

Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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Announcements

April Meeting:

April 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.



April Program

JEFF MOORE: DUDLEYA PRESENTATION

My talk and powerpoint presentation will follow the flow of the new Dudleya book that I have co-written with Jeremy Spath and Kelly Griffin (projected book arrival date will hopefully be May 2024). It will cover most if not all of the currently described species of this California and Baja genus. Images will show plants in habitat as well as cultivation, with advice on growing plants in captivity and an emphasis on conservation. Images were taken by all three authors as well as contributors from the dudleya community. Kelly and Jeremy have visited and photographed nearly all species in situ—most of the habitat photos are quite stunning, often with beautiful ocean or cliffside backdrops.



April Program

Bio:

I became interested in succulents in the early 80s after seeing a display of Rudy Lime's bonsai succulents at the San Diego County Fair. I sold succulents in my spare time at street fairs and farmer's markets for a few years before opening Solana Succulents in 1992, at the same location I'm still at. I am primarily a succulent retail shop - with the benefit of being located close to some of the premier growers in California and a long list of friends and contacts in the business. I used to do a bit of succulent landscaping, but have phased out of doing much of that anymore, aside from some consulting. I wrote my first book in 2014, followed by three more, then a book on Agaves co-written with Jeremy Spath, and will soon have my sixth book, also with Jeremy and Kelly Griffin as well. I have been on the speakers circuit since 2014 as well, and have spoken to most of the cactus clubs in CA, AZ, and a few excursions to Texas, Portland, and New England. I haven't done a lot of field work until the past few years, but in researching the Agave and Dudleya books I've had the chance to botanize quite a bit in Northern Baja and Oaxaca, as well as California. Until recently I wasn't very involved with the CSSA (running my nursery primarily solo takes a lot of time), but I was recently elected to the board of the CSSA and am currently awaiting assignment. I'm married with two adult sons, and surfed most of my life until the body told me otherwise.



President Corner

Blooming cactus and succulent flowers and garden tours are everywhere as you can see from some of the area events we are showcasing here, leading up to our huge annual show and sale the weekend of May 3-5. We still need more helpers at the Show so please come and volunteer! Many Volunteers also get to see plants for sale before the Sale opens to the public. Remember to bring a few potted plants from your personal collections to display in the Show to illustrate the fascinating diversity of cacti and succulents-the more unusual the better! We are also looking for some larger specimens and dish gardens to display in the “showcases”. Please bring display plants on Friday morning so we can stage them for the opening.

This year we’ll have “logo” merchandise for sale. We’ll have them at the April meeting and the Show/Sale. The items feature this year’s beautiful program design by member Jackie Bousquin Kang. We’ll have aprons, tote bags, hand towels and t-shirts in sizes from small to 3XL. Supplies are limited.

Happy gardening,
Marisol Dennis



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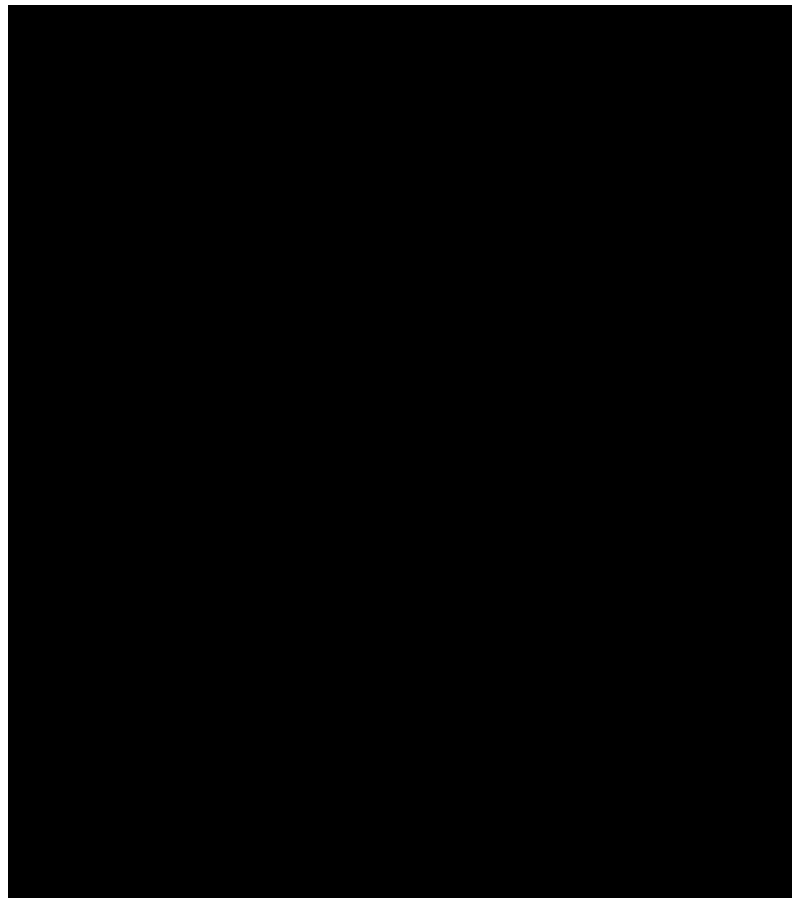
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Annual Show & Plant Sale:

