

Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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Announcements

January Meeting:

January 27th, 2025
6:00pm -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



January Program

Superbloom Trifecta!



Most gardeners are aware that South Africa contains extraordinary plant diversity: approximately a tenth of the World's vascular plant flora grows natively in South Africa. The South and Western parts of the Cape are especially rich in succulents (and bulbs!) however this area was subjected to great drought stress for most of this Millennium. Until 2022, that is, when heavy winter rains resulted in a fantastic display of annuals, bulbs, perennials and succulents we call a "Super bloom"...I was so smitten that I returned in 2023 and again in 2024--just a few months ago. Each year seemed to outdo the previous one. Seeing is believing--the technicolor audacity of Namaqualand super bloom must be seen to be believed! I hope I can convey a taste of it in my presentation!

Superbloom Trifecta

Panayoti Kelaidis is a plant explorer, gardener and public garden administrator associated with Denver Botanic Gardens where he is now Director of Outreach. He began his career at DBG in 1980 as curator of the Rock Alpine Garden, where he designed and oversaw the initial plantings of this extensive garden. Garden Design Magazine has rated this garden as the best public rock garden in North America. He has designed plantings for many of the gardens at DBG, as well as being part of the design team at Centennial garden and has designed the Watersmart knot gardens at Denver's Civic Center as part of Denver Mayor Hickenlooper's Water Conservation initiative.

He has introduced hundreds of native ornamentals from throughout the Western United States to general horticulture. He has taken five collecting trips to South Africa researching the high mountain and steppe flora there, as well as travels to the Andes, the Himalaya (Pakistan, Sikkim, Tibet and China), as well as travels throughout much of Europe, Central Asia (Uzbekistan, Mongolia and and Kazakhstan) the Caucasus and Turkey. Perhaps the best known of Panayoti's introductions are the many showy hardy ice plants: several dozen of these are now available at garden centers across America and in other parts of the world.

Panayoti has been party to the discovery of a number of species of plants new to science and has received numerous awards. He has lectured in nearly 150 cities in nine countries, and has been featured in many television, newspaper and magazine pieces. He believes that gardening is humanity's best way to gain an appreciation of nature and natural processes. In an increasingly urbanized and polluted world, horticulture is, perhaps, the best way to create a sustainable future for mankind and our planet.



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Mini Show:

Linda Partmann

Newsletter:

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Cindy Morales

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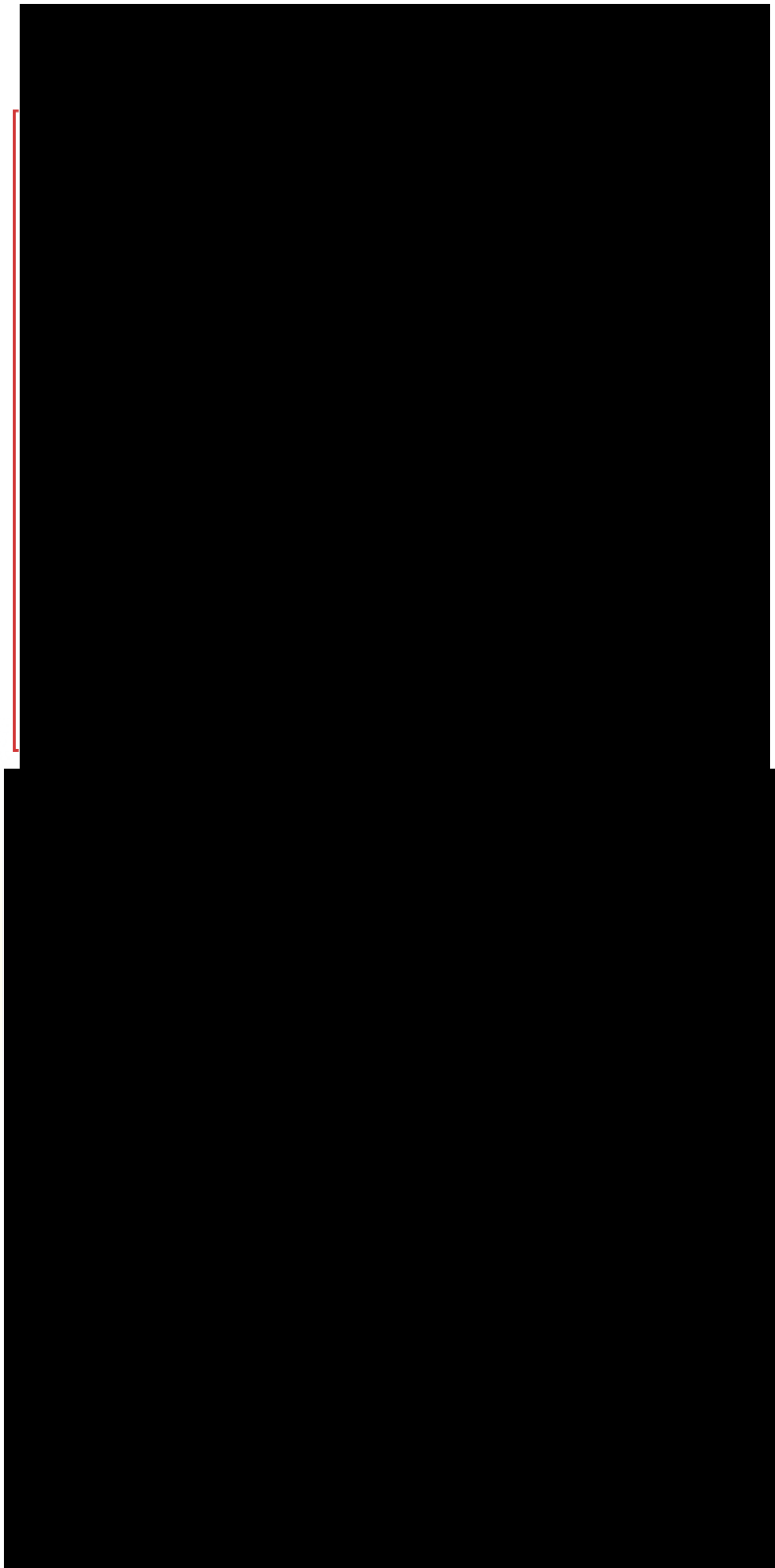
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Annual Show & Plant Sale:

Mariel Dennis/Keith Taylor

Co-chairs



2024 Mini Show Schedule

Month	Cactus	Succulent
January	Spiral Cactus	Aeonium
February	Cylindropuntia	Haworthia
March	Ferocactus	Gasteria
April	Coryphantha	Euphorbia
May	Echinocereus	Sempervivum
June	Astrophytum	Adenium
July	Rebutia	Echeveria
August	Ariocarpus	Senecio
September	Country Store – No Mini Show	
October	Pediocactus	Pachyphytum
November	Mammalaria	Crassula
December	Holiday Party – No Mini Show	

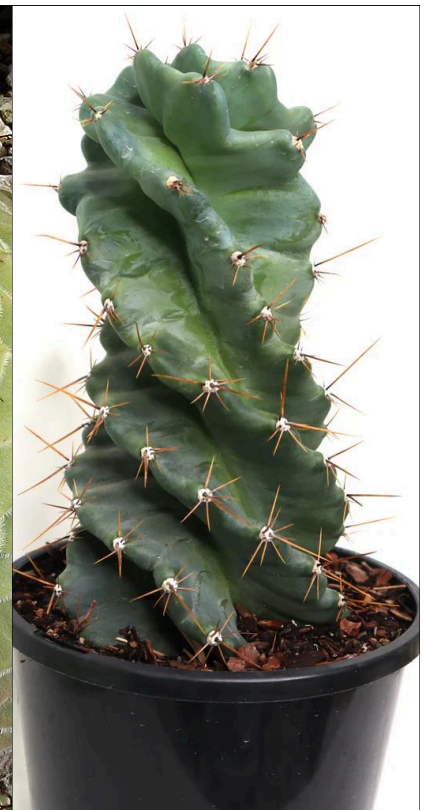


Cereus Forbesii



Aeonium Glandulosum

Aeonium Tabuliforme



Cereus Forbesii

Mini Show

Well, 2025 here we come! I have tried to add some new plant species to the mini show this year. I am certainly not as knowledgeable as many of our members, but hopefully I made some good selections. For those of you at the Holiday Dinner, the prizes I think were awesome, and all the winners were present. The first, second and third place winners for each category had their choice of pots from Keith Kitoi Taylor, Eric Bailey and me.

