

# Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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## Announcements

### October Meeting:

October 28th, 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.



## October Program

### Transitioning From Summer To Winter Growers

Here in the central valley can be tricky making the transition from summer to winter growers.

Evenings are cool and days are warm. Keith talk about what he has learned over the 8yrs living in the valley. He will bring specimens from his collection and pottery available for purchase.



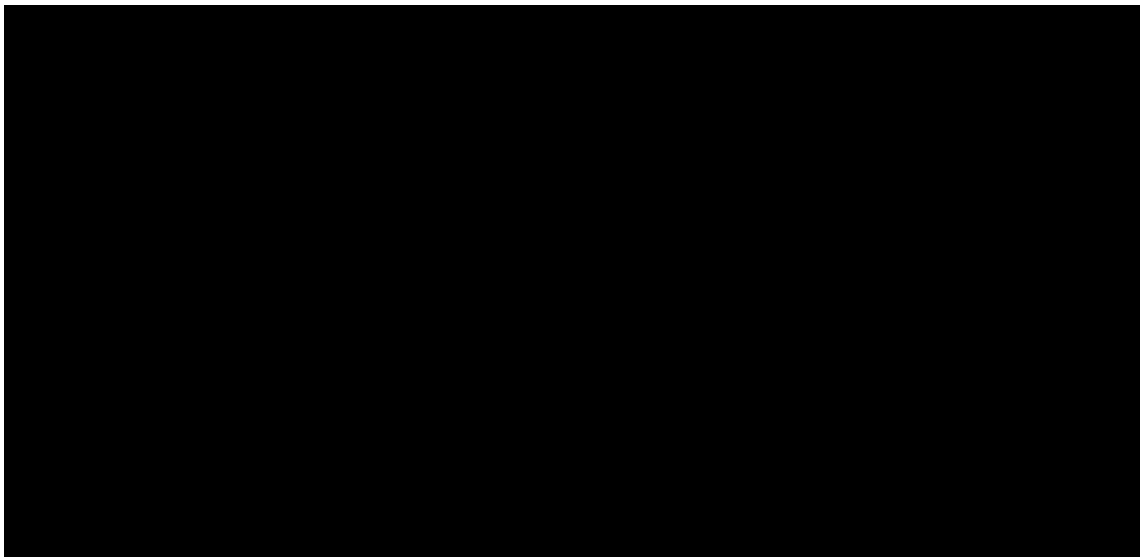
October Program

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Open Garden

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**Annual Country Store:**

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**Sunshine Corner:**

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**Annual Show & Plant Sale:**

*Maribel Dennis/Keith Taylor*

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## Sunshine Corner

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Happy October! Our good friends Oahn Vu and Carole Hada have been going through a rough patch with their health lately. Oahn, Carole Hada and Marilyn Vilas, who is still recovering from heart surgery, have all received Sunshine cards recently, wishing them better days ahead. If you know of anyone who could use a "thinking of you" note, please send me an email at [cdaf182@gmail.com](mailto:cdaf182@gmail.com), using "Sunshine" on the subject line. Cheers! Cherry P.S. I hope everyone's garden recovers from the brutal summer.

2024 Mini Show Schedule

October Mini Show

| 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 October the selected cactus variety is Stapelia and succulent, Sansevieria! 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 should be presented as a dish garden. A dish garden can be multiple plants of a single genus, or mixed genres! We are getting close to the end of the year—only October and November meetings to qualify for the grand prizes, which will be given out at the Christmas Dinner. If the winner is not at the Christmas Dinner, I will hold your prize until the next meeting in January.