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Co-chairs



New Members

Rob Jensen

Sunshine Corner



No new Sunshine cards were needed this past month. But if you know of someone who could use a cheery note or sympathy card, please send me an email message at cdaf182@gmail.com, using "Sunshine" in the Subject line. Happy spring!

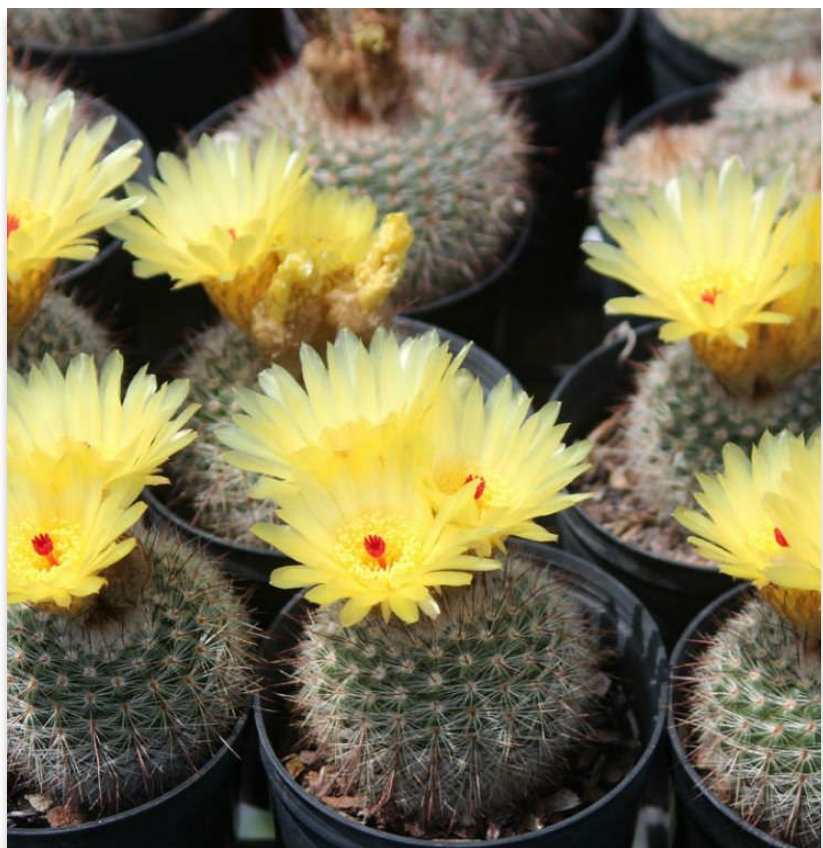
2024 Mini Show Schedule

Month	Cactus	Succulent
January	Spiral Cactus	Aeonium
February	Opuntia	Crassula
March	Mammillaria	Gasteria
April	Parodia	Euphorbia
May	Gymnocalycium	Agave
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	

April Mini Show

For April the selected cactus variety is and succulent, ! I know you have them, let's bring them in. I was so happy at the March meeting with all the Mini Show participation! Even saw three dish gardens. Keep it up!!

Parodia: Parodia is a genus of flowering plants in the cactus family Cactaceae, native to the high regions of South America. The genus has about 50 species, including small ball cacti and tall, narrow varieties that can reach heights of about 3 feet. Mature plants have cup-shaped flowers of yellow, pink, orange, or red that appear on the upper part of the plant. This is their blooming season, so I hope to see some pretty blooms!





