

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

COMMUNIQUE



ECHINOPSIS TERSCHKEANA AT THE HUNTINGTON DESERT GARDEN PHOTO BY ANTHONY FANTIELLO

**WINTER
SHOW & SALE**
HOW TO ENTER, PRE-SALE INFO,
& MORE INSIDE!



**ECHINOPSIS
TYLECODON**
PLANTS OF THE MONTH



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE & MORE:

A MESSAGE FROM NICK RENTERIA, SGVCSS PRESIDENT:



Greetings everyone! Plain and simple, **January was a heartbreaking month.** I'd like to extend my sympathies to everyone who was affected by the recent fires.

Many members of our club, the Sunset Club, and members of the cactus and succulent community at large, lost their homes and all their personal belongings. And although several member's houses escaped the fire, their occupants were temporarily displaced and were only allowed to return several weeks later. One way we as a club can help our members is by helping to replenish their collection of plants when the time is right. The **Executive Board** is also looking at other ways we can help. Stay tuned for more details.

Fortunately, we saw some **much-needed rain** the last week of January. This should help our winter-growing plants to flourish, but more importantly, should help to fully extinguish any remaining fires. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that the rain is steady but not heavy enough to cause flooding and mudslides in the fire-ravaged communities. People in these areas need a break so they can heal their souls and start the rebuilding process.

Many of you have been asking about the **Winter Show and Sale**, given the recent events. After careful consideration, the Executive Board decided to move forward with the show and sale as a way for all of us to get together and support one another and our community during this difficult time. However, as we expect a slight decline in the number of show exhibitors and sale customers, the **Winter Show and Sale will now take place on Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22, with setup on Thursday, February 20.** The dinner and auction will take place on Friday night instead of Saturday. So, get those plants ready and sign up to volunteer with Manny Rivera. And don't forget to buy a t-shirt and wear it around town as an advertisement!

Now that the Arboretum has completely reopened, we expect to be **back to our normal meeting schedule in February**, which features *Echinopsis* and *Tylecodon/Cotyledon* as our plants of the month and also features our very own Gunnar Eisel speaking on The Arboretum at Pitzer College. Our workshop this month is on *Haworthia*.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the **general meeting on February 13.** More than ever, we need one another.

Warm Regards,
Nick Renteria

ABOUT SGVCSS



Chartered in 1967, **San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society's** objectives are to promote knowledge, study, & interest in cacti and other succulent plants through educational programs, public exhibits, & the sharing of these interests to the general public.

SNACKS FOR OUR MEETINGS

 FEB	D-E-F
MAR	G-H-I 
APR 	J-K-L

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

PLEASE BRING IN SNACKS OR DRINKS FOR OUR MEETINGS BASED ON THE LETTER OF YOUR LAST NAME ABOVE.

COOKIES, PASTRIES, FRUIT, VEGGIES, APPETIZERS, SODA, OR WATER ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



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MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS:

2025

PLANTS OF THE MONTH

JAN THELOCACTUS
ALOE HYBRID

FEB ECHINOPSIS
TYLECODON / COTYLEDON

MAR BUININGA / UEBELMANIA
HAWORTHIA

APR NOTOCACTUS / PARODIA
AGAVE

MAY STAGED AS MINIATURE

JUN COLUMNAR CACTUS
STEM EUPHORBIA

JULY STENOCACTUS
CADEX

AUG FAVORITES

SEP ERIOSYCE
ASCLEPIADS

OCT OPUNTIA
SANSEVIERIA

NOV VARIEGATED

UPCOMING MEETINGS

FEB 13 - MONTHLY

FEB 19 - HAWORTHIA WORKSHOP

FEB 21-22 - WINTER SHOW & SALE

MAR 13 - MONTHLY

@ The Arboretum

ALL PROGRAMS START AT 7:30 PM



MEETINGS
2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
DOORS 6:00PM
STARTS 7:30PM
AYRES HALL, LA ARBORETUM
ENTER SIDE GATE

WORKSHOPS
3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
STARTS 7:30PM
PALM CLASSROOM, LA ARBORETUM
ENTER MAIN GATE

LOS ANGELES ARBORETUM
301 NORTH BALDWIN AVE,
ARCADIA, CA 91007




2025

WORKSHOPS

JAN TYLECODON / COTYLEDON

FEB HAWORTHIA

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APR SPRING SEED

MAY COLUMNAR CACTUS

JUN CADEX

JUL PRUNING

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NOV WINTER SEED

UPCOMING SHOW & SALE:

30TH ANNUAL
**SGVCSS
WINTER
SHOW & SALE**



SHOW AND SALE
FRI AND SAT
AUCTION FRIDAY

Arcadia Masonic Center
50 W Duarte Rd. Arcadia, CA

FREE PARKING

FEB 21-22
9AM-5PM

FREE ADMISSION



@SGVCSSCLUB



GUEST SPEAKER:

GUNNAR EISEL

THE ARBORETUM AT PITZER COLLEGE



Gunnar Eisel's interest in cacti and succulents can be traced back to his childhood infatuation with photographing night-blooming *Cereus* flowers and a few unfortunate encounters with *Opuntia* glochids. His interest in cacti became intensified through many annual trips to the Anza-Borrego Desert.

Born and raised near Heidelberg, Germany, Eisel taught music at CSULA, CSUF, Whittier College, Fullerton College and Citrus College. He recently retired as a full-time music theory and history of music professor at Citrus College in Glendora, CA, where his students were occasionally subjected to his rantings regarding cacti and succulents.

An avid cactus and succulent collector, he served as Executive Director of the *Cactus and Succulent Society of America* (CSSA) for 15 years and as President of *SGVCSS* for 10 years. He is currently the Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show Chair.

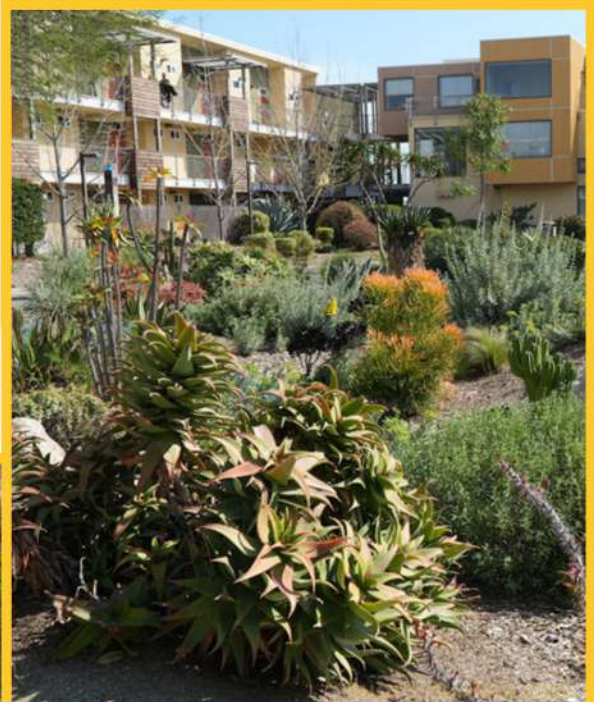


THE JOHN R. RODMAN ARBORETUM AT PITZER COLLEGE: A JEWEL OF CACTUS & SUCCULENT LANDSCAPING

The Arboretum was the brainchild of Pitzer College Environmental Studies professor John Rodman who served as its director from 1988 to 2001. Joe Clements followed him as director from 2001 to 2015 when he retired.

The 30+ acre arboretum is composed of 15 distinct garden areas. Several disciplines make use of the arboretum, including art, anthropology and environmental studies.

This topic is particularly interesting for a number of reasons. It's a relatively new landscape installation with most plants easily obtainable in the trade. They will be suitable to our area and easy to propagate. You may be inspired by the landscaping and find some of the ideas useful in our own landscaping projects.



CACTUS OF THE MONTH:

ECHINOPSIS



Echinopsis is a genus of easily grown South American cacti. The genus has expanded to include **Trichocereus** and **Lobivia**. The borders between *Lobivia* and *Echinopsis* and *Trichocereus* and *Echinopsis* are fuzzy at best. Plants labeled *Trichocereus* and *Lobivia* are welcome in this month's Plant of the Month. Most botanists would recognize these as *Echinopsis*. All of the local shows still treat this as separate genera, as do many plant catalogs and older publications.

Echinopsis grow well in a general cactus mix, fast-draining with more pumice than potting soil. The standard 80% pumice, 20% potting mix is excellent for steady growth. They are tolerant of nearly everything including cold weather, hot weather, and underwatering. They are the perfect entry-level plant for the novice cactus grower. They have spectacular flowers, with flower size often greatly exceeding plant size. They do well when planted in the ground.

Best growth and best flowers are fed continually throughout the growing season starting in April and continuing into early October. They should be allowed to go dormant in November but will sit out the winter without cover as long as they are in a rapid draining mix. They are sensitive to the usual pests of succulent growth including mealybugs and spider mites. Plants should be inspected frequently and insects cleaned off as they appear.

Propagation of *Echinopsis* is easy. Cuttings or offsets can be taken, left for a few weeks, and then repotted. Rooting is rapid and new growth can usually be seen in a couple of months. Seeds are easily obtained and these also are easy to germinate are long lived and rapid growers.

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PHOTO: TOM GLAVICH

Echinopsis longispina



PHOTO: TOM GLAVICH

Echinopsis flower



Lobivia ferox

CACTUS OF THE MONTH:

ECHINOPSIS



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Echinopsis and related genera have been used to make hybrids with large colorful flowers for many years. The 1930's saw the rise of Harry Johnson's Paramount Hybrids – colorful plants with moderate size flowers. These hybrids were created in Los Angeles, and many still are available, although separation of labels from plants make most of the named plants suspicious at best.

More recent hybrids have been made by Bob Schick at *The Huntington*. These are based on the Paramount Hybrids with additional genetic inputs and are renowned for their extremely large and colorful flowers. *The Huntington* is keeping the entire set of named hybrids in production. These are available through *The Huntington's* sales and website, and are guaranteed to be true to name.

Other hybridizers have been and are working with this flexible genus to make their own mix of genes and colors. Miles Anderson of Miles to Go Nursery in Tucson produces some wonderful plants. There are some remarkable plants coming out of Germany with great flowers. The hybrids are as easy as the species to grow -- if not easier -- and reward their growers with fantastic flowers.

--Tom Glavich

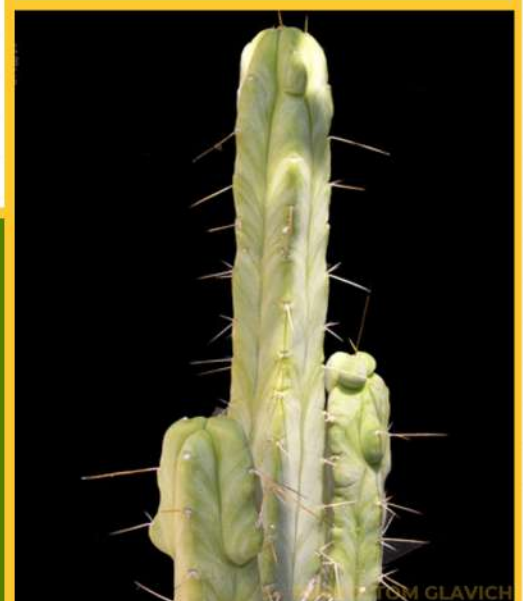
DID YOU KNOW?

Echinopsis, *Trichocereus*, and *Lobivia*, all native to South America, were merged under *Echinopsis* after DNA studies showed their flowers were the same type. They share spine-free ovaries and floral tubes with hairs, an open nectary, and two sets of stamens.

Exciting Echinopsis:

- ***Echinopsis pachanoi*** aka 'San Pedro Cactus' is a columnar cactus known for its fast growth and beautiful large white flowers.
- ***E. terscheckii*** resembling a small saguaro, this species is popular for its towering height and impressive golden spines.
- ***E. subdenudata*** aka 'Domino Cactus' has a spherical, almost spineless body and striking, nocturnal white flowers, making it an excellent beginner's choice.
- ***E. chamaecereus*** aka 'Peanut Cactus' is a favorite for its small size, easy propagation, and charming, orange-red flowers.

--Anthony Cantiello



Echinopsis (Trichocereus) bridgesii

SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH:

TYLECODON



Tylecodon and **Cotyledon** are genera in the *Crassulaceae* Family. Both are winter growers and generally look their best from late fall through early spring. They are closely related to two other genera, *Adromischus* and *Kalanchoe*, with many members of all four families originally described as *Cotyledon*.

Tylecodon is a relatively new genus first published in 1978. In books published before this date, most plants that we know today as *Tylecodon* will appear as *Cotyledon*. *Tylecodon* is an anagram of *Cotyledon*, reflecting the extremely close relationship between the two genera.

In habitat, *Tylecodon* are generally deciduous, losing their leaves in summer while *Cotyledon* tend to be evergreen. This is not always the same in cultivation. A more important botanical distinction is the structure of the attachment of flowers to the stem. *Tylecodon* is almost exclusively confined to South Africa and Namibia, while *Cotyledon* has a larger range in Africa.

Tylecodon are extremely toxic to livestock; farmers and stockmen in South Africa routinely remove every *Tylecodon* they find. *Tylecodon wallichii* is one of the main offenders.

Cultivation of *Tylecodon* and *Cotyledon* is easy. They are all winter growers, dormant in summer. During dormancy, they prefer little or no water depending on size. The smaller species need water occasionally as they would get in nature. They should not be fertilized when dormant or their growth will get long and leggy very quickly. Minimal fertilization is best even in winter.

Propagation is also easy as almost all root from cuttings. Both genera root best at the beginning of the growing cycle - - October through early January. Seed is sometimes available. Best results are obtained by sowing the seed in November, and getting a full winter and most of the first summer before dormancy.

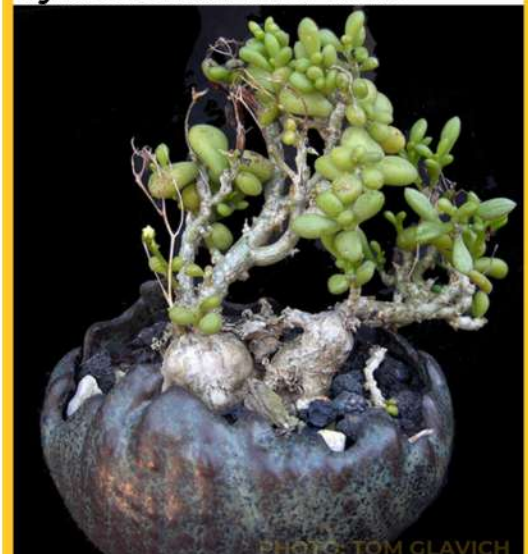
-- Tom Glavich



Tylecodon wallichii



Tylecodon buchholziana



Tylecodon schaeferanus

SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH:

TYLECODON



Terrific Tylecodon:

- ***Tylecodon atrofuscus*** is one of the best of the dwarf species. The small caudex looks dead for most of the year, sprouting outsize leaves when the first fall rains come.
- ***Tylecodon buchholzianus*** is unique among the Tylecodon. It can grow branches without evidence of leaves. Microscopic leaflets perform the function of normal leaves allowing the branches to grow. It is also capable of setting normal leaves in the spring.
- ***Tylecodon paniculatus*** is notable for its fast growth rate, thick trunk and peeling yellow bark. Easy to grow, this can become an amazing specimen in just a few years.
- ***Tylecodon reticulatus*** is a medium size species that has the color and peeling bark similar to *T. paniculatus* but makes an excellent smaller bonsai. It is easy to grow and easy to come by. It propagates very easily from cuttings.
- ***Cotyledon ladismithiensis*** has green leaves resembling small paws, with red edges when given enough sun. If the growing tips are pinched frequently, it will eventually grow into an imposing shrub.
- ***Cotyledon undulata*** is a shrub with wavy, white pruinose leaves and thick stems.

--Tom Glavich



WINTER SHOW & SALE '25:

SGVCSS WINTER SHOW



A NOTE FROM SGVCSS WINTER SHOW '25 CHAIR MANNY RIVERA:



Our **30th Annual Winter Show & Sale** is coming this February, which means a lot of our winter-growing plants will be actively growing and

looking great with the cooler, longer nights. Some cacti will be waking up and some of them will be flowering.

The **Winter Show** is our club's annual fundraiser for our monthly meetings, guest speakers, holiday party, refreshments, books, field trips, and more.

Please support our show! Volunteer, bring plants to show, bring your friends and show them your plants, invite them to the sales area, and tell them about our club.

A NOTE FROM SGVCSS WINTER SALE '25 CHAIR JAMES LEMOS:



I am both excited and honored to again serve as the Club Sales Chair for this event, our **30th Annual Winter Show & Sale**. Come be a part of it!

For our third year, we will be holding the Show & Sale at the *Arcadia Masonic Center*, which was again a great host for us last year. I'm looking forward to seeing and working with you all.



WINTER SHOW & SALE '25:

SGVCSS WINTER SHOW



ENTER YOUR PLANTS

SGVCSS WINTER SALES CHAIR MANNY RIVERA



We want to show off your plants at our club's show! Have you brought in plants to our mini-shows? Do you have some nicely staged cacti or succulents you want to show off? All of those are great plants to enter!

Come in during plant drop-off times and Manny, Tom, or another volunteer will help you fill out entry tags and find where to put the plant. There is a pre-sale for volunteers & exhibitors ONLY on Friday 2/21, 8AM-9AM.

VOLUNTEER



The show doesn't run without the help from awesome volunteers like you. Can you help us 3-4 hours on one of the set-up or show/sale days? We need volunteers to oversee the sales area & show area, and to hand out sandwiches and drinks. Reach out to Manny to help.

ATTEND SHOW



Whether you have time to volunteer or not, make sure you come down and check out the show! If this is your first time we promise you're going to have a blast! Just seeing plants in person that you may not be able to see anywhere else is a sight to behold. Also, there will be some outstanding staging going on from which you can get ideas on how to stage your plants at home. And don't forget to see which plants made it to the Trophy Table! Remember to wear your name badge!

SHOP FOR PLANTS

SGVCSS WINTER SHOW CHAIR JAMES LEMOS

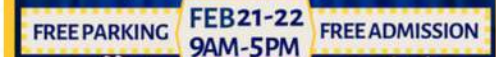
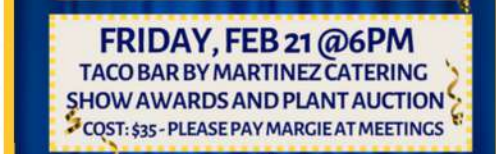


We hope you've been saving up some money to spend in well-grown common and some rare plants! This is your opportunity to pick up some plants not available at your local nursery or Big Box store. Check out our two dozen plant and pot vendors and we promise they'll be something you like! And don't forget to ask the vendors for their best care tips!

ATTEND DINNER & AUCTION



Friday night of the show is our annual Show Dinner and Auction. You'll need to sign up for this with our Treasurer Margie. Then you'll be able to enjoy unlimited tacos, sides, and dessert from awesome Martinez Catering, followed by a plant Auction featuring some of the rarest and/or oldest plants that you can actually get your hands on! Past auctions have featured plants not readily available commercially and others that were over 50 years old! Don't miss this!



WINTER SHOW & SALE '25:

SGVCSS WINTER SHOW



The San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society
presents
The 30th Annual Winter Show
February 21-22, 2025
At Arcadia Masonic Center
50 W Duarte Road Arcadia, CA

Horticultural Classifications

Competitive entries shall be as follows:
NOVICE: Exhibitor has won no more than 40 blue ribbons total in recognized C&S shows.
Intermediate: Exhibitor has won 41 or more blue ribbons. No commercial sellers.

OPEN: Exhibitor must have won 80 or more blue ribbons or be a commercial seller of C&S plants.

All entrants must register their total entries in the show registrar prior to placement on tables.

DIVISION 1 INDIVIDUAL POTTED SPECIMENS, CACTI

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| 1 Ariocarpus up to 5" | 23 Mammillaria w/o hooks single up to 6" |
| 2 Ariocarpus single over 5" | 24 Mammillaria w/o hooks single over 6" |
| 3 Ariocarpus cluster over 5" | 25 Mammillaria w/o hooks cluster up to 5" |
| 4 Astrophytum | 26 Mammillaria w/o hooks cluster 5 to 10" |
| 5 Aztekium, Geohintonia, Epithelantha, | 27 Mammillaria w/o hooks cluster over 10" |
| Pelescyphora, Enecephalocarpus | 28 Melocactus |
| 6 Borzicactus, Matucana, Submatucana, Oroya | 29 Parodia, Notocactus |
| 7 Blossfeldia, Frailea, Yavia | 30 Opuntia, North America |
| 8 Buiningia, Uebelmannia | 31 Opuntia, South America |
| 9 Columnar - Ceroid types (N or S American) | 32 Pediocactus, Scleroactus, Echinomastus |
| 10 Obregonia, Strombocactus, Ortegocactus | 33 Turbinicarpus, Gymnocactus |
| 11 Copiapoa | 34 Rebutia |
| 12 Coryphantha, Escobaria, Neobesseyia, | 35 Sarcobutlia, Weingartia |
| Neolloydia, Acharagma | 36 Stenocactus, Echinofossulocactus |
| 13 Discocactus | 37 Thelocactus, Hamatocactus |
| 14 Echinocereus up to 5" | 38 Epiphytic Cacti (Aporocactus, Hatori, etc.) |
| 15 Echinocereus over 5" | 39 Any other genus |
| 16 Echinopsis, Lobivia, Acanthocalycium, | 40 Variegated Cacti |
| Trichocereus | 41 Monstrose (multiple, irregular, growth centers) |
| 17 Echinocactus, Ferocactus, Leuchtenbergia | 42 Crested Cacti (fan-shaped growth) |
| 18 Eriocayte (Neoporteria, Neochilenia, | 43 Seed grown by exhibitors up to 5 years |
| Pyrrhocactus, Horridocactus) | 44 Miniature Cacti (3" maximum pot size) |
| 19 Gymnocalycium up to 5" | 45 Cacti Collections of 5 - 12 plants |
| 20 Gymnocalycium over 5" | |
| 21 Mammillaria hooked up to 6" | |
| 22 Mammillaria hooked over 6" | |

DIVISION 2 INDIVIDUAL POTTED SPECIMENS, SUCCULENTS

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| Aizoaceae (Mesembryanthemaceae) family | Apocynaceae family |
| 46 Lithops | 69 Adenium & Plumeria |
| 47 Conophytum | 70 Pachypodium - African |
| 48 Other genera - with prominent stems/roots: | 71 Pachypodium - Madagascan |
| Aloinopsis, Faucaria, Mestoklema, etc. | |
| 49 Other genera - without prominent stems/roots: | Asclepiadoideae |
| Dinteranthus, Lapidaria, etc. | 72 Fockea, Raphionacme, Brachystelema |
| Asphodelaceae family | 73 Caralluma, Hoodia, Huernia, Pseudolithos, |
| 50 Aloe under 6" | Stapelia, Trichocaulon, etc. |
| 51 Aloe 6" and over | 74 Other Asclepiadaceae: Ceropogia, |
| 52 Gasteria | Sarcostemma, Hoya, Dischidia, etc. |
| 53 Haworthia & Astroloba under 5" | Succulents in Other Families |
| 54 Haworthia & Astroloba 5" and over | 75 Agavoideae: Agave, Yucca, Manfreda |
| Crassulaceae family | 76 Nolinoideae: Nolina, Calibanus, Beaucarnea, |
| 55 Adromischus | 77 Asteraceae: Senecio, Othonna, Kleinia, Curio |
| 56 Cotyledon, Tylecodon | 78 Bromeliaceae: Abromeliella/Deuterocohnia, Dyckia |
| 57 Crassula, Kalanchoe | 79 Burseraceae: Bursera, Commiphora, Boswellia, |
| 58 Dudleya | Beiselia |
| 59 Echeveria | 80 Didiereaceae: Alluaudia, Alluaudiopsis, Decarya, |
| 60 Other Crassulaceae: Aeonium, Pachyphytum | Didierea |
| Graptopetalum, Monanthes, Sedum | 81 Nolinoideae: Sansevieria (may include |
| Tactilus, Orostachys, etc. | variegates) |
| Euphorbiaceae Family | 82 Moraceae: Dorstenia, Ficus |
| Euphorbia - species endemic to Madagascar | 83 Passifloraceae: Adenia |
| 61 Caudiciform or Geophyte (capsanitemariensis, | 84 Portulacaceae: Anacampteros, Avonia, Ceraria |
| Cylindropolia v. tubifera, etc.) | 85 Vitaceae: Cissus, Cyphostemma |
| 62 Other Madagascan (decaryi, millii, etc.) | |
| Euphorbia - species not endemic to Madagascar | Pachycauls, Caudiciforms & Geophytes |
| 63 Caudiciform (knuthii, squarrosa, etc.) | Adansonia, Pseudobombax, Chonisia, Ceiba |
| 64 Medusa type (esculentia, porgonis, etc.) | Cucurbitaceae, Dioscorea, Fouquieria |
| 65 Stem type (abdelkuri, obesa, suzannae, etc.) | Pachycormus, etc. |
| Other genera of Euphorbiaceae: | 86 Pot size under 8" |
| 66 Jatropha, Monadenium, Pedilanthus, etc. | 87 Pot size 8" and over |
| Geraniaceae family | 88 Any other genus |
| 67-A Pelargonium under 6" | 89-A Bulbs under 6" |
| 67-B Pelargonium 6" and over | 89-B Bulbs 6" and over |
| 68 Sarcocaulon | 90 Variegated Succulents |
| | 91 Crested Succulents (fan-shaped growth) |
| | 92 Monstros (multiple, irregular, growth centers) |
| | 93 Seed grown by exhibitors up to 5 years |
| | 94 Miniature (3" maximum pot size) |
| | 95 Collection of 5 - 12 plants |

- DIVISION 3 ARRANGEMENTS**
- 96 Dish gardens (miniature scene)
 - 97 Planters (group of the same or assorted plants)
 - 98 Bonsai Miniature under 8" tall
 - 99 Bonsai 8" or taller

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- 105 Cacti
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FIELD COLLECTED PLANT POLICY
RULE 1: Field Collected Plants are not accepted for entry.
RULE 2: Upon entering plants, Exhibitors verify that, to the best of their knowledge, that The Plants are not Field Collected
RULE 3: If a Plant does not meet this Criteria, The Judges and Show Committee will remove The Plant from The Show
RULE 4: The Judges and Show Committee's decisions are final and binding

SHOW RULES

- 1) Exhibitors must be members of the SGVC&SS
- 2) Entries must be in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 6 months. Artificially propagated plant entries are encouraged. They must be clean (no weeds and debris), healthy (no insects, disease, and pesticide odor) and dry. Exhibitors are responsible for placing entry cards with exhibits prior to judging. The show committee may remove any entry which detracts from the show or jeopardizes the health of other entries.
- 3) Plants in Division 1 & 2 must be individually potted specimens. Pot size refers to the inside diameter of the pot at soil level (irregular pots; the average diameter). **Variegates with 30% or more, Cristate & Monstrose** plants should appear only in their specific classes. **Miniature** refers to the intrinsic characteristic of the species; i.e., a small, mature plant; not an immature, or stunted plant. **Collection** should be of individually potted, identified plants of one genus or some unifying theme.
- 4) The Show Room is open to authorized people only during judging. Entries must remain until the show ends.
- 5) Entries are judged on: Condition, Size & Maturity & Difficulty of Culture (70%); Staging (25%); and Nomenclature (5%). Entries are judged against "perfection"; award are given only if the judges, whose decisions are final, believe they are merited.
- 6) The Society and Show Committee will take due care to safeguard entries but cannot be held responsible for damage to, or loss of, plants or other property.

