

C A C T U S CHRONICLE

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THIS MONTH, WE WILL BE

BACK IN PERSON

DETAILS NEXT PAGE!

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LACSS MONTHLY MEETINGS, WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM
EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
MEETING START TIME: 7PM, HOST WILL OPEN ROOM AT 6:15PM
ONE GENERATION: 18255 VICTORY BLVD. RESEDA CA.

LACSS MAY MEETING

VENDOR SALE

DOOR PRIZES

5/5/22

ONE GENERATION
18255 VICTORY
BLVD RESEDA
CA.

DOORS OPEN
6:15PM

FREEBIE TABLE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

B O A R D OF DIRECTORS

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LACSS MISSION STATEMENT

The Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society (LACSS) cultivates the study & enjoyment of cacti & succulent plants through educational programs & activities that promote the hobby within a community of fellow enthusiasts & among the greater public.

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FROM THE MESSAGE PRESIDENT

Seasonal Greetings to Everyone,

You heard this before but this time it is really going to happen! The OneGeneration facility has opened to resume programs for their members. Their efforts to support senior citizens during the pandemic have not gone unnoticed by the community.

Our first in-person meeting will be pretty much like it has always been with a few modifications. Plant of the Month will return to live competition. Points will be awarded to each entry and will be the basis of awards presented at the end of the year. The raffle will be replaced (probably for this month only) by a Door Prize drawing. Each member will be given a ticket which you will place into the container of the plant you wish to win. Details on this will be posted at the meeting.

If you have joined LACSS in the past two years and ordered your name tag, you may pick it up at the meeting. Or, you may order your name tag at the meeting and pick it up at the next meeting. Please return any library books you checked out at our last meeting..... (March, 2020 in case you forgot)

You have had adequate time to memorize every word in that book – there will be a test!!! Refreshments will be limited to coffee, water and a few snacks. In order to reduce set up and clean up, we are asking you to bring your own coffee cup for this meeting. (All of us will be stumbling around trying to figure out our routine again.)

Not only will our program will feature internationally acclaimed naturalist and environmental consultant, Stefan Burger, we will simultaneously present a ZOOM version for members who will not be able to attend our meeting.

In the past two years, we all have accumulated at least a truck load of cuttings for our freebie table. Please use restraint. Save some for future meetings. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in person. Some of us have short memories. Some of you we have only seen with a mask. Some of you we have not met yet. SO, WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE!!!!

Masks and proof of vaccine policies are not firmly decided yet by the powers that be. My personal preference is mask is optional. We will send out a final decision on Tuesday or Wednesday. In the meantime, stay safe, stay healthy and

SEE YOU SOON!!!

Joyce

STEFAN BURGER

is an Australian naturalist and environmental consultant living in Chile. He has an academic background in Applied Sciences and developed a fascination for cacti and other exotic plants from a young age. He now facilitates habitat tours in South America, works in conservation and independently researches cacti and desert ecology.





THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

THE UNDERGROUND CACTI OF CHILE

Learn about a world of geophytic cacti that have evolved and adapted to one of the most extreme habitats on the planet — the Atacama Fog Desert. This talk discusses Copiapoa and Eriosyce that can be classified as geophytes, that is, they have evolved substantial underground storage organs in the form of retractile taproots where they accumulate water and nutrients to help them survive multi-annual droughts. These cacti are often very small in habitat and difficult to find - they are highly cryptic in nature and most plants live at or below ground level and can be almost impossible to see unless they are in flower. Join us on a journey from the city of La Serena to Antofagasta in search of these fascinating cacti.

*Bonus segment on Chilean Dioscorea and Euphorbia.