Eriocactus magnificus



Notocactus buiningii



Parodia comarapana

Parodia can be divided into three subgenera:

- Subgenus Parodia:
 - Group Parodia: The shoots are flat spherical, globular or columnar and rarely sprout. A tuber is rarely present. The shoot tissue usually contains no mucilage, the epidermis is usually tender. The areoles are always on the protuberances. The central and radial spines differ significantly from each other. The central spine is sometimes hooked. The flowers are funnel-shaped, styles and stigmas are always the same color. The soft fruits later dry up and open at their base.
 - Group Notocactus: The shoots are flat spherical, globular or columnar and occasionally sprout. A tuber is sometimes present. The shoot tissue usually contains mucus, the epidermis is often hard. The areoles are located in the depressions between the bumps. The central and radial spines differ. The flowers are broadly funnel-shaped to bell-shaped, styles and stigmas are usually differently colored. The fruits, which are often elongated when ripe, open differently.
- Subgenus Eriocactus:

The shoots are often long columnar in old age and occasionally sprout. The shoot apex is often crooked. The instinctual tissue contains no mucus. The humps are fused into straight ribs. The areoles are located between the protuberances. They are not sunken or only vaguely sunken and are often heavily woolly. The thorns are more or less bristle-like. The light to dark yellow flowers are broadly bell-shaped, styles and stigmas are the same color. The fruits have a hard pericarp and open at the base.
- Subgenus Brasilicactus:

The shoots are flat spherical to rarely short columnar. The shoot apex is often crooked. The remarkably soft shoot tissue contains no mucus. The protuberances are separated from each other and arranged in oblique rows or fused into ridges. The round areoles are close together. Central spines are not formed or are occasionally hooked. There are numerous radial spines. They are narrow, funnel-shaped, styles and stigmas are colored the same. The fruits have a thin pericarp and open at their base.



Euphorbia obesa



Euphorbia milii



Euphorbia bulbispina

Euphorbia: Euphorbia is a very large and diverse genus .of flowering plants, commonly called spurge, in the family Euphorbiaceae. "Euphorbia" is sometimes used in ordinary English to collectively refer to all members of Euphorbiaceae (in deference to the type genus), not just to members of the genus. Euphorbias range from tiny annual plants to large and long-lived trees with perhaps the tallest being *Euphorbia ampliphylla* at 30 m (98 ft) or more. The genus has roughly 2,000 members, making it one of the largest genera of flowering plants. It also has one of the largest ranges of chromosome counts, along with *Rumex* and *Senecio* .

The plants are annual, biennial or perennial herbs, woody shrubs, or trees with a caustic, poisonous milky latex. The roots are fine or thick and fleshy or tuberous. Many species are more or less succulent, thorny, or unarmed. The main stem and mostly also the side arms of the succulent species are thick and fleshy, and often winged, 15–91 cm (6–36 in) tall. The succulent trees and large shrubs are mostly confined to southern and eastern Africa, but *Euphorbia neutra* is native to the Caatinga of Brazil and *Euphorbia royleana* is found in the Himalayan foothills. The deciduous leaves may be opposite, alternate, or in whorls. In succulent species, the leaves are mostly small and short-lived. The stipules are mostly small, partly transformed into spines or glands, or missing.

See you with your great plants on Monday, April 22nd!

Linda Partmann

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

OUR GIANT MAY SALE IS COMING SOON!
SAVE THE DATES---MAY 3,4,5

Our annual giant cactus and succulent sale and show are now only three weeks away. We are still short of volunteers!!! We still need to fill 32 slots. DON'T WAIT FOR THE APRIL MEETING! Get in touch with Dave Roberts NOW.

Email Dave Roberts at roblands94@gmail.com. Please leave your phone and email. Put "SCSS volunteer" in the subject line. Don't like email? Call or text Dave at 9916/416-9368.

Since our last email, some of you have stepped up to help. But we still need help with the following shifts:

Friday afternoon (12pm to 5pm) General help (door monitors, plant hotel, show area monitor, etc.)

Saturday morning (9am to 1pm) General help (door monitors, plant hotel, show area monitor, etc.)

Saturday afternoon (1pm to 5pm) Cashiers and Assistants, General help (door monitors, plant hotel, show area monitor, etc.)

Sunday morning (9am to 12pm) Cashiers and Assistants, General help (door monitors, plant hotel, show area monitor, etc.)

Sunday afternoon (12pm to 4pm) General help (door monitors, plant hotel, show area monitor, etc.)

NOTE: The sale ends at 3pm. Afternoon volunteers will help break down and clean up.

For those of you who are into the details of opportunities to volunteer: Tasks are generally easy. The hospitality/food area, the Plant Hotel, Cashier, Cashier assistant (think grocery bagger, but with boxes and cacti and succulents), at the entrance and exit to the Shepard Center, helping to setup or take down tables and popup tents., and more.

Help us promote the event: Share the details with your friends on social media. Share the SCSS Facebook postings. Help by posting our flyers in your neighborhoods and handing our hand bills to friends and acquaintances.

