

Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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Announcements

May Meeting:

May 19th, 2025
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



May Program

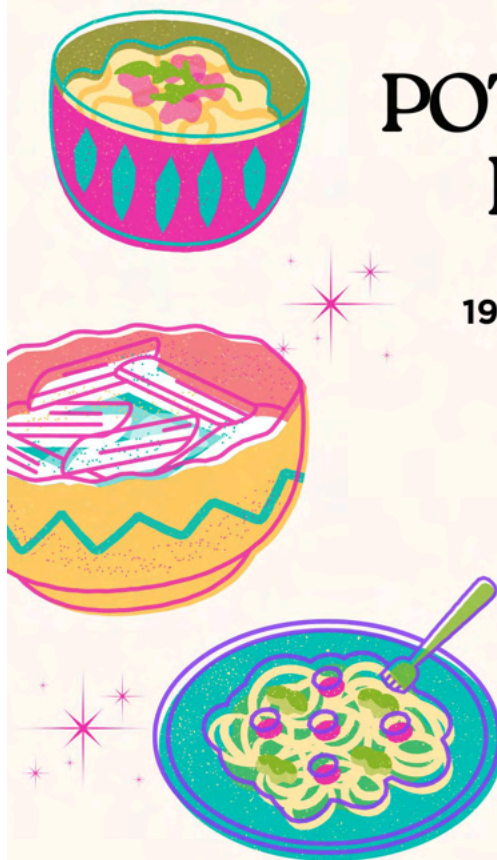
Potluck Dinner!

NOT OUR NORMAL
MEETING DAY!!!!!!
(1 WEEK EARLIER THEN USUAL)

POTLUCK PARTY

Will be held on
19 MARCH 2025

7:00-9:15
SHEPARED
GARDEN AND
ART CENTER



Hello all Cactus & Succulent Society members,

The May meeting will be held on the 3rd Monday, not the 4th Monday of May, so as not to interfere with any Memorial Day plans. We will be having a potluck!

May Program

What to bring:

For the amateur chefs and bakers: Bring us that flavorful entrée, that special chili recipe, your incredible lasagna dish, garlic mashed potatoes, your finely seasoned salad, home baked cookies, brownies to die for, etc.

For those of you who struggle in the kitchen, as I sometimes do (usually do), something store bought will work just fine. You could even stop at Jersey Mike's (or wherever) on the way in and just pick up food for yourself. Or just show up, we will feed you! We don't want anyone not showing up just because they can't figure out what to bring! If anyone is able to purchase spiral sliced ham and heat it up, that would be a great help! We will reimburse you on the 19th. Please contact me if you are willing to do that (916-225-5974). We will talk about the positives of the Sale/Show but not overdo the business aspect of things. This is a time to eat, relax, talk and enjoy ourselves. There will be index cards that you can use to comment on the Show and Sale. Send me an email if that works for you. We welcome any positive suggestions for tweaking the Sale/Show for future years.

Elaine and Linda will be out of town leaving Michelle Swanberg and Carole Hada as the volunteers helping set up for the pot luck. They could use some assistance to get things up and running.

See you on the 19th !



May Program

Volunteers---Thank You!

At last count we had 48 volunteers this year! What an amazing group of people we have in the Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society. We had people volunteer who are unable to attend meetings, but still want to help out by volunteering at the Sale/Show. We had 4 ex-presidents of the Club volunteer. We had people who have volunteered for years and years, back for another year. We had one volunteer who's first day as a member was the first day of the Sale. She worked all 3 days and at the end of day 3 she was still smiling (Sure, it was an exhausted smile, but a smile never the less). That's a testament to the other volunteers that she worked alongside. We had so many volunteers that went above and beyond to help this year---just fantastic!

A huge, huge thank you to every single one of you who volunteered at the 65th annual Sale. We broke all of our sales records! Wow! Every one of our vendors was wondering how much less they would sell this year. The Southern California Cactus sales have been down this year. Thankfully, our Sale did not follow that trend. We can thank our first use of paid Facebook advertising for the increase, Keith's TV interview, our increased postings on Facebook & Instagram and, of course, the great reputation that our volunteers and vendors have created over many years.

Our first Show in 6 years was a great success! The Show was a great addition for those who had never experienced it. We heard lots of great positive comments from newer members! There have been some very good suggestions from longtime members about ways to tweak the Show. The suggestions were expected and welcomed---this was an experimental year. We will get together and discuss ways to continue to make the future Shows even better!

I hope to see you on the 19th.

Thank you.
Bill McCabe
916-225-5974
President, SCSS



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Thomas

Annual Country Store:

Bill McCabe

Sunshine Corner:

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Sunshine Corner



Good news! No Sunshine cards were needed this past month, but if you know of someone in our group who could use a little pick me up or "thinking of you" card, please let me know. Send me an email at cdaf182@gmail.com using Sunshine on the Subject line. Cheers, Cherry DuLaney, Sunshine Chair

2025 Mini Show Schedule

Month	Cactus	Succulent
January	Spiral Cactus	Aeonium
February	Cylindropuntia	Haworthia
March	Ferocactus	Gasteria
April	Coryphantha	Euphorbia
May	Catered Dinner – No Mini Show	
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	

**No
Mini
show
for the
month
of May!**



Open Gardens



Saturday May 24 9AM-2PM

2248 11th Ave,
Sacramento, CA 95818

Dave Roberts will be having another Open Garden this year. If you've been there before, you know there are great things to look forward to in Dave's garden. If you haven't been to Dave's, don't miss your chance this year!



Open Gardens

May 31, 10AM-2PM

6131 Chrysler Cir
Garden Valley, CA 95633

Amie Frisch hosted an Open Garden last year and will give us all another opportunity to see her greenhouse amidst the oak studded countryside. Her place is a few minutes past Coloma in Garden Valley and it's well worth the drive.



Open Gardens

June 7th, 10AM - 3PM

15 Sea Ct, Sacramento, CA 95831

16 Pebble Ct, Sacramento, CA 95831

On Saturday, June 7th from 10 am to 3 pm Linda Partmann and Elaine Thomas (neighbors and best friends) will host open gardens. Linda's address is 15 Sea Court and Elaine's address is 16 Pebble Court (our backyards touch and we have a gate, so you can park on either cul-de-sac) in the Greenhaven neighborhood south of downtown Sacramento. We hope to see many of you!

