

# Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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## Announcements

### December Meeting:

January 22nd 2024  
6:15pm -9:15pm  
Shepard Garden  
& Art Center

Doors open at 6:15 for  
setup up. Dinner begins  
at 7 PM.

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



## January Program

### 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.



## January Program

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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.



**Board and Committee Chairs**

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**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:**

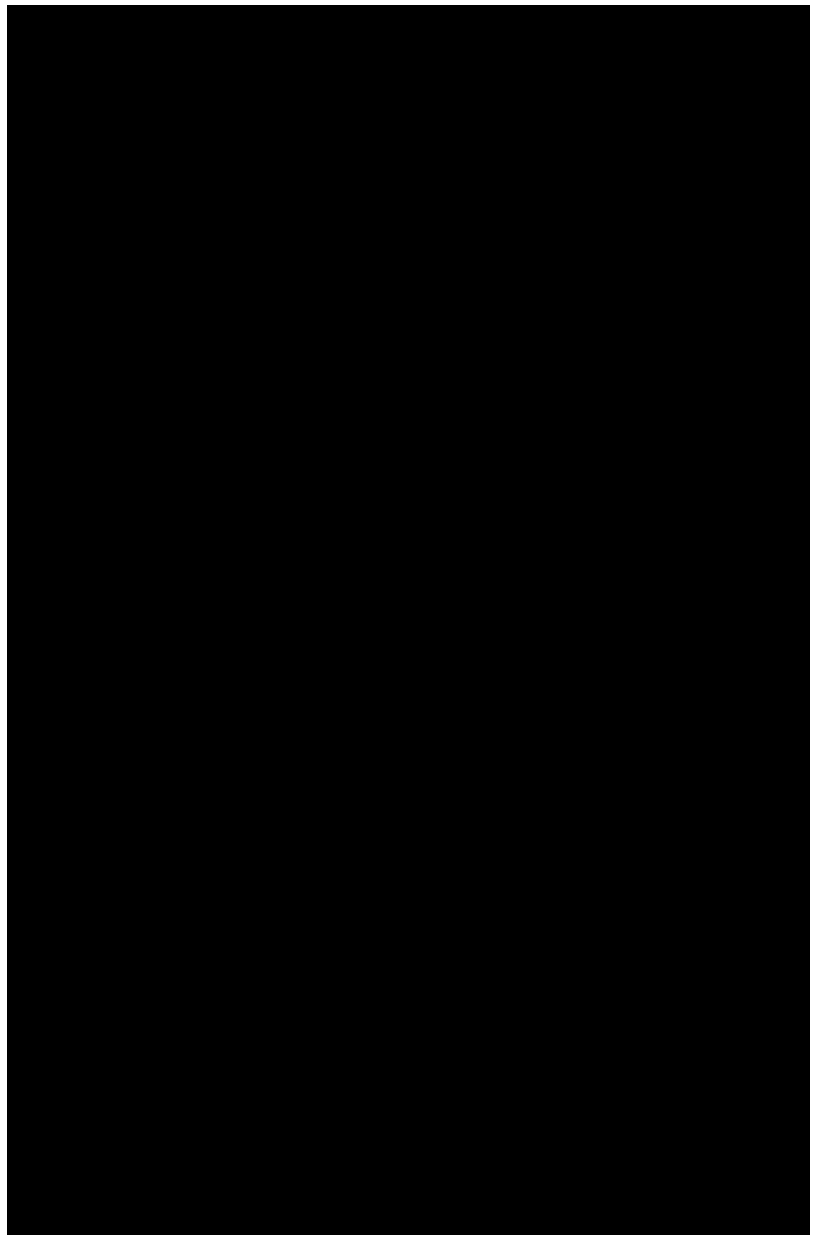
*Cherry Dulaney*

**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](http://www.sacramentocss.com)

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



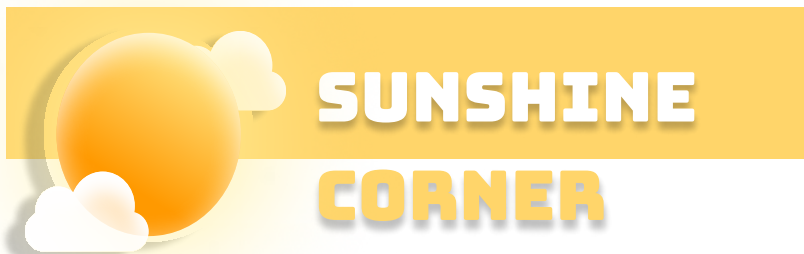
**2024 Mini Show Schedule**

Month	Cactus	Succulent
January	Spiral Cactus	Spiral Cactus
February	Opuntia	Opuntia
March	Mammillaria	Mammillaria
April	Parodia	Parodia
May	Gymnocalycium	Gymnocalycium
June	Astrophytum	Astrophytum
July	Rebutia	Rebutia
August	Ariocarpus	Ariocarpus
September	Country Store – No Mini Show	
October	Stapelia	Stapelia
November	Schlumbergera	Schlumbergera
December	Holiday Party – No Mini Show	

**SCSS Name Badges**



**Sunshine Corner**



This past fall, our friends Carole Hada and Elaine & Terry Thomas received Sunshine cards. Sending them our best wishes. If you know any club member who could use a note of encouragement, please let me know at [cdaf182@gmail.com](mailto:cdaf182@gmail.com), using the Subject SCSS Sunshine. Cherry DuLaney, Sunshine Chair



**Janurary Mini Show**

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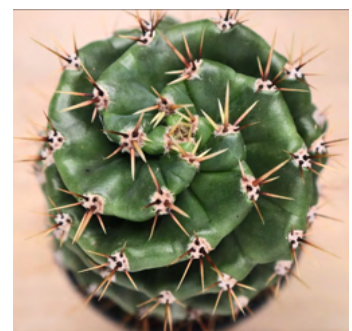
For January the selected cactus variety is any spiral cactus and succlent, Aeonium! I know you have them, let's bring them in. For those of you at the Holiday Dinner, the prizes I think were awesome. First place winners got their very own Keith Kitoi Taylor pot, and second place winners got their very own Linda Partmann pot. We did not have enough participation during the year for third place winners. I hope this changes in the new year!!

Cacti are a large group of plants, many of which are native to dry regions across the world. Their very minimal care needs, unique foliage, and bohemian-feel make th.ese plants a must have for plant lovers. There are a few varieties that have a lovely spiral or twisted form, such as *Cereus forbesii* 'spiralis', which is a vibrant member of the *Cereus* genus! Another interesting but different spiral is the *Eulychnia Castanea* *Spiralis*. Let's see yours!

The Aeonium is a fairly common succulent, but one of my favorites, especially this time of year because it is summer dormant and really beautiful this time of year when it gets more water. While they can be really big, I am sure some of you have some smaller examples that will be easy to bring to the Mini Show! Let's see them!



Aeoniums



Eulychnias

## 2024 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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Last updated – 12/16/2024 EMAIL CHANGES TO JGMPLANTS@AOL.COM

