

Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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September Program

COUNTRY STORE!! COUNTRY STORE!! COUNTRY STORE!!

Our September program is The Country Store. This is a fundraiser for our club with proceeds supporting future activities such as the Holiday Party, so be generous!

Center doors will open at 6:30 pm for set-up. Country Store will start at 7:00 pm. Come early to set out your donations, buy your tickets, and settle in for a fun and fruitful evening. For those who have never experienced our Country Store, just visualize the room full of plants, produce, and bakery goods with a Silent Auction thrown in!

There will be five drawing areas: Cacti, Other Succulents, House Plants, Produce and Sweet Shoppe. If you bring plants, please bring clean well-grown ones, labeled if possible. Cactus and Succulent donations are obvious. House Plants can be anything including African violets, bromeliads, ferns, fuchsias, geraniums, bulbs, trees, seeds, perennials, annuals, pots, rocks, etc. The Produce area includes fresh produce, home canned items, herbs, fruits, nuts, jams, jellies, zucchini bread, and so forth.

Sweet Shoppe is all calories. Bake an extra batch of cookies, a cake, more of that zucchini bread, brownies, etc. Please place a few cookies, brownies, slice of cake, or bread on a paper plate, and cover with plastic wrap; it will be raffled for the hungry mob. This will keep your energy level up for all the furious activities at the rest of the tables.



All tickets will be 50¢. Each table will have a container where you place your ticket stub. Good tactics are to place your tickets where you want to win the most!

The last areas are the silent auction and book sale. Hopefully there will be cactus and succulent-themed items donated such as jewelry, place mats, glasses, mugs, towels, greeting cards, pictures, stationery, books, pots, nicer plants, planters and/or pots (think Keith pots!) – all kinds of stuff. These items will be displayed with a bid sheet for each. Write your name and your bid. Your bids will not be hidden so there is potential for spirited bidding on a coveted item. New this year is a book sale with great resources from our own SCSS library!

Come, relax and bring a box to take home your goodies.

P.S. Volunteers may be needed as ticket number callers at all tables but the silent auction and book sale.

Upcoming Events

San Jose Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale, September 21-22nd. Located at Peterson Middle School, 1380 Rosalia Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Saturday from 9am-5pm and Sunday from 10am-4pm. For more information, call (408)480-1533.

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

Notes from the Shepard Garden & Arts Center

CLEAN UP DAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 9AM-1PM

The improvements which have been made to the garden beds around the Shepard Center are holding up pretty well in the summer heat. The revitalized garden is part of the Shepard's "Perimeter Project". The goal of the project is to improve the Shepard Center's curb appeal and thus encourage more outside rentals and bring in more revenue.* If you would like to help in the garden or inside the building, please come to the Shepard Center Clean-up Day on Saturday, September 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If your club is part of the Shepard's "Perimeter Project," we are hoping your club will be active on the Shepard's Clean Up Day. Everyone is welcome to join us to sweep up, clean out, and scrub down the Shepard. Let's welcome our guests to the Fall Plant Sale with a clean, fresh happy Center!

Please share this notice with your club members, friends and lovers of the Shepard.

* The Shepard is operated solely through club and outside rentals to keep the lights on and the personnel paid. All management decisions are made by the all-volunteer Shepard Board.

There will be no Mini-Show in September

August Mini-Show Winners

MIXED SUCCULENT PLANTER

1st Kris McAninch
2nd Cassidy Roberts-Yee
3rd Mary Salontai

MIXED CACTUS PLANTER

1st Mary Salontai
2nd Cassidy Roberts-Yee
3rd Linda Partman

Upcoming Mini-Shows 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

CSSA Affiliates Meeting Notes

CSSA AFFILIATES MEETING, FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2019

Participants from:

Austin	Fort Worth	Michigan	Philadelphia	San Jose
Australia	Fresno	Monterey	Phoenix	Santa Fe
Central Arizona	Hawaii	North Texas	Sacramento	South Coast
Central Coast	Houston	Oklahoma	San Francisco	St. Louis
Colorado	Kansas	Palomar	San Gabriel	

We had an excellent response, with over 50 participants from 36 clubs across the country and one from Australia.

How can Affiliates promote CSSA and vice versa?

Comments:

The San Francisco CSS reported that its club gave 20 gift memberships to CSSA in their raffle.

The possibility of creating an online publication, similar to *To The Point* was discussed.

Other suggestions for the possible new electronic publication include:

- Local club news. Create a community.
- Publish a list of affiliate clubs and distribute it to all affiliates.
- Include articles about gardening and cultivation.

General Comments:

- The new generation has less interest in print materials.
- More (?) Outreach to universities and libraries.
- School programs, are there any models for this?
- Yes, from LACSS and Santa Fe.
- How can school programs be shared with other affiliates?
- Create a 15 minute video for science class teachers to show in class?
- LACSS (Los Angeles) should submit an article of Kids' Day activities
- Pair clubs with other clubs to share ideas, activities
- Workshops for parents and kids
- Host small group gatherings, focus groups
- Vendors often give free plants to children who exhibit an interest
- The Fort Worth affiliate club has an elementary school presentation

Was the Convention conservation theme effective?

YES, big WOW. Conservation should be attached to CSSA Branding.

How CSSA can help affiliates with local programs

CSSA is able to provide your club with a number of resources such as C&S video presentations for your club meetings, a CSSA online calendar and social media listings to promote of your events, and numerous C&S articles available for use in club newsletters. In an ongoing effort to make CSSA more responsive to your club's needs, please let us know additional areas in which we may be able to assist your club and its members.

