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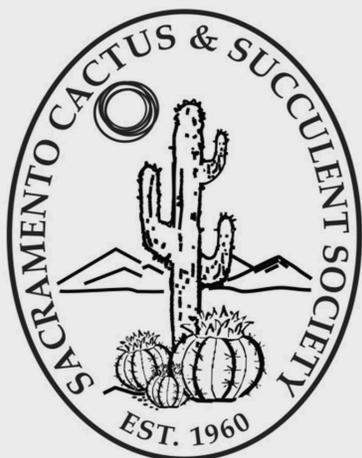
Announcements

September Meeting:

September 22nd, 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



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September Program**COUNTRY STORE! COUNTRY STORE! COUNTRY STORE!****MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2025**

It's September and the Country Store is just days away. Hopefully everyone has managed to set aside a few cacti, succulents, Misc. cacti and succulent themed items and/or pots to donate for the Country Store Fundraiser.

Doors will open at 6:00 PM for you to bring your Donations. Please arrive by 6:45 PM to set out your donations, buy your tickets, and settle in for an exciting evening. The Country Store drawing will start at 7 PM.

THERE WILL BE FOUR DRAWING CATEGORIES OF THE DONATED ITEMS:

1: CACTI

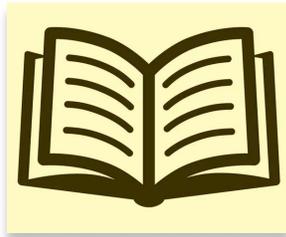
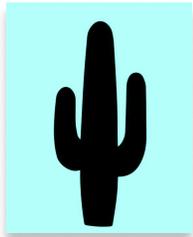
2: SUCCULENTS

3: MISC. Cacti and succulent themed items such as books, clothing, jewelry, etc.

4: POTS

Tickets will be 50 cents. There are 2 of each ticket number. You keep one of the two and the other goes into one of the containers located at each category. You can enter as many tickets as you like in whichever categories you choose. If your ticket number is called, you get to pick whatever you want from the category that it was pulled from.

September Program



BAKED GOODS will be a separate category. Instead of entering tickets and then waiting until your number is called, you'll be able to buy treats with tickets throughout the night. That way you can enjoy snacks throughout the evening. Those of you who wish to donate food items can bake your own treats or purchase them. Either way, please wrap them in individual serving sizes (you decide the size) to be purchased with 50 cent tickets. A shout out to Hal and Troy who often bring home-baked treats to our monthly meetings!

The SILENT AUCTION will have higher-value plants or special items—think planters, books, special pottery, jewelry, etc. Each item will have a bid sheet where you can add your name and your bid. All bids are visible, so there's opportunity for spirited competition! Please bring cash (smaller bills, too, not just twenties) for the silent auction; in the past, winning bids ranged anywhere from \$5 to \$50.

PRO TIPS (NEW MEMBERS PLEASE READ)

- ① Depending on how many tickets you buy, keeping track of your numbers can become a challenge. However, all you need to do is write down the number of the first and the last ticket. If a ticket between these two is called, it's yours.
- ② If you're more of a visual person, you can tape your ticket stubs to the back of a box or a piece of cardboard for easy reference. If you like this idea, bring cardboard and Scotch tape!
- ③ Bring a box or bag for the items you win!

NOTE: You do not have to donate to participate. If you do have donations, use your judgement on what to donate. Think healthy and pest free plants that some other members would be happy to own. If you have any questions, please call or text Bill McCabe at (916) 225-5974.

Thank you,
Bill McCabe

Sunshine Corner



The 'Sunshine Corner' is our small way of letting Club members know that the other members of the Cactus & Succulent community are thinking of them and wishing them well during any challenges they are facing.

& Jerry Slater are longtime SCSS members who also sell cacti & succulents under the name L & J Plants. They usually bring plants to sell at our monthly meetings.

Most of you know about Lesley's current struggle with cancer. Lesley and her husband, Jerry, are going through some significant difficulties as they try to weather the storm brought into their life by Lesley's cancer diagnosis. Lesley is currently staying at an extended stay hotel about 15 minutes from Stanford Hospital. Her doctors suggested that she stay close to the hospital because of some underlying conditions that complicate her chemotherapy treatment (allergic reactions to many of the medications that the doctors would normally prescribe). To further complicate matters, Lesley also has a pacemaker. Lesley is getting ready to start her 4th round (out of 7) of chemotherapy.

Lesley & Jerry are extremely grateful for all of the support that has come their way!

An old friend of Lesley's has started a 'Go Fund Me' page for Lesley. You can see the link down below.