STAPELIA GIROMAGI



SANSEVIERIA TRIFASCIATA

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**Mini Show**

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STAPELIA GRANDIFLORA



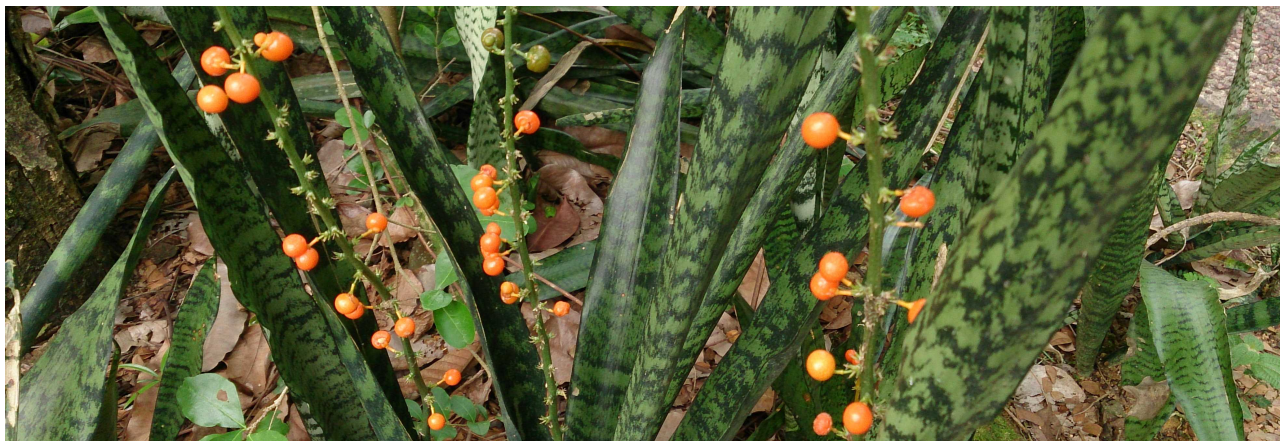
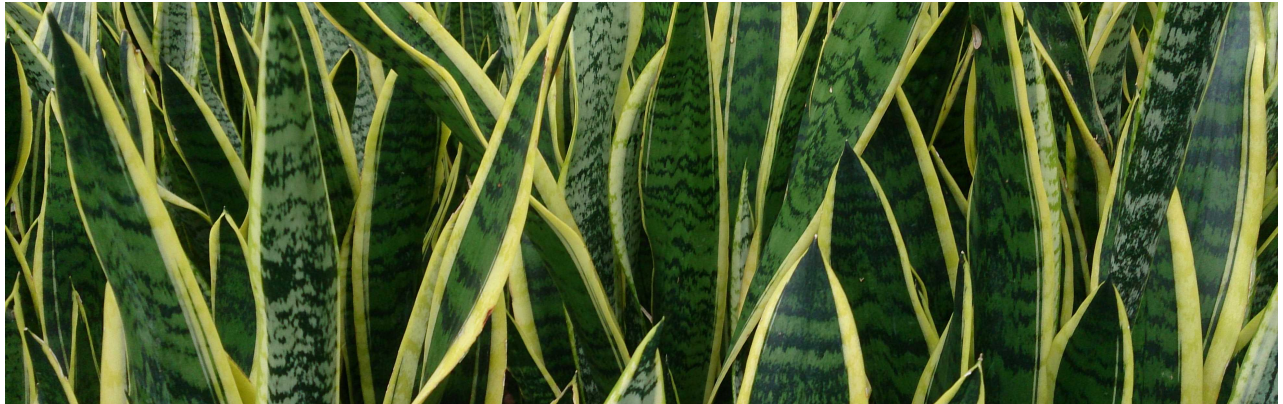
STAPELIA FLAVOPURPUREA

**Stapelia:** Stapelia is a genus of low-growing, spineless, stem succulent plants, predominantly from South Africa with a few from other parts of Africa. Several Asian and Latin American species were formerly included but they have all now been transferred to other genera.

Plant stapelia in gritty, well-drained, slightly alkaline soil. Growing stapelia in small, shallow terracotta pots reduces excess moisture around the roots. Water only when the soil is dry. Add perlite, gravel, or grit to standard cactus planting mix, and allow the roots to fill the pot before repotting.

Stapelia doesn't tolerate wet feet and must be watered sparingly during the growing season, with little to no water in winter. As with most houseplants, overwatering leads to rot and a premature demise. The plants consume more water in summer than in spring and autumn. Stop watering entirely in winter when the plant begins to go dormant. During dormancy, the stems may shrink. This is normal. Only water the soil lightly during this time and ignore the urge to soak the soil. It is common to go three to four (or more) weeks without watering during the dormant period. When the seasons change, the plant rebounds, and you can increase the watering schedule. If in doubt, don't water.

## Mini Show



SANSEVIERIA\_TRIFASCIATA

**Sansevieria:** Sansevieria is a historically recognized genus of flowering plants, native to Africa, notably Madagascar, and southern Asia, now included in the genus *Dracaena* on the basis of molecular phylogenetic studies.

Complete guide to Sansevieria plant care:

- a. Water fortnightly, or when the top two inches of soil feels dry.
- b. More sunlight is better, but anything is fine.
- c. Keep your snake plant in a warm spot, ideally above 10°C (50°F).
- d. Repot in spring, if needed, using houseplant compost.
- e. Wipe the leaves once in a while with a clean, damp cloth.