Comments:

- Videotapes of speaker presentations are extremely successful. What about downloading them on YouTube?
- CSSA could plan annual speaker tour and book speakers to go to several clubs.

Upcoming Conventions:

The 2021 Convention will be in Colorado. The site is TBD.

2023 Convention Proposal

The Los Angeles CSS presented a proposal to host the 2023 convention in Los Angeles. The idea was enthusiastically approved by their board. It promises a good fit for a convention. The CSSA Board of Directors and the CSSA Convention Selection Committee will review this and any additional proposals.

Convention site selection process:

CSSA Conventions alternate between California venues and suitable venues in other states.



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

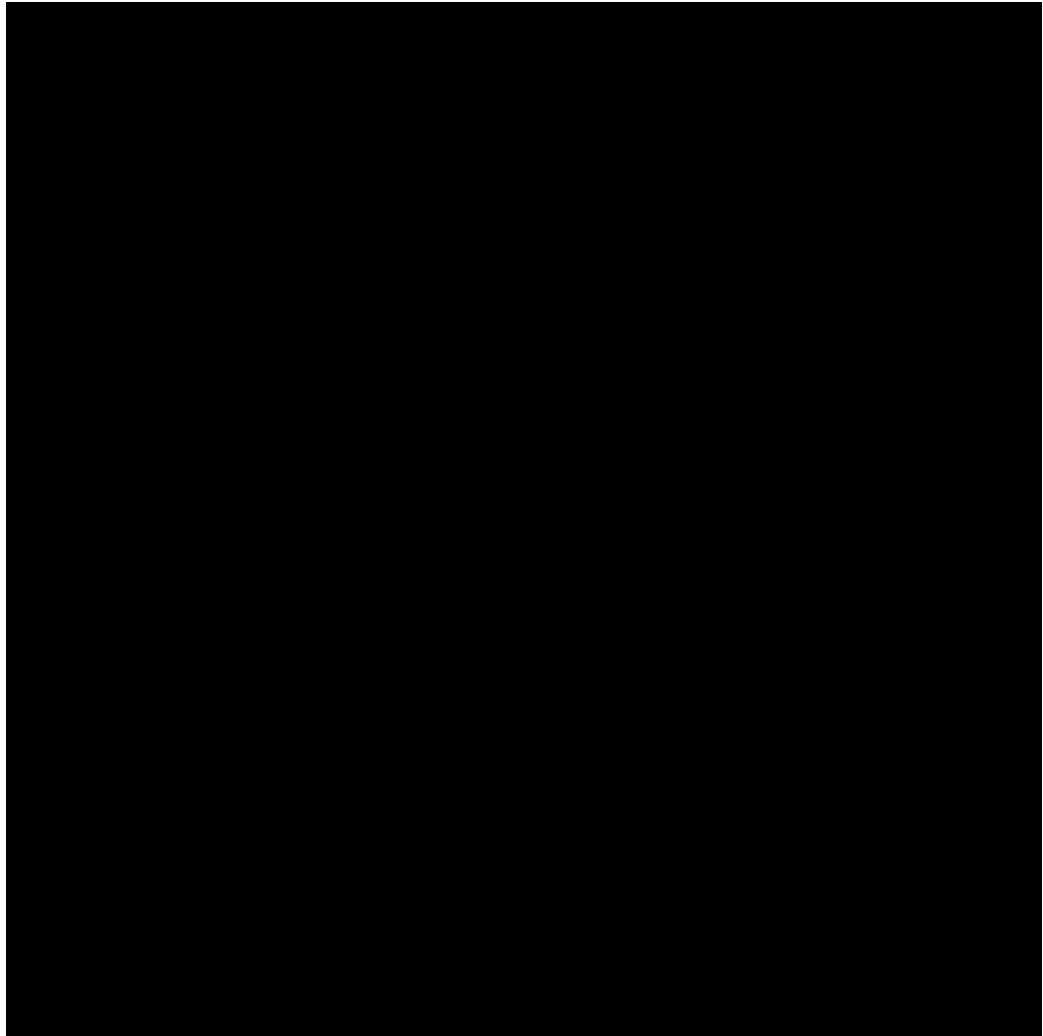
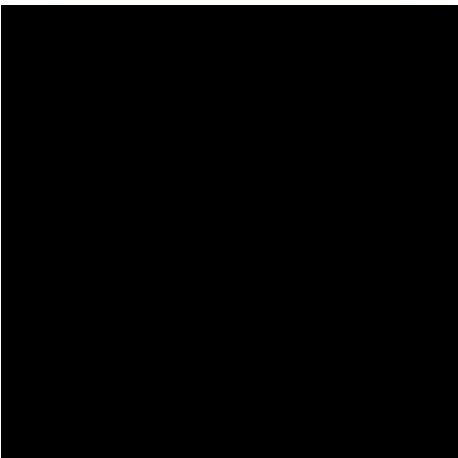
News & Notes

Affiliate Corner

I attended the Affiliate meeting at the 2019 Cactus and Succulent Society of America Convention in July. It was a lively meeting with lots of ideas being discussed, mostly on how to encourage more membership in CSSA and interest in cactus and other succulents with younger people. The report is included in this newsletter. If you have any suggestions, comments, ideas or whatever, please convey to me either at my email address (nedmar@omsoft.com) or see me at the meetings.



August New Members



Meeting Details

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

Next meeting: September 23rd

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