



Sweepstakes Winner

Plants of the Month

Cactus – Bring your best Photographs!

Succulent – Bring your best Photographs!

Save the Date!

July 1, 2 & 3:
CSSA Show and Sale

July 22 & 23:
Orange County Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale

August 13 & 14:
Intercity Show and Sale

Open Gates

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NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, July 6th at 7:00 PM

AT THE REDLANDS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 1307 E
CITRUS AVE, IN REDLANDS, CA

From the President:

I hope that each of you have been tending to your plants this last 2-3 weeks of summer heat wave. Some of my plants have had severe sunburns so off to the plant critical care unit for the remainder of this summer. Be sure to hydrate yourself as well as your plants. The hot summer has only started and club members have expressed the desire for a field trip and/or garden tour. Because of this summer heat I would like to defer our trip until late summer or early fall. Being outdoor for much of the day during the summer is ill-advised for both the healthy and those with medical conditions. To that safety caution, I hope everyone can wait for another 2-3 months.

If you attended the San Diego CSS show and sale last month and enjoyed the great volume of plant varieties there, another fantastic show and sale is quickly approaching. The annual CSSA Show and Sale at the Huntington Botanical Garden will be on the pre-Independence Day weekend of July 1-3, 2016. As a reminder, you will need the special CSSA sticker tag and your club's name badge for free admission. I still have some of the sticker tags so get in touch with me to get yours if you wish to attend. There is still many other summer plant shows so don't forget to keep the show calendar in the newsletter handy.

The club has a new world wide website and it needs your help. You can surf our club at www.gatescss.com. Certain parts and links may still be under construction so please have patience. Although it is active it is by no means complete. It will always need to be updated and improved and this is where you can help. We need input from everyone on how to make this the best website for the club and succulent enthusiasts. Share your ideas and thoughts with Trisha Davis or myself about our website. Send in pictures of your plant/garden to be included in the website for everyone else to marvel. It's too hot to write anymore so I'll have more to say at the meeting. Check out the website!

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Leadership Team 2016

Our speaker this month

Peter Walkowiak

Staging: The Art of Succulent Plant

Presentation

The art of staging succulent plants is like the Framing of an expensive or prized picture or painting. The frame is the pot, the matting is the top dressing, rocks and other accent pieces and the plant is the painting.



There are many aspects to consider when staging a plant, among these is the plant color, form, growth habit, shape, texture. These all determine what pot size, shape and top dressing is best. Color and texture are important on all aspects of a successful framing of your plant. Often the goal is to make it look like it is still in habitat, a little bit of nature in a pot.

In this workshop I will discuss the process of choosing the pot, top dressing and rocks. Included in this discussion will be the reasons for making the choices that were made. Why this color, texture verses another, why one works while another does not.

Soil and Staging Workshop

One of the most asked questions that I am confronted with is, "What do you use for your soil?" In this talk you will be presented with the different



properties that make a soil mix work or fail. What materials to use or avoid. And why. Other aspects of soil such as PH, fertilizer, salts and wife's tales debunked. Questions are very welcome during this presentation, I want to share my wealth of information. Your success at growing your

succulent plants is my goal. Also a brief talk on pest control will be included.

The final part of this talk will focus on staging your plants. Staging is often likened to framing an expensive painting, the pot is the frame, top dressing and rocks is the matting and the plant the picture. The pot offers many sizes, textures, colors, choosing the right one is important in the context of the overall design. Then the top dressing has many colors and texture. How do you choose?

I will demonstrate with several plants, couple of cacti and a couple succulents to give a variety of type of plants and styles that you may want to try. Time permitting, I will help with the staging of some of your plants. Just bring in a plant with a pot, (staging rocks) you want staged but are not sure how to proceed. I will help or do the staging for you. I will provide top dressing, if you have a special top dressing bring it.

Biography:

Interest in plants started as a child of five, amazed at the beauty of roses and the taste of blackberries right off the vine. As a teenager did yard work for neighbors to make some money and had a vegetable garden. Went to Cal Poly Pomona in 1980 and graduated in 1985 with a degree in horticulture.



Have worked for and ran a number of wholesale nurseries before starting a landscape and consultation business. Twelve years ago started to propagate plants from the collection of plants that had been acquired in the previous 25 years, which led to the current business that has been a part of my lifelong dream, PW Plants, my own nursery.

Fascination with succulent plants started in college, a friend had this amazing *Bombax ellipticum*. The collection has grown from those early days to well over 1,500 plants. Interests center on the fat plants, caudiciforms, cacti and euphorbias.

Current President of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society, on the board of the San Diego CSS and CSSA. Show chair for the two shows for SDCSS and the one show for Palomar. Co-chair for the Intercity Show, the largest succulent show in the world. Participate in many other shows in the southwest from Phoenix to Los Angeles.



