

Thorny Issues

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Announcements

December Meeting:

December 16th, 2024
6:30 -9:15pm
Shepard Garden
& Art Center

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



December Program

Holiday Dinner Party



Members are invited to our annual hosted catered dinner followed by our white elephant gift exchange (valued approx. \$10-15) and crazy Christmas sweater/attire contest.

No cost for members (and a limit of 1 non-member guest at \$25 each, is payable at the door).

Please RSVP by the prior Friday December 13th to: marield@comcast.net so we can have the correct number of diners for the caterer.

Entry at 6 pm for caterer/set-up volunteers; all others, please arrive at 6:30.

Board and Committee Chairs

President:

Maribel Dennis

Vice-President/Program Chair:

Theresa Roberts

Secretary: *Gerhard Bock*

Treasurer: *Greg Lang*

Board of Directors:

Penny Newell, Carole Hada,

Tina Micheal Ruse

Ex Officio: Steve Goodman

CSSA Affiliate:

Maribel 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:

Cherry DuLaney

Webmaster:

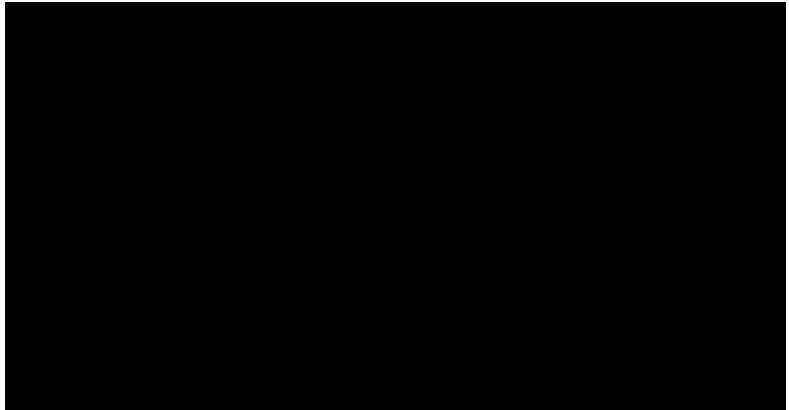
Gerhard Bock

Annual Show & Plant Sale:

Maribel Dennis/Keith Taylor

Co-chairs

Members



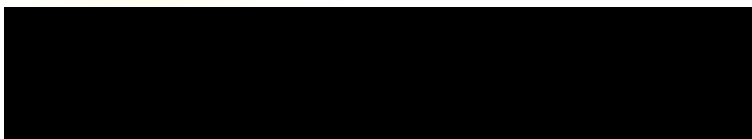
**Saguaro Sam Says:
2024 Membership
Dues are Due**

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

Delinquent on December 31st



Sunshine Corner



access to the membership list. And, remember, if you know of any members who could use a Sunshine card, send an email to Cherry DuLaney with the particulars at cdaf182@gmail.com, using "Sunshine" on the subject line. Wishing everyone a happy holiday season.

2024 Mini Show Schedule

Month	Cactus	Succulent
January	Spiral Cactus	Aeonium
February	Opuntia	Crassula
March	Mammillaria	Gasteria
April	Parodia	Euphorbia
May	no mini show	no mini show
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	



Year End Mini Show Report

Well 2024 is almost over, and another year of Mini Shows are over for our group. I do think we had a little more engagement this year, and I hope it continues into 2025. I know that everyone will be envious of the prizes! Since many of the same people bring in mini show plants, I did eliminate a winner from the other categories to spread out the plant love!!

As with last year, the prizes will be special hand made pots from our own Keith Taylor, Eric Bailey and myself. The prizes will be handed out at the Christmas Dinner. If a winner is not at the Christmas Dinner, hopefully they can make the January meeting. Otherwise I will work it out with them directly.

So please participate in the 2025 Mini Show, and maybe you can be a big winner next year. The January newsletter will set out the Mini Show schedule for 2025.

Without further ado-- the winners are:

Cactus - 1st Place – Rudy Aguilar

2nd Place – Eric Bailey

3rd Place – Jerry Vaninetti

Succulent - 1st Place – Steve Goodman

2nd Place – Elaine Thomas

3rd Place – Jerry Friis

Dish Garden - 1st Place – George Krigas

2nd Place – Dan Mecca

3rd Place – Michael Ruse

Happy Holidays everyone, and I hope to see you at the Christmas Dinner.

Linda Partmann

New Resources Page on the SCSS website

Gerhard has added a new Resources page to the SCSS website. You can find it here: <https://sacramentocss.com/resources.html>.

This page contains a PDF with the destinations Gerhard covered last month in his talk on the best places to see succulents in California. Each destination is linked to posts on Gerhard's blog, [Succulents and More](#), where you can find detailed information about each destination.

Gerhard has also added a link to the [2025 Cactus & Succulent Society Convention](#) in San Diego (April 23-27). This is a great opportunity to learn more about the plants we all love, to reunite with old friends, and to make new ones.

