potted plants. Usually variegation is due to the lack of chlorophyll in that section of the leaf forming a yellow or white band, streak or mottling of tissue. Sometimes variegation is due to the presence of pigments that mask the chlorophyll pigments producing even darker colors (purples, reds etc.). Variegation streaking down the middle of leaves is referred to as medio-variegation while variegation down the sides of the leaves (margins) is margin-variegation.



Neobuxbaumia polylopha
forma variegata



Ferocactus hystrix
variegata



Astrophytum myrostigma
forma variegata



Uebelmannia pectinifera
forma variegata

Mini Show Winners — November, 2011

Cactus — Schlumbergera (Christmas Cacti)	
NO ENTRIES	
Succulent — Winter Growers: Tylecodon, Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon, etc.	
1 st	<i>Tylecodon paniculatus</i> , Keith Taylor
2 nd	<i>Pelargonium sidoides</i> , Mary Schuett
3 rd	<i>Pelargonium alternans</i> , Michelle Egan

Succulent — Kalanchoe

Although *Kalanchoe* is a large genus of succulents and has a very wide distribution area: all of Africa south of the Sahara desert, Madagascar, islands of the Indian Ocean, India and Malaysia. Most of the species interesting to collectors are coming from Madagascar or South Africa.



Kalanchoe thrysiflora
(Paddle Plant)

These species are generally subshrubs with succulent leaves. The genera *Bryophyllum* and *Kitchingia* are generally now included in *Kalanchoe*.

Contrarily to other members of the family that have most flower parts in multiples of 5, *Kalanchoe* flowers have 4 connected petals forming a tube, 4 sepals, 4 carpels, and 8 stamens. A number of species can take temperatures close to freezing for short times, but none will really tolerate any frost. The species that have pubescent (fuzzy) leaves can generally tolerate Phoenix-type

intense heat without trouble particularly if kept in light shade. The species with smooth leaves are a little less tolerant, but fare generally better than most other crassulaceae in such hot conditions. In general, *Kalanchoe* do better with bright shade, although some species are comfortable with some direct sun, while others tolerate shade.

Thought for the Month

"Your time is limited, don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma, which is living the result of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other's opinion drowned your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition, they somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary."

— Steve Jobs (1955-2011)



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.

Respectfully your editor, Mara Aditajs

SACRAMENTO CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Founded March 1960

CONSTITUTION

Adopted – April 25, 1960

Revised – August 22, 1983

Revised – November 22, 1999

Revised – October 24, 2011

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this Society shall be **Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society**, a non-profit organization and herein known as the Society ('Society').

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this Society is to promote interest in the conservation and study of Cacti and the Other Succulents, to encourage horticultural and scientific study of them and to assist in educational activities to spread the interest in Cacti and the Other Succulents.

Section 2. This Society is not organized, nor shall it be operated for pecuniary gain or profit, and it does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits or dividends to the members thereof or to any individuals. The property, assets, profits or net income of this Society are irrevocably dedicated to educational, scientific, literary and charitable purposes and no part of the profits or net income of the Society shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to any private individual. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this Society, the assets of this Society remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this Society shall be distributed to a non-profit corporation, qualified for exemption from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as now in effect or subsequently amended.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

All persons interested in Cacti and the Other Succulents shall be eligible for membership in the Society. There shall be two classes of membership: individual (one vote) and family (two votes). All elections shall be by voice or show of hands of the membership present at regularly scheduled meetings.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

Dues shall be revised annually by the Board; said recommendations shall be published in the newsletter. Dues shall be fixed by the membership, upon recommendations by the Board of Directors. Dues shall become payable as of November and shall be delinquent December 31.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND GOVERNMENT

The Officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, three elected Directors plus the immediate Past President. These Officers shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Society. They shall be empowered to act for the Society in any emergency.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all general, Board and Executive Board meetings of the Society and perform all duties usually pertaining to said office. He/She shall be empowered to appoint such standing and special committees as occasion may demand. Upon completion of his/her term of office as President, he/she shall automatically serve as Director.

Section 2. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President. In the absence of both, any officer or director shall call the meeting to order and preside until the election of a chairman pro-tem, which should take place immediately.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep and record the minutes of all proceedings. He/She shall perform all such other duties as this office may require. In the absence of the Secretary, any Officer or Director shall take the minutes.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and keep an accurate record of all dues and other funds of the Society and pay out such funds only upon properly recorded motion. All expenditures and receipts shall be reported at the next regular meeting of the Society and he/she shall make a complete annual report of receipts and disbursements. The books shall be audited at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 5. The general supervision and control of the affairs of this Society and the execution of its purposes shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. All Officers and three Directors shall be elected for a term of one year at the November meeting of the Society and shall assume office at the close of that meeting.