PLANT Of the MONTH

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JANUARY

Frailea
Adromischus

FEBRUARY

Monotypic
Senecio, Othonna

MARCH

Mammillaria Clusters
Aloe Clusters

APRIL

Escobaria, Acharagma
Aizoceae Thickened Roots

MAY

Cacti staged as miniature
Succulent staged as miniature
(Diameter of pot
NO LARGER THAN 3")

JUNE

Favorites

JULY

Discocactus
Dyckia

AUGUST

Thelocactus-Hamatocactus
Bursera

SEPTEMBER

Gymnocalycium
Euphorbia Millii type

OCTOBER

Astrophytum
Sanseveria

NOVEMBER

Variegated
Variegated

DECEMBER

Holiday Awards Party

P L A N T O F T H E M O N T H

MINIATURES

B Y K Y L E W I L L I A M S

This month we aren't focusing on a specific genus or family of plants. Instead we will look at a growth form that everyone has space to grow, miniatures! It is important to note that because we are dealing with a descriptive term, not a botanical one, there is no hard and fast rule for what a miniature plant is. The closest we have is a pot size rule, which limits the maximum pot size to 3" diameter and requires the plants to be naturally small, not just a juvenile. For our meeting we'll be a little more relaxed and allow juvenile forms, within reason of course (no overgrown plant in a tiny pot!).

A miniature is not necessarily the same thing as a dwarf plant. For example, a number of Agave species are considered dwarf sized because they only get a couple feet in diameter. That is very small compared to a huge *A. americana* that can be 10 feet or more across, but isn't really what we mean by miniature.

Another example would be a *Bursera microphylla*, the Elephant Tree, which can form a huge shrub or small tree. It is often grown as a caudiciform bonsai just a couple feet tall. That plant has been dwarfed but it still is not a miniature!

So what are some examples of true miniatures?

Two great examples for cacti would be *Copiapoa laui* and *Blossfeldia liliputiana*, the two smallest species in the family. They both form small clumps, but individual heads are usually 1/2" or less in diameter. Even slightly bigger species such as *Ortegocactus macdougallii*, *Mammillaria theresae*, or *Puna clavaroides* are ideal miniatures so long as the clump hasn't become too big.

While there are quite a number of miniature cacti, the number of miniature (non-cactus) succulents is even bigger. One of the best places to look for miniatures is among the mesembs. Some species of *Conophytum* are the very definition of miniature, in that some species such as *C. pellucidum* are so small that you could have upwards of 100 heads in a three-inch pot! Many species of *Lithops* work well too. Also consider some of the mesembs that aren't living stones types such as *Titanopsis* or *Aloinopsis* species. Outside mesembs, consider some of the smallest *Crassula*, *Haworthia*, *Sedum*, or *Avonia*. These are just suggestions, but if you have a plant that looks good and proportional in a three inch or smaller pot then you have a miniature!



Neohenrichii sibbettii



Conophytum ectypum



Escobaria minima



Avonia alstonii ssp. quinaris

L A C S S S A T U R D A Y PROGRAM

VISIT ROB ROY'S GREENHOUSE

**SATURDAY, MAY 14TH 2022
MORE INFO SOON!**

The LACSS has a special opportunity to visit Rob McGregor's amazing yard and greenhouse in Riverside. Rob rarely opens his property and collection of cacti to the clubs in the area and here is your chance to visit!

Learn about how to grow cactus in various kinds of pots or in the ground, types of soil, water, fertilizing, and sun needs. Bring pictures of your troubled plants and Rob will try and help you come up with a solution!

Make a day of it and visit the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center and Granite Hill Gardens! VISIT: <https://jmdc.org>

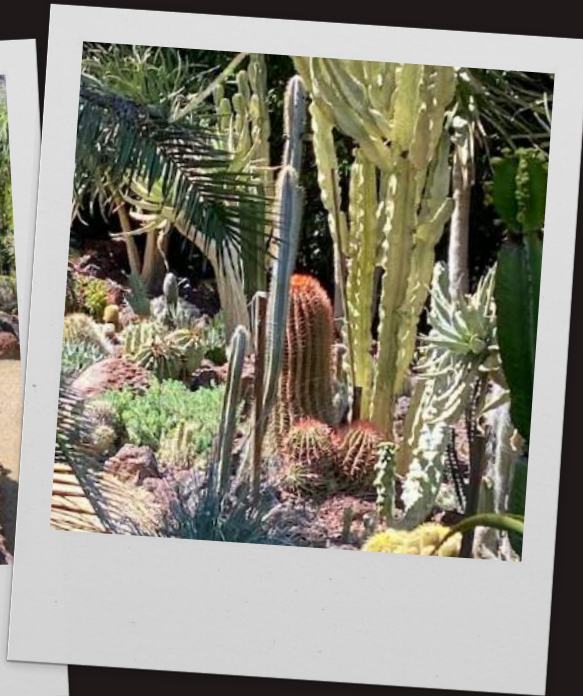


**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING,
PLEASE EMAIL LEEARC@AOL.COM**



LACSS GARDEN TOUR

A PHOTO REPORT OF CLUB FIELD TRIP
TO STEVE + TIFFANI'S GARDEN



"The collections are amazing and fantastic and so beautifully and thoughtfully arranged and presented. We loved and appreciated the opportunity to experience this artistic garden gem. Thank you!"

Suzanne and John Gordon

"This garden is a plant oasis in an urban setting that demonstrates the owners' passion for succulents and other wonderful plants. It is spectacular in its design of the environment. Placement of pathways, rocks and plants are skillfully executed. Thank you for the opportunity to visit this magnificent place."

Carol Gaspar

"Steve and Tiffani's garden is a succulent heaven with hundreds of varieties of plants, I was inspired by the landscape design, using rocks to elevate the plants. It is beautiful and feels like a natural setting."

Rivka Ben Daniel

"My guests kept saying "this is like the Huntington". I was amazed at the new section and the size of Steve's new "babies". And Steve almost seems like we are doing him a favor by visiting. A very gracious host and hostess. This is my 3rd visit, and all were a charm."

Ron Cooper



"Steve loves cycads and displays dozens of them, mostly in gigantic pots (to protect them from armillaria fungus from the many oak trees along the paths. He is a friendly, modest man and welcomed our questions, even ones that were not about cycads. Having visited his garden a few years ago, we were not expecting the armies of spectacular columnar, rotund, and spreading ferrocactus, opuntia, cereus, echinocactus, mammillaria, euphorbia, and more succulent species than we could wave a phone at. "Too much candy," I murmured enviously after gaping at a particularly beautiful spiral monstrose, "More, more!""

Peter and Nicki Larsen



"Steve is such a warm and generous individual who is happy to answer questions. Tiffani is a wonderful and gracious person who made us feel right at home. Clearly, Steve has a tremendous passion for this hobby, and fortunately for all of us, he has the ability to acquire and create some magnificent landscapes. Some areas are lush and green, some more desert-like, and even a bit of tropical with a beautiful Koi Pond included. Included are very large majestic oak trees, along with numerous cycads, and an even larger variety of cacti and succulents, along with bromeliads. Setting off his wonderful landscaping is his use of volcanic and other large rocks, and their multitude of colors and textures. For me, I find it therapeutic to walk throughout his gardens."

Ron Behar

The garden was lovely. I really enjoyed the stacked stone terracing and diverse plant mixes. The use of micro climates in the selection of plant species divided the property into multiple different garden rooms. All areas had their own identity and the feeling of different regions. The water features were just the right background music. A piece of tranquility and heaven in the middle of the city. Thank you Steve and Tiffani for sharing your beautiful garden .

Donna Pachorek

"I am new to LACSS and this was my first in person event with the group and it was a delight! I have never seen such an impressive cactus garden and that includes a number of SoCal botanical gardens. I was struck not only by the sheer size, five terraced levels (!!), but the level of detail of the arrangement between the lava rocks and the wide variety of small to mature cacti covering every nook and cranny. It was incredible and made me day dream about what is possible when it comes to designing a yard. Steve's welcoming personality and interest in sharing his garden and knowledge around cacti and landscaping was another enjoyable experience on Sunday."

Krista McDonald



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022

**LACSS FIELD TRIP TO
THE TAFT GARDEN AND NATURE PRESERVE,
OJAI, CALIFORNIA**



THE TAFT GARDEN IS A PRIVATE NATURE PRESERVE AT THE END OF A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL ROAD. LACSS HAS BEEN INVITED TO VISIT, MEET JOHN TAFT, THE FOUNDER, AND ROAM THE GARDEN AT LEISURE. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BRING PICNIC LUNCHESES; LACSS WILL PROVIDE WATER AND SNACKS.

EACH LACSS MEMBER CAN BRING ONE GUEST. MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION, CARPOOLING IS RECOMMENDED.

TAFT GARDEN IS APPROXIMATELY A 1 HR DRIVE FROM THE VALLEY, AND VISITORS SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE BY 9:30 AM. IN PLACE OF THE \$20 VISITOR FEE, LACSS MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO EACH BRING A FAVORITE, ROOTED SUCCULENT IN A 1 GALLON POT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GARDEN.



TO ADVANCE SIGN UP FOR THE TRIP, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL WITH YOUR NAME AND NUMBER OF GUESTS TO [JIMESTERLE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:jimesterle@gmail.com).

ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED NEXT MONTH.

PLANT

LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY'S 2022 JUNE SALE

Cacti +
Succulents
Hand Made
Ceramics
Collector
Plants

FRIDAY
\$5 admission
Live Auction 8PM
Early Bird
Rare Plant Finds

SATURDAY
FREE admission
All Day Silent Auction

**ENCINO
FARMERS'
MARKET**

17400 VICTORY BLVD
VAN NUYS CA.

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 10

6PM – 830 PM

JUNE 11

9AM – 230 PM

SALE



TIION! AUCTION! AUCTION! AUCTION! AUCTION!

**THE LACSS JUNE SALE ON JUNE 10 AND 11
WILL FEATURE TWO FUN AUCTION EVENTS:**

LIVE OUTDOOR AUCTION

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 10 8:00 PM

VENDORS AND LACSS MEMBERS CAN SUBMIT RARE AND SPECIAL PLANTS FOR THE FRIDAY AUCTION AND WILL RECEIVE A 70/30% SPLIT WITH LACSS. PLANTS SHOULD BE VALUED AT \$30.00 OR MORE. JUST BRING YOUR PLANTS TO THE LACSS TABLE BETWEEN 4:00 AND 6:00PM AND FILL OUT THE SUBMISSION FORMS.

ONGOING SILENT AUCTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 9:00AM – 2:00PM

SATURDAY, SILENT AUCTIONS WILL BE HELD APPROXIMATELY HOURLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY. VENDORS AND LACSS MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT PLANTS FOR SILENT AUCTIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY, BEGINNING AT 8:00AM. SELLERS WILL RECEIVE A 70/30% SPLIT WITH LACSS. PLANTS SHOULD BE VALUED AT \$20 OR MORE.

*** LACSS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHICH
PLANTS QUALIFY FOR EACH AUCTION**

Questions: Please contact Roxie Esterle at
roxie.esterle@gmail.com or call me at 818-970-0804

AUCTION! AUCTION! AUCTION! AUCTION!

JUNE SALE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Your heard about the LACSS June Sale scheduled for
June 10, and 11. Now be a part of it!

Volunteer shifts will be three hours each. We need parking control, live and silent auction assistance and survey takers. Parking control will start at 5PM FRIDAY AND 8AM, SATURDAY. Other shifts will begin about 5:45PM, FRIDAY AND 8:45 AM, SATURDAY. Also, our vendors may need some assistance setting up Friday afternoon.

If any questions, feel free to contact me.
Joyce – LACSS Volunteer Coordinator
ropojo@pacbell.net



WE NEED BOXES!

We need boxes for our
June Sale visitors.
You may bring them to
the May or June meeting
at **ONEGeneration**.

L A C S S
LIFE MEMBERS

Steve Ball
+ Mary K. Carroll

Duke + Kaz Benadom

Sandy Chase

Artie Chavez

Roxie + Jim Esterle

Steve Frieze

Woody Minnich

Karen Ostler

Chris Rogers

Maxine Wegner

Bridget Williams

W E L C O M E
NEW MEMBERS

Madison Zavoda

Jack Brennan

David Gonzalez

Brett Westfall

John Owen

Gregory Moers

Bagner Mazariegos

Rachael Kimball

MEMBER BADGES

Member badges are available for pick up at our first in-person meeting.
Please see Membership table!

Andrew Powers LACSS		Andrew Powers LACSS	
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CENTRAL COAST CACTUS
& SUCCULENT SOCIETY

2022 SHOW & SALE

NEW LOCATION

MAY 28&29



Echeveria setosa 'deminuta'

14TH ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

**NEW
LOCATION**

Nipomo High School
525 N Thompson Ave

Saturday, May 28 — 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, May 29 — 10 am to 4 pm

Free admission & parking on-site
Experts available for questions
Rare plants & handmade pottery sale
Cash/check/credit cards accepted

For more details visit:

www.CentralCoastCactus.org

Central Coast Cactus
& Succulent Society

STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH GUIDELINES WILL BE OBSERVED OR EXCEEDED

2022 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAY 6-7 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY- SALE
FRI & SAT 10-5 PM, REDLANDS CHURCH OF NAZARENE--1307 E. CITRUS AVE.,
REDLANDS, CA 92374 INFO: [HTTPS://GATESCACTUSANDSUCCULENTSOCIETY.COM/](https://gatescactusandsucculentsociety.com/)
- MAY 22 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB PLANT SALE INFO. 714-553-6914
- MAY 28-29 CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
SAT. 28TH 10AM-5PM, SUN 29TH 10AM-4PM, NIPOMO HIGH SCHOOL,
525 N THOMPSON AVE., NIPOMO, CA, INFO. TERRIELEIVERS@GMAIL.COM
- JUNE 4-5 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY--SUMMER SHOW & SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA INFO. 858-382-1797
- JUNE 10-11 LOS ANGELES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY- SALE, 10TH 6-8:30 PM, 11TH 9-2:30PM
ONE GENERATION, 17400 VICTORY BLVD., VAN NUYS, CA. INFO. WWW.LACACTUS.COM
- JULY 1-3 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE -- RESEVRATIONS REQUIRED
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
PLANTS SALES START JULY 1ST THRU JULY 3RD 10AM TO 5PM
SHOW OPENS JULY 2ND THUR JULY 3RD 10AM-5PM INFO. 626-405-3504
- JULY 22-23 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SALE
FRI. NOON TO 6PM, SAT. 9-4PM INFO CALL 949-212-8417
1000 S. STATE COLLEGE BL., (ANAHEIM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH) ANAHEIM, CA
- AUG. 5-7 36TH ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
PLANT SALES 9AM-5PM DAILY. SHOW OPENS 6-7 9-5 INFO. CALL 626-821-3222
LA COUNTY ARBORETUM, 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA.
- SEPT. 3 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM 9-3 PM
RESEVRATIONS REQUIRED ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON 626-405-3504
- OCT. 22-23 TENTATIVELY PALOMAR CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SHOW AND SALE
SAT 9-5PM, SUN 10-3PM, SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN
230 QUAIL GARDENS DRIVE, ENCINITAS, CA
INFO EVENTCOORDINATOR@PALOMARCACTUS.ORG
- NOV. 4-6 HUNTINGTON FALL PLANT SALE, 10-5PM - RESEVRATIONS REQUIRED
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA INFO 626-405-3504