June Mini Show Results

Please remember to completely fill out the Mini show entry forms, incomplete forms will be disqualified.

Cactus

Novice

Small 1st *Thelocactus hexadrophorus fossulata* – Mike Madrigal
 2nd *Stenocactus ochoterenanus*- Mike Madrigal

Intermediate

Small 1st *Stenocactus multicutatus* – Diana Roman
 2nd *Stenocactus vaupelianus* – Diana Roman
 3rd *Stenocactus vaupelianus* – Tommy Dodson
 3rd *Thelocactus rinconensis* – Karen Roholt

Advanced

Small 1st *Thelocactus rinconensis* – Rico Leon

Large 1st *Stenocactus multicutatus* – Greg & Anna Cavanaugh
 2nd *Stenocactus ochoterenanus* – Greg & Anna Cavanaugh

Succulents

Novice

Small 1st *Euphorbia francolsii* – Sandra Wall
 2nd *Euphorbia dacaryi v. dacaryi* – Karen Fleisher
 3rd *Euphorbia francosii* – Sandra Wall

Large 1st *Euphorbia stenollada* – Karl Trisler
 2nd *Euphorbia sp* – Jeff Loew
 3rd *Euphorbia obesa* – Jeff Loew

Intermediate

Small 1st *Euphorbia abdelkuri* – Tommy Dodson
 2nd *Euphorbia poisconii* – Alan Fix
 3rd *Euphorbia knuthii* – Diana Roman

Large 1st *Euphorbia inermis* – Dick Hammer
 2nd *Euphorbia lacteal crest* – Dick Hammer
 3rd *Jatropha cathartica* – Alan Fix

Advanced

Small 1st *Euphorbia greenwayi* – Rico Leon

Large 1st *Euphorbia flanaganii* - Greg & Anna Cavanaugh
 2nd *Euphorbia schoenlandii* - Greg & Anna Cavanaugh
 3rd *Euphorbia meloformis* - Greg & Anna Cavanaugh

Mini show Judges

New sign-up sheets available

Kitchen Duty

Andrew Gould & Trisha Davis

July Plants of the Month

Time to show off your photography skills! Bring in your best printed plant photos of any size, any species of Cactus or Succulents.

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2016

July 1, 2 & 3:

CSSA Show and Sale. Plant sale Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
Show Saturday and Sunday. Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road,
San Marino

July 22 & 23:

Orange County Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale.
Thursday from 6 pm to 8 pm, Friday from 9 am to 7 pm, and Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm. Anaheim
United Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Blvd., Anaheim. Information 949-212-8417

August 13 & 14:

Intercity Show and Sale.
Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm. Los Angeles County Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin
Avenue, Arcadia. Information Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 or Artie Chavez 818-482-8795

September 3:

Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium.
All day Saturday at the Huntington. 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino.

September 10:

Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction.
Saturday from noon to 5 pm. Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach.
Information 562-631-5876

The Cactus and Succulent Society of America was founded in 1929.

The society is dedicated to the study, cultivation and propagation of cacti and succulent plants. The society has also been active in the goal of the dissemination of information and conservation of the plants world wide.

Members enjoy a bi-monthly journal and newsletter.

If you have enjoyed the show and sale please visit our website at: www.cssainc.org

This show is put on by members of CSSA affiliated clubs. Ask anyone for information if you are interested; we would love to have you join us.



Reserve July 26-31 2017

CSSA 2017 Biennial Convention

Hosted by
Central Arizona C&S Society

Field Trips
1. Desert Botanical Garden
2. Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Wallace Garden
3. Private Gardens
4. Hike in the Four Peaks region lead by Doug Dawson

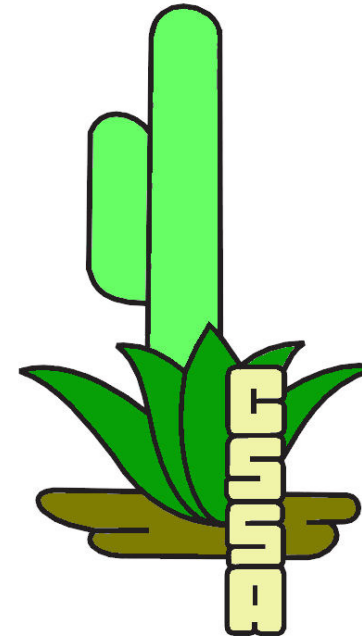
World Renown Speakers
Plant Sale and Auction
and more to come...

Convention Hotel

Tempe Mission Palms. It is in downtown Tempe, home to Arizona State University, with many shops, restaurants and entertainment venues. It is a 4-minute walk to a light rail station and 3.5 miles to the airport.

THE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA

51st Annual Show and Sale



SALE: Friday July 1st thru Sunday July 3rd 2016
SHOW: Saturday 10:30 to 4:30 & Sunday 10:30 to 4:00

at
THE HUNTINGTON
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