

Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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Announcements

July Meeting:

July 22nd, 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.



July Program

A PANEL HIGHLIGHTING EXPERTISE OF THREE SACRAMENTO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CLUB

This month's program will feature three member speakers: Amie Frisch, Lesley Shores, Mariel Dennis.

- "Drainage Decoded: Ingredients for Successful Soil Mixes": Amie, the owner of Vivid Root, has dedicated the past five years to perfecting soil mix recipes for cacti and succulents. Amie will delve into the importance of a well-draining soil mix, discuss various ingredients and their roles, and provide tips on sourcing these components. Discover why there's no one-size-fits-all recipe and learn how to customize your mix to suit your plants and environment. Amie will also share insights on why the right soil mix can make your plants more resilient to watering practices.



July Program

- "Where the Heck do Seller's Get All those Plants?": Lesley is co-owner of one of the Vender Businesses that sells at the Sacramento and many other sale shows. She will take a look behind the curtain and talk about the ways and challenges of sourcing plants from seeds to overseas.



- "A Little Bit of Heaven with a Home Greenhouse": Mariel will talk about different ways to have a greenhouse for your cactus and succulent lovelies right at home. She will also point out important considerations for a successful installation and growing environment.



We will have 15 minutes reserved for member questions and comment and at the end of the three 15-minute talks. So go local and come on down to learn from and interact with these outstanding club member speakers!



Presidents Corner

Hello succulent enthusiasts. As my begonias are turning crispy and the salvias are drooping, I hope your plants and you are bearing up to our heat wave.

We won't be taking a summer break so I hope you'll be at the July meeting. In addition to our speaker panel that you can read more about in this newsletter, we will have plants and pots for sale along with t-shirts from our spring show

We will also be represented at the Tri-County Home and Garden Sale in Roseville again this year, as well as the Fair Oaks Harvest Festival. I hope you can come to lend support and talk to potential members and support our terrific plant and pottery sellers who will be there. Look for more information about the events in this newsletter from Bill McCabe who has been doing a wonderful job coordinating both of them.

I'm looking for a few volunteers to assist with some tasks we need to complete before the end of the year:

1. Meet with Greg Lang to review the organization's books of account. You don't need to have a degree in finance or be a CPA but a little financial savvy would be helpful. (1-2 people)
2. Work with some of the Board members to update the SCSS Bylaws. A copy of the most recent draft is attached in this newsletter. It would be nice to have 3-5 people to form a committee.
3. Create a contract for participation to sell at SCSS events, specifically the annual May Show and Sale. We have examples from other groups to use and modify. It would be good if some folks who sell at other club sales could join us and share their experience.

If you can help with any of these projects, please contact me at president@scss.com either at the July meeting or by the end of the month.

Thanks and try to stay cool,

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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

New Members

Jerry Vaninetti

Sunshine Corner



There's good news and there's bad news. The good news is that all is well with our members, so no Sunshine cards were needed last month. The bad news is that it's been hotter than blazes in the Sac area! I hope your cacti and succulents are surviving the heat wave. And if you know of anyone who could use a cheer, sympathy, or get-well card, please send me their info at cdaf182@gmail.com, using "Sunshine" in the subject line. Stay cool! Cherry DuLaney

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	

For July the selected cactus variety is Rebutia and succulent, Echeveria! I know you have them, let's bring them in. And don't forget your dish gardens! Remember for the Mini Show presentation, it is a single plant (or a plant with its pups). Several plants of the same species will be a dish garden. A dish garden can be multiple plants of a single genus, or mixed genres! Since Rebutia generally grow in clumps, it will be hard to tell whether your example originates from a single plant, so we will have to be a little flexible on this one.



Echeveria elegans (Crassulaceae)



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Rebutia wessneriana

July Mini Show



Sulcorebutia steinbachii



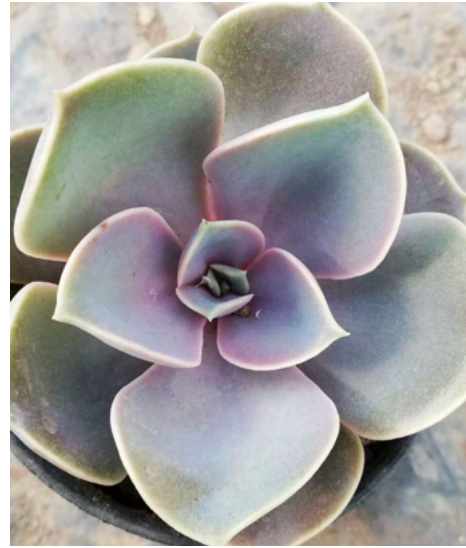
Rebutia wessneriana

Rebutia: Rebutia is a genus of flowering plants in the family Cactaceae, native to Bolivia and Argentina. They are generally small, colorful cacti, globose in form, which freely produce flowers that are relatively large in relation to the body. They have no distinctive ribs, but do have regularly arranged small tubercles. The genus Rebutia is one of the most popular in cultivation. Several species are produced on a large scale commercially and found in garden centers around the world. The plants in this genus are small, globose or flattened-globose plants that usually form a small clump. Stems are usually tuberculate in poorly-defined ribs. Spines vary widely even within plants of the same species. They are vigorous growers which flower quite readily with typically a large number of relatively large, showy, brightly-colored flowers which arise from areoles, usually around the lower portions of the stems. Flowers are funnel-shaped with floral tubes that often extend and curve upwards over the plant. Floral tubes feature scales and may have hairs, but not spines. In the wild, these plants are found in the hills and mountains of Argentina and Bolivia.