- FEB. 9-11**     **SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY WINTER SHOW AND SALE**  
 Sale Fri.-Sat. 8am-5pm, Sun. 8am-4pm     Show Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm  
 Info. Manny Rivera 626-780-6957 or James Lemos 626-201-5519  
 Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA
- FEB. 10**     **SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY WINTER SHOW AND SALE**  
 Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA Info. call 619-990-2051
- MAR. 1-3**     **FRESNO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SALE**  
 Daily 10am-5pm Admission free with paid admission to the Fresno Home & Garden Show  
 Fresno fairgrounds, Garden Pavilion, 1121 S. Chance Ave., Fresno, CA
- MAR. 22-23**     **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SALE**  
 Fri. noon-6pm, Sat. 9am-4pm     Info. call 657-549-0702  
 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
- APRIL 12- 14**     **MONTEREY BAY AREA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SALE AND JUDGED SHOW**  
 Fri. 3pm-6pm members only, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm  
 Info mbacsspresident@gmail.com or mbsucculent.org  
 ISTW Portuguese Hall, 124 Atkinson Lane, Watsonville, CA 95076
- APR. 14**     **CONEJO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SALE 9AM-4PM**  
 Info. www.conejocss.com or conejocss@hotmail.com  
 558 N. Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320
- APR. 13-14**     **SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**  
 Daily 9am-4pm Info. www.southcoastcss.org or call 310-346-6206  
 Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 Crestridge Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
- TBA**     **LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SALE**  
 Info. www.lacactus.com
- APR. 27-28**     **SAN JOSE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**  
 Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm Info. www.csssj.org  
 Peterson Middle School, 1380 Rosalia Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA
- APR. 27**     **PALOMAR CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING FESTIVAL**  
 Sat. 11am-3pm C&S sales and free workshops on growing C&S  
 The Park Ave. Community Center, 210 E. Park Ave., Escondido, CA
- APR. 28**     **HUNTINGTON SPRING PLANT SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**  
 10am-5pm Info. Reservations- www.huntington.org, Sale call 626-405-3571  
 Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA
- MAY 3-5**     **SACRAMENTO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**  
 Daily 9am-5pm Info. www.sacramentocss.com  
 Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA
- MAY 3-4**     **SUNSET SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**  
 Sat. Show noon-4pm, Sale 9am-4pm, Sun. Show & Sale 9am-4pm Info. call 310-822-1783  
 Veterans Memorial Center, Teen Center, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA
- MAY 5**     **LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB SHOW AND SALE**  
 noon-4pm Info. call 714-553-6914  
 Women's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St., Bellflower, CA 90706 (OVER)

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- MAY 10-11 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SALE**  
Daily 9am-4pm Info. [www.gatescactusandsucculentsociety.com](http://www.gatescactusandsucculentsociety.com) or call 909-910-9195  
Redlands Church of The Nazarene, 1307 E. Citrus Ave., Redlands, CA 92374
- MAY 11 SANTA BARBARA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**  
10am-3pm, Members early entry 9:30am Info. <https://sbcactus.org/show-and-sale/>  
Santa Barbara Women's Club, 670 Mission Canyon Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93105
- MAY 18-19 CARMICHAEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**  
Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-2:30pm, Info. [lldewe@gmail.com](mailto:lldewe@gmail.com) or [www.ccandss.com](http://www.ccandss.com)  
Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael, CA
- MAY 25-26 CENTRAL COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**  
Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm Info. [rskillin@gmail.com](mailto:rskillin@gmail.com) or [www.centralcoastcactus.org](http://www.centralcoastcactus.org)  
Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA
- JUNE 8-9 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE**  
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA Info. call 619-990-2051
- JUNE 8-9 FRESNO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE**  
Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm Info. [rob\\_scott85@yahoo.com](mailto:rob_scott85@yahoo.com)  
Fresno Fairgrounds Commerce Bldg, 1121 S. Chance Ave., Fresno, CA
- JUNE 14-16 SAN FRANCISCO SUCCULENT AND CACTUS SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**  
Fri. member-only preview, Info. schedule & details at [www.sfsucculent.org](http://www.sfsucculent.org)  
San Francisco County Fair Building, 1199 9th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122
- JUNE 28-30 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FRI./SAT./SUN.**  
daily 10am-5pm  
Info. Reservations- [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org), Show/Sale- call Nick Renteria 323-428-2215  
Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA
- JULY 19-20 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SALE**  
Fri. Noon-6pm, Sat. 9am-4pm Info. call 657-549-0702  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
- AUG. 2-4 INTER-CITY SHOW AND SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**  
Info. [www.intercityshow.com](http://www.intercityshow.com) or call 805-264-6262  
Plant sales 8am-5pm daily, Show open 8am-5pm Aug. 3-4  
LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA
- AUG. 30-SEP. 1 MONTEREY BAY AREA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SALE AND SHOW**  
Fri. 3pm-6pm members only, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm  
Info [mbacsspresident@gmail.com](mailto:mbacsspresident@gmail.com) or [mbsucculent.org](http://mbsucculent.org)  
ISTW Portuguese Hall, 124 Atkinson Lane, Watsonville, CA 95076
- AUG. 31 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM**  
9am-3pm **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**  
Info. Reservations- [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org), Symposium-call 626-405-3571  
Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA
- OCT. 6 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL AUCTION**  
1pm-3:30pm Info. call 714-553-6914  
Women's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St., Bellflower, CA
- OCT. 13 CONEJO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SALE 9AM-4PM**  
Info. [www.conejocss.com](http://www.conejocss.com) or [conejocss@hotmail.com](mailto:conejocss@hotmail.com)  
558 N. Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320 **(CONT'D)**