Section 2. Upon resignation of any officer or if the office becomes vacant for any other reason, the President shall appoint some member to fill the office temporarily and order the Newsletter Editor to send notice of a special election to be held at the next regular meeting, when the vacancy shall be filled.

Section 3. After three successive absences from regular meetings without excuse, an office shall be declared vacant and shall be filled as provided in Section 2.

ARTICLE 3: MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be a regular meeting of the Society on the fourth Monday of each month, except December.

Section 2. Five members shall constitute a quorum within the Board of Directors. Reasonable notification of emergency Board meetings must be given all Board members. Board meetings shall be open to all members except for Executive Board meetings.

ARTICLE 4: AMENDMENTS

An amendment of the Constitution or By-Laws shall require a two-thirds vote of the membership present at a regularly scheduled general meeting. At the next succeeding meeting after such motion for change has been made and after a copy of the amendment has appeared in the newsletter, a vote will be taken on the change or amendment.

ARTICLE 5: BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

Section 1. Each year, the Board of Directors shall present a budget for the upcoming year to the membership by publishing it in the January newsletter. At the January meeting, the treasurer shall express his views on the adequacy of the budget in light of funds on hand and anticipated revenues for the coming year. After discussion, the President shall call for a vote on the proposed budget. A majority vote of those present shall be required for approval of the budget.

Section 2. No more than \$50.00 of the Society's money shall be spent except as allowed by the budget without approval of a majority of the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Before such a vote can be taken, a notice of the proposed expenditure must be published in the newsletter at two weeks before the meetings at which the vote will be taken.

ARTICLE 6: ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to cover and provision not incorporated herein.

DATES & DETAILS —

Mini Show Selections for 2012		
	CACTUS	SUCCULENT
JANUARY	Any Variegate	Kalanchoe
FEBRUARY	Rebutia/Sulcorebutia	Sansevieria
MARCH	Notocactus/Parodia	Aloe
APRIL	Any Miniature	Caudiciform Euphorbias
MAY	Your Favorite or Bloomer	Your Favorite or Bloomer
JUNE	Ferocactus	Tree-like Succulents
JULY	Fiercely Spined	“Vining” Succulents
AUGUST	Echinopsis	Lithops/Faucaria/Conophytum
OCTOBER	Melocactus/Discocactus	Agave
NOVEMBER	Ariocarpus	Any Variegate

SCSS Membership / Renewal Form

(Yearly dues are payable November 1st and delinquent December 31st)

For accuracy – Please print clearly

NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

BIRTHDAY (month & day, only) _____

Select One: NEWSLETTER – Receive by Email NEWSLETTER – Receive by USPS

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

INDIVIDUAL, \$15 FAMILY (2 or more), \$20 RENEWAL – yes / no

Make checks payable to: SCSS (Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society)



Chair Use Only: Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Cash \$ _____ Date _____

DATES & DETAILS —

➤ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Nero
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Gwen Schoen
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Candice Suter
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

➤ WELCOME RETURNING MEMBER

Patty Sanui
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

➤ SUNSHINE, MICHON WITTERS & TRISH BRUGA

Jim Witters (Michon's husband) sent us an update on Michon's progress — Michon was released from the nursing facility Dec. 1. She is home, but confined to a wheelchair for now. Hopefully, she will be able to start putting some pressure on the leg in February, but won't know until she sees her surgeon the end of this month. We do not know when she will be able to walk without some form of assistance, but I'm sure it will be several months. Her plants are suffering because she can't get out to tend them, and I don't have the time, much less the knowledge, to help her. (We Thank Jim for letting us know how Michon is doing & we all send them both our good thoughts for her to get back on her "feet" very, very soon! — [Any volunteers to help with her plants?](#))

Trish Bruga, our intrepid propagator, had replacement knee surgery on December 19, 2011. She is home. We wish her a speedy recovery! A card has been sent.

➤ DEAR SC&SS MEMBERS,

This is a reminder that SCSS Membership fees are collected annually, are payable November 1st, and delinquent as of December 31st. The fees are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$20.00 for families (two or more persons). If you have not already done so, please send your fees along with the membership renewal form included in this mailing to me at the address on the form. Membership

fees must be received by January 31 in order for you to continue to receive the newsletter and to ensure that your information will be included in the new 2012 SCSS Roster which will be published in the next few months. Thanks to all who have already renewed their membership!