Our three categories are cactus, succulents and dish gardens. Remember, for cactus and succulent categories, an entry should just be one plant (or plant with its pups). If there are several plantings in a pot (even of the same species), that is a dish garden. A dish garden can have several plants of the same species, or a mix of species. Dish gardens can also have playful elements, such as fairy gardens, etc.

If you are participating in the Mini Show, please plan on arriving on time to get your plant set up and give the members time to vote! Voting is over at 7 pm when the speaker starts. Winners are announced after the speaker.

Spiral Cactus: 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 these 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*.

Aeonium: The *Aeonium* is a fairly common succulent, but one of my favorites, especially this time of year because it is summer dormant and enjoys 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

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Board of Directors Vacancy

After years of dedicated and humor filled service for the Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society, Penny Newell has decided to step down from that position. It seems her that maintenance crew (That would be the turtles. Yes, she has turtles in her yard) just isn't up to the task of maintaining her ½ acre yard and could use some assistance. We will be needing a replacement (Can anyone really replace Penny?) and we encourage those interested in the position to contact any member of the Board. It is a decision that will be voted on by the members. We are looking for someone who is willing to consider focusing in on a particular area while staying open to assisting the Club in other areas. We are not talking about replacing any committee chairs; those folks are doing a great job as it is! Take a look on the website under officers and then Committee chairs to see how we have divided up areas of interest for our Club. Activities (think, field trips for members, open gardens, visits to gardens or nurseries) and outside events (think the Spring and Fall Sales at the Shepard Center, the Tri-County Home and Garden Show, the Harvest Festival in Fair Oaks, the Northern California Home and Landscape Expo) are becoming a much bigger focus of our Club. There is also the new Grant program (still in it's infancy) that we are creating this year.

Thank you.

Bill McCabe

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Northern CA Home And Garden Show

January 31st & February 1,2

Our Club will be participating in this huge Home and Landscape Show. It is the largest show of it's kind in California, taking up five buildings at Cal Expo. We are looking for club members who would be interested in volunteering for 3-4 hours on any of the 3 days (Saturday being a priority). Volunteers will be able to talk with customers about their mutual love of cacti and succulents while informing them about our Club. Most people don't even know we exist. Here's a chance to enlighten them! You will also have the opportunity before or after your time at our booth to visit the rest of the Show. Please contact Lesley Shores (209-679-3078) for more information. See you there!

There is a promo code for a 2 for 1 admission to the show. The code HIRMag30 can be entered on their website.

Note: We are aware that the promo code is not working properly and we have contacted the organizers to correct it.

<https://www.homeandlandscapeexpo.com/attend/attend.html>



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SCSS T-Shirt Design Contest 2025

Calling All Artists and Creatives!

We need your help to design a new T-shirt for our club! Submit your design, and it could be featured on T-shirts and other merchandise to be sold at our upcoming Show and Sale in May, as well as at club meetings.

Design Requirements

- Your design should celebrate cacti, succulents, and our club spirit! You can feature one specific plant, or a scene.
- It must fit on a standard T-shirt (about 8" x 12").
- Up to 5 solid colors may be used. No gradients or transparencies. (Each color adds cost to printing so make them count!)
- Digital submissions only (PDF, PNG, or JPEG). If hand-drawn, please provide a high-quality scan.
- Must include "Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society" and "Est. 1960" either by including our existing logo or adding the text in another way.
- Must be your original art, no copyrighted material or AI allowed.
- Limit 2 entries per person.

Club Logo

In case you would like to use it.

[\[link to download\]](#)

How to Submit

Submit your design on our website - <https://sacramentocss.com/>

Deadline

All submissions must be received by March 12th, 2025

Winner Announcement

The winning design will be chosen by club members at our March meeting (3/24/25). The winner will get a free t-shirt featuring their design once they are printed! Everyone who enters will get a free plant.

Questions?

