

Open Gates

A publication of the Gates Cactus & Succulent Society

NEXT MEETING: No February 2021 Meeting

Redlands Church of The Nazarene
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A Word From Our President:

February is usually the month with which we celebrate President's Day for two past Presidents. This month we can add to that list by welcoming the club's new Vice-President, John Reynolds. The Board has approved for the appointment of John to serve out the remainder of this position until the next general election. The board also approved for the appointment of Victoria Buge to assume the position of Board Director, which is vacated by John as he becomes the Vice-President. Both of these positions will be up for election in November. Please join the Board in welcoming John and Victoria to our leadership team.

Our club has a new newsletter editor. Victoria is the new editor and she brings a wealth of knowledge in publication and website management. She joined the club last year prior to the start of the covid pandemic. There is a brief "get-to-know" bio of Victoria in this edition. You may have also noticed the new look to the newsletter. This should be more "reader-friendly." Please give your input on subject matters and contents for our newsletter. Submit pictures of your plant, garden, or other succulent collection. Don't be shy, call and email the editor!

Due to his job responsibility, Gilbert Gil has resigned from his club secretary duties. The club would greatly appreciate your consideration of serving as the secretary.

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Plants of the Month

Cactus -

n/a

Succulent -

n/a

Next Month:

Cactus -

n/a

Succulent -

n/a

Gates Annual Show Highest Points



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Just contact me or any of the Board member anytime with your interest.

As for the rest of the cactus and succulent world, we are all waiting to get back to our live events, whether it's meetings or show and sales. Two major succulent events have been canceled- the annual CSSA show/sale at the Huntington Garden in June and the Biennial CSSA Convention, slated for July 2021. The CSSA Convention is now re-scheduled for July 2023 in Colorado Springs, CO. That said, 2021 may not all be lost yet. The Inter-City and San Gabriel show/sale organizers are still seriously considering a smaller-scaled event to take place in the later part of this year. Obviously, the decision and feasibility of such events will be contingent on the status of the health pandemic at that time. It would be fabulous to attend a plant sale-fingers crossed. Let's all do our part to help maximize the possibility of having these events by following safety health guidelines.

-Phuc Huynh
President

Upcoming Events

Private Sale

Member Jo Ann Levine is hosting a private succulent and garden art sale at her home in Redlands.

Friday, February 5th

8:00AM – 2:00PM

Saturday, February 6th

8:00AM – 2:00PM

See last page for details
[Click here to see Jo Ann's Garden](#)
or search youtube.com for
"Crazy4Cactus"

Cactus & Succulent Society Webinar Series

Elisabeth Sarnes

*The Amazing North of
Patagonia*

Saturday, February 6th

10:00AM

[Click here to Register](#)
or visit
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Cactus & Succulent Society of America Webinar Series

Program: *The Amazing North of Patagonia: A virtual journey through the province of Neuquén*

The province of Neuquén is Patagonia's smallest and northernmost province in Argentina. It is not only the Patagonia of lakes and the steppe of dinosaurs. Neuquén is also the Patagonia of volcanoes and it is the country of the Mapuche people. The variety of cacti is greater here than in the rest of Patagonia. The talk will give a portrait of the cacti of this region – and the genus *Austrocactus* will take the lead. You will see the great scenery, beautiful endemic flowers, and some of the animals too, Get surprised by the beauty of the smallest Patagonian province!

Biographies: Norbert and Elisabeth Sarnes, a German couple, started collecting cacti in 1977. Only in 2004, after a trip to Patagonia, they began to specialize on the genera *Austrocactus*, *Pterocactus* and *Maihueniopsis*. Many travels to Patagonia followed this first one and they made more than 50,000 km in that part of the world in search for cacti. As a result of these travels and their studies they published several articles in different journals, both German and international.





Some of these publications were dedicated to first descriptions of new austrocacti and a Pterocactus. Their books “*Cactus de Patagonia*” and “*Austrocactus 2015*” were published in 2012 and 2015. At home in western Germany, they cultivate a collection of seed-grown Patagonian cacti on about 50 square meters. Norbert and Elisabeth are fellows of the DKG, BCSS, CSSA, Succulenta and the IOS. Between 2008 and 2017 Norbert was Vice-President of the German Cactus Association DKG, and Elisabeth is member of the ELK committee.

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Editor’s Note: An Introduction

Before I attempt to introduce myself, it seems appropriate to first thank Trisha for all of the hard work that she has put into *Open Gates* over the years. Her effort and attention to detail have provided a solid foundation for me to build upon moving forward. It is my hope that my efforts honor Trisha and the other *Open Gates* editors that have come before me.

Growing up in Rialto, I regularly enjoyed keeping a collection of *albuca bracteata* in my corner of our yard, which were hardy enough to withstand my youthful curiosity and unwitting abuse. My twenties took me away from the garden and off to Florida via the U.S. Navy, where my service was cut short by an unknown medical condition. After my discharge, I used my GI Bill to pursue my cosmetology license while attending business classes at Chaffey College, which provided me the skills to compose business communications as well as manage websites and create social media campaigns. I applied those skills to a variety of businesses since, serving as a social media and website manager for businesses large and small, local and multinational.



I’m still working to find balance in my life with my illness (Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome) and succulent & cactus gardening has become a big part of striking that balance. As I found joy again in gardening, I also began the search for healthy, ethically and locally grown specimens as well as people knowledgeable and passionate for these unique plants, which brought me to my first Gates meeting. That meeting happened to be the March 2020 meeting, so unfortunately my first meeting was also our last for the year.

Please, do not hesitate to reach out with feedback, it is so important to me to know which things interest you and what I can improve to better serve our members. I’ll also need your help, without meetings and events due to the pandemic these pages are hard to fill. Spring is just around the corner and a lot of species are coming into bloom and begging for their picture to be taken! Please send any photos, private sales or events you would like to share with the club to:

opengates.newsletter@gmail.com

I can’t wait to hear from you!
-Victoria Bugé
Editor

SUCCULENT & Garden Art Sale

1014 W. Sunset Drive Redlands, CA 92373



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For more info, contact Jo Ann:
909-793-0680 (Voicemail)



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No memberships due until 2022 for existing members

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Membership – 2021



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