George R. Avery
SCSS Membership Chair
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[REDACTED]

➤ REVISED CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Enclosed in this month's newsletter (pages 3/4) is a copy of the current Constitution and By-Laws, amended on October 24, 2011. The Committee thanks everyone for his or her input. — *Marilynn Vilas, Tom Flynn, Michelle Egan and Ron Harris, Constitution Committee*

➤ POTS FOR PROPAGATION

It is not too early to be thinking about our annual Cactus and Succulent Show in May, 2012. It is not only the time



to "strut our stuff" in a public venue, but also a time when sales add a splash of cash to the Club treasury. Most of us have collections of extra pots, and our propagation group could use some of your extras for making Dish Gardens for the sale. Our stock of containers is really in need of some replenishing. Sometimes members bring pots in to sell at the show — they would make more profit for the Club as decorative planters filled with samples of our succulents or cacti in dressed up mode. Through the year, as you inventory your stash of pots, please donate them to our cause and bring your extras to the monthly meetings. We can use ceramic or clay pots, glazed or unglazed, varied shapes and no larger than 12 to 14 inch diameter. They should have drainage holes and be in gently used condition (no cracks or breaks). Thanks in advance for your donations to this project, which highlights the creativity possible in decorative combinations.

— *Lou Grubaugh & Marilyn Vilas, Propagation Group*

DATES & DETAILS —

➤ FIELD TRIP TO PATE'S AND POOT'S, NOV 19TH



On November 19th, about 20 SCSS members went on a field trip to visit master potter Steve Pate in Stockton. Steve has been making pottery for 40 years and is getting ready to retire. In preparation for his move to Santa Barbara he held

a special sale for the SCSS and he also treated us to home-made pizza baked in his outdoor oven. Everybody who was there would agree that the pizza was out of this world!

Steve had a huge selection of his hand-made pottery for us to choose from. Many pots were priced by the pound, and the others were half off. Bargains galore! Since I had just joined the SCSS and didn't really know anybody, I was not prepared for the buying frenzy that ensued. Luckily, I'm a quick learner and soon had my own pile of pots secreted away.



In addition to Steve's pots, all the potted plants in front of his house and on the front porch were for sale as well. Some members (you know who you are) bought so much, they had a hard time fitting everything in their car! I waited a little too long and missed out on some great plants but I know they all went to good homes. After a very enjoyable two hours at Steve's, the group split up. One contingent went to Elton Roberts' cactus nursery, the other (myself included) went to Poot's House of Cactus, both of them in Ripon about a half hour south of Stockton. I had driven by Poot's before on the way to Yosemite but I had never stopped. What a wonderland for succulent lovers! Bill Poot took us on a tour of the expansive production greenhouse which is normally off limits to the public. The sheer number of plants – and the variety – were staggering. I saw many specimen-sized plants of species I'd only seen in books. I could have spent hours just looking at everything.

The sales area is in a different greenhouse – the one closest to the road – and it is also packed with succulents of all sizes and descriptions. An outdoor area is for hardier cacti, agaves, yuccas, etc. The selection is

impressive, and the plant quality is flawless. I went home with half a dozen plants, including a decent-sized specimen of *Yucca rostrata*.

After saying goodbye to Poot's, we decided to swing by Elton Roberts after all. We were able to walk through Elton's many greenhouses overflowing with cacti, including many uncommon and rare ones. Elton showed us some of his favorite cacti and his wife served us home-made banana bread. What a great ending to an event-filled day!

To see more photos of our field trip, visit my blog: <http://www.bambooandmore.info/2011/11/of-pates-and-poots.html>

– Gerhard Bock

(Editor's Note – Thank You Gerhard for submitting such a wonderful article for us to enjoy and for those who did not attend the field trip exactly what we missed! Please go & check out Gerhard's blog from the link above to see many, many more wonderful photographs of that day last November.)

➤ HO! HO! HOLIDAY PARTY

Club members and their guests gathered on Friday, December 9th at the Center for the annual Christmas party. The room was magical to say the least – it was a winter wonderland!! Mabel & her crew, along with the Arrangers Guild had set up & decorated a most festive room for us. The group was small, but we were able to “meet & greet” with all. Our meal was fabulous as always and our chefs *out did* themselves once again. The surprise of the evening was celebrating Pearl Lemkuil's 92nd birthday. It was a joy and delight not only to have her there but to celebrate her birthday (December 31st) along with her! Pearl is our only Club's surviving charter member. Enjoy the photos of our Ho! Ho! Holiday Party.





FIRST CLASS

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

SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

c/o Mara Aditajs, Editor



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Click on the 3 links below to go directly to our website, Facebook, or the CSSA website

www.sacramentocss.org



FEBRUARY, 2012

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26	27 Sacramento C&S Mtg – 7pm	28	29			

Echinomastus mariposensis SB 1391 (Encantada, Coahuila Mexico), Elton Roberts