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Newsletter of the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society
An affiliate of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America

June 2 & 3 — Summer Show & Sale
Room 101 & Courtyard, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego CA

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS AT THE SHOW & SALE

All workshops will be Saturday, June 2, in Room 104, Casa del Prado

- 1:00pm – Succulent landscapes along San Diego walking paths – Leslie Sheridan
- 1:45pm – Overview of the best type of pots for your plants – Jerry Garner
- 2:30pm – Succulent propagation from cuttings and leaf propagation – Jim Reiser
- 3:15pm – Incorporating succulents into photographic art – Russel Ray

REMINDER

NO MEETING IN JUNE!

SEE YA AT THE SHOW & SALE, JUNE 2 & 3!

MEETING SNACKS

If your last name begins with
A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, or M,
please bring a snack to share with members
at the General Meeting on Saturday, July 14.
The Show & Sale is taken care of
so you don't have to worry about that.



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Wow! — Russel Ray

Check out these time-lapse videos online of “freaky flowers” from **Greg Krehel**, the “Echinopsis Freak.” Greg has some of the most amazing time-lapse videos of these beautiful flowers blooming, as well as great stills and gifts featuring them.

Web site: [Freaky Flowers](http://FreakyFlowers.com)
YouTube: [Echinopsis Freak](http://EchinopsisFreak.com)
Instagram: [@echinopsisfreak](https://www.instagram.com/echinopsisfreak)

The cover photo and the photo below both were provided by Greg. Thank you, Greg!

Greg will be our program speaker at our General Meeting on July 14. Don't miss it! Or Greg!



Where's that?

NAPA Auto Parts, 1235 Broadway, El Cajon



President's Message — Chris Miller

May gray is hanging out in Santee. A good day to work in the greenhouse before the sun comes out next week. The forecast looks good for sunshine the weekend of our Show and Sale. Those of us who sell are in wild production mode, and the members who show are busy cleaning up their plants. You all should walk through your collection of plants and see which ones want to show off their greatness at our Show. We have 43 vendors coming, everything from pots to plants to rocks to driftwood. Some new vendors and some old favorites will be there. We can still use some volunteers for show clerks, security, and the sales team. Be sure to bring your own box and some for other customers.

We had a great meeting in May. **Jerry Garner** gave a workshop on getting your plants ready for the Show. **Leslie Sheridan** took us on a walk-about by PowerPoint on Commercial Succulent Gardens. I remember when I joined in 1996, how excited I got to see succulent plants in someone's yard. Now, everywhere I look there are great plants in the ground to see. **Christine Vargas & Rick Bjorkland** took us to Oaxaca for a look at the art and plants of that wonderful area of Mexico.

Your Board has worked very hard to prep for this Show and Sale. **Bill O'Daniel** with his Show & Sale check sheet has worked on the details for months, along with trophy care, ordering the ribbons, and anything else he can think of. **Kelly Griffin** has ordered the canopy and tables for the Sale, and set up the judges; he is finishing things off from Mexico. **Christine Vargas** has been doing her magic, setting up the advertising, contacting TV stations, and spreading the word. **Sue Thomas** is still working the

Show & Sale fliers, prepping an ad at the last minute for City Beat, and a black & white so **Pam Badger** can print some to pass out. **Russel Ray** has made sure the information was in the newsletter for a few months now, and **Paul Maker** has printed the paperwork and forms, and has the tally program ready to go for the Show. **Candy Garner** has been gathering her paperwork and supplies for the information table.

This event would be impossible to do without our great volunteers. For those volunteering, please contact me if you are not on the sign-up sheet. Stop at the information desk in front of the sale area and get a badge if you are going to be there to work Saturday morning. Your name needs to be on the list if you are going to receive a badge. The Sales area will be closed to everyone except Sales volunteers and vendors until 9am.

For all SDCSS members who plan on shopping between 9 and 10, you will need to have your membership dues current and your membership card. Candy also will have a list if you can't find your card, but it makes everyone's experience better if you have your card with you. You can renew your membership on line or at the table this weekend.

We will have an Auction on Sunday, and we are looking for really nice plants for it. If you have a nice plant and want to donate it, bring it in on Friday or Saturday.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Show and Sale. Tell your friends to come on Sunday. There will be lots of plants and supporting stuff still available. Our vendors will bring a lot more than they can fit on the tables, and Sunday is a quieter shopping day, plus the show will be judged Saturday afternoon, so the results will be in. See you there.

San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society 2018 Summer Show & Sale June 2nd & 3rd

Tell your family, friends, and business associates!

Sale: Saturday, 10 - 5
Sunday, 10 - 4
Show: Saturday, 10 - 3
Sunday, 10 - 4



Summer Show & Sale Vendors

Check out the great list of vendors for our Summer Show & Sale. If you cannot find something to buy from these folks, you're not working hard enough!

Thank you, vendors!

The Haworthia Guy, John Matthews
Tentacle Arts, Diana Moulds
Susan's Ceramics, Susan Aach
Succulent Plants, Arnold Chaney
Succulent Gardening, Tina Zucker
Succulent City, Pam Badger
Sea Foam Driftwood, Larry Bourget
SD Succulent Design, Jim Gross
Sara's Plants & Pots, Sara Schell
Richard's Plants, Richard Plant
Rainbow Gardens, Jerry Williams
Quail Crossing Pottery, Carol Pancner
PW Plants, Peter Walkowiak
Pottery, Kieth Taylor
Potted Arts, Alicia Iraclides
Port Town Pottery, Regina Fernandez
Noel Enterprises, Bobby Noel
Monalisa's Plants, Monalisa Palmer
Miles To Go, Miles Anderson
Michael's Cactus, Michael Fernandes
Mark Murdian Pottery, Mark Muradian
Mark Fryer Plants, Mark Fryer
Malmosa Mel, Melanie Howe
Lisa's Rocks, Lisa Brosseau
Kobe Clay Works, Jerry Garner

Kal's Cactus, Kal Kaminer
JohnnyClayWorks, John Lawrence
Hula Tropicals, Steve Salley
Granite Hills Pottery, Tom Biggart
Gavilan MT Succulents, Steven Duey
Don Hunt Ceramics, Don Hunt
CRM Plants, Chris Miller
Corona Cactus Nursery, Jennifer & Darrel Craig
Cal Cactus, Jim & Mary Reiser
Cactus Data Pots, Kathy Minnich
Cactus Data Plants, Woody Minnich
C & T Plants, Terry Parr
Botanicals In Clay, Sandy Siegel
Botanical Wonders, Al Klein
Bookseller, Chuck Everson
Baron Studios, Joan Baron
Azania, Julie Kort Azania
Alison Baldwin Pots, Alison Baldwin
A+R POTTERY, Russel Ray



Click this box for a slide show of vendors at the Winter Show & Sale



You're invited to enjoy a Coffee in the Garden at the home of Christine Vargas

Saturday, June 16, 9:00AM-3:00PM, 1730 Huey Lane, Alpine CA 91901

The garden is a one-acre mix of fruit trees, ornamental trees, drought-tolerant shrubs, salvias, sages, proteas, and, yes, LOTS of cacti and succulents! The home was built in 1997 so it is a well-established garden that is gradually becoming more water-wise. A new addition to the garden is a front yard that formerly was grass (food for the millions of bunnies!). Now it's succulents and rock! Alpine tends to get extreme heat in summer and extreme cold in winter (sometimes 20°F!) so it has been a challenge to find just the right placement for succulents!

Propagated plants from the garden will be for sale.

An added treat for the gathering will be a visit by Mr. Brent Weigand from Wildomar! He is an avid hybridizer of succulents and will be discussing (at 11:00 AM) some of his methods and techniques. He also will bring some of his fabulous plants to sell!

Directions to 1730 Huey Lane, Alpine 91901

Christine Vargas

619-445-4489 ☎ 619-249-3032 (mobile)

- ▶ 8 east to Tavern Road exit. Turn right. Drive 1 mile on Tavern Road to Huey Lane. Turn right.
- ▶ As you enter Huey Lane, you'll see a museum and a dirt parking lot on your immediate left. Please park and walk from there to my house. My driveway is very hard to turn around in. Park close to the museum building without blocking the family that lives in that very old red house behind the museum. You may see my golf cart picking up people at the museum and transporting them to my house, so stick out your thumb!
- ▶ After turning right on Huey Lane, you'll see white plastic field fencing on your right which lines a new little side street that has no street sign yet. Turn right there. I'm at the end of the cul-de-sac.



Tiny Texas cactus recovered

AUSTIN, Texas—The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service changed the designation of *Ancistrocactus tobuschii* (Tobusch fishhook cactus) from “endangered” to “threatened,” reflecting its progress toward recovery under the Endangered Species Act. “I’m thankful this unique little cactus is showing progress toward recovery,” said Michael Robinson of the Center for Biological Diversity. “The Endangered Species Act is saving cacti in southwestern deserts.”

Listing a plant as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act leads to science-based measures tailored to prevent extinction. The Act has been successful in saving more than 99 percent of species placed under its care, despite significant underfunding of the law’s vital measures and political attacks on the Act itself.

The Tobusch fishhook cactus lives in gravelly soils on sparsely vegetated limestone outcrops on the Edwards Plateau in central Texas. When first protected in 1979, only about 200 individuals were known from four sites. Protection led to surveys and management to protect and monitor what are today twelve populations in eight counties totaling more than 4,500 cacti. It still faces threats from urban sprawl, livestock grazing, insect parasites, climate change, and the changing frequency of fires, thereby requiring ongoing research and management as a threatened species.

As its name suggests, the Tobusch fishhook cactus is armed with curved “fishhook” spines. At maturity, it reaches about 2” in height and diameter. Its yellow flowers attract pollinators, but it

takes about nine years to reach reproductive maturity.

“As Lone Star State politicians demonize the Endangered Species Act and seek its repeal, their constituents enjoy brighter weekend walks because the yellow flowers of the Tobusch fishhook cactus were not permanently extinguished,” Robinson said.



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MAY BRAG TABLE WINNERS

-  **Cactus**
Novice
① – Norb Rhoden – *Leuchtenbergia principis* (1)
② – Olga Batalov – *Opuntia orbiculata* (2)
③ – Olga Batalov – *Gymnocalycium anisitsii* var. *tucavocense* (3)
Intermediate
① – Sue Thomas – *Mammillaria nejapensis* (4)
② – Sue Thomas – *Mammillaria* sp. (5)
③ – No Award
Advanced
① – Jim Reiser – *Monvillea spegazzinii* cristata (6)
② – Tina Zucker – *Astrophytum myriostigma* (7)
③ – Kelly Griffin – *Copiapoa humilis* Northern Chili (8)
③ – Tina Zucker – *Echinocereus morricalii* (9)

-  **Succulents**
Novice
① – Sandy Wetzels-Smith – *Euphorbia lactea* crested (10)
② – Lyn Mardestch – *Kalanchoe blossfeldiana* (11)
③ – Olga Batalov – *Agave bracteosa* ‘Monterrey Frost’ (12)
Intermediate
① – Chuck Ramey – *Aloe* ‘DZ’–Karen Zimmerman (13)
② – Chuck Ramey – *Haworthia fasciata* cv. ‘Zebra’ (14)
③ – Melanie Howe – *Dyckia choristaminea* (15)
Advanced
① – Kelly Griffin – *Aloe karasbergensis* (16)
② – Don Hunt – *Echeveria purpusorum* (17)
③ – Kelly Griffin – *Aloe* cv. ‘Swordfish’ (18)



Scripps New Coral Reef Garden — Collette Parr

There was a small celebration at Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) in early May to celebrate the new “Coral Reef Garden,” recently planned and planted by a talented group of individuals from SIO (left to right in the picture below): Camilla Ingram (Project Director, not pictured), Greg Snelling (Director of Landscaping and Construction), and Nina Rosen and Brant Chlebowski (both of the Marine Biology Research Division). Terry Parr (SIO graduate) and Kienan Parr, representing C&T Plants, provided many of the plants, and worked on the planting. Camilla Ingram located the special rocks (one of which weighs 7,000 pounds!) which had to be placed by crane. Apologies to those people whom I may not have mentioned.

