
June 2021

Open Gates

A publication of the Gates Cactus & Succulent Society

NEXT MEETING: No June 2021 Meeting

*Redlands Church of The Nazarene
1307 E Citrus Ave., Redlands, CA 92374*

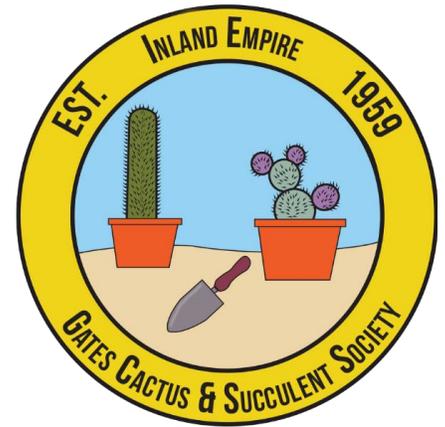
A Word From Our President:

Did you hear the breaking news? The club is going to host a cactus and succulent plant sale this summer. Yes, it's true and it's going to be on Saturday, August 28, 2021. That's one day only; starting from 10 AM until 5 PM at the Redlands Church of the Nazarene, our monthly meeting site. Please take note that we will only have a plant sale and that there will not be the usual plant show at the event this year.

The vendor list for the plant sale is still to be determined and we hope to have the usual popular vendors participate again. We are fully aware of the shortened notification and preparation time that may affect everyone's decision to participate or not. As such, all other planning details for the event are in progress. Here's where you can help the club to make this returning plant sale a success. We will need your help to get the information out into your community about this event. In lieu of the traditional postcards, we will be distributing flyers for advertisements. Please also consider volunteering your time on the event day. We need a lot of help such as: setting up, security, sales area, cleaning up. Let me know if you can help. Thank you.

Social media will continue to assist expanding our reach among new succulent enthusiasts online. Currently, our best method to disseminate news and updates to you about the sale will be your email so be sure to check your email regularly. Our new website will continue to evolve and improve with succulent and cactus news and as well as historical references.

As for our return to in-person meeting, many clubs are attempting to plan for a live meeting to start in late summer or early fall? This is certainly a possibility for our club but I must refrain from leading false presumptions. State officials, supposedly, will issue new guidelines regarding this public health pandemic on June 15th. We all eagerly await this new



Plants of the Month

Cactus –

Photograph

Succulent –

Photograph

Next Month: July

Cactus -

Echinopsis

Succulent –

Stem Succulent Euphorbias

Photos in Lieu of Mini Show
See page 2 for details

Gates Annual Show Highest Points



development and how it may affect us moving forward with the plant sale and potentially live meetings.

-Phuc Huynh
President

Upcoming Events

Cactus & Succulent Society Webinar Series

Rob Skillin

*Pediocactus and
Sclerocactus:*

*A Tour of the Colorado
Plateau*

Saturday, June 12th
10:00AM PDT

[Click here to Register](#)

or visit

cactusandsucculentsociety.org

Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society June Sale

Friday, June 11th

5:00PM – 7:30PM

Saturday, June 12th

9:00AM – 5:00PM

Encino Farmers Market

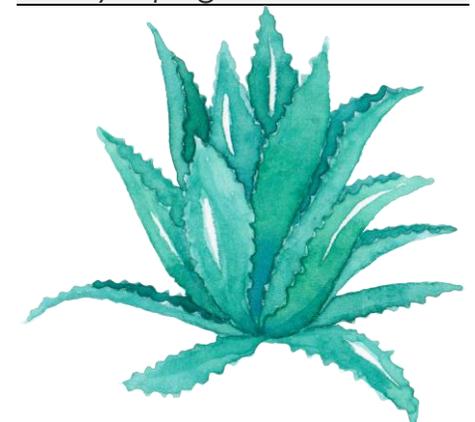
Van Nuys, CA

[See flyer page 4](#)

2021 June Plant of the Month – Photograph



Lizard and Astrophytum Asterias Superkabuto by Teresa Wassman



A big thank you to Teresa Wassman for breaking the ice with her above photo submission! As it was the only member photo submitted for the month, she is the recipient of the \$25 Visa gift card. Congratulations Teresa!

While our meetings are still on hold indefinitely, we're continuing with our monthly mini shows in a photo format until we can meet again in person. There will be no points given, but a \$10 gift card will be awarded monthly by random draw among the registered club members who submit photos for the month of June, one entry per photo submitted. Hopefully these virtual mini shows allow us the opportunity to show off some plants that don't travel very well or are permanently incorporated in your landscaping.

Members interested in sharing photos of their plants of the month with the club should send their high resolution photos (including member name, genus and specific name) to the editor. Photos can be emailed to opengates@gmail.com or submitted by text to (951)544-0578. Please submit photos no later than Sunday, June 27th to be included in the July newsletter.

Cactus & Succulent Society of America Webinar Series

Program: *Pediocactus and Sclerocactus: A Tour of the Colorado Plateau*

Biography: Rob Skillin

Rob Skillin has been growing C&S since the 1970's, and has been particularly interested in *Pediocactus* and *Sclerocactus* for 30 years. During that time, he has made dozens of trips to their habitats to observe and photograph them; his program is a distillation of those years of experience. In-between trips to the Southwest, Rob has pursued a career as a petroleum geologist (now retired – but busier than ever!), been a founding member of the Central Coast and Bakersfield C&S societies, and has been an officer in those groups as well as the Santa Barbara society, and a director of the CSSA. He also regularly presents programs at many of the California clubs on the succulent flora of North and South America, Africa, the Middle East and Madagascar, and has recently published articles on *Pediocactus sileri* and the taxonomy of *Ariocarpus* in the CSSA Journal. He is married to his beautiful wife Terry, with whom he has 3 wonderful children.



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Things To Do

Saguaro Bloom - Southern Arizona

A notable saguaro bloom is being reported by the Sonoran Desert Network and Research Center, a part of the National Park Service. Saguaro blooms typically occur in a concentrated area on the crown of the main body in the spring, this year's blooms are appearing the length of the cacti and on smaller arms or "nubbins". While there is no clear reason for the exceptional bloom in progress,





it has been noted that 2020 brought record highs to the Tuscon area along with the second driest monsoon season on record along with an unusual fall Saguaro bloom.

Photos courtesy of Charles Parks Photography

Editor's Note:

Due to circumstances outside of the control of the board of directors, we are no longer able to update the existing GatesCSS.com website or Facebook page.

Our new website can be found at:

www.gatescactusandsucculentsociety.org

And we can now be found on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/gatescactusandsucculentsociety>

-Victoria Bugé

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35th Annual Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale



Euphorbia francoisii var crassicaulis

August 14 - 15 2021 9 AM to 5 PM

LA County Arboretum 301 N Baldwin, Arcadia

www.intercityshow.com

626-821-3222

Free with Arboretum Admission

Face masks required for Sale and Show Admission