[Donate to Lesley's Cancer Journey, organized by Kim Robinson](#) 

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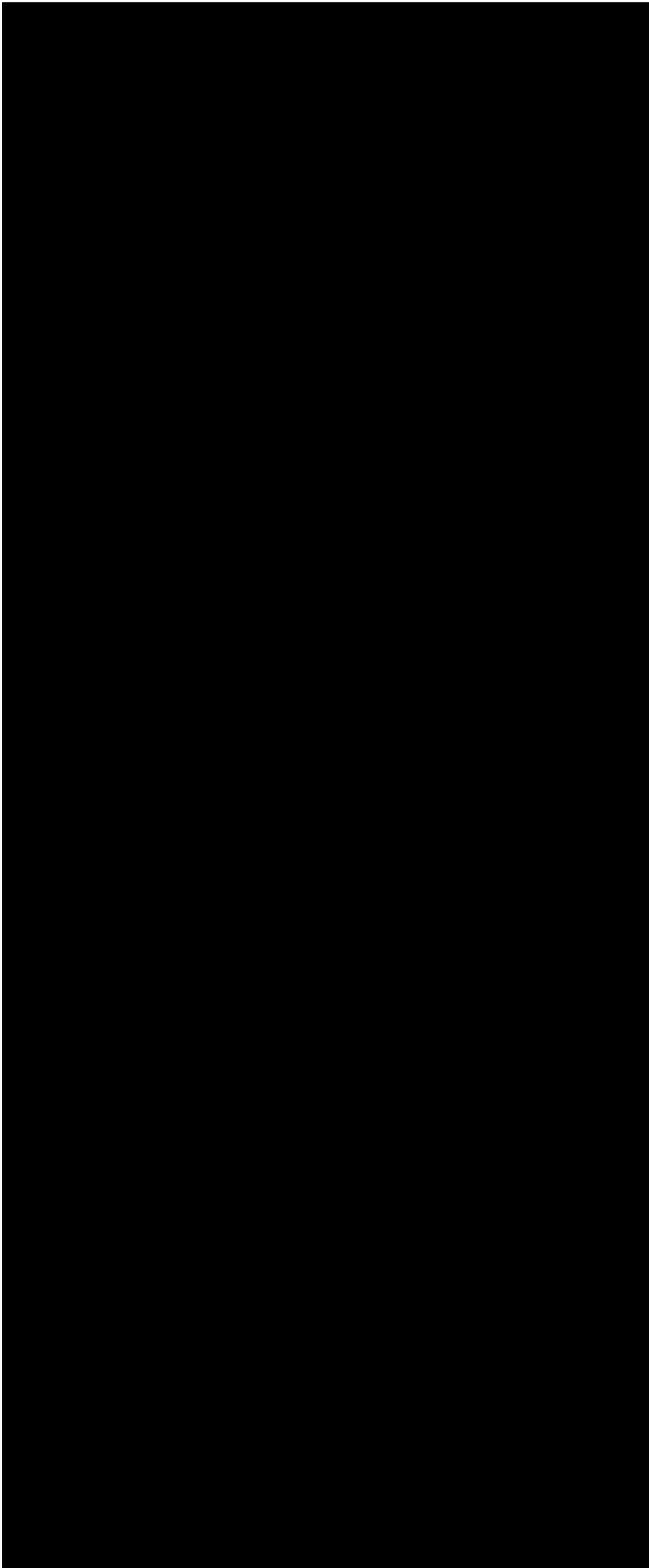
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2025 Mini Show Schedule

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



RUTH BANCROFT GARDEN FIELD TRIP

Have you been saying “I should go to the Ruth Bancroft Garden sometime.”?

NOW is your chance to go with fellow cactus and succulent lovers!

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 11, 2025

WHAT’S HAPPENING? A Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society educational field trip to the Ruth Bancroft Garden <https://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/>. Located in Walnut Creek, the Ruth Bancroft Garden houses a unique and diverse collection of cacti, succulents and drought tolerant plants from around the world. The many large mature specimens located throughout the 3.5-acre garden serve as an excellent example of just how stunning a dry garden can be. Their nursery (you know a place where you buy plants!) features drought tolerant plants including California natives, cactus and succulents. This garden is a MUST SEE!

WHAT’S INCLUDED? SCSS will provide Admission, a box lunch with drinks and bus transportation from Sacramento and Davis.



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TRANSPORTATION: The first pickup location is the Watt/Manlove Park and Ride <https://maps.app.goo.gl/4eKXzpVKi78p3tJMA>. Please arrive by 8:00am. The bus will depart at 8:15am.

The second pickup location will be at the Mace Blvd Park and Ride in Davis. Please arrive by 8:40am. The bus will depart at 9:00am, SHARP. https://www.google.com/maps/place/Mace+Blvd+Park+%26+Ride/@38.5552453,-121.6959639,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x80852bb70f0ee55f:0xa05ea37806203cff!8m2!3d38.5552411!4d-121.693389!16s%2Fg%2F11f_p3d3y0?entry=tту&g_ep=EgoyMDI1MDgyNS4wIKXMDSOASAFQAw%3D%3D.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST? \$40.00 per person. \$40.00!!! What's the catch? The SCSS Board has approved inviting Carmichael Cactus and Succulent Society members to join in the fun. However, SCSS members will have exclusive registration until September 15, 2025. There is a limit of 50 people. So don't get caught snoozing. Sign up now!

HOW DO I REGISTER AND PAY? You can register and pay online. Fill out a separate form for each participant.

Follow this link <https://pci.jotform.com/form/252347055240046>. OR go to the SCSS website <https://sacramentocss.com/> and follow the instructions from the promo. You can pay with a credit card online. To pay by check, print the form attached below and send a check.

HAVE QUESTIONS? If you have concerns or questions about the trip, please contact Dave Roberts.

Email: roblands94@gmail.com. Cell phone: 916/416-9368.

Now you can say "I am going to the Ruth Bancroft Garden!"

[**SIGN UP NOW**](#)