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# CACTUS CHRONICLE



## 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.

# LACSS RESPONSE TO COVID-19

There have been many emails and phone calls throughout the C&S community regarding our April meetings. The health and safety of our members, families and communities are our primary concern.

### **THE LACSS APRIL MEETING IS CANCELLED.**

Effective 11:59PM 3/20/2020 until 4/19/2020.

The Mayor of Los Angeles issued a Safer at Home emergency order.

all residents of the City of Los Angeles to stay inside their residences, and immediately limit all movement outside of their homes beyond what is absolutely essential.

This urgent action is to limit the spread of COVID-19 and save lives in our communities.

Please follow the guidelines for prevention of this illness and **STAY HEALTHY!!**

Stay tuned into your blasts for more LACSS related updates.

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# A Word From Our President



Some of us remember the 1994 earthquake as a big deal. Some of us remember 9-11-01 as a major global event. But all of us will remember March, 2020 as the time when we were requested to self-quarantine ourselves in the interest of global health. Someday we will look back on this and laugh. But, for now we must adhere to the recommendations of various health organizations to protect ourselves, our families and communities.

LACSS took the needed steps and cancelled the Second Saturday Mentoring sessions scheduled for March 14 & April 11. In addition to cancelling the April meeting, there is a good chance that the May 7 meeting will be cancelled. Even if we wanted to hold the meetings, it would be difficult because the Sepulveda Garden Center and the ONEGeneration are closed until further notice.

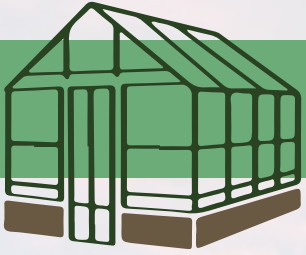
In spite of these interruptions, we are still planning to produce the best ever Festival in June. Artie Chavez and Jim Esterle have met (plus many phone calls) to move the planning process forward. The call for volunteers will be starting soon and we will be asking for volunteers to sign up by email. See other articles in this newsletter regarding the Festival.

Now is a good time to tend to the spring needs of our plants. Karen's article will give some hints and resources to guide you in this annual transition. In the past I have complained that I do not have enough "outside" time and now that I do, my back yard is a bit soggy. This rain has been welcome and my rain water barrels are full.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding the Festival, meeting dates, or any other cactus related issues, feel free to contact me. If we do our best to follow the guidelines for social activities we will get through this challenge with a minimum of trauma. It is important to stay in touch with each other, to share support and good humor and take good care of our plants. POM will continue in good shape when we meet again!

Stay home, stay healthy, stay positive and stay in touch!

Sincerely,  
Joyce, LACSS President



# GREENHOUSE NOTES

by KAREN OSTLER

**Spring is right around the corner,** and it's nothing like what we expected.

I know many of you were looking forward to hearing Tom Glavich give us the breakdown on how to take care of Haworthia, Haworthiopsis and Tulista and how the genera breakdown now; which species goes where. If you are interested, email me at [innerscapes@antelecom.net](mailto:innerscapes@antelecom.net) and I will send you a list of the three genera and their species.

As to the continuing workshops; April's seed workshop has been cancelled, but there are alternatives. Go on YOUTUBE, there are many excellent videos on how to grow not just cactus and succulents from seed but many other plants as well. Don't look at this 'social distancing' as a burden; as growers of some of the most wonderful plants in the world we already have a hobby. Take this time to play with your plants, transplant, take cuttings, gather seeds from your own plants, try grafting...see the aforementioned YOUTUBE for videos. Watched one last week on how to graft fruit trees and it was not only informative but funny. Unfortunately for me, it is much too late this year to try it, but now I know how and there is always next year.

As to this continuing issue of Covid-19, be sensible, listen to the medical experts, if you are sick; stay home. Not just for your own health but the health of many of our members; I'd hate for this to end and discover we have lost friends.

In the mean time, we have social media, we can text, or email, or call. We are not alone in this; if you have a question about a plant, take a picture, send it to me and I'll try to help.

Usually I end my column with 'Happy growing' but in addition to that I have a new mantra:

Stay Home; Stay Safe. I want to see all of you when this is over.

Karen Ostler

## OPTIMISTICALLY... WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE

The 2020 Festival is scheduled for 80 days from now, giving us many and get back into the garden. April meeting, and perhaps the May you with information about can help.

Next month, we will begin taking Look for a Blast about how to sign entry points, membership table, speaker's tent, holding table, and and sale possible, so please mark a chunk of time helping LACSS.

### 2020 LACSS DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANT FESTIVAL

June 13th and 14th. That's about weeks to resume our normal lives Because of the cancellation of the meeting as well, we want to provide preparing for the sale and how you

online sign-ups for all sale volunteers. up. As always, we need help at the interior show, member sales table, more. Our volunteers make the show your calendar now and plan to spend

The LACSS Members' Homegrown Plant Sale Table has consistently been an enormous success. We've earned funds for the club and have had a great time sharing our gardening talents. Vendors and members have contributed generously, ensuring an impressive array of plants. New and veteran gardeners alike have found a plethora of cactus and succulents to add to their own treasured collections at our table. Each year, the silent auctions have become increasingly popular.

This year, we need your donations more than ever, as we will discontinue "splits" to simplify the sale. We ask that you begin rooting your cuttings right away! Only healthy, rooted plants can be accepted. Prices for the donated plants will be set by the sale chairs. If every club member can root just a few cuttings, we will have the variety we need to make the table a sell-out. We will continue to accept unique member plants for the silent auctions, with a 70/30 split as before. The seller will set the minimum bid price of at least \$20.00 for these special plants. The best of these plants are selected for the exciting Saturday night dinner auction, so plan to come!

If you have any questions, please contact Member Plant Sales Table Chairs Debi Heaps or Roxie Esterle by phone or email.

**DEBI HEAPS**      **818-710-7487**  
**ROXIE ESTERLE**   **818-907-1903**

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**ROXIE.ESTERLE@GMAIL.COM**

# 2020 LACSS DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANT FESTIVAL

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!

Due to the cancellation of our monthly meeting, I am asking all volunteers to sign up via email.

Here are the days and time slots:

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**

**8 AM – NOON,**

**10 AM – 2PM**

**NOON – 4 PM**

I have selected 4 hour time commitments, but two hour commitments are also accepted. We need people all the time.

If you prefer to work inside or outside please indicate that preference also. Specific areas can be indicated also – such as Membership sales, Membership signups, security, speaker tent, Kid's Day, plant holding, inside security, inside greeting, book sales, floater, to name a few.

Please email me at [ropojo@pacbell.net](mailto:ropojo@pacbell.net). Subject line should be "Volunteer".

Thanks to everyone who have volunteered in the past and to those who will join us for the first time.

This is a very exciting event and you don't want to miss being a very important part of it.

Thanks again.

Joyce, LACSS Festival Volunteer Coordinator

# Members Only

**BY KATHLEEN MISKO**

Hi fellow Quarantinears,  
The March meeting was a surprise to me because of the number of people that were there, I expected a small group due to the corona virus warnings and we had 105 members sign in. And 11 guests with 3 of them becoming members. Let's welcome them.



Francine Hauptnian, Braulio Iniguez, Luis Nuno, Hunter Martinez, Dorissa Mitchell became a member, Joel Resner, Cynthia Schurle, Bertha Schurle, Richard Schurle, welcome Schurle family.

I invited my neighbor, Audrey Roshan. She had a great time and wanted to join at the April meeting. We will have to sign her up via the web as the meeting has been cancelled.

Joan E. Hall and David Sandoval. We look forward to meeting again.

I hope we all will come through this new adventure with wonderful stories of trying new recipes, picking every brown leaf off our plants, and watching all the great shows available to us.

Until next time,  
Misko out.

You can reach out to me at [Leenest@aol.com](mailto:Leenest@aol.com), (818)-402-6031,  or   
I'll find someone who knows the answer.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MARCH

### MAR. 19-21

ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY-- SPRING SHOW AND SALE.  
THURS 19TH 6PM-9PM, FRI. 20TH 9-12PM, SAT. 21ST 9AM-5PM  
1000 S. STATE COLLEGE BLVD. (NEXT TO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH) ANAHEIM, CA  
INFORMATION CALL 657-547-0702

## APRIL

### APR. 4-5

SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY-- SHOW & SALE  
9PM-4PM, SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDEN, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD.,  
PALOS VERDES, CA INFO: [HTTP://WWW.SOUTHCOASTCSS.ORG](http://www.southcoastcss.org)

### APR. 19

CONEJO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY PLANT SALE  
9AM-4PM 558 N. VENTURA PARK RD. THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91320  
INFO: [WWW.CONEJOCSS.COM](http://WWW.CONEJOCSS.COM) OR [CONEJOCSS@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:CONEJOCSS@HOTMAIL.COM)

### MAY 2-3

SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
2ND 10AM-5PM, 3RD 10AM-4PM  
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783

### MAY 3

SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
9AM-4PM SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS,  
INFO. 310-833-6823

### MAY 8-9

GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY- SHOW AND SALE  
FRI & SAT 9AM-4PM, REDLANDS CHURCH OF NAZARENE--  
1307 E. CITRUS AVE., REDLANDS, CA  
INFO: 909-910-9195 OR [WWW.GATESSCSS.COM](http://WWW.GATESSCSS.COM)

## JUNE

### JUNE 6-7

SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY--  
SUMMER SHOW & SALE  
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA INFO. 858-382-1797

### JUNE 13-14

LOS ANGELES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY-  
DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANT FESTIVAL SHOW AND SALE,  
JUNE 13TH 9-4PM, JUNE 14TH 9-3PM  
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD., ENCINO, CA.  
INFO. [WWW.LACACTUS.COM](http://WWW.LACACTUS.COM)

### APR. 26

HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE  
10AM-5PM HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS,  
1151 OXFORD ROAD SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-3504

### MAY ?

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB PLANT SHOW AND SALE  
INFO. 626-201-5519

### MAY 24-25

CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SALE & SHOW  
MAY 24TH 10AM-5PM, 25TH 10AM-4PM  
LUDWICK CENTER, 864 SANTA ROSA  
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA - INFO. [TERRIELEIVERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TERRIELEIVERS@GMAIL.COM)

### JUNE 27-28

CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE -  
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS  
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.  
PLANTS SALES START JUNE 26TH THRU JUN. 28TH 10AM-5PM  
SHOW OPENS JUNE 27TH THUR JUNE, 28TH 10AM-5PM  
INFO. 626-405-3504

# UPCOMING EVENTS



You are invited!

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society

## 48th Annual Show and Sale

April 4 and 5, 2020 9am - 4pm

South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd  
Palos Verdes Peninsula 90274

### Garden admission required for entrance:

Adult **\$9**  
Senior/Student w/ID **\$6**  
Age 5-12 **\$4** Under 5 **FREE**  
Garden members **FREE**

Information: [southcoastcss.org](http://southcoastcss.org)  
or call 310-346-6206

For anyone who loves  
the beautiful and the unusual

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Friends  
Kids and Grandkids



- Thousands of Cacti and Succulents for sale
- Hard to find plants
- Kids Potting Table
- Beautiful displays by expert growers
- Expert advice for beginners and advanced
- Visit the garden at the same time





# UPCOMING EVENTS



At the Skillin Ranch in Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo Co.  
 Saturday, April 4, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm



Adenium  
somalense  
23" tall

Dioscorea  
hemicrypta  
2 gallon pot

Cyphostemma  
juttae  
15" tall

- Greenhouse tours
- "Terry's Famous" complimentary taco bar
- Complimentary refreshments
- Sales Plants- everything from starters to show stoppers
- Free raffle at Noon – three plants - free ticket to each attendee no purchase necessary must be present

Call Rob or Terry at 805-709-3033 for information and directions  
 sorry – no credit cards