Email Amie - amie@vividroot.net

2025 Calendar

2025 CACTUS, SUCCULENT & EPIPHYLLUM CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB. 8 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY WINTER SHOW AND SALE

Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA Info. call 619-990-2051

FEB. 21-23 SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY WINTER SHOW AND SALE

Sale Fri.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm Show Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm
Info. Manny Rivera 626-780-6957 or James Lemos 626-201-5519
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA

FEB. 28-MAR. 2 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. 21-22 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

MAR. 28-30 CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Fri. & Sat 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm last entrance
Info. <https://centralarizonacactus.org/show-and-sale.html>
Dorrance Hall, Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ

APR. 5-6 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

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APR. 13 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

**APRIL 19-20 MONTEREY BAY AREA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY
SPRING SALE AND JUDGED SHOW**

Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm

Info mbacsspresident@gmail.com or mbsucculent.org

ISTW Portuguese Hall, 124 Atkinson Lane, Watsonville, CA 95076

**APR. 19-20 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT ASSOCIATION
SPRING SHOW AND SALE**

Sat. 8am-4pm, Sun. 8am-3pm, Sat. dinner & rare/specimen size plant auction

Info. norcalcsa@gmail.com or call 650-788-3188 Heather Farm Community Center

– Lakeside Room, 301 N San Carlos Dr., Walnut Creek, CA

APR. 23-27 CSSA CONVENTION INFO. www.cactusandsucculentsociety.org**APR. 25-27 SAN JOSE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**

Fri. 5pm-7pm, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3:30pm Info. www.csssj.org

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, Fiesta Hall, 344 Tully Rd., San Jose, CA

APR. 26 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. 27 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(OVER)

MAY 2-4 SACRAMENTO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Fri. 1pm-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-5pm

info www.sacramentocss.com

Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA

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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 4 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

MAY 9-10 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SALE

Daily 9am-4pm Info. www.gatescactusandsucculentsociety.com or call 909-910-9195

Redlands Church of The Nazarene, 1307 E. Citrus Ave., Redlands, CA 92374

MAY 10 SANTA BARBARA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

More information at <https://sbcactus.org/show-and-sale/>

MAY 10-11 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 or call 858-565-0340

MAY TBD LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING CACTUS SALE

Fri. 5pm-9pm Twilight Sale with Collectors LIVE Auction 8pm

Sat. 8am-3pm SALE and KIDS DAY Info. www.lacactus.com

Tarzana Community and Culture Center, 19130 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana, CA

MAY 17 CARMICHAEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-2:30pm, Info. lldewe@gmail.com or www.ccandss.com

Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael, CA

MAY 17-18 EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY OF AMERICA SHOW AND SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Info. www.epiphyllums.org or call 909-438-8242

Sat. Sale only (no Show) 9am-5pm Sun. Show & Sale 10am-4pm

Ayres Hall, LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA

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JUNE 7-8 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE

Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA Info. call 619-990-2051

JUNE 13-15 SAN FRANCISCO SUCCULENT EXPO

Fri. member-only preview, Info. schedule & details at www.sfsucculent.org San Francisco County Fair Building, 1199 9th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122

JUNE 14-15 FRESNO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE

Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm Info. rob_scott85@yahoo.com
Fresno Fairgrounds Commerce Bldg, 1121 S. Chance Ave., Fresno, CA

JUNE 27-29 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FRI./SAT./SUN.

daily 10am-5pm

Info. Reservations- www.huntington.org, Show/Sale- call Nick Renteria
323-428-2215

Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA

JULY 18-19 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

JULY 19-20 CENTRAL COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Sat. S&S 10am-5pm, Sun. S&S 10am-4pm

Info. rskillin@gmail.com or www.centralcoastcactus.org
Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA

AUG. 1-3 INTER-CITY SHOW AND SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Info. www.intercityshow.com or call 909-624-3227

Fri. Aug. 2 Sale only (no Show) 9am-6:30pm

Sat. & Sun. Aug. 3-4 Show & Sale 9am-5pm

LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA

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AUG. 29 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM

9am-3pm RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Info. Reservations- www.huntington.org, Symposium-call 626-405-3504

Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA

TBD 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 or mbsucculent.org

ISTW Portuguese Hall, 124 Atkinson Lane, Watsonville, CA 95076

OCT. 5 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. 12 CONEJO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SALE 9AM-4PM

Info. www.conejocss.com or conejocss@hotmail.com

558 N. Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320

OCT. 25-26 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

San Diego Botanic Garden, Conservatory, 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA

NOV. 7-9 HUNTINGTON FALL PLANT SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FRI./SAT./SUN.

10am-5pm Info. Reservations- www.huntington.org, Sale call 626-405-3571

Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA

DEC. 14 LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY HOLIDAY SALE & AUCTION

Sun. 10am-4pm Collectors LIVE Auction 12pm Info. www.lacactus.com

One Generation, 18255 Victory Blvd., Reseda, CA