

ON THE DRY SIDE



The next meeting is Sunday
April 8 at 2:00

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Our Program this Month Will Be . . . Focused on the Show and Sale

After a two-year hiatus we will be having our favorite event of the year! This event is not to be missed for all especially if you are new to the club or have not attended in the past. The Show and Sale is a great way to connect with other "Cactophiles" and learn more about our amazing hobby. Having been to many of these events I still learn new things, meet new friends and discover a plant or two that I have never seen before (and must have). It is also a great time to talk to the vendors about the plants and connect with one of your favorite potters (there will be several). This year you have probably already heard that the venue has changed to Nipomo High School! This is an easy to find and very open venue with lots of easy free parking. Check our web page where the show and sale is announced, there are links at the bottom of previous winning show plants.

Our speakers this month will be some of our very own members who are part of the Show and Sale Committee talking about the Show and Sale. We will review the Show by going over the entry forms and categories. The sale will be discussed as well as other aspects of the event. Please consider selling a plant through the auction (see related article). If you are a rookie (never shown at a cactus show) you will be in a category with only other rookies. Everyone should show a plant or two, makes it more fun.

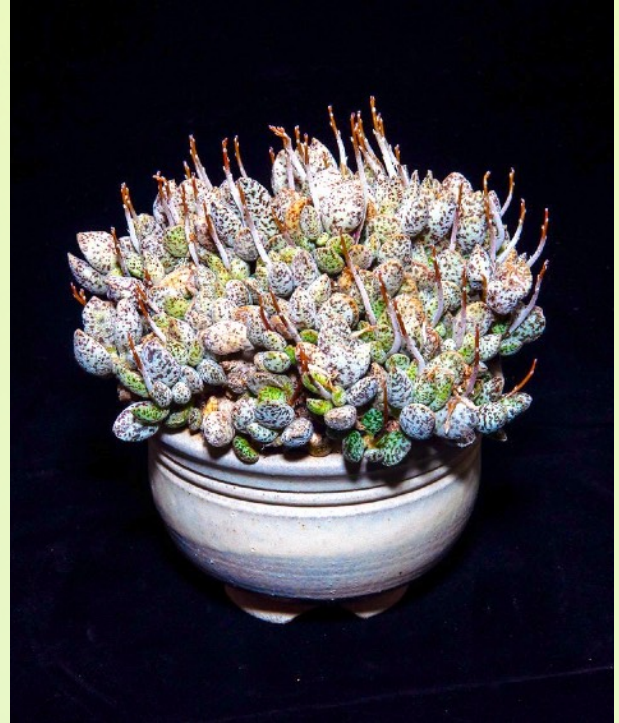
There are rumors that there maybe some short demonstrations to show how to stage. Please bring your show plant to the brag table for input and admiration.

Hi all, 
I still need volunteers
for the S&S. Please
send me an email if
you want to
Join the FUN!!
Most needed times
Saturday afternoon,
all day Sunday &
clean-up.
Thank you, Pat
(hupt74@yahoo.com)



Program for May

Cool Photos of previous Shows and Sales



PLANT OF THE MONTH

PSEUDOLITHOS

Pseudolithos grows in full sun and require very little fertiliser and water. The name literally means “false stone”.

The genus Pseudolithos grows in countries along the Arabian Sea, from Africa to the Arabian Peninsula: Somalia, Yemen and Oman. They generally grow in gritty soils in dry, tropical environment, with plenty of sunlight.

These plants have a single stem or a little bunch of stems, with a pitted surface, looking almost like a stone with a very irregular top: this is an effect given by the numerous tubercles at the base of the stem. They don't exceed 2-7 centimeters in height. This feature, together with their lumpy appearance, make them really sought after by succulent collectors. Stems are tetra - angular or globose (like in *P. migiurtinus*) and can be bluish-green or light brown, 1 to 5 centimeters long and 1-6 millimeters wide.

Leaves are reduced to scales, and the photosynthesis is carried out by the stems.

Some species also have ribs, including *P. migiurtinus*, one of the most popular varieties on the market.

Flowers grow on these stems, on the top of them or along them depending on the species. They tend to be small and dark in colour: red, grey, purple. They spread an unpleasant odor that attracts pollinating insects, usually flies.

VARIETY AND TYPES

These are the species recognized to date:

- *P. caput-viperae*
- *P. cubiformis*
- *P. dodsonianus*
- *P. horwoodii*
- *P. mccoysi*
- *P. migiurtinus*
- *P. sphaericus*



Pseudolithos cubiformis found in Somalia
by Mike Keeling on flicker

PLANT OF THE MONTH - cont'd

TIPS FOR GROWING

Easy to grow and root, this succulent needs very little attention, however any mistake can be costly.

- It prefers a half-sun position: bright, but sheltered from direct sunlight.
- Pseudolithos are plants native to warm climates and it is good to keep them always at a temperature above 8-10 °C.
- Water every 3-4 days in spring and summer, always waiting for the soil to dry well before proceeding. In autumn and winter, watering must be less frequent but shouldn't be suspended
- Use a standard soil for succulent plants, or another well-draining and very light soil (for example, mixing a universal substrate with some sand).
- Fertilize once a month with a product rich in microelements but poor in nitrogen.
- Repotting can be done every 2-3 years, not more frequently.

