

Thorny Issues

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Announcements

November Meeting:

November 25th, 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.



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November Program

Succulent Tour Of California

At our November meeting on Monday, November 25, club member Gerhard Bock will take you on a whirlwind tour of California to show you some of the best places to see succulents. This includes everything from iconic botanical gardens to lesser-known public gardens to state and national parks. In 1000+ images, Gerhard will introduce you to 15+ destinations up and down the state and hopefully inspire you to do some exploring yourself.

Gerhard is the club's secretary and web master and writes the popular blog Succulents and More <https://www.succulentsandmore.com/>



November Program



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Mini Show:

Linda Partmann

Newsletter:

Eve Milan

Drawing Tickets:

Cindy Morales

Refreshments:

Michele Swanberg & Elaine

Thomas

Annual Country Store:

Bill McCabe

Sunshine Corner:

Cherry DuLaney

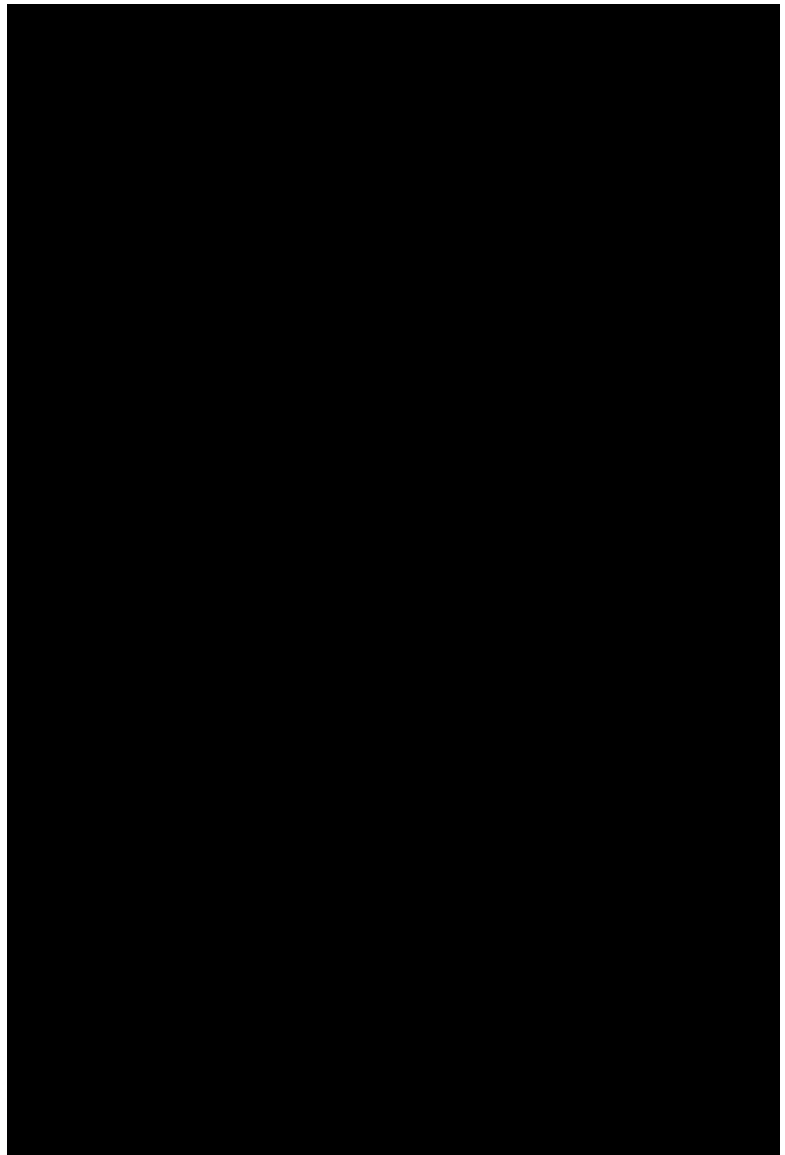
Webmaster:

Gerhard Bock

Annual Show & Plant Sale:

Maribel Dennis/Keith Taylor

Co-chairs



It's November and I'm happy to share that there were no new reports last month of club members who could use a little sunshine card. I was particularly glad to hear from Marilyn Vilas that she's recovered quite well after her heart surgery. If you know of anyone who could use a thinking-of-you note or condolences, please send me, an email at cdaf182@gmail.com, using "Sunshine" in the Subject line. Cheers, Cherry DuLaney

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	



SCHLUMBERGERA TRUNCATA

For November the selected cactus variety is Schlumbergera and succulent, Sedum! 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! This is the last opportunity to participate in the Mini Show this year, before the winners are announced next month, and prizes will be given out at the Christmas Dinner. If a winner is not at the Christmas Dinner, I will hold your prize until the next meeting in January.

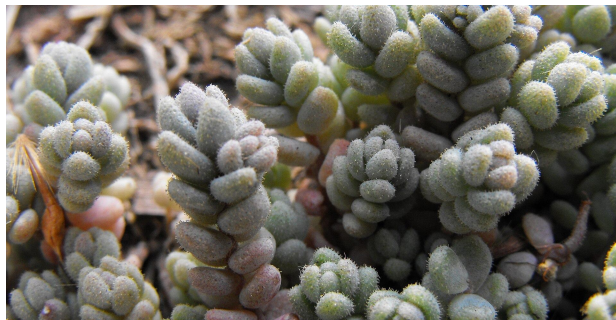
Mini Show



Schlumbergera: Schlumbergera is a small genus of cacti with six to nine species found in the coastal mountains of south-eastern Brazil. These plants grow on trees or rocks in habitats that are generally shady with high humidity, and can be quite different in appearance from their desert-dwelling cousins. Most species of Schlumbergera have stems which resemble leaf-like pads joined one to the other and flowers which appear from areoles at the joints and tips of the stems. Two species have cylindrical stems more similar to other cacti.

Common names for these cacti generally refer to their flowering season. In the Northern Hemisphere, they are called Christmas cactus, Thanksgiving cactus, crab cactus and holiday cactus. In Brazil, the genus is referred to as Flor de Maio (May flower), reflecting the period in which they flower in the Southern Hemisphere. Most of the popular houseplants are cultivars of Schlumbergera, rather than species, with flowers in white, pink, yellow, orange, red or purple. The Easter cactus or Whitsun cactus, placed in the genus Rhipsalidopsis, is also called a holiday cactus and has flowers in red, orange, pink and white.

Mini Show



SEDUM DASYPHYLLUM



SEDUM MICROCARPUM



SEDUM SEXANGULARE



SEDUM LANCEOLATUM

Sedum: Sedum is a large genus of flowering plants in the family Crassulaceae, members of which are commonly known as stonecrops. The genus has been described as containing up to 600 species, subsequently reduced to 400–500. They are leaf succulents found primarily in the Northern Hemisphere, but extending into the southern hemisphere in Africa and South America. The plants vary from annual and creeping herbs to shrubs. The plants have water-storing leaves. The flowers usually have five petals, seldom four or six. There are typically twice as many stamens as petals.

Grown for the fleshy succulent leaves in an array of colors and patterns, sedums produce star-shaped flowers that attract butterflies and other insect pollinators. The upright or creeping habit is useful when planted in mixed borders, rock gardens, along slopes or pathways, in mass plantings or curbside strips. Sedums bloom from early summer to fall depending on the variety, complementing many other plants with mid to late-season interest.

Hardy in USDA zones 3-11, sun-loving sedums are highly adaptable as long as they have well-drained soil. Tolerant of varying conditions including poor soil and hot dry conditions, they do best in climates that are not overly wet or humid.

Dues

Saguaro Sam Says



2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

Dues are
annually from
January 1st to
December 31st

**Membership forms available at our meetings
or on the website: www.sacramentoccs.com**