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PS...We need LOTS of cardboard flats for people to fill with plants. Go to grocery stores and ask for them. Explain that it is for a fundraiser. Go to Costco. They don't mind if you grab them. HINT: The berry flats are perfect. Go into the produce cooler to find these.

Annual SCSS Plant Show and Sale

SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
PRESENTS THE 64TH ANNUAL

Cactus & Succulent 2024 Plant Show & Sale

Free Admission

MAY 3, FRIDAY
1PM - 5PM

MAY 4, SATURDAY
9AM - 5PM

MAY 5, SUNDAY
9AM - 3PM

**SHEPARD GARDEN
& ARTS CENTER**
3330 McKinley Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95816



www.sacramentocss.com
Masks encouraged

The Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society (SCSS) will hold its 2024 Show & Sale on the first weekend in May at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center next to McKinley Park.

Friday, May 3:

Volunteer shopping from noon to 1:00 PM;
public entry from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

Saturday, May 4:

Public entry from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Sunday, May 5:

Public entry from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

The Show will not be judged. Instead, we encourage club members at all levels to enter their plants to showcase the amazing variety of succulents.

Vendors

- Pottery vendors
 - Elaine Thomas
 - Emily Withers (Ekishi Pottery)
 - Eric Bailey
 - Keith Taylor (Pottery by Kitoi)
 - Linda Partman
 - Martin Gil (Strange Matter Ceramics)
 - Mike Cone
- Plant vendors
 - Amie Frisch (Vivid Root)
 - Annie Wolf (Desert Wonders)
 - Austin McManus and Mel Eligo (Public Land Store)
 - Bill Munkascy (Planta Seca)
 - Cassidy Roberts-Yee (Radiant Cactus)
 - David Calibo (Gardener's Home)
 - David Churchill (Cacti & Succulents)
 - Gianluca Bacci and Shaun Shumaker (Rare Plantsmen)
 - J.D. Wikert (Cacti and Succulents)
 - Jim Smith (Haworthia Hybrids)
 - John Bloss (JC Succulents)
 - Kal Kaminer (L.A. Succulents)
 - Lesley Shores & Jerry Slater (L & J Plants)
 - Naomi Bloss (California Succulents)
 - Nick Wilkinson (Grow Nursery)
 - Oahn Vu (Green Gemini Cactus)
 - Peter Beiersdorfer and Jann Lepson (P.B. & J. Cacti and Succulents)
 - Peter Walkowiak (PW Plants)
 - Richard Withers (Dry Creek Cactus and Pottery)
 - Stan Verkler (Cacti and Succulents)

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SCSS Merch Available at the annual show and sale



We will have club items for sale with this year's program design as illustrated in the photo. We have aprons, tote bags, plus dish towels and T-shirts in sizes from small to 3XL. Quantities are limited so get them early because when they are gone, we aren't planning to get more.

Keith Taylor on Studio 40



Check out Keith Taylor on the news:
<https://fox40.com/studio-40/pottery-by-kitoi/>

Upcoming Events

Feild Trip

4/20 - Meet at 8:30 AM at Poots House of Cactus, 17229 E. Hwy. 120, Ripon, CA 95366 for a Behind-the-Scenes tour. Members get a discount on purchases. Visit to a neighboring member's home and group lunch.

SCSS May Show & Sale

5/3-5. SCSS May Show & Sale at Shepard Garden & Arts Center.

- Set up Friday morning 8-Noon. Volunteers can get in early to shop between noon and 1 PM. Open to the public from 1PM to 5PM.
- Set up Saturday at 8AM; Open to the Public 9AM - 5PM.
- Set up Sunday at 8 AM; Open to the Public 9AM - 3PM. Clean up 3-4PM.
- Volunteers needed. Contact Dave Roberts for times available.

UC Davis Arboretum Plant Sale

April 27 Members Only: 9 - 10 a.m. Public Sale: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

May 11 Clearance Public Sale: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association Gardens Tour

5/18, 10AM-3PM - Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association Gardens Tour. SCSS is a sponsor and member Kyle Johnson's home is one of those on the tour. For tickets visit www.tahoeparkgardentour.com

Norm Klein's Garden Tour

6/8 - June 8, 10am - 1pm Visit Norm Klein's garden. 11139 Mace River Ct., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Norm is a legend in the Sacramento cactus community. For 40 years, he's been building one of the largest cactus collections in Sacramento, and on Saturday, June 8 you'll have the opportunity to see it yourself. Norm will open his garden for SCSS from 10 am to 1 pm. For a sneak peek, check out [this blog post](#) that SCSS secretary Gerhard Bock wrote about Norm's last open garden in 2022. Since then, Norm has added a 10-foot euphorbia with a gazillion arms.

