

Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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Announcements

March Meeting:

March 27th 2023
6:15pm -9:15pm
Shepard Garden
& Art Center

For this month's meeting Marilyn Vilas will review what to expect at the May show/sale, including how to stage plants for exhibition. 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.

March Program



Ahhhh, the May Show and Sale are just a few weeks away, so now is the time to start preparations. Marilyn Vilas will take us through the new updated show schedule/brochure, dates and times of the show weekend, how to fill out your entry forms, and, how to prepare your plants. Available will be publicity flyers, show schedule/brochures, and entry slips. There will be volunteer sign up sheets for Friday morning vendor and show set-up, Sunday afternoon take-down and clean-up, security, cashiers, etc. All who volunteer will be fed lunch all three days! This will be an audience participation program so bring your questions. Marilyn has been a member of the club since 1978 and has participated in every show since. Over the years she has been President, Show Chair, and Chair of numerous committees. Marilyn has judged shows at the San Francisco, San Jose, Oakland, Stockton clubs, and ours.

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Mini Show:

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Newsletter:

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Drawing Tickets:

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Refreshments:

Michele Swanberg & Elaine Thomas

Annual Country Store:

Bill McCabe

Sunshine Corner:

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Annual Show & Plant Sale:

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2023 Mini Show Schedule

Month	Cactus	Succulent
March	Astrophytum + Ariocarpus	Any Caudiciform
April	Mammillaria	Haworthia
May	Spring Sale	No Mini-show
June	Ferocactus + Tephrocactus	Senecio + Othonna
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



New Mini-Show Guidelines – March 2023 Forward

The purpose of the Mini Show:

To have members show off their prize plants and practice staging. It is also a great way for new members for encouragement and hopefully involvement in our group. I have made the show a bit simpler and hope more of you will participate. You may enter two plants in each category. If you are participating, it is helpful to arrive by 6 pm so that your entries can be fairly judged. Late entries have very little chance of success.

I will announce the winners after the speaker, and will keep track, and at the December meeting, the three members with the most points will get a prize! We all like to be rewarded in some way!

We will have only three categories: cactus, succulent and mini gardens. Each member is asked to participate in the judging by dropping a bean next to the plant that you think is a best example for the category.

Voting should be completed before the speaker begins their talk.

March Mini Show Categories

CACTUS: – **Astrophytum + Ariocarpus**

SUCCULENT: – **Any Caudiciform**

Astrophytum: A genus of six species of cacti, native to North America. These species are sometimes referred to as living rocks, though the term is also used for other genera, particularly Lithops. The name comes from Greek origin meaning “star plant.”

Ariocarpus: A cactus plant that contains several species in its genus. These cactus are commonly found in parts of the United States as well as Mexico.

Caudiciform: These plants form a caudex—a fat, swollen stem, trunk or aboveground roots. Plants in this category sport colorful names like elephant’s foot, Buddha belly, pregnant onion, and turtle back.



Caudiciform



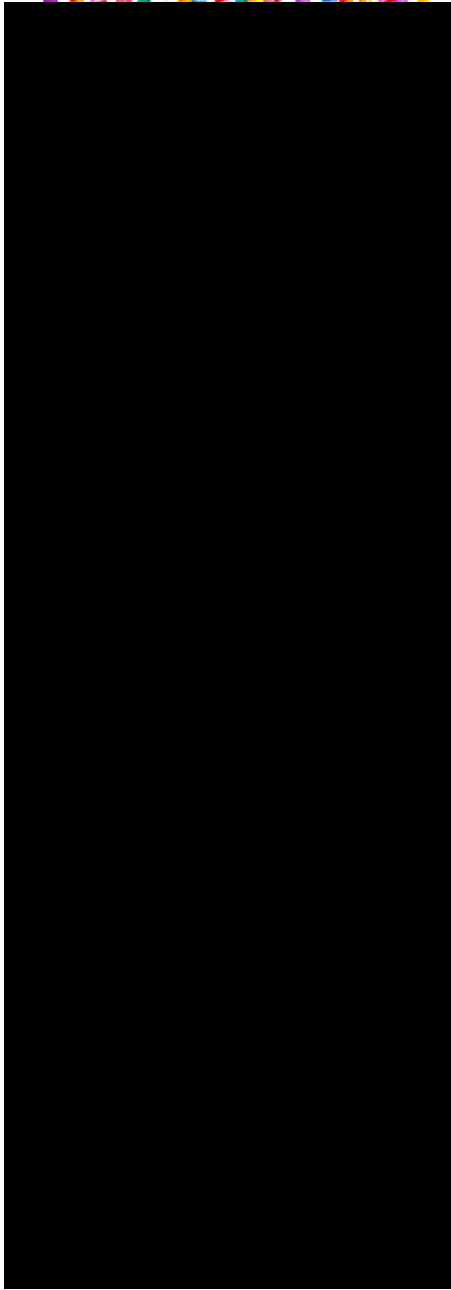
Ariocarpus- fissuratus cv. Godzilla



Astrophytum star cacti

New Members for Feb 2023

Kevin Heider
Michele Santoro



Sunshine Corner



If you know of anyone that needs a little sunshine or cheer please contact: Cherry Dulaney, cdaf182@gmail.com.

CACTUS AND SUCCULENT GARDEN EXPANSION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SCSS is planning to expand our demonstration garden at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center. We plan to have a work party to move in more cactus and succulent soil mix and decorative rocks. After grading, we will plant. We need six to eight people who are capable of this kind of work. We hope to complete the project before our May plant sale.

WHEN: Saturday, **April 15, 2023** ***UPDATED TIME** (If it is raining or the grass and work area are too wet, we will postpone the project one or two weeks)

WHERE: Shepard Garden and Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento

TIME: Start: 10:00am Finish: 4:00pm (maybe earlier)

PROVIDED: Lunch, Soft drinks and Water.

BRING: Wear “garden work” clothing. Bring work/gardening gloves. Long pants, sturdy work shoes and a hat are advisable.

RSVP: Please don’t just show up. Contact info below.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

BORROW: Tools and the use of a pickup truck.
See tool list.

DONATE: Send us a list of plants/size you may have to plant. This area is somewhat shady. Please contact us if you want to join in, have donations, want to lend us stuff or just have questions. Email is easiest. Please provide your phone and email.

- [Dave Roberts 916/416-0368 roblands04@gmail.com](mailto:roblands04@gmail.com)
- [George Krigas 916-862-0349 georgekrigas@gmail.com](mailto:georgekrigas@gmail.com)
- [Bill McCabe 916-225-5074 8mcca8e@shcglobal.net](mailto:8mcca8e@shcglobal.net)

SCSS GARDEN PROJECT TOOL LIST

Tool	Need	Have	Rent
Pickup truck	1		
Round point shovels	5	2	
Square shovels	3	3	
Wheel barrows heavy duty	4	1	
Land leveler	1		1
Heavy duty steel rakes	3	1	
Aluminum Landscape rake	1		1
Steel bar	1	1	
Lifting strap	1	1	
2x4 wood pieces 3-4ft.	6		
2x6 piece of plywood	1	1	
layout stakes	5	5	
Large tarps 12x12 +	2	1	
large hammer	1	1	

SCSS Annual Show and Sale

SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
PRESENTS THE 63RD ANNUAL

*Cactus & Succulent
2023 Plant Show & Sale*

Free Admission

**MAY 5, FRIDAY
1PM-5PM**

**MAY 6 SATURDAY
9AM-4PM**

**MAY 7, SUNDAY
9AM-3PM**

**SHEPARD GARDEN
& ARTS CENTER
3330 McKinley Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95816**



www.sacramentocss.com

Masks encouraged

Volunteers needed:

- In preparation for the sale we need to find speakers for talks and demonstrations.
- We need volunteers and boxes for customers.
- We need a volunteer chair.

Cymbidium Show and Sale

The Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society invites you to two special opportunities to see and buy beautiful cymbidiums orchids.

They come in many colors and sizes from miniature to large standards.

Shepard Garden and Arts Center,
McKinley Park,
in East Sacramento
3330 Park Avenue, Sacramento,
95816

For more information, go to our Facebook page for Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society. If you do not use Facebook, email SacCymSoc@yahoo.com to request information.

*Monthly Meetings on the 4th
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (Not July,
August, or December.)*

Cymbidium Show and Sales - March 2023

- March 11-12 Shepard Center Multi-Club Sales
Saturday 10-4. Sunday 10-3.

- March 25 Club Show of Member Plants. Repotting Demo
Saturday 10-4



Field Trip to Ripon April 22nd (Poot's House of Cactus)

SATURDAY, 22 APRIL 2023 FROM 09:00am-1:00 pm

Meet at Poots' in Ripon at 9 AM for a behind the scenes tour of the propagation green houses, then after completing any purchases, we're off to Elton Robert's to see his green houses. If there is time, we can check out Creative Water Gardens in Escalon. We will have lunch at a local diner.

- Poot's Cactus Nursery: 17229 E State Hwy 120 Ripon, CA 95366,
 - Phone (209) 599-7241
 - Website: <http://pootscactusnursery.com>
- Elton Roberts: 23131 South Murphy Rd., Ripon Calif. 95366
 - Phone is 209-599- 4419
- Creative Water Gardens: 19777 McHenry Ave Escalon, CA 95320
 - Phone number: (209) 838-8650
 - website: <https://creative-water-gardens.business.site/>



Upcoming Events

March & April Events

FRI/SAT. 3/17-18/23	8 AM - 5 PM DAILY	San Gabriel C&SS Winter Show & Sale - Info. Manny Rivera 626-780-6957 or James Lemos 626-201-5519	Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA
MON. 3/27/23	6:00 - 9:30 PM	SCSS Monthly Meeting	Shepard Garden & Art Center 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA
SUN. 4/2/23	9 AM - 4 PM DAILY	Conejo C&SS Spring Sale Info. www.conejocss.com or conejocss@hotmail.com	558 N. Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320
4/15/23 (Re-scheduled from 4/1/23)	10 AM – 4 PM (latest)	Sacramento C&SS - Work Day to expand the demonstration garden. Due to bad weather in March, please call to confirm schedule	Shepard Garden & Art Center 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA
SAT-SUN. 4/15-16/23	9 AM - 4 PM DAILY	South Coast C&SS Show & Sale Info. www.southcoastcss.org or call 310-346-6206	Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 Crestridge Rd., Palos Verdes, CA
SAT. 4/22/23	9 AM – 2 PM (includes stop for lunch)	SCSS Visits Poots House of Cactus (Field Trip), Elton Roberts' (TBD) & lunch at local restaurant	Ripon (meet there). See newsletter for addresses.
SAT. 4/22-23/23	SAT. 9 AM -4 PM; SUN. 9 AM - 3 PM	Los Angeles C&SS Sale Info. www.lacactus.com	Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA
SAT/SUN. 4/22-23/23	SAT. 9 AM - 5 PM, SUN. 10 AM - 3 PM	Palomar C&SS Show & Sale Info. rwkoptstein@gmail.com <i>PAID admission to San Diego Botanic Garden required</i>	San Diego Botanic Garden, Conservatory, 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA.
MON. 4/24/23	6:00 - 9:30 PM	SCSS Monthly Meeting	Shepard Garden & Art Center (SGAC) 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA
SAT-SUN. 4/29-30/23	SAT. 10 AM - 5 PM, SUN. 10 AM - 4 PM	San Jose C&SS Show & Sale Info. www.csss.org	Peterson Middle School, 1380 Rosalia Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA
SUN. 4/30/23	10 AM - 5 PM	Huntington Spring Plant Sale Reservations Required Info./Reservations: www.huntington.org Sale: call 626-405-3571	Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA

Upcoming Events

May Events

FRI-SAT. 5/5-6/23	9 AM - 4 PM DAILY	Gates C&SS Sale - Info. @ www.gatescactusandsucculentsociety.com or call 909-910-9195	Redlands Church of The Nazarene, 1307 E. Citrus Ave., Redlands, CA 92374
SAT. 5/6/23	9 AM - 4 PM	Epiphyllum Society of America Show & Sale Info. www.epiphyllums.org or call 909-438-8242	San Marino Masonic Hall, 3130 Huntington Dr., San Marino, CA
FRI-SUN. 5/5-7/23	See Show Flyer	SCSS Annual Show & Sale Info. www.sacramentocss.com	Shepard Garden & Arts Center 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA
SAT-SUN. 5/6-7/23	10 AM - 4 PM DAILY	Sunset C&SS Show & Sale Info. call 310-822-1783	Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA
SUN. 5/7/23	NOON - 4 PM	Long Beach C&SS Show & Sale Info. call 714-553-6914	Women's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St., Bellflower, CA 90706
SAT. 5/13/23	MEMBERS EARLY ENTRY @ 9:30 AM, GENERAL PUBLIC @ 10 AM - 3 PM.	Santa Barbara C&SS Show & Sale More info at www.sbcactus.org	Santa Barbara, CA
SAT-SUN. 5/13-14/23	TBD	Carmichael C&SS Show & Sale	Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael, CA (corner Fair Oaks Blvd. & Grant Ave.)
SAT-SUN. 5/13-14/23	EARLY BIRD SALE: SAT. 9 AM - 4 PM (NO SHOW); SUN. SALE: 9 AM - 4 PM; SHOW: 11 AM - 4 PM	San Diego Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale Info. www.sdepis.org or call 858-565-0340	Balboa Park Room 101, Casa del Prado, San Diego, CA
MON. 5/22/23	6:00 - 9:30 PM	SCSS Monthly Meeting	Shepard Garden & Art Center (SGAC) 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA
SAT-SUN. 5/27-28/23	SAT. 10 AM - 5 PM, SUN. 10 AM - 4 PM	Central Coast C&SS Show & Sale Info. rskillin@gmail.com or www.centralcoastcactus.org	Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA