

Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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Announcements

September Meeting:

September 25th 2023
6:00pm -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.



September Program

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



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

Imagine: Tables groaning under the weight of plants, pots, and other goodies—all there for club members to take home. That's what The Country Store is all about it, but only if you make it happen with generous donations. You can bring as many items in as many categories as you like. The more stuff members bring in, the more fun it will be!

The Country store is a fundraiser for our club with proceeds supporting future activities such as the holiday party and field trips so go through your treasures and bring what you can. If you don't have any plants to spare, how about baking some sweet treats like cookies, brownies, or cupcakes? If everybody brings something, The Country Store will be a big success!

Doors will open at 6:00pm for you to bring your donations. The Country Store will start at 7:00 pm. Come early to set out your donations, buy your tickets, and settle in for an exciting evening.

September Program



There will be four drawing categories:

1. **CACTI**
2. **SUCCULENTS**
3. **MISC. Cacti & Succulent-themed items such as books, clothing, jewelry, etc.**
4. **POTS**

Tickets will be 50 cents. Each category will have a bucket where you place your ticket. You can enter as many tickets as you like in each container/category. If your ticket number is called, you get to pick whatever you want from that category.

BAKED GOODS will be a separate category. Instead of entering tickets and then waiting until your number is called, you'll be able to buy treats with tickets whenever you feel like it. That way you can enjoy snacks throughout the evening.

The **SILENT AUCTION** will have higher-value plants or special items—think planters, books, jewelry, etc. Each item will have a bid sheet where you can add your name and your bid. All bids are visible, so there's opportunity for spirited competition! Please bring cash (smaller bills, too, not just twenties) for the silent auction; in the past, winning bids ranged anywhere from \$5 to \$50.

PRO TIPS

- ① Depending on how many tickets you buy, keeping track of your numbers can become a challenge. However, all you need to do is write down the number of the first and the last ticket. If a ticket between these two is called, it's yours.
- ② If you're more of a visual person, you can tape your ticket stubs to the back of a box or a piece of cardboard for easy reference. If you like this idea, bring cardboard and Scotch tape!
- ③ Bring a box or bag for the items you win!

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please call or text Bill McCabe at (916) 225-5974.

Thank you,

Bill McCabe

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President:

Maribel Dennis

Vice-President/Program Chair:

Theresa Roberts

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Treasurer: *Greg Lang*

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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

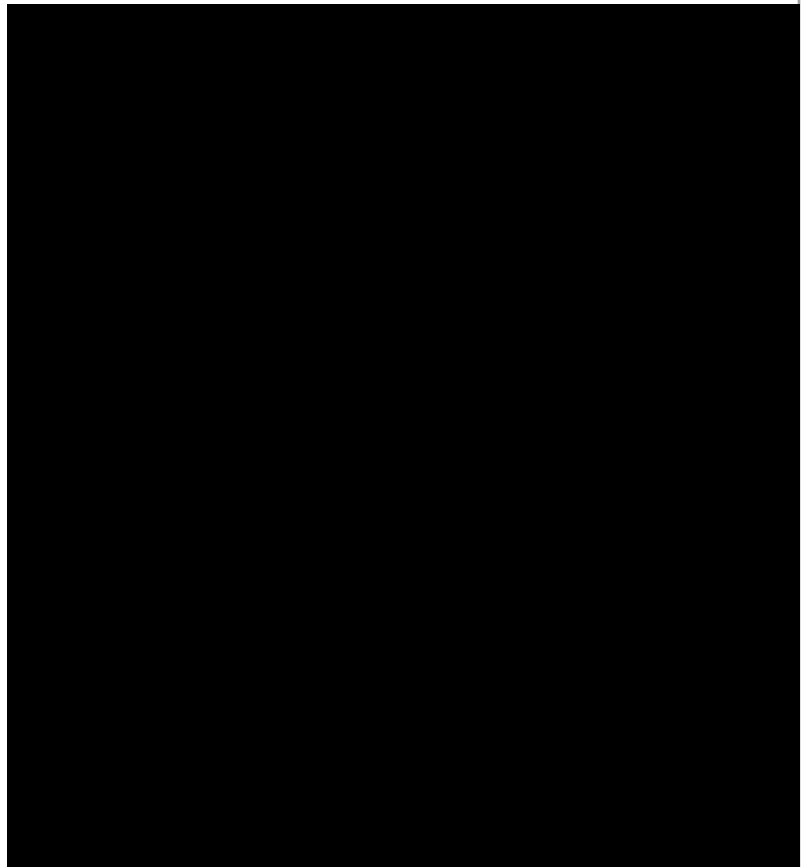
Webmaster:

Gerhard Bock

Annual Show & Plant Sale:

*Maribel Dennis/Keith Taylor
Co-chairs*

Birthdays



Welcome New Members

Eric & Dawn Bailey

Aaron & Nancy Candee

Doris Espinoza

Pedro Leiva

Jill Fay

Doug Frick & Family

Florina Gutierrez

Kathryn Hernandez

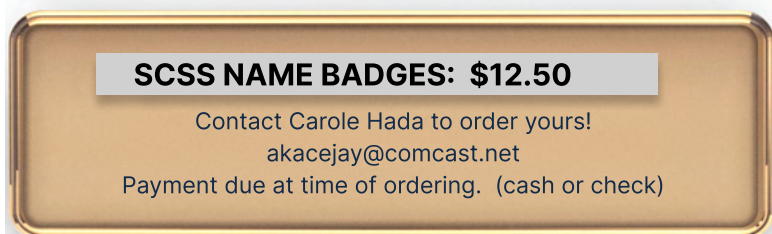
Roger Kolb

John Maltby

Eric Pluim

Theresa Hebert

SCSS Name Badges



SCSS NAME BADGES: \$12.50

Contact Carole Hada to order yours!

akacejay@comcast.net

Payment due at time of ordering. (cash or check)

2023 Mini Show Schedule



NO MINI SHOW IN SEPTEMBER		
September	Country Store	No Mini-show
October	Echinopsis + Neoperteria	Tylecodon + Cotyledon
November	Columnar Cactus	Dudleya
December	Holiday Party	No Mini-show

Sunshine Corner



Please contact Cherry if you know of anyone needing a little sunshine to brighten their day.
 Cherry Dulaney, cdaf182@gmail.com.

Refreshments

A Message from the Refreshment Committee:

The Refreshment Committee would like to thank Cindy Morales and Sonya del Gallego for bringing refreshments to the August meeting. The variety of goodies were greatly appreciated by the committee and all those who enjoyed the wide selection of food items.

For the **General Store** meeting, we will have water, soda and tea for no charge. All other treat items will be sold for 1 or 2 tickets each. If you would like to bring a homemade yummy treat, please wrap each one individually. It would be great to have a wide variety of food items that we all can enjoy.

Thank you,

Elaine Thomas

Open House

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SUCCULENTS AND MORE



Gerhard Bock will open his garden in Davis on Saturday, September 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Gerhard's garden is a great example of cramscaping – the more the merrier. In addition to agaves, aloes, yuccas, and other succulents, you'll see companion plants ranging from Australian shrubs to Mediterranean perennials and California natives. Check out the video the Green Acres podcast team recently filmed in Gerhard's garden: https://youtu.be/7-Boi7ksO_M?si=5ierMw3crTDh_Gjs

To RSVP and get directions, please email Gerhard at gerhard@succulentsandmore.com.

Extra bonus: Gerhard's house is only 10 minutes from the UC Davis Arboretum, and September 30 will be their first plant sale of the season (9 to 11 a.m. for members, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the public). If you've ever been to one of their sales, you know what a wonderful opportunity this is to buy plants you won't find anywhere else. This fall, there'll be over 30,000 plants for sale, including a large selection of mangaves, echeverias, and sedums. For more information about the sale and an inventory of plants, visit <https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/plant-sales>.

Fall Sale Plant Sales:

Save the date for these Fall Plant Sales!



Upcoming Events

- Sept. 9-10 see page 2
Begonia Society Show & Sale

 - Sept. 11 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board Meeting in person

 - Sept. 16-17 see page 3
Gesneriads and African Violets

 - Sept. 26 see page 4
Bonsai Auction & Consignment Sale

 - Sept. 30 see page 5
Sogetsu Show

 - Oct. 2 (first Monday) 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board Meeting via ZOOM

 - Oct. 7-8 see page 4
SG&AC FALL SALE
Bring your tools for sharpening

 - Oct. 14-15 see page 6
Porcelain Artists' Show & Tea

 - Oct. 28. See page 7
Art by Fire Show

 - Nov. 11-12 See page 8
Art to Wear & More
- Free parking at rear of bldg.
(entrance on Park Way)

Upcoming Events

- [Friday, August 25 - 9 a.m.](#)
[Open Garden at Sherwood Demonstration Garden](#)
- [Saturday, August 26 - 9 a.m.](#)
[Open Garden at Sherwood Demonstration Garden](#)
- [Saturday, August 26 - 10 a.m.](#)
[Tomato Tasting at Green Acres at Eisleys](#)
- [Saturday, August 26 - 9 a.m.](#)
[Successful Gardening with Native Plants](#)
- [Saturday, September 2 - 9 a.m.](#)
[First Saturday Garden Tour](#)
- [Saturday, September 9 - 9 a.m.](#)
[Open Garden Day at Fair Oaks Horticulture Center](#)
- [Saturday, September 30 - 9 a.m.](#)
[UC Davis Arboretum Plant Sale](#)
- [Wednesday, October 11 - 9 a.m.](#)
[Open Garden Day at Fair Oaks Horticulture Center](#)
- [Saturday, October 21 - 9 a.m.](#)
[UC Davis Arboretum Plant Sale](#)
- [Saturday, November 4 - 9 a.m.](#)
[UC Davis Arboretum Plant Sale](#)

Fall Sale Plant Sales:

SCSS will be present at the Annual Shepard Garden and Art Center Fall Sale!



Please come.
Free admission
Free parking

2023 FALL SALE

Saturday, October 7, 10am - 4pm
Sunday, October 8, 10am - 3pm

Shepard Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95816
www.sgaac.org

Jewelry, plants, crafts,
flowers, art, food, and
much more

UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden



PLANT SALES

SPLIT SALES
Members Only 9 am - 11 am | Public Sale 11 am - 1 pm

September 30
October 21

CLEARANCE SALE
Public Sale 9 am - 1 pm

November 4

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Management Interns *Mara Feldman and Kris Robles*

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Fall Sale Plant Sales:



"Fall is for planting, Sacramento-region gardeners know. The air temperatures come down but the soil is still warm, giving young plants the best chance to establish good root systems before winter.

The region's fall plant sales are always a big deal, but they're easy to miss once the season gets busy. Here are the late-summer and early-fall dates we know, followed by one expected sale whose date has yet to be announced.

-- American Begonia Society 75th Anniversary Show and Sale, "Diamonds in the Shade." The first fall sale involving the garden clubs that use Sacramento's Shepard Garden & Art Center as their headquarters. 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10. Shepard Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento. <https://www.sgaac.org/calendar/2023/9> or <https://www.begonias.org/>

-- California Native Plant Society. Sacramento Valley Chapter. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, for the in-person sale at the SacValley Nursery at Soil Born Farms in Rancho Cordova. This will be followed by an online sale Sept. 23-25, with plant pickup on Oct. 1. Fabulous source for California native plants.

Information: <https://www.sacvalleycnps.org/plant-sales/>

Fall Plant sales

-- Delta Gesneriad and African Violet Society Show and Sale. A judged show and sale, typically featuring rare and hard-to-find varieties, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Shepard Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento. [Details here.](#)

-- UC Davis Arboretum Teaching Nursery. This series of Saturday sales is hugely popular for its plant selection, which includes natives and the Arboretum All-Stars, aka plants that do well in our region. Join the Friends of the Arboretum to get 10% off all purchases and gain access to members-only sale hours. The sales on Sept. 30 and Oct. 21 will be "split sales," with members only admitted 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., then open to the public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fall clearance sale will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 4 and will be open to everyone. <https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/plant-sales>

-- Shepard Center Fall Sale. The event features all the clubs and groups that use the center. Plants, jewelry, art, food and more. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8. Shepard Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento. <https://www.sgaac.org/calendar/>

To be announced:

-- American River College Horticulture Department. The department holds a sale each semester of student-propagated plants. Typically bargain prices on annuals and vegetables, but the sales also include natives, shrubs and even trees."



Annual CSSA Affiliate Committee Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2023

Affiliate Committee Meeting

There were fifty-one participants at this year's CSSA Convention Affiliate Representatives meeting with thirty-three affiliate clubs represented.

Introduction - John Martinez – Affiliate Committee

The Affiliate Committee is the CSSA liaison with the clubs. There is a need to keep the Affiliate information updated on the CSSA website.

Conservation Committee – Irwin Lightstone

Next CSSA Journal will be all about conservation.

Discourage habitat collecting by cultivating species in demand.

Create botanical garden sanctuaries

Phuc Huynh – Research Committee

Phuc introduced himself and explained that CSSA has monies available for research grants.

Gunnar Eisel – CSSA Executive Director

Send all club newsletters to Linda Tamblyn who is the editor of "To The Point". Publications are getting expensive to produce and to mail. International members have difficulty receiving their journals.

CSSA is looking at possibly going to online or digital publications in the future. First step will begin in 2024 with the Haseltonia.

M.A. Bjarkman – Affiliate Committee

M.A. voiced her desire to create connections between all the Affiliate clubs to share information, procedures, and ideas.

General Comments

- Request for online information about show judging and judging certification.
- Request for sharing a list of speakers available to speak at the club meetings.
- Request for ideas for social media advertising of affiliate club sales.
- Many clubs had monthly zoom meetings during the pandemic. Many clubs are now going back to in person meetings. Some clubs like the San Francisco club are having regular in person meetings that are also available via Zoom.
- Request and support given for new electronic information shared by CSSA and all affiliate clubs.

• Tips for keeping club meetings interesting and to increase attendance.

- Publish meeting agendas
- Keep them interesting
- Share information on how to get great speakers for your club.
- Recruit younger members and recruit more volunteers.
- Change meeting to hands on workshops or add workshops on another day.
- Encourage member presentations. Ask members to bring in plants to share and to provide short plant information with their growing tips.