Eric and Dawn Bailey's Garden Tour

6/15 - Visit Eric and Dawn Bailey's garden in West Sacramento. Details will be included in the newsletter closer to the event.

Upcoming Events



Field Trip to Poots House of Cactus Saturday, 4/20, Ripon CA Meet at Poot's at 8:30 am

- This Saturday we are taking a field trip to Ripon and visiting Poots House of Cactus, 17229 E. Hwy 120, Ripon, CA 95366
- Please arrive by 8:30 to get a behind the scenes tour of the greenhouses. Then you can shop at the nursery with a 10% club discount if you wish.
- We'll then drive to nearby member Elton Roberts' home at 23131 South Murphy Rd Ripon CA 95366 to see his greenhouses and members can purchase plants as well.
- Lunch at a local restaurant will follow for anyone who wishes to participate.

Hope you can make it! *Marisel*

Save the Date for the 2024 CSSA Annual Meeting

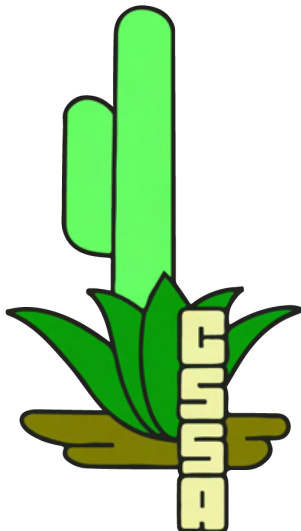
You're invited to the CSSA Annual Meeting. It will take place after the June 15th webinar. The webinar begins at 10am Pacific Time and the Annual Meeting will start at 1pm Pacific Time.

When: Jun 15, 2024 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topics: At 10am, Wandering around central New Mexico and, at 1pm, Annual Meeting

Register in advance for this webinar and annual meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qFkfW7jqSICeRwgntF0fPQ



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. You do not have to attend the webinar to join in on the annual meeting. You can sign on, using the same registration, at 1pm Pacific Time.

Upcoming Events

Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens upcoming events

MENDOCINO COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS

Upcoming at the Gardens

Click the links below to learn more about each opportunity.

[Members-only Preview Night](#) – Thursday, April 18 from 5PM to 6:30PM

[Spring Plant Sale](#) – Friday through Sunday, April 19 - 21 from 9AM to 5PM

[Nature Walk – Coastal Wildflowers](#) – Saturday, April 27 from 10AM to 12PM

[Rhododendron Show](#) – May 4 from 9AM - 5PM and May 5 from 10AM - 4PM

[Rhodies 101 Workshop](#) – Saturday, May 11 from 10AM to 1PM

[Spring Field Day](#) – Saturday, May 18 SAVE THE DATE!

[Nature Walk – Shorebirds](#) – Saturday, May 25 from 10AM to 12PM

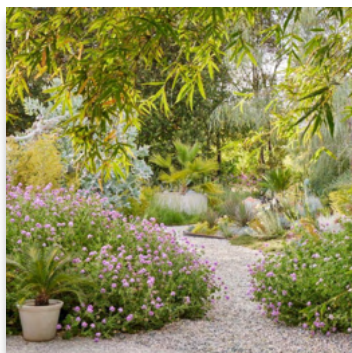
[Nature Bathing Workshop](#) – Saturday, June 1 from 1PM to 3PM

Ruth Bancroft Garden Tour



Waterwise Garden Tour
Saturday, April 27th @ 9am-4pm

The Ruth Bancroft Garden, Contra Costa Water District and East Bay Municipal Utility District have partnered to offer you the opportunity to take a self-guided tour of 21 home and botanical gardens in Walnut Creek and Concord that showcase the beauty and diversity of waterwise gardens.



Upcoming Events

Sacramento Digs Gardening Events



Wednesday, April 17 - 9 a.m.
Open Garden Day at Fair Oaks Horticulture Center

Thursday, April 18 - noon
UC IPM Urban/Community Webinar: Ticks and Mosquitoes

Saturday, April 20 - 8 a.m.
American River College Plant Sale

Saturday, April 20 - 9 a.m.
Self-guided Hikes at Deer Creek Hills Preserve

Saturday, April 20 - 10 a.m.
River Park Garden Tour

Sunday, April 21 - 11 a.m.
Sacramento Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 27 - 1 p.m.
Plant and Seed Exchange at the Folsom Library

Saturday, April 27 - noon
Sacramento Rose Society Show

Saturday, April 27 - 11 a.m.
Gardens of Folsom Tour

Saturday, April 27 - 9 a.m.
Self-guided Hikes at Deer Creek Hills Preserve