This was a labor of love, powered by great enthusiasm, and taking many months of planning and research. There are quite a few “undersea” gardens planted locally, but this one is a “coral reef” garden. So, the rocks were chosen to bring to mind that type of habitat. Rather than the garden bed being covered with gravel, crushed coral and shell hash was spread between the plants, intending to simulate a more realistic seabed in the coral reef. I was told that many of the scientists who walked by while the planting occurred commented on how realistic the big rocks looked compared to what they had seen during their research in similar environments in the ocean itself. Indeed, one of the people who stopped by was a coral researcher who started identifying the little pieces of coral and where they lived! So, it



seems to me that the goal of creating a realistic simulation of a coral reef was achieved. But, I recommend you stop by and judge for yourself!

The creators of the Coral Reef Garden invite everyone to visit. It is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

Located at 8755 Biological Grade, La Jolla on the SIO campus, in front of the Eckart Building. There is street parking along La Jolla Shores Drive that is fairly close to the garden. Park next to the Naga Entrance to the campus for closest proximity.

Google Maps: [Eckart Building](#).
[Slide Show](#) of all pictures.

UPCOMING CACTUS & SUCCULENT EVENTS

-  **June 2 & 3 — San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale**
10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Saturday  10:00 a.m.–4:00 pm. Sunday
Room 101, Room 104 & Courtyard, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego CA  [sdcss.net](#)
-  **June 9 & 10 — Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Drought Tolerant Plant Festival**
Saturday, June 9, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. & Sunday, June 10, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Sepulveda Garden Center, 6633 Magnolia Blvd, Encino CA  [lacss-show.com/](#)
-  **June 29, 30 & July 1 — Cactus & Succulent Society of America, 53rd Annual Show & Sale**
Sale: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. all three days  Show: Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Enter Plants: Thursday, June 28, 1:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m & Friday, June 29, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Auction: Items need to be registered by 3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 30
Huntington Library, Art Collections & Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Dr, San Marino CA  626-405-3504
-  **July 14 — San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society general meeting**
Plant & Pottery Sale, 10:00 a.m.  **Pre-meeting Workshop, 11:00 a.m.**
New Member Orientation, 12:30 p.m.  **General Meeting, 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.**
Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego CA  [sdcss.net](#)
-  **July 19, 20 & 21 — Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale**
July 19, 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.  July 20, 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.  July 21, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S State College Blvd, Anaheim CA  949-212-8417

53rd ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE

CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA

HUNTINGTON LIBRARY & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Dates: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 29, 30 & July 1, 2018

Location: The Huntington: 1151 Oxford Drive, San Marino, CA

The Botanical Center. Contact 626-405-3504

Show & Sale Hours: Sale: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

Show: Saturday & Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

Show Set-up: Thurs. June 28th, 9am-1pm

Enter Plants: Thurs., June 28th 1pm-8pm & Friday, June 29, 10:00am-4:00pm.

Judging starts at 5:00pm Friday

Auction: Items need to be registered by 3pm, Saturday, June 30

There will be a Silent Auction during dinner and a Live Auction (35 items max.) after dinner. Auctioneers will decide placement of items: 2 items per person/business marked as donation or split (70/30)

Dinner: \$15.00 Menu: Chili Buffet. Mail checks, made out to CSSA, to Bonnie Ikemura – 8400 Bleriot Ave. Los Angeles, CA, 90045; Reserve spot by Phone: 213-305-1421 or email Bonnie at bikemura@hotmail.com. Reservations must be made by June 25, 2018

Teardown: Sunday, July 1, 5:00pm

Be sure to pick up a Show Schedule, Index and entry tags from your CSSA Club Affiliate at your next club meeting if you are interested in entering plants in the Show or in the Auction.

All Cactus & Succulent Club members, CSSA members, vendors, volunteers or show participants need to wear their club badges (if you have one) **AND** a special CSSA/HBG pass that reads “Annual CSSA Show Participant” to enter the HBG for free. If you are a HBG member this doesn’t apply. Please obtain a pass from your CSSA Affiliate at your club meeting or contact Barbara Hall, Show Chair before the event. We are not permitted to hand out passes at the HBG entryway.

There are opportunities to participate/volunteer in this year’s show, even for a couple of hours in the showroom or sales areas, hospitality (food) area, information table, holding area, welcome table at the HBG entry & setup/teardown. All participants receive a show T-Shirt as a thank you.

See you at the Show!