June Mini Show



Echeveria secunda



Echeveria Gibbiflora

Echeveria: Echeveria is a large genus of flowering plants in the family Crassulaceae, native to semi-desert areas of Central America, Mexico and northwestern South America.

Plants may be evergreen or deciduous. Flowers on short stalks (cymes) arise from compact rosettes of succulent fleshy, often brightly coloured leaves. Species are polycarpic, meaning that they may flower and set seed many times over the course of their lifetimes. Often numerous offsets are produced, and are commonly known as "hen and chicks", which can also refer to other genera, such as Sempervivum, that are significantly different from Echeveria. Many species of Echeveria serve important environmental roles, such as those of host plants for butterflies. For example, the butterfly *Callophrys xami* uses several species of Echeveria, such as *Echeveria gibbiflora*, for suitable host plants. Even more, these plants are integral to the oviposition process of *C. xami* and some other butterfly species as well.

I look forward to your mini show plants at the July meeting!
Hope everyone is keeping cool this hot July!!

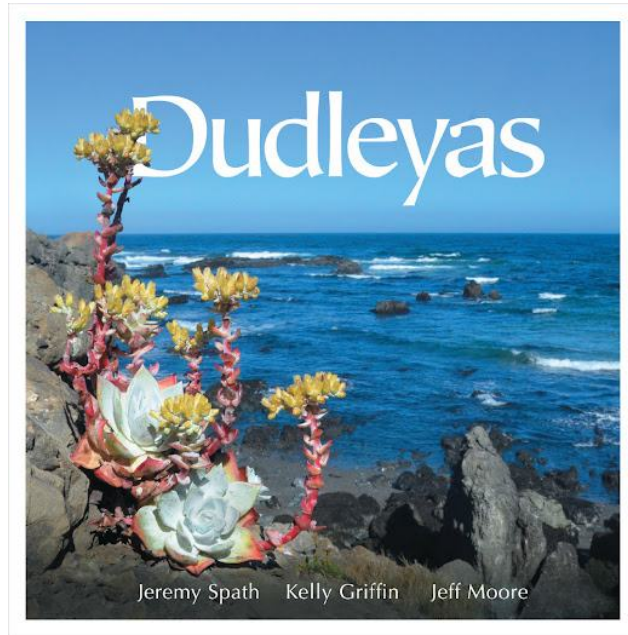
Linda Partmann

Open Gardens

A big THANK YOU to all the Club members who visited Eric and Dawn Bailey at their Open Garden and Amie Frisch at her Open Garden. Both of the Open Gardens were huge successes! Here are some photos from Eric and Dawn's.



Dudleyas Book



Gerhard has ordered more copies of Jeff Moore's brand-new Dudleya and will sell them at the next meeting for \$40, 20% off the retail price. If you're interested, please bring cash. You can read a review of the book on Gerhard's blog [link to <https://www.succulentsandmore.com/2024/06/book-review-dudleyas-by-jeremy-spath.html>]

Thanks! *Gerhard*

Harvest Day and Tri County Home Show

Join us at the Fair Oaks Harvest Day and at the Tri-County Home and Garden Show

The Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society will be participating in two events this August. The Fair Oaks Harvest Day is on Saturday 8/3/24 from 8AM-2PM and it's free! Richard Withers and Cassidy Roberts-Yee (his employee will be there in his place) will be representing the SCSS.

The Tri-County Home and Garden Show will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday August 16, 17 and 18 from 10AM-5PM each day. We could use a few volunteers to help recruit new members. Anyone who volunteers will get free admission tickets and passes for free parking. See Bill McCabe at the July meeting or text with questions (916-225-5974). Lesley and Jerry (L & J Plants) and Cassidy Roberts-Yee (Radiant Cactus) will be selling cacti and succulents at the SCSS booth.



CSSA Announcement

To the Affiliate Clubs of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America,

There has been a lot of changes to our club as of the first of 2024, I am sure you have noticed different formats to pay your dues and receive information. We have a new business manager, Julie Taber and she along with other members of our society have built a completely new website. We invite you to logon to CSSA website and view our latest news, articles of interest, events, information on having a successful affiliate club, how you can renew your membership and our mission concerning conservation. In the affiliate section there is a map of all of our current clubs along with their contact information.

We are now more than half way through the year and still many clubs have not updated their contact information. The benefit of keeping your contact information current on the websites is it improves communication with the CSSA, allows for easier communication with other societies as well as making it available to potential new members.

Updating your information has been made much easier. Simply go to the CSSA website, open the affiliate section, and find the affiliates society section list. There is a form near the bottom of the page. Open it, fill in your clubs information and send back by simply clicking submit.

I am sending this email from our most current contact list. Please forgive us if you receive this email and are no longer in the position of president of affiliate representative. If this is the case we ask that you please pass on this email to the appropriate person

Thank You

John Martinez, Co-chair
CSSA Affiliate Committee

Sacramento Digs Upcoming Events



Friday, July 12 - 9 a.m.

Open Garden at Sherwood Demonstration Garden

Friday, July 12 - 10 a.m.

Ask the Master Gardeners at the State Fair

Saturday, July 13 - 9 a.m.

Open Garden at Sherwood Demonstration Garden

Saturday, July 13 - 10 a.m.

Ask the Master Gardeners at the State Fair

Saturday, July 13 - 10:30 a.m.

Compost and Mulch Workshop in Loomis

Sunday, July 14 - 10 a.m.

Ask the Master Gardeners at the State Fair

Monday, July 15 - 10 a.m.

Ask the Master Gardeners at the State Fair

Tuesday, July 16 - 11 a.m.

Ask the Master Gardeners at the State Fair

Wednesday, July 17 - 11 a.m.

Ask the Master Gardeners at the State Fair

Thursday, July 18 - 11 a.m.

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