

Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

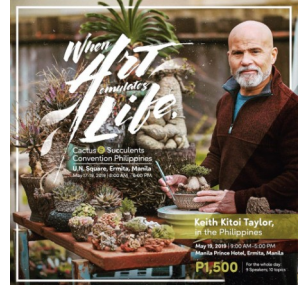
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August Program

Succulents in the Philippines

Long-time SCSS member Keith Taylor will be presenting an all-new program on succulents in the Philippines. Keith is one of our favorite speakers, and we're hoping he will share lots of great pictures from his recent travels. Keith will also be bringing plants for the drawing.



CSS of America 2019 Biennial Convention

Affiliate Report: Convention!

I attended the biennial convention of the national society, Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA), held in San Luis Obispo, California, July 17-20, 2019. There were three days of programs with talks, one day of tours and field trips, huge plant and pottery sale areas with vendors from everywhere, good social interaction and business meetings.

The speakers were from everywhere – Australia, England, Mexico and all of the US. We were presented with a variety of topics with different levels of expertise. All talks were recorded for future use; see my comments below from the Affiliate meeting.

Tours took people to the highlights of the Central Coast. I went to Lotusland and Aloes in Wonderland (Santa Barbara area). Both are private gardens with prior notification/reservations required. Our two-hour trip there and back on the bus was embellished with a sack breakfast, pizza lunch, water, sodas, and lots of homemade cookies. Volunteers from the host club accompanied us. While we were away, the sales areas were set-up and the welcoming reception was organized. Food and adult drinks topped off the day.

As your club representative, I attended the affiliate meeting. Our club president, Mariel Dennis, was there also. Lots of topics were discussed but the main concern was recruiting new and younger members to our clubs and CSSA. Thoughts about this ranged from having 'youth' days sponsored by individual clubs to more perks for CSSA membership besides the quarterly journal. In the future, I will be surveying our club members for their thoughts. The taped talks from the convention will be available for individual clubs to use as programs.

This was my first time attending in 40+ years of being a cactophile. I was impressed with the organization and work done by a mostly volunteer group, with extraordinary volunteer help from the host club, Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society (CCCCS). I stress the word, volunteer, as this was a most professional convention, and all accomplished by volunteers – both from the national and local society.

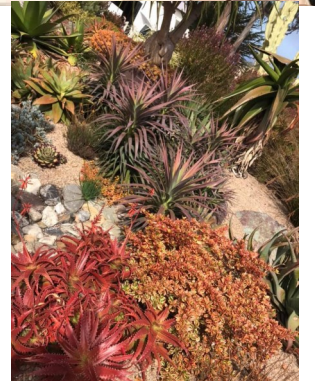
Kudos to them!! – *Marilynn Vilas*



CSSA 38th Biennial Convention
July 17-20, 2019
San Luis Obispo, CA



**A special Thank You to
Mariel Dennis and Keith Taylor
for the use of their photos from
the CSSA Convention.**



August Mini-Show

MIXED BOWL MONTH!

The mini-show categories for the month of August are pretty simple. They are a MIXED SUCCULENT BOWL and a MIXED CACTUS BOWL. The container does not have to be a bowl. Any type of container will do. The ONLY stipulation is that the planter must contain at least 3 different types of plants; all succulents or all cacti.

DO NOT mix cacti and succulents together! This one should be fun. Let your creative juices run wild!



↓ Succulents Only? YES!! ↓



↑ Both together? NO!! ↑

↓ Cacti Only? YES!! ↓



July Mini-Show Results

CACTUS- MAMMILLARIA

- 1st: Keith Taylor- *Mammillaria bocasana* 'Fred'
- 2nd (tie): Elaine Thomas- *Mammillaria crest*
- 2nd (tie): Keith Taylor- *Mammillaria plumosa*
- 2nd (tie): Rudy Aguilera- *Mammillaria plumosa*
- 3rd: Steve Goodman- *Mammillaria hahniana*

SUCCULENT- GASTERIA, HAWORTHIA & ASTROLOBA

- 1st: Keith Taylor- *Gasteria* 'Kyoryu'
- 2nd: Jerry Friis- *Gasteria glomerata*
- 3rd: David Roberts- *Gasteria* 'Green Ice'

Upcoming Mini-Show for 2019

Month	Succulent	Cactus
October	Asclepiads, Huernia, Stapelia, Caralluma and other types	Any globular cactus
November	Any variegated	Any variegated
December	No Mini Show	No Mini Show



News & Notes

Lifetime Membership

There's still time to pay your membership dues for 2019. We have a new option this year: \$100.00 for a Lifetime Membership. If you've already paid for 2019 and would like to take advantage of the Lifetime Membership, please pay the difference of what you have already paid. Find the form on our web site www.sacramentocss.com under the Membership heading. Make your check to SCSS for Annual or Lifetime membership.

Upcoming Events

Thirty-sixth Succulent Plants Symposium. Saturday, August 31, 2019 at the Huntington Botanical Gardens. Registration starts at 8:30 am. Speaker program from 9 am to 5 pm. Includes a silent auction, lunch, plant sales and a reception. Cost: \$85.00. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, August 27. Google registration form and send, with payment (check, payable to The Huntington, or credit card #) to Succulent Symposium, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108.

Bakersfield Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale, October 12-13th. Located at St. Paul's Church, 2216 17th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304. Saturday from 10am-5pm and Sunday 11am-3pm. For more information call (661) 831-8488.

Garden Work Day at Shepard Garden and Arts Center. November 23rd. We will be relocating some of the plants away from the camellias and installing some additional plants. Members may bring any plants they would like to donate to be planted. We'll meet there on the Saturday before Thanksgiving at 10am weather permitting. We would love club member volunteers to come and help out. Bring your garden tools with you for this!

Country Store Reminder!

September's program (just one month away) is the much-anticipated Country Store. Start now to organize your donations of plants, produce, sweets, and Silent Auction goodies. This is a fundraiser for the club to support our activities so let's be generous. There will be more info at the August meeting.

Meeting Details

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

Next meeting: August 26th

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

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July New Members:

