

Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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Announcements

February Meeting:

February 26th, 2024
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.



February Program (Rescheduled from January)

KYLE JOHNSON: CREATING A DYNAMIC SUCCULENT GARDEN

Have you been collecting and hoarding succulents and cacti in nursery pots for years? Struggling to get started turning your collection into a garden showcase? Kyle will be speaking about overcoming the hurdles of creating your dream succulent garden. This includes design elements, mound building techniques, soil mixtures, irrigation, container gardening and evaluating microclimates. Kyle is a self-taught plant/gardener enthusiast who enjoys creating spaces where the magnificent plant world can be admired by humans and pollinators alike. Hopefully you can incorporate some of his concepts into your own gardens.



February Program

Kyle is a professional geologist with the Central Valley Water Quality Control Board and works on environmental cleanups for the State's legacy gold, copper, and mercury mines. He grew up in Tucson, Arizona and attended the University of Arizona. In 2016, he and his partner Hannah moved to Sacramento from Anchorage, Alaska and in 2018 purchased their first home in the Tahoe Park Community. In 2019, Kyle stumbled across Gerhard Bock's Succulents and More blog on everything succulent-related and quickly got inspired. Over the past 5 years, he has worked relentlessly creating a garden filled with succulents, cacti, CA natives, and perennials. He has a true admiration for aloes, with over 200 species/hybrids planted. Kyle also uses his garden as an outlet for creating metal and rock art, among other whimsical objects.

Kyle's garden has been featured on the Tahoe Park Community Garden Tour (2020, 2022, upcoming 2024), Succulents and More (the latest post found here: (<https://www.succulentsandmore.com/2023/02/more-rocks-more-plants-update-on.html>)), and a 2023 SCSS open house.



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Mariel Dennis

Librarian:

George Krigas

Membership/Roster:

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:

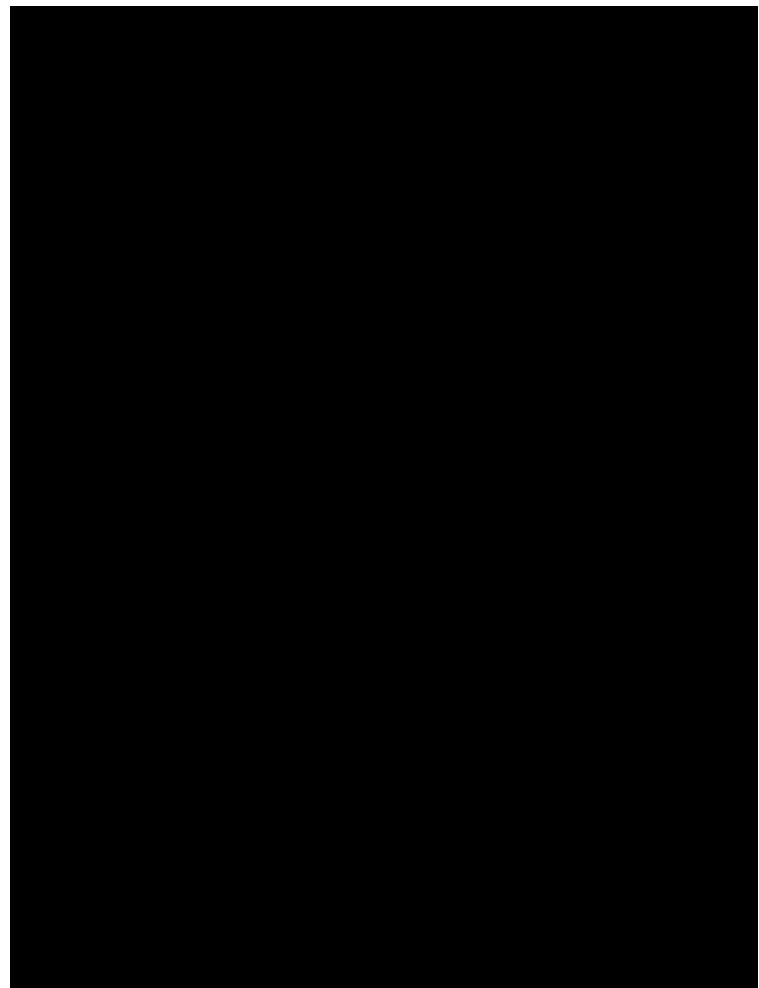
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Webmaster:

Gerhard Bock

Annual Show & Plant Sale:

*Mariel Dennis/Keith Taylor
Co-chairs*

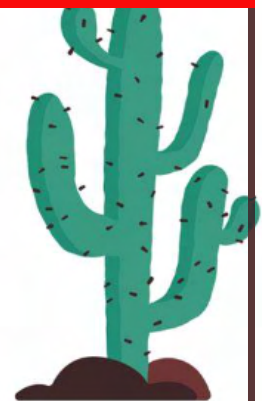


DELINQUENT

Saguaro Sam Says: 2024 Membership Dues are Due

Memberships forms
available at our meetings
or on the website:
www.sacramentocss.com

**Delinquent on December 31st.
Please pay dues if you have not
already. Form attached.**



**LAST REMINDER for payment of delinquent
membership dues.**

**Please send dues to: Carole Hada, 4239 Arnold Way,
Mather, 95655 or see her at the February 26th
meeting.**

2024 Mini Show Schedule

Month	Cactus	Succulent
January	Spiral Cactus	Aeonium
February	Opuntia	Crassula
March	Mammillaria	Gasteria
April	Parodia	Euphorbia
May	Gymnocalycium	Agave
June	Astrophytum	Lithops
July	Rebutia	Echeveria
August	Ariocarpus	Kalanchoe
September	Country Store – No Mini Show	
October	Stapelia	Sansevieria
November	Schlumbergera	Sedum
December	Holiday Party – No Mini Show	

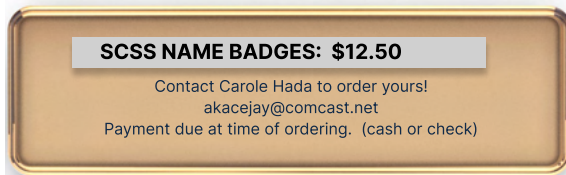


Opuntia Macrocentra

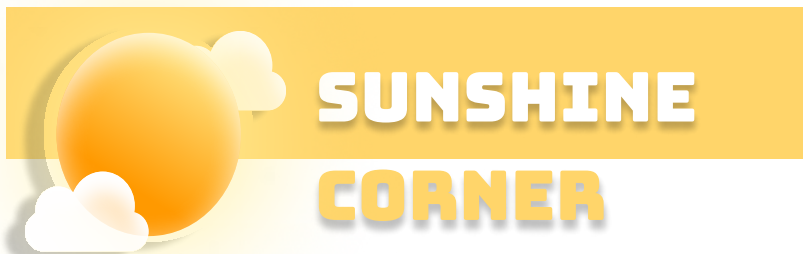


Opuntia Microdasys

SCSS Name Badges



Sunshine Corner



A card of condolence was sent to our friend Chere Peterson. We are deeply sorry for your loss.

If you know any club member who could use a note of encouragement, please let me know at cdaf182@gmail.com, using the Subject SCSS Sunshine.



Crassula Arborescens

January Mini Show

This will be our first mini-show of the year since January's meeting got canceled. Remember the wonderful prizes that were handed out at the Christmas dinner! I hope it will encourage more of you to participate in the Mini Show this year. Also the Dish Garden category has not been very popular—and I know you have them! Let's see more entries this year! Our February cactus category is Opuntia! It is more than prickly pear! Let's see some of your special ones. The succulent category is Crassula!

Opuntia Cactus:

Opuntia is a genus of flowering plants in the cactus family Cactaceae. They are native to the New World, from the Peace River in western Canada to the tip of South America. Opuntia, large genus of 150–180 species of flat-jointed cacti (family Cactaceae) native to the New World. Opuntia occurs from the Peace River in western Canada almost to the tip of South America. In the Northern Hemisphere, the brittle prickly pear one of the most northern-ranging cacti. Several species of prickly pear, including the commonly cultivated Indian fig of Mexico, are grown for their edible fruits and paddles and are invasive species in South Africa, Australia, and elsewhere outside of their native range. The “big three” states for opuntias are Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. However, the East has a number of species too. Most states have at least one native prickly pear. The good news is that many western opuntias will grow in a variety of climates. So, you can grow them in your garden.

Besides the prickly pear version, another popular variety is called Bunny Ears! Opuntias are very “prickly” and while they look easy to handle they will always leave you with little pricks whenever you handle them.

Crassula Succulents:

Crassula is a genus of succulent plants that includes about 300 species. Crassula plants are native to many parts of the world, but cultivated varieties come almost exclusively from the Eastern Cape of South Africa. Crassula plants can be annuals, perennials, herbaceous or woody plants, ground covers, shrubs, and small trees. They are easy to grow and make good houseplants. They don't need a lot of care, but they do need water. Here are some tips for caring for Crassula plants:

1. Water the plant moderately throughout the year, and reduce watering during the colder months.
 2. Avoid overwatering, which can cause the leaves to drop and the stem to rot.
 3. Don't place the plant too close to a cold window.
 4. In winter, when the plant is semi-dormant, restrict watering and keep the soil on the dry side.
 5. Drought can result in dwarfing, foliage spotting, leaf drop, and death.
- The most common crassula is probably the Jade plant, but there are many other varieties, let's see yours!

Linda Partmann

SEEKING VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

**THE ENTIRE CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP!
2024 MAY SALE AND SHOW
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR(S)**

There's an opening at our Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society for the Volunteer Coordinator(s) position.

Every year Carole Hada, as "Volunteer Coordinator", recruits and organizes the volunteers for our May Sale and Show. Until now. This year, Carole is stepping aside to allow someone else to take the position. Carole will take on the role of mentor to whoever becomes our new Volunteer Coordinator. She knows all of our regular volunteers and in what areas they prefer to volunteer. Carole, with her experience and expertise, will make the transition as seamless as possible for our new Volunteer Coordinator(s).

It would be fantastic if one person wants the position. On the other hand, if two people want to do the work and split the duties that would also be great! Having two people to support each other and share ideas should make the effort even more enjoyable.

Anyone interested in being a Volunteer Coordinator for our May sale or interested in helping to coordinate the volunteers, please contact Carole Hada or Bill McCabe as soon as possible.

Carole Hada 916-803-0109 akacejay@comcast.net

Bill McCabe 916-225-5974 8mcca8e@sbcglobal.net

2024 Proposed Budget and 2023 Financial Reports for SCSS

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Cash Basis

Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through December 2024

	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Country Store	800.00
Annual Show Income	
Plant/Pottery Vendors	-100,000.00
Annual Show Income - Other	<u>125,000.00</u>
Total Annual Show Income	25,000.00
Membership Dues	2,000.00
Mo. Plant Drawing Tickets	700.00
Interest Income	<u>30.00</u>
Total Income	28,530.00
Expense	
Taxes	75.00
Annual Show Expenses	6,000.00
Awards	200.00
Bank Service Charges	30.00
Club Christmas party	1,300.00
Dues and Subscriptions	
Center Dues	<u>325.00</u>
Total Dues and Subscriptions	325.00
Library Expenses	300.00
Office Supplies	150.00
Plant Table Fees - Monthly Meet	1,300.00
Fall Sale Table Fees	75.00
Spring Sale Table Fees	75.00
Printing and Reproduction	250.00
Field Trips/Bus Trips Expense	5,000.00
Refreshments-Monthly Meetings	600.00
Rent	4,000.00
Program Exp - Speaker Fees	2,500.00
Storage Unit	2,600.00
"Sunshine" Postage	50.00
SGAC Landscape Project	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>25,330.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>3,200.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>3,200.00</u></u>

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Cash Basis

Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society
Profit & Loss
January through December 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Country Store	1,087.50
Annual Show Income	
Plant/Pottery Vendors	-113,254.99
Annual Show Income - Other	<u>141,970.92</u>
Total Annual Show Income	28,715.93
Membership Dues	2,400.00
Mo. Plant Drawing Tickets	831.00
Interest Income	<u>1.31</u>
Total Income	33,035.74
Expense	
Taxes	75.00
Annual Show Expenses	
Refreshments	764.15
Merchant Discount	3,696.12
Show Fees	0.00
Show Flyers	225.94
Annual Show Expenses - Other	<u>2,629.12</u>
Total Annual Show Expenses	7,315.33
Awards	493.10
Bank Service Charges	27.90
Contributions/Memorials/Friends	300.00
Dues and Subscriptions	
Center Dues	<u>325.00</u>
Total Dues and Subscriptions	325.00
Library Expenses	348.70
Office Supplies	145.92
Plant Table Fees - Monthly Meet	1,300.00
Fall Sale Table Fees	75.00
Spring Sale Table Fees	75.00
Printing and Reproduction	226.09
Field Trips/Bus Trips Expense	229.52
Refreshments-Monthly Meetings	702.55
Rent	4,118.75
Program Exp - Speaker Fees	2,075.00
Storage Unit	2,460.00
SGAC Landscape Project	3,206.25
Door Prizes	50.00
Travel & Ent	
Christmas Dinner	1,285.54
Meals - Board Meetings	<u>649.01</u>
Total Travel & Ent	1,934.55
Total Expense	<u>25,483.66</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>7,552.08</u>
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Cash Basis

Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Change Fund - Plant Sales	388.61
Savings - Bank Of America	76,118.04
Checking - Bank Of America	4,747.95
Total Checking/Savings	81,254.60
Total Current Assets	81,254.60
TOTAL ASSETS	81,254.60
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Sales Tax Payable	0.85
Total Other Current Liabilities	0.85
Total Current Liabilities	0.85
Total Liabilities	0.85
Equity	
Retained Earnings	73,701.67
Net Income	7,552.08
Total Equity	81,253.75
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	81,254.60