AWARDS

First, second and third place ribbons may be awarded in each class in Divisions 1 through 5. In addition 18 rosettes will be awarded for outstanding entries in both Divisions 1 & 2. For Sweepstakes calculations 1st place = 6 pts, 2nd place = 3 pts and 3rd place = 1 pt. Rosettes will be tie-breakers.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RIP CHUCK EVERSON

**Charles Howard Everson****February 23, 1940 – January 8, 2025**

*Known by Chuck to all,
Proprietor of Rainbow Gardens Bookshop, Vista CA*

When Chuck and Jerry met in March of 1967 they lived in a small 1-bedroom apartment in Signal Hill, California. The apartment was in the basement of a home and the man that lived in the home was a grower of many types of plants. One early spring day he brought a plant and set it on their doorstep saying in a rather gruff voice "take care of this plant." They knew nothing about the plant or what it was called.

In April or May, the plant developed a huge flower and a passerby commented "oh you are growing an *Epiphyllum*." There was no Google in those days, so they did not know how to find information nor a source for other similar hybrids. In the local newspaper they ran across an ad for *Epiphyllum* hybrids, and the nursery was a small business in Pasadena California called *Cactus Pete's*. The very next weekend a visit was made to *Cactus Pete's*.

The nursery was small, with crowded rows and aisles where Mrs. Cactus Pete was running the nursery. She was a very pleasant woman, but very strict, as signs were all over the nursery stating do not touch the flowers. They only sold unrooted cuttings, but Chuck and Jerry managed to come home with several different hybrids. Of course, the most inexpensive was unnamed so it was just a promise of a great flower to come in the next couple of years. From *Cactus Pete's*, they found several sources for the plants and of course the *Epiphyllum Society of America*.

The annual show of the ESA was within a few days. Through the show they learned of several other nurseries in the area, *Bheam Gardens*, *Hurst Nursery*, and of course the *Cactus and Succulent Society of America*. This was the start of their passion for cacti and succulents.

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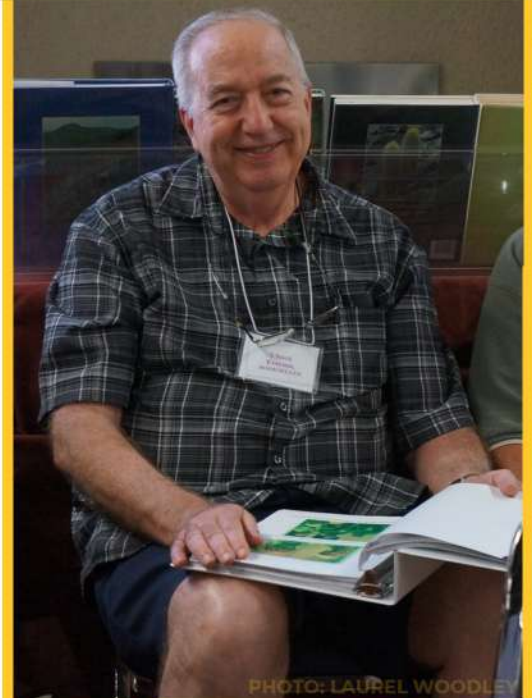
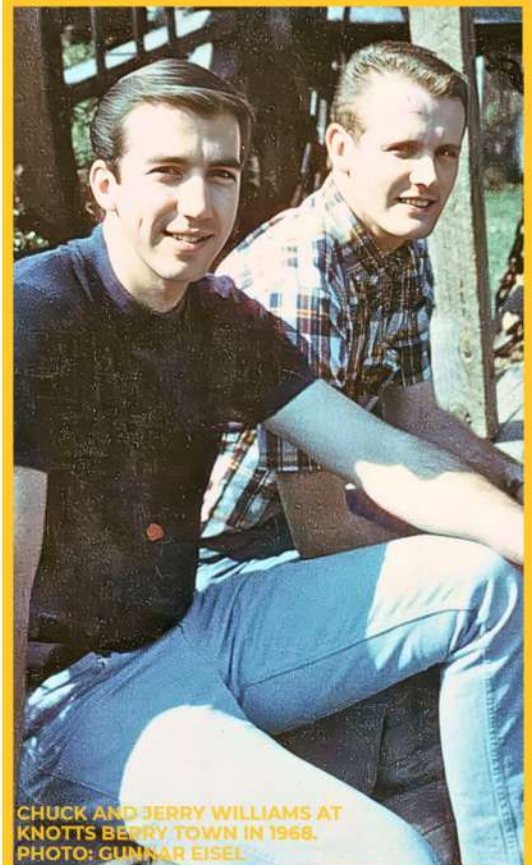


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CHUCK AND JERRY WILLIAMS AT
KNOTTS BERRY TOWN IN 1966.
PHOTO: GUNNAR EISEL

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RIP CHUCK EVERSON



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Chuck and Jerry formed *Rainbow Gardens Nursery and Bookshop* in the early 1980's, starting out as a mail order nursery selling epiphytic cacti. The bookshop was formed a year or so later, to generate revenue during the winter months, when plants could not be shipped due to freezing weather across the country. In 1987, they purchased *California Epi Center*, owned by Bob and Lois Burks in Vista, California.

