

# Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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## Announcements

### August Meeting:

This month's meeting will be on August 22nd at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm.

As our meetings continue through the summer and into fall, we need suggestions for speakers going forward. Please contact Mariel Dennis or Theresa Roberts if you have anyone in mind.

### Magnetic SCSS name

**badges** are available for \$11.50, prepaid. Contact Carole Hada at the meeting or send a check payable to:

Carole Hada  
4239 Arnold Way  
Mather, CA 95655

### Open Garden

On Saturday August 27 from 10am-1pm, Mariel Dennis will host an Open Garden at her home. The address is 11842 Sandy Knoll Ct., Rancho Cordova CA 95742

## August Program

### UC Davis Botanical Conservatory: Through and Beyond the Pandemic

There has been much recovery and needed work performed on the succulents and other desert plants over the last couple of years after the challenges of the Pandemic Shutdowns of 2020. Ernesto Sandoval will share some of his team's successes, challenges and improvements along the way. He'll talk about notable student contributions, along with media and environmental improvements. Please join us in person to experience Ernesto's lively and friendly presentation style.



Ernesto has been wondering and seeking questions and answers to why plants grow and look the way that they do for nearly 40 years. Desert plants are his particular passion within his general passion for plants. He has a degree from UC Davis in Botany and is the Director/Manager of the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory where several thousand types of plants are grown, many of them succulents! He has a passion for converting water loving landscapes into drought tolerant, diversity filled gardens and for encouraging the growing of more plants in the ground.



## Member's Corner: Linda Partmann



**Are you mostly a cactus or succulent person?** I was basically a succulent person when I first started getting into this hobby, but after joining SCSS I began to collect some cactus and

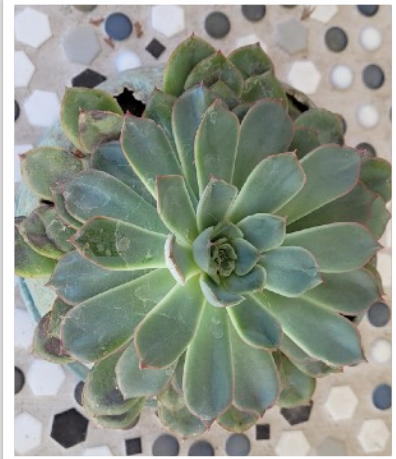


*Browningia hertlingiana*  
"Blue Cereus"

found so many interesting ones. I also won a large cactus (lower left) at my first SCSS meeting, the grand prize of the door prize drawing. It is doing well.

**Do you have a favorite plant family?** Not really. I love them all.

**What piqued your interest in these plants?** Well, I must say Elaine Thomas. She is my neighbor and very good friend. She was already a member of SCSS and we do pottery together, as well as knitting. She mentioned that she was a member of SCSS and asked if I was interested in coming to a meeting. Of course, I said "yes" and at that first meeting I won the grand door prize! I was hooked. Coming home with prizes and also the free plants every meeting!



Pulido's *Echeveria*

**Where have you traveled in or out of the country to see plants in habitat?** Sadly, I have not done this type of trip. The closest is the Big Island of Hawaii which has a fabulous cactus and succulent garden by their old airport, mostly cared for on a volunteer basis. If you are ever on the Big Island, it is a must see.



Cactus and Succulent Garden, Big Island of Hawaii



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## 2022 Mini-Show Categories

Month	Cactus	Succulent
August	Crests/Monstrose/ Variegates	Crests/Monstrose/ Variegates
September	Auction.....	
October	Ariocarpus	Stapeliads
November	Show us your favorite cactus	Show us your favorite succulent
December	Holiday Party.....	Awards presented to highest scores

## What is a Monstrose or Variegated Plant?

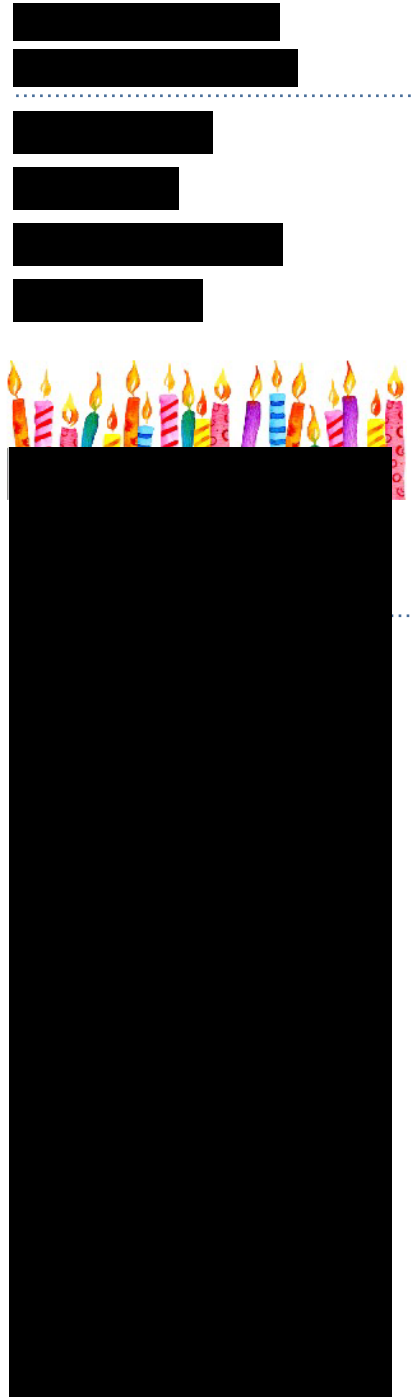


A succulent or cactus becomes **crested** or **monstrose** due to the modification of its cells. These mutations occur when the original mother plant undergoes some change at its growth points where the meristem cells are found. A single growing point is changed to make multiple growing points at the apical meristem. This may be caused by physical, chemical, or genetic factors. The plant has an abnormal, distorted or disfigured growth of its form.



**Variegated** plants are any plant whose leaves, stems, flowers or trunk exhibit multiple colors.

## Member's Corner (continued from p. 2)



White velvet, a species of *Spiderwort*

**Where do you purchase new plants?** Lots of places. SCSS meetings are always a great source. Sometimes Home Depot, Secret Garden, Green Acres and even Grocery Outlet!

**Where do you live and garden?** I live in the Greenhaven part of Sacramento. My backyard neighbor is fellow SCSS member, Elaine Thomas. We even have a gate between our yards.

**What other hobbies do you have?** I am a potter, mostly doing handbuilding with slabs. I also do mosaics, and make in the pottery studio some of the tiles for my mosaics. I am a board member for Allied Ceramics Art Institute (ACAI) in Fair Oaks. I also love to knit.





## Show Calendar

This list of California shows is provided by the national and local clubs and is subject to change. Before planning a trip, please verify details.

### August 19-21

*Tri-County Home & Garden Show*  
Roebbelen Center  
700 Event Center Dr, Roseville

### September 3

*Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium*  
The Huntington Botanical Gardens  
1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino

### September 4

*Long Beach Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Plant Auction*  
Info: (310) 845-6306

### September 16-18

*Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale*  
124 Atkinson Lane, Watsonville

### September 24-25

*Cactus and Succulent Society of San Jose Fall Show & Sale*  
11380 Rosalia Ave, Sunnyvale

## President's Corner

September will be the Country Store where members donate garden related items which are auctioned off. Folks can donate cacti and other succulents, pots, garden art/home decor or goodies such as garden produce, baked goods or other home-made items. All proceeds benefit SCSS. More details will be in the September newsletter.

Come to the new **Tri-County Home Show** at the **Roebelin Center** in Roseville, Friday, August 19th thru Sunday, August 21st. SCSS will have a big booth with some of our favorite members to sell succulents or artisan pottery. We need help at our booth to meet the public and talk about SCSS and how you got interested in succulents. Please stop by!

Marief Dennis, [president@sacramentocss.com](mailto:president@sacramentocss.com)



## Garden pavilion

at the Tri-County Home & Garden Show  
**August 19, 20 & 21, 2022**  
The New Roebbelen Center!

**New in our Garden Pavilion!**  
Master Gardeners of Placer County  
CA Master Beekeeper Program  
American Bonsai Assoc. of Sacramento  
American Fuschia Society of Sacramento

**Garden Seminar Series featuring:**  
- Master Gardeners of Placer County  
- CA Master Beekeeper Program  
- Marlene Simon, UC Horticulturist,  
"The Plant Lady" on Good Day Sacramento  
- Pollinator Posse

### Don't miss out! Benefits of participating...

#### Complimentary Booth Space!

You receive a complimentary 10x10 space indoors with a 500 watt electrical outlet with pipe and drape, tables and chairs. 10x20's and 10x30's are also available!

#### Plant and flower sales!

Sell your plants, and/or display them for show. Attendees like to buy from the experts!

#### Educate and Recruit NEW members!

With an estimated 10,000 homeowners in attendance, the Garden Pavilion is a great way to recruit new members and to share your passion, educate and sign up new members!

#### Let us host your flower show!

With 25 years of experience we know what it takes to have a successful flower show. We will provide all the needed space, draped tables, and space for judging. We'll also promote your show through Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

#### Seminar Series!

Your society is also invited to participate in our gardening seminar series. We provide the stage, PA system, and projector and screen. Just let us know the title and description of your seminar, speaker's name and speaker's photo for publicity.

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