

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY  
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

# COMMUNIQUE

*BUININGIA BREVICYLINDRICA*  
PHOTO: ANTHONY CANTIELLO



**WOODY  
MINNICH**  
GYMNOCALYCIUM



**UEBELMANNIA,  
HAWORTHIA**  
PLANTS OF THE MONTH



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE & MORE:

## A MESSAGE FROM NICK RENTERIA, SGVCSS PRESIDENT:



To all my fellow SGVCSS members:

What a difference a rain makes! Fortunately, we were blessed with a **healthy dose of rain** last month, which fully extinguished the local fires and enabled the recovery and rebuilding process to begin at long last. The rain also gave our winter-growing plants a much-needed soaking just in time for our Winter Show.

Speaking of the **Winter Show**, I wanted to thank all of you who participated by entering plants in the show, supporting our vendors, or by volunteering. There was a heightened sense of camaraderie and community at this year's event. As always, our show and sale was a success in large part to the efforts of all of our volunteers. A special shout out goes to our co-chairs, **Manny Rivera** and **James Lemos**. We couldn't have done it without all your hard work!

Coming up this month, our general meeting will feature former SGVCSS president and renowned speaker, **Woody Minnich**, giving a talk on *Gymnocalycium*. Woody's talks are always interesting and informative and not to be missed. And coming up a week later, we'll have our monthly workshop on *Notocactus/Parodia*.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the March general meeting.

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

 <b>MAR</b>	<b>G-H-I</b>
<b>APR</b>	<b>J-K-L</b> 
 <b>MAY</b>	<b>M-N-O</b>

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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

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# MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS:

# 2025

## PLANTS OF THE MONTH

**JAN** THELOCACTUS  
ALOE HYBRID

**FEB** ECHINOPSIS  
TYLECODON / COTYLEDON

**MAR** BUININGA / UEBELMANNIA  
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

**MAR 13 - MONTHLY**

**MAR 19 - NOTOCACTUS  
WORKSHOP**

**APR 10 - MONTHLY**

**APR 16 - SPRING SEED  
WORKSHOP**



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

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



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



## 2025 WORKSHOPS

**JAN** TYLECODON / COTYLEDON

**FEB** HAWORTHIA

**MAR** NOTOCACTUS / PARODIA

**APR** SPRING SEED

**MAY** COLUMNAR CACTUS

**JUN** CADEX

**JUL** PRUNING

**AUG** ASCLEPIADS

**SEP** OPUNTIA

**OCT** OVERWINTERING

**NOV** WINTER SEED

## GUEST SPEAKER:

## WOODY MINNICH

## GYMNOCALYCIUM



**Woody Minnich's** interest in cacti and succulents began when he was 5 years old and his father brought him to the Mojave Desert.

He joined the *Los Angeles, San Gabriel Valley, and the Long Beach Cactus and Succulent Societies*, and soon became a very active member of these clubs. Over the last 55 years, he has been very active in many cactus society leadership roles.

He is currently the President of the *Santa Fe CSS* and has received

Honorary Life memberships from 14 clubs.

He started his nursery *Cactus Data Plants* 50 years ago, growing a large variety of genera. Much of his work is published in various books and journals, including the *Cactus Lexicon, The Xerophile, The Copiapoa, Mammillaria Handbook*, and others.

He says his favorite byproduct of numerous years of teaching and learning, is sharing the wonderful experiences he has enjoyed around the world.



## GYMNOCALYCIUM

Gymnocalycium is one of the most popular of all of the South American succulent genera. The genus is named for its naked, spineless floral calyx, thus; Gymno (naked) calycium (calyx). Their large flowers are often very beautiful in form and color, ranging from white to yellow to red and pink.

Most of the species are not really large and thus they make perfect pot culture specimens. When it comes to spines, many of the Gymnos are very heavily armed to thus protect them from numerous herbivores. All of the Gymnocalyciums come from South America.

This presentation will give you a good feel for how and where they grow, as well as much of the variation within the genus.



## CACTUS OF THE MONTH:

# BUININGIA, UEBELMANNIA

**Buiningia**, **Coleocephalocereus**, and **Uebelmannia** are all small Brazilian genera. They have similar cultivation requirements, somewhat different and more challenging than many of the more commonly grown genera, and each has truly spectacular, show-stopping, species; well worth the trouble of providing the special care needed.

All three genera are centered in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil, inland from Rio de Janeiro. Minas Gerais is one of the wonders of the plant world. It is home not only to *Buiningia*, *Coleocephalocereus* and *Uebelmannia*, but *Discocactus* and *Pilosocereus* are found here as well. It is also the home of many Bromeliads, particularly *Orthophytum*.

*Buiningia* and *Coleocephalocereus* are very closely related genera. Both form cephalia (regions with hairy or bristle covered areoles, and long spines). All flowers form in the cephalia. The chief botanical difference between the two genera is that the inner petals of *Buiningia* flowers are erect, forming a narrow tube, while the inner petals of *Coleocephalocereus* are open, forming a wheel shape. This seemingly extremely minor difference means that they almost certainly have different pollinators, keeping the genera distinct in habitat.

There are other differences, more evident in cultivation. *Buiningia* tend to be smaller, globular at first, and becoming short cylinders with age. *Coleocephalocereus* are ceroids, with some species growing to more than 20 feet. Fortunately, most *Coleocephalocereus* are smaller in cultivation, and all form cephalia when only a few feet high. *Buiningia* can form cephalia when only a few inches high.

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*Uebelmannia pectinifera*



*Coleocephalocereus buxbaumianus*



*Buiningia brevicylindrica*

## CACTUS OF THE MONTH:

# BUININGIA, UEBELMANNIA



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The distinguishing characteristics of *Uebelmannia* are the rows of bristle-like spines on the ribs. The flowers are small, grow close to the crown, and are yellow to yellow-green. The first *Uebelmannia* to be found had a close resemblance to some *Parodia*, and it was only when they flowered that it was realized that they were a new species.

*Uebelmannia* grow in rocky quartzite soil, often protected by nurse shrubs. The soil contains the decaying remains of bromeliads, lichen, and other organic matter, and is acid. The humidity is high, particularly during the growing season. *Uebelmannia* will scar if the temperature approaches 40, even if bone dry. Most references recommend keeping it above 55.

--Tom Glavich

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Uebelmannia* was named after the Swiss collector **Werner J. Uebelmann** (1921-2014) and consists of 3 species:

- *Uebelmannia buiningii*
- *Uebelmannia gummifera*
- *Uebelmannia pectinifera*

*Coleocephalocereus* consists of 8 species within 3 sub-genera, one of which is ***Buiningia***.

### Unusual Uebelmannia & More:

- ***Buiningia brevicylindrica*** has a bright yellow cephalia on a dark green body.
- ***Coleocephalocereus aureispinus*** grows to a few feet tall. The fruit is blue.
- ***Uebelmannia pectinifera*** is the best and most sought after of the genus. The body can be any color from gray to brownish green to a dark purple, depending on the time of year and growing conditions. It does not like full California sun. The spines form continuous lines of short stiff bristles, much like a brush. It is very variable, and worth growing from seed to see the genetic variation that even a few plants will have under identical growing conditions. Var. *pseudopectinifera*, is similar, (on a bad hair day) and greener (the spines are not brush-like).
- ***Uebelmannia gummifera*** is dark gray-green with small areoles that nearly touch and white spines. A stunning plant when grown well.

--Tom Glavich

## SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH:

# HAWORTHIA

**Haworthia** are part of the *Aloaceae* family, along with *Aloes* and *Gasterias*. Almost all *Haworthia* come from South Africa and most from a Mediterranean environment not that different from Southern California. Most species are easily grown, preferring some shade and growing mostly in the autumn and spring. For many years, the genus *Haworthia* was divided into sections. *Haworthia* taxonomy has recently gotten more complicated with the genus now being divided into three parts. We will ignore this for now.

*Haworthia* in general are tolerant of varying potting mixes and success has been reported with everything from straight pumice to potting soil / pumice or perlite mixes, to plain potting soil, and even garden soil. They like light fertilization when growing and any balanced fertilizer will do.

*Haworthia* can be naturalized as a ground cover that is placed under shrub cover in shadier parts of California gardens. They appreciate natural rainfall; the low pH of the water helps wash any residual salts from the potting mix. Control of the pH (acidity of the water) and regular fertilization during growing periods will pay off in the quality and speed of growth.

Many of the species in this genus offset easily and propagation is simple from offsets. Seed is sometimes available and easily germinates in cool weather with best results coming in October through December. Seed is not long lived (although it will easily last a year if stored in a cool dry place) and can be planted any time it becomes available except the hottest months of summer.

*Haworthia* do most of their growing in the spring and flower mostly in the spring, but sporadically all year round. Some species tend to lose roots easily. If these are grown in pure pumice or pumice-perlite mixes most root loss will stop, however these need steady fertilization. Most species have a summer dormant period with low-to-no growth during hot weather. They are more sensitive to warm night time temperatures than day time highs.

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*Haworthia pygmaea* 'Yukinosato'



*Haworthia splendens* 'Hana Aoi'



*Haworthia truncata* var. *maughanii*

## SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH:

# HAWORTHIA



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*Haworthia* morphology ranges from grass like plants, to thin leaved plants, to those that grow in flat rosettes with hard nearly shiny leaves. These are the retuse plants. They are the ones most favored by collectors and have been used to make many hybrids and cultivars.

*Haworthia* hybridization has become a big thing, with selected plants selling for hundreds of dollars. The complex patterns on *Haworthias* have led to increasingly ornate plants with complex parentages that can trace back many generations. A new *Haworthia* hybrid can set seed for the next generation in three years. At the same time, a well grown species plant will often outclass even the newest hybrids.

--Tom Glavich

## DID YOU KNOW?

Some members of the genus *Haworthia* have recently been renamed as *Haworthiopsis*, *Astroloba*, or *Tulista*.

- **Haworthiopsis** generally have harder and tougher leaves with a thicker epidermis, occasionally also having leaf fibers. (ex- *H. attenuata*, *H. fasciata*, *H. limifolia*, *H. venosa*)
- **Astroloba** flowers have star-like petals, are slower to grow and offset (ex- *A. bullulata*, *A. herryi*, *A. spiralis*)
- **Tulista** are 4 larger stemless species with robust penduncled flowers (*T. pumila*, *T. marginata*, *T. minor*, & *T. kingiana*)

### Happy Haworthia:

- ***Haworthia cooperi*** its translucent, jelly-like leaves allow light to pass through, making it a favorite among succulent collectors. It thrives in indoor settings.
- ***Haworthia truncata*** has flattened, windowed leaf tips that look as if they were cut off or truncated.
- ***Haworthiopsis fasciata*** aka Zebra Plant, has bold white-striped, upright leaves and can thrive in low-light conditions
- ***Haworthia cymbiformis*** has compact rosettes of bright green, glossy leaves with translucent windows and is easy to propagate.
- ***Tulista pumila*** has thick, dark green leaves covered in raised white, bumpy tubercles. Slow-growing but visually stunning.
- ***Haworthiopsis limifolia*** has dark green, spiraled-ridged leaves and thrives with minimal care.
- ***Astroloba spiralis*** is known for its spiraling, columnar growth and triangular leaves arranged in a tight geometric pattern. It is a slow-growing but highly ornamental plant.
- ***Haworthia retusa*** has triangular leaves that form star-shaped rosettes with semi-transparent, windowed leaf tips that give it an eye-catching look. It is easy to grow and offsets readily.

--Anthony Cantiello



**SHOW & SALE RECAP:**

# WINTER SHOW '25



**A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM JAMES LEMOS, SALES CHAIR OF THE SGVCS WINTER SHOW AND SALE:**



Another year's sale is in the books. But this year was different. The Eaton Fire ravaged nearby communities just weeks earlier and, unfortunately, many in our plant community were directly affected.

That is why we were determined to have this sale. Our goal was to give our community a safe place to go where

they could take their minds off all that happened and was happening in their lives. I think we did just that.

Because of this tragic event, we chose to have an abbreviated sale, only Friday and Saturday this year, but what a Friday and Saturday it was! There were comments of gratitude from customers at the sale who said they felt they had a place to go and get some normalcy back in their lives. Mission accomplished, I'd say.

Months before, we assembled one of the best groups of vendors that we've had in a long time. Our vendors provided shoppers with a large variety of top-quality plants and pots. It was some of the best I've seen at any sale!

Volunteers showed up in larger numbers this year, some were even able to give us full days of service. We are grateful to all of them. They were so important to the success of this sale. THANK YOU!!

Thanks to all who participated. I am grateful to all of the vendors and volunteers for being there for the club and for the community we serve. I can say, without a doubt, you made a difference in people's lives.

Including mine.



## SHOW &amp; SALE RECAP:

## WINTER SHOW '25



### A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM MANNY RIVERA, SHOW CHAIR, ON BEHALF OF THE SGVCS WINTER SHOW AND SALE COMMITTEE:

We want to thank all the participants and volunteers of our **30th Annual Winter Show**.

**Setup:** Thanks to all our members that helped setup both the show and sale areas, tables, table cloths, etc, especially **Artie Chavez** for all his support and **Clay** for providing night security. And thanks for helping again with the teardown.



**Our Everyday Volunteers:** Thanks to our members for guarding the show area, sales area, the cash Registers, line, the gate, the plant holding area (especially **Walter Weststeyn**) and the information table. You kept everything flowing nicely!

**The Register Crew:** Thanks to our wonderful cashiers **Louise Guerin**, **Margie Wilson** and also **Kimberly Gomez-Tong** for her technical expertise.

**Hospitality Team:** Thanks to **Amanda Gerberich** for leading the effort and for solving last minute issues, **Irene Chew**, **Angela Clubb**, **Liz Wagner**, **Nora Sandoval**, **Charlene Sandoval**, **Diana Galinda**, **Roze Braunstein**, and **Daniel Almanza**.

**Clerking and Tabulation:** Thanks to the clerks: **Barbara Newman**, **MaryJo Mateer**, **Sharon Sedillo**, **Tom Blanton**, **Nancy Navarro**, **Susan Weststeyn**, **Ken Hanke**, and **Glenn Murray**. Thanks to our tabulators: **Mary Brumbaugh**, **Rebecca Mallonee**, & **June Wong** for crunching the numbers!

**Trophy Table:** **Daniel Almanza**, **Ken Hanke**, **Anthony Cantiello**, and **Angela Clubb**.

**Judges Panel:** Thanks to **Tom Glavich** and **Artie Chavez**, **Nick Renteria**, and **Manny Rivera** for sharing your expertise.

**Trophy Table Talks:** Thanks to **Tom Glavich** and **Manny Rivera** for navigating our trophy table.

The Show Dinner was Delicious as always, and the Auction was a lot of fun.

**Auctioneers:** We had another great Show Auction thanks to **David Tufenkian** and **Peter Walkowiak**.

Thanks to all the vendors who provided us with their wonderful cacti and succulents. Really impressive!

And last, but not least, thanks to all of our **members** who entered their beautiful plants in the show! Including our new Kids Divisions; 105 Cacti and 106 Succulents with a total 7 entries, that was fun!

### 2025 Winter Show Recap:

#### Entrants (51)

- Novice: 21 (284 plants)
- Advanced: 8 (126 plants)
- Open: 22 (183 plants)

#### Plants (~675)

- Cactus: 242
- Succulents: 375
- Plus plants in collections

#### Show Auction

- 18 rare plants/pots



SHOW & SALE RECAP:

# WINTER SHOW '25



2025 WINTER SHOW TROPHY WINNERS



Winter Show 2025 Points Totals

NOVICE				
	Cactus	Succu	Other	Total
BLANTON, TOM	10	28	0	38
CANTIELLO, ANTHONY	48	30	11	89
CHEW, IRENE	6	15	0	21
GERBERIAN, AMANDA	0	43	0	43
GOODKIN, TOMMY	0	1	0	1
JANOSKI, JESSICA	3	1	0	4
MAO, JULIE	103	50	12	165
MASSEY, RALPH	9	4	15	28
MATEER, MARY JO	49	77	0	126
MCILWAIN, LYNN	10	6	0	16
MURRY, OWEN	39	25	21	85
NUNO, MOSES	13	9	0	22
PAPILLI, DAN	22	24	6	52
RDD SUCULENTS	0	10	0	10
SALCIDO, PAUL	0	6	0	6
VARGUS, LAUREN	17	10	0	27
WAGONER, LIZ	14	8	3	25
WALSH, EVAN	0	13	0	13
WESTSTEYN, SUSAN	0	0	7	7
RUSSO, SHERRIE	1	0	1	2
MURRY, LILIA	0	0	15	15

OPEN				
	Cactus	Succul	Other	Total
ARAKAKI, CINDY	27	0	0	27
BOORER, KATHRYN	8	6	0	14
BOTANIC WONDERS	0	9	6	15
CHANEY, ARNOLD	0	14	0	14
CHAVEZ, ARTIE/KIM	0	0	0	0
COLLIN & KIM	12	3	0	15
DESERT CREATIONS	24	0	0	24
EISEL, GUNNAR	24	27	0	51
GLAVICH, TOM	10	11	0	21
LA SUCCULENTS	10	0	0	10
MAGGIO, MATT	0	35	0	35
MATTHEWS, JOHN	0	9	0	9
NEUBAUER, ANTHONY	0	0	0	0
RIVERA, MANNY	16	16	0	32
SMITH, JIM	0	10	0	10
SPHAEROID INSTITUTE	0	39	0	39
TUFENKIAN, DAVE/ELA	21	13	0	34
WALKOWIAK, PETER	57	76	0	133
WILLIAMS, KYLE	3	12	0	15
CORONA CACTUS	0	10	0	10
WILKINSON, NICK	0	37	0	37
FRIEZE, PHYLLIS	0	1	0	1

ADVANCED				
	Cactus	Succul	Other	Total
CLUBB, ANGELA	15	18	10	43
CONNOR, MICHAL	0	3	0	3
MURRAY, GLENN	108	67	0	175
RENTERIA, NICK	0	41	0	41
SALCEDO, RICHARD	59	61	0	120
MARTIN, TRAVIS	22	7	0	29
LEE FAMILY	24	12	0	36
STACK, LOUISE	15	15	6	36



30th SGVCS Winter Show & Sale Committee

- Manny Rivera  
*Show Chair*
- James Lemos  
*Sales Chair*
- Nick Renteria  
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- Amanda Gerberich  
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- Anthony Cantiello  
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- Louise Guerin  
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- Kimberly Gomez-Tong  
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- Gunnar Eisel  
*Show Video*
- Mary Brumbaugh & Rebecca Mallonee  
*Tabulation / Rosettes*
- Travis Martin  
*Membership*



## SHOW &amp; SALE RECAP:

## WINTER SHOW '25



## 2025 SGVCSS 30TH ANNUAL WINTER SHOW AWARDS

**CACTI**

Best Cactus Novice	Moses Nuno	Copiapoa cinerea
Best Cactus Intermediate	Glenn & Owen Murray	Gymnocalycium unguispinum
Best Cactus Open	Peter Walkowiak	Copiapoa cinerea
Best Ariocarpus	David Tufenkian	Ariocarpus fissuratus
Best Mammillaria	Peter Walkowiak	Mammillaria candida
Best Epiphytic Cactus	Dan Papilli	Rhipsalis elliptica
Best Gymnocalycium	Tom Glavich	Gymnocalycium chacoense
Best Rebutia/Sulcorebutia	Peter Walkowiak	Weingartia riograndensis
Best Opuntia	Gunnar Eisel	Maihueiopsis bonnieae
Best Echinocereus	Peter Walkowiak	Echinocereus reichenbachii v albispina

**SUCCULENTS**

Best Succulent Novice	Moses Nuno	Tylecodon singularis
Best Succulent Intermediate	Glenn & Owen Murray	Fockea edulis
Best Succulent Open	Sphaeroid Institute.	Tylecodon singularis
Best Agave	Richard Salcedo	Agave toumeyana
Best Mesemb	Sphaeroid Institute	Monilaria globosa
Best Haworthia	Tommy Goodkin	Haworthia 'Shikinjou'
Best Madagascar Euphorbia	Peter Walkowiak	Euphorbia sp
Best Euphorbia	Peter Walkowiak	Euphorbia tuberculata
Best Dorstenia/Ficus	Lee Family	Dorstenia gigas
Best Crassulaceae	Nick Renteria	Tylecodon bodleyae
Best Geraniaceae	Manny Rivera	Sarcocaulon spinosum
Best Pachypodium	Peter Walkowiak	Pachypodium densiflorum
Best Winter Growing Succ	Nick Renteria	Dudleya Pachyphytum
Best Bulb	Sphaeroid Institute.	Bulbine bruynsii

**JOINT**

Best Collection	Peter Walkowiak	Euphorbia Medusa hybrid
Best Mutant	Desert Creations	Echinopsis subdenudatum crest
Winter Theme	Glenn Murray	Turbinicarpus sp
Best Baja Plant	Peter Walkowiak	Jatropha cinerea
Best Mexican Plant	Collin O'Callaghan	Coryphantha calapensis
Best Miniature	Richard Salcedo	Conophytum minutum
Best Staged Plant	Peter Walkowiak	Jacartia corumbense

**SWEEPSTAKES**

High Points Cacti Novice	Julie Mao
High Points Cacti Intermediate	Glenn Murray
High Points Cacti Open	Peter Walkowiak
High Points Succulents Novice	Mary Jo Mateer
High Points Succulents Intermediate	Glenn Murray
High Points Succulents Open	Peter Walkowiak
SWEEPSTAKES WINNER	Glenn Murray



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

# MINI-SHOW RESULTS



## February Mini-Show Results:

### Novice Cactus

- 1st - MaryJo Mateer - *Echinopsis subdenudat*
- 2nd - MaryJo Mateer - *Echinopsis sp.*

### Novice Succulent

- 1st - Amanda Gerberich - *Tylecodon hybrid*
- 2nd - Amanda Gerberich - *Tylecodon paniculatus*
- 3rd - Amanda Gerberich - *Tylecodon wallichii*

### Intermediate Cactus

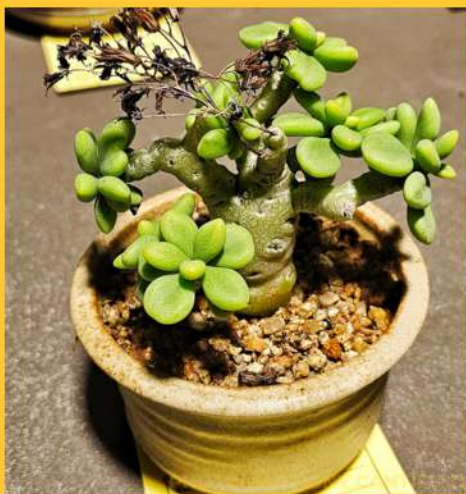
- 1st - Richard Salcedo - *Echinopsis subdenudata*
- 2nd - Tricia Kangrga - *Trichocereus 'Sun Goddess'*
- 3rd - Tricia Kangrga - *Lobivia purpureominiata*

### Intermediate Succulent

- 1st - Nick Renteria - *Tylecodon reticulatus*
- 2nd - Nick Renteria - *Tylecodon bodleyae*
- 3rd - Tricia Kangrga - *Tylecodon paniculatus*
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### Masters Succulent

- 1st - Gunnar Eisel - *Tylecodon reticulatus*
- 2nd - Manny Rivera - *T. paniculatus var. dinteri*
- 3rd - Manny Rivera - *T. paniculatus var. dinteri*



**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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**Attention Plant Lovers!**  
Don't miss this opportunity to explore the weird and wonderful world of cacti and succulents.

**2025 CACSS Annual Show & Sale**  
March 28-30  
Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Sunday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
At the Desert Botanical Garden



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Show and Sale entrance is free with Garden admission.



Arid Adaptations	Pretty Prickly Designs
Blue Sky Plants	Prickly Prospects Cactus Nursery
Corona Cactus Nursery	Prickocereus
Crazy H Cactus	Shirley Arsenault Pottery
Cute Yellow Dog	Southwest Society of Botanical Artists
Desert Sense Nursery	Starr Nursery
Dry Heat World	Spines N Clay
LA Succulents	t. pottery
Marlies Studio	Veronika Countryman
PeterW Plants	Xananda Arts
Petrichor Pottery	<small>*subject to change</small>
Phat Plants	

- Browse **over 20 vendors and artists**
- Find something **unique** to take home!
- Buy **plants, pots, or other artworks**



For more information visit our website  
[centralarizonacactus.org/show-and-sale.html](http://centralarizonacactus.org/show-and-sale.html)



**Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society**  
**2025 Spring Sale**

Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> Noon to 6 PM  
Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 AM to 4 PM

Anaheim United Methodist Church  
1000 S. State College Blvd, Anaheim

Many Cactus and Succulent vendors offering thousands of rare and unusual plants  
Artisans with a variety of quality pottery well suited for cactus and succulents

Knowledgeable experts on hand to answer questions



For additional information please visit the OCCSS Website at <http://occss.org/>



Grow Your Passion for Cacti and Succulents at the Cactus and Succulent Society of America Biennial Convention  
hosted by the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society  
**April 23 - 27, 2025**

- Spectacular Plant, Book, and Art Sales
- Exciting Auctions
- Engaging Networking Opportunities
- Inspirational Speakers
- Educational Workshops
- Beautiful Tours and Excursions
- Luxurious Accommodations at San Diego Marriott Mission Valley

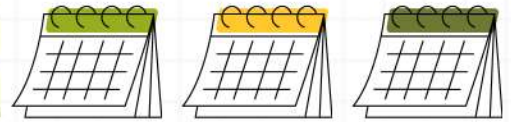
Celebrate your love of cactus and succulents with fellow enthusiasts.

For more information scan the QR code or visit: [cactusandsucculentsociety.org/events/convention](http://cactusandsucculentsociety.org/events/convention)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## CACTUS CALENDAR



## MARCH

**Fresno CSS Spring Sale**

March 7-9, 10AM-5PM

[fresnocss.com](http://fresnocss.com)**Orange County CSS Spring Sale**

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

[occss.org](http://occss.org)**Central Arizona CSS Show & Sale**

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

[centralarizonacactus.org](http://centralarizonacactus.org)

## APRIL

**South Coast CSS Show & Sale**

April 5- 6, 9AM-4PM

[southcoastcss.org](http://southcoastcss.org)**Conejo CSS Spring Sale**

April 13, 9AM-4PM

[conejocss.com](http://conejocss.com)**Monterey Bay Area CSS Spring Sale**

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

[mbsucculent.org](http://mbsucculent.org)**Northern California CSA Spring Show & Sale**

April 19-20, 8AM-4PM/8AM-3PM

[norcalcsa.org](http://norcalcsa.org)**CSSA Convention in San Diego**

April 23-27

[cactusandsucculentsociety.org](http://cactusandsucculentsociety.org)**San Jose CSS Show & Sale**

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

[csssj.com](http://csssj.com)**Palomar CSS Spring Festival**

April 26, 11AM-3PM

[palomarcactus.org](http://palomarcactus.org)**Huntington Spring Plant Sale**

April 27, 10AM-5PM

[huntington.org](http://huntington.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.

Articles, notices, photos, and any corrections may be sent via email to: [MSGVCSSCLUB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MSGVCSSCLUB@GMAIL.COM)

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