Adapted from www.giromagi.com



Pseudolithos migiurtinus Somalia
By Mike Keeling on flickr



Pseudolithos migiurtinus flower.
Somalia
By Mike Keeling on flickr



Pseudolithos dodsonianus
By Skolnik Collection on flickr



Pseudolithos dodsoniana
Somalia.
This entire cluster would fit on a dime.
by Mike Keeling on flickr

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CCCSS President's Message May 2022

- This month marks our 14th Show & Sale on Memorial Day weekend (May 27, 28, 29) at Nipomo High School, our new venue. Preparations are well on their way with volunteers signing up to fill needed slots that weekend.
- We need sturdy boxes and packing material (newspaper, no Styrofoam please) for our customers. Please bring them to NHS when you bring your show plants (Friday after 4pm) or when you attend the S&S on Saturday.
- The tireless S&S committee members have been doing a good job at attending to details. We know that there will be glitches and missteps, so please be patient, and offer help or support if you see that something needs attention. We know that if we work together our Club will shine bright and show what a great group we are.
- Remember that you get opportunity plant tickets for volunteering for shifts at the Show & Sale. Volunteers and all those who enter plants in the Show will also get to shop the vendors on Friday night. All plants purchased on Friday must be paid for and taken home that night.
- Please wear your mask at the May meeting. We want to discuss mask usage at the meeting with you.
- Continuing to do a video production of our live meetings will also be a topic of discussion at the May meeting. In order to produce a quality video for those attending the meeting remotely, we need to upgrade our current video system. Loring has been looking into purchasing the needed equipment. Original estimates were low. We now think it will be several thousand dollars to upgrade. Doing the video production also requires volunteers (probably at least 3) to be competent in running the production.

So as a Club we need to decide if we want to spend the money to continue this service to our members and to the general public via YouTube. We may want to ask for donations or do some kind of fundraiser. Are you willing to volunteer to help with this production? We want to hear from you.

Let's remember that in the end, we are a Garden Club. So let's have fun, sell a lot of stuff Memorial Day Weekend, and show off our great cactus and succulent plants!.....Harry



CCCSS Meetings summary April 10 2022

Present: 56 attendees (in person)

Harry's announcements:

- Great to see everyone for a live meeting today! A live feed is also running on YouTube for those unable to attend.
- Today's speaker will be Nick Wilkinson from Grow Nursery in Cambria. He also has plants for sale today.
- Rob will showcase the Brag Plants, POM & raffle plants.
- Show & Sale set on May 27 will be at 4pm. Please see Pat Gilson to sign up for volunteering at the S&S.
 - We need newspaper & boxes for packing sold plants. Please bring them on Friday or Saturday.
 - We have TONS of Show & Sale postcards. Please take a stack to distribute.
 - Show schedules and entry cards are available today. They will be available at the May meeting and at the S&S on Friday.
- **Reminder:** Library books are due. Please return any books you may have at home.
- **Reminder:** The Garden Gathering at Loring Manley's home will be on April 30. There are still some slots available. Contact Kathie Matsuyama to sign up.

Brag Plants/Plant of the Month & Raffle plants were all discussed by Rob Skillin. Thanks to everyone who brought in plants to share.

Presentation: Nick Wilkinson, from Grow Nursery in Cambria, discussed how to stage your plants for entry into a plant Show. Highlights from the presentation:

- Nick encouraged everyone who has not entered plants into the Show, to do so this year.
- One tip is to try to match the texture of the plant to that of the pot.
- Attempting to match the plants growth in habitat to a pot is also a strategy. For example, a plant growing out of the side of a pot, could mimic it's growth on a cliffside.

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- Remember that Novice growers will be competing with other Novice growers.
- Some planting tips:
 - Don't put the plant too low in the pot.
 - Cover the hole in the pot with window screen.
 - Water a plant several days to a week before the Show. Not the day before or the day of the Show!
 - Central Coast Landscape Products in SLO and Meyer Bros in AG both sell top dressing.
- Most important tip for success: It's about the plant. Bring a nice, clean, well grown plant in a clean pot.

BOD meeting:

- In person meeting went well today. Having snacks outside was nice. People got to mingle and socialize.
- CCCSS participated in the SLO Botanical Garden event & the Greenhouse Growers event at NHS. Both events attracted lots of people. Information about CCCSS meetings and our upcoming S&S were distributed.
- Loring Manley volunteered to cover the Publicity for the Show & Sale. Any suggestions or help with this task would be appreciated by Loring.
- Pat secured additional tables needed for the S&S from the Mineral Society.
- T-shirt update: As soon as the deposit is made, shirts will be printed. They should be available at the May meeting.
- There was discussion about our ability to video the live meetings adequately with the equipment that the Club currently owns. Loring will do some research on this matter to see what we might need (and at what cost) to provide a quality experience for remote viewers.

Submitted by Mary Harlow, Secretary



CCCSS ASK US: WE WILL TRY TO HELP!!

Do you have a prickly cactus question or an inscrutable succulent issue? The CCCSS ASK US TABLE can now be accessed VIRTUALLY. Send your questions to our venerable expert Cactophile Gene Schroeder and Succulentophile Kathie Matsuyama. Due to the overwhelming number of ASK US requests, you must be