Chuck was well known around the cactus and succulent societies of Southern California; He was always at the local clubs with his selection of cactus and succulent books. His traveling book show took him to about six shows and sales in Southern California every year and of course to the biannual conventions of the CSSA.

In 2019, Chuck was having some mobility problems and was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. His mobility never returned, becoming non-ambulatory for about 5 years, until he succumbed to the effects of the Parkinson's in January 2025.

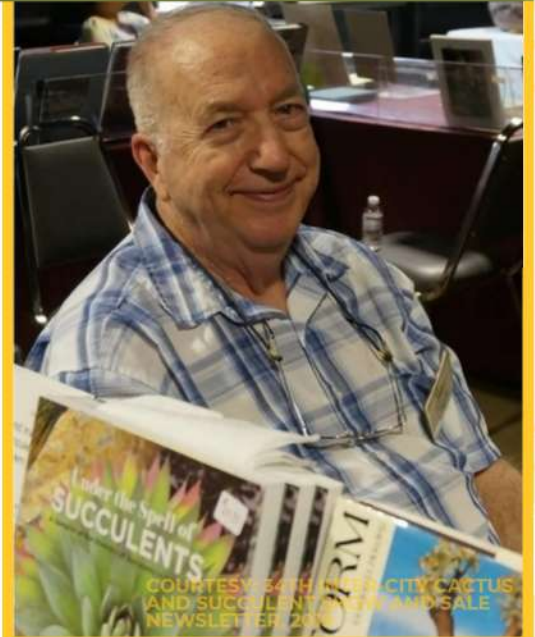
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For those living in SoCal, who visited the numerous shows, Chuck will be remembered for his wonderful selection of books, providing much needed knowledge about succulent plants. Importantly, he was able to get books that were not generally available in the United States, thus providing a much-needed resource for learning. He kept in touch with authors and books that were in development and would feature them at his booth during shows.

He was a supporter of CSSA, serving on the board from 1993-1999, acting as CSSA Librarian from 1992-2002, and received the CSSA Superior Service Award in 2001. He frequently submitted suggestions for CSSA Awards to the Honors Committee following his departure from the board.

Finally, Chuck will be remembered for his warm, outgoing personality and storytelling abilities, including hugs and laughter when greeting old friends.

-- Laurel Woodley, past CSSA President,
South Coast CSS member, & former biology professor



CHUCK EVERSON WITH HYBRID 'MECCA' IN 2014.
PHOTO: THE EPIPHYLLUM GARDEN

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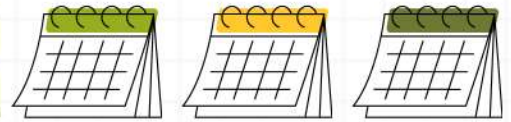
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San Diego CSS Winter Show & Sale

February 8, 11AM-3PM

sdcss.net**SGVCSS Winter Show & Sale**

February 21-22, 9AM-5PM

(Volunteer Presale Feb 21, 8AM-9AM)sgvcss.com

MARCH

Fresno CSS Spring Sale

March 7-9, 10AM-5PM

fresnocss.com**Orange County CSS Spring Sale**

March 21-22, 12PM-6PM/9AM-4PM

occss.org**Central Arizona CSS Show & Sale**

March 28-30, 9AM-5PM (Sun. 9AM-4PM)

centralarizonacactus.org

APRIL

South Coast CSS Show & Sale

April 5- 6, 9AM-4PM

southcoastcss.org**Conejo CSS Spring Sale**

April 13, 9AM-4PM

conejocss.com**Monterey Bay Area CSS Spring Sale**

April 19-20, 9AM-5PM/9AM-3PM

mbsucculent.org**CSSA Convention in San Diego**

April 23-27

cactusandsucculentsociety.org**San Jose CSS Show & Sale**

April 25-27, 5PM-7PM/10AM-5PM/10AM-3:30PM

csssj.com**Palomar CSS Spring Festival**

April 26, 11AM-3PM

palomarcactus.org*NOTE: All dates and times are subject to change.***NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

If you have a cactus or succulent related event that you would like to have announced in the **SGVCSS Communiqué**, forward the information to the address below. Please verify the event date.

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