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- OCT. 26-27 PALOMAR CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SHOW AND SALE**  
 San Diego Botanic Garden admission required  
 Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm Info. [rwkopfstein@gmail.com](mailto:rwkopfstein@gmail.com)  
 San Diego Botanic Garden, Conservatory, 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA
- NOV. 1-3 HUNTINGTON FALL PLANT SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FRI./SAT./SUN.**  
 10am-5pm Info. Reservations- [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org), Sale call 626-405-3571  
 Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA

## 2024 EPIPHYLLUM CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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- MAY 4 EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY OF AMERICA SHOW AND SALE**  
 9am-4pm Info. [www.epiphyllums.org](http://www.epiphyllums.org) or call 909-438-8242  
 San Marino Masonic Hall, 3130 Huntington Dr., San Marino, CA
- MAY 11-12 SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**  
 Sat. 9am-4pm Early Bird Sale Only (no show) Casa del Prado Patio  
 Sun. Sale 9am-4pm, Show 11am-4pm, Room 101, Casa del Prado  
 Balboa Park, San Diego, CA Info. [www.sdepis.org](http://www.sdepis.org) or call 858-565-0340
- MAY 25 EPIPHYLLUM CONFERENCE XVII (EpiCon 17)**  
 Sat. 8:30am-5pm. at the California Center for the Arts (<https://artcenter.org/>)  
 340 North Escondido Blvd., Escondido, CA  
 This event has been held every two years since 1988. The last conference was in 2018 but COVID put it on hold for six years. Past conferences have featured presentations on Epiphyllum and other epiphytic plants from guest speakers from throughout the U.S. as well as New Zealand, Germany, and Sweden. The day-long event includes a silent auction and raffle featuring some of the newest hybrids. Cost is \$65 per person and includes lunch. Registrations can be made on the San Diego Epiphyllum Society's website store: <https://san-diego-epiphyllum-soc.square.site/product/epicon-xviii/20?cs=true&cst=custom>.  
 Escondido is also home to the San Diego Zoo's Safari Park which features the Epiphyllum Trail, Baja Gardens and an Old World Succulent Garden. <https://sdzsafaripark.org/plan-your-visit>.  
 Conference Contacts: Mildred Mikas, [mvmikas@cox.net](mailto:mvmikas@cox.net) or Pat Neal, [pneal@san.rr.com](mailto:pneal@san.rr.com)
- TBA SAN FRANCISCO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**



**In Memory**

Mabel was given an Honorary Life Membership in the Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society for her contributions to our yearly show and sale and for being an advocate for our club. She has not been at the Center for numerous years but some members still keep in contact. A card will be sent to her family.

Contributed by Marilyn Vilas

# Sacramento Cactus & Succulents Society Membership Form

(Renewal fees are due beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, and NO later than December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Any dues paid after October 1<sup>st</sup> will apply as dues paid for the following calendar year)

*For accuracy, please print clearly!*

NAME (S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY (month & day only) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Receive Newsletter by: (Select One)    EMail                       USPS

Membership Enrollment:                      NEW                       RENEWAL

Membership Type: INDIVIDUAL \$15     FAMILY (2 or more) \$20     **LIFETIME \$100**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **SCSS (Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society)**

MAIL TO: Carole Hada, 4239 Arnold Way, Mather, CA 95655

Questions: [membership@sacramentocss.com](mailto:membership@sacramentocss.com)

<b>Chair use only:</b> Check # _____ Check \$ _____ Cash \$ _____ Date _____
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