

# Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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## Announcements

### July Meeting:

July 24th 2023  
6:15pm -9:15pm  
Shepard Garden  
& Art Center

Doors open at 6:15 for  
plant sales and  
fellowship. Program  
begins at 7 PM.

Open to the public.  
No admission fee.  
Free parking.  
Refreshments served.



## July Program

### Gianluca Bacci: Socotra

Socotra, an island of the Republic of Yemen in the Indian Ocean supports a wealth of botanic wonders. Gianluca Bacci, our April featured speaker, will detail his journey to this remote island and the living treasures he discovered there.

Gianluca Bacci is an avid succulent collector. He has been growing plants for over 15 years and has worked professionally in the horticultural industry for the past seven. He is currently the Nursery Technician and Xeric Plant Collections Manager at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory, which contains well over 2000 species of succulents and cacti.



July Program

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*Maribel Dennis*

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*Carole Hada*

**Mini Show:**

*Linda Partmann*

**Newsletter:**

*Eve Milan*

**Drawing Tickets:**

*Cindy Morales*

**Refreshments:**

*Michele Swanberg & Elaine Thomas*

**Annual Country Store:**

*Bill McCabe*

**Sunshine Corner:**

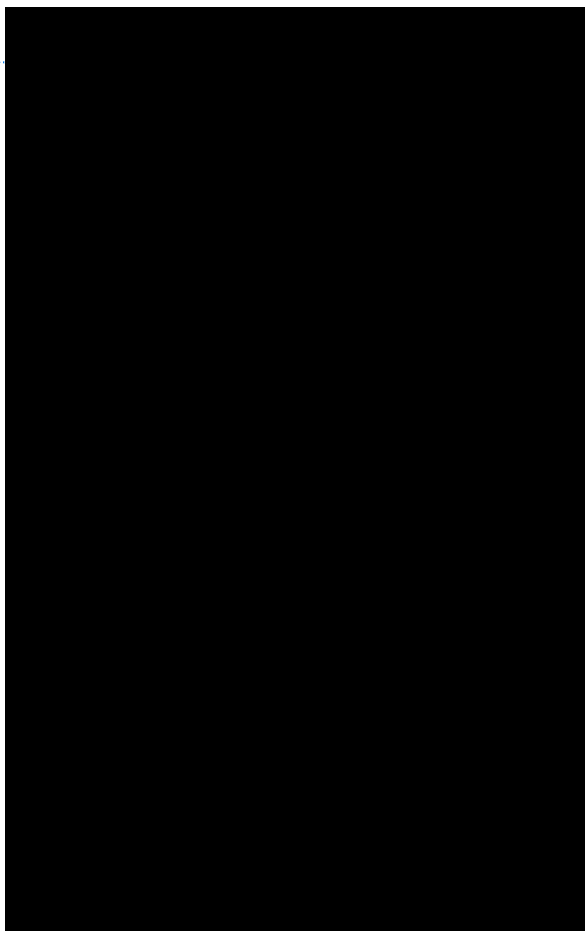
*Cherry Dulaney*

**Webmaster:**

*Gerhard Bock*

**Annual Show & Plant Sale:**

*Maribel Dennis/Keith Taylor Co-chairs*



**SCSS Name Badges**

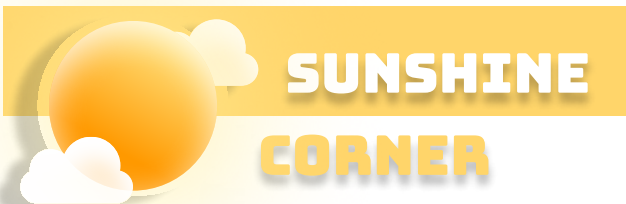
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**SCSS NAME BADGES: \$12.50**

Contact Carole Hada to order yours!  
akacejay@comcast.net  
Payment due at time of ordering. (cash or check)

**Sunshine Corner**

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A Sunshine Card was mailed to [REDACTED]

Please contact Cherry if you know of anyone needing a little sunshine to brighten their day.

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**2023 Mini Show Schedule**

Month	Cactus	Succulent
July	Any Monstrose Cactus	Any Monstrose Succulent
August	Notocactus, Parodia or Matucana	Echeveria
September	Country Store	No Mini-show
October	Echinopsis + Neoporteria	Tylecodon + Cotyledon
November	Columnar Cactus	Dudleya
December	Holiday Party	No Mini-show



## July Mini Show

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Well summer is in full swing. This month the mini show is featuring Montrose Cactus and Montrose Succulents. I am unfortunately out of town again for the show, but Bill McCabe will handle the show in my absence. I had a great trip to Hawaii in June, and I have included some pictures from the Big Island Public Gardens.

What is a monstrose cactus?

*Cereus peruvianus monstrose* is a tree-like cactus which grows in a multi-branched candelabra shape. Individual stems are gray-blue to gray-green and deeply ribbed. The 'Monstrose' form has a twisting undulating pattern to the stem ribs which gives it a unique presence. It is very sought after by collectors.



*Montrose Cactus*

What is a montrose or crested succulent?

Crested and monstrose plants are formed through a similar process. Crested succulents tend to be flatter and wider, and are symmetrical because the apical meristem was divided. Their growth is still somewhat organized.

On the other hand, monstrose growth occurs when there are mutations all along the meristem tissue, causing the points to develop randomly. This results in bumpy, asymmetric and stunted growth. In monstrose mutations, the damage was not as precise as it was for crested succulents, leading to its strange shapes.



*Montrose Cactus*

Monstrose plants are also called monster plants due to their abnormal and strange growth. Monstrose plants usually appear quite different from their normal counterparts, and may not have any recognizable features at all. They tend to grow slower than normal succulents. Plants may crest at any time in their life, however, monstrose shapes only develop in young plants. I had a very hard time finding true montrose succulent pictures, but I have provided an example of *Euphorbia*.

Have a great July meeting and I will see you all in August!

Linda Partmann



*EUPHORBIA-MONSTROSE*

**Country Store Announcement:**

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**ARE YOU READY FOR THE COUNTRY STORE?**

Do you want more plants? Do you have too many plants and want to get rid of some? Did you maybe answer yes to both of those questions?

We collect cacti and succulents----it's what we do. But we are often a bit conflicted between adding plants and getting rid of plants.

Welcome to the Country Store, where we can help you with both of those issues.

It's time for Club members to start gathering donations of cacti, succulents, books, pottery, and all things cacti and succulent related to bring to our annual Country

Store on September 25th. You can also bring home-baked goods and homegrown produce. We will sell tickets to a drawing for the items donated by members.

We will have a silent auction where you can get great deals on higher value cacti and succulents. This event is one of the perks of being a member!

You can add several new plants very inexpensively while at the same time donating extra plants to make room for the new ones.

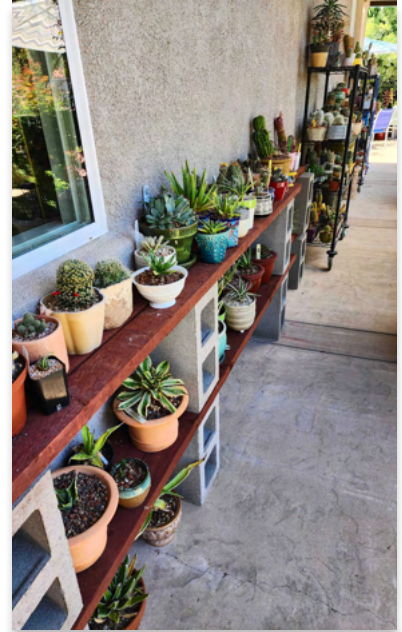
To be successful, we need your donations. C'mon, you haven't even looked at that Agave book in years. You can't stop propagating and you now have 7 of that *Haworthia truncata*, 9 of that *Echinopsis oxygona*, and 6 of that (insert name and/or names of cacti and succulents here). We will gladly take them off your hands and add them to the Country Store drawing. The other members of the Club will thank you.

Details to come in the next newsletter and at the August meeting.

**Maribel Dennis Open House:**

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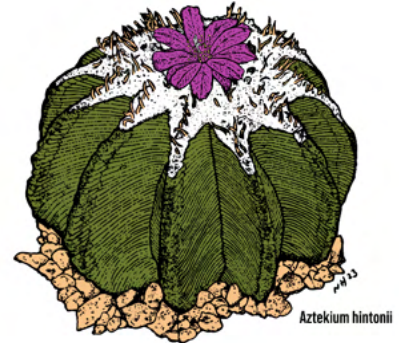
Thank you Maribel for sharing your garden with us!



## Inter City Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale (LA):

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# 37<sup>th</sup> Annual **Inter-City** Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale



**August 4th, 2023 - Sale 8am - 5pm**

**August 5th & 6th, 2023 - Show & Sale 8am - 5pm**

Hello participating clubs!

It is time again for our hobby's largest event of the year. A little competition, a little shopping, and a lot of comradery! Come join your fellow plant enthusiasts in the Inter-City Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale held this year on August 4th, 5th, & 6th, 2023.

Calling All Plants! We would love to get back to the years of 2500 plant entries in one room! You do not have to be a member of the host clubs, encourage your non-club friends to exhibit as well! Simple rules in the attached "schedule".

Please remember to RSVP for our Awards Dinner on Saturday night. We will be returning to the pre-pay only method of old, due to sell-out demand. Details below. Grab your shirt from your club because the price goes up at the show to \$20.

Show set up- Table set-up starts at 9am Wednesday August 2nd. We would love your Help! Plant entry is Wednesday August 2nd 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Thursday August 3rd 8:00 am to 9:00 pm, and Friday August 4th 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Sale- AUGUST 4th, 5th, & 6th, 2023. 8am to 5pm each day. Show- AUGUST 5th & 6th, 2023. 8am to 5pm each day.

Dinner- Saturday AUGUST 5th. Social hour at 5pm, dinner at 6pm. Elevated taco bar including dessert and soft drinks. MUST Pre-pay by check or money order mailed to 501 San Luis Rey Road Arcadia, CA 91007. Priority is given to show participants. Absolutely no begging at the last minute (sorry), please plan ahead.

Our Show & Sale will be in the same wonderful Location: The LA County Arboretum 301 N Baldwin Ave Arcadia, CA 91007. Advanced Arboretum tickets required for those not personally entering plants or volunteering.

Parking- Volunteers and anyone staying all day, please park in "employee parking". Every spot we can free up is a spot for a customer or two. This year, the Arboretum Gate monitors will be enforcing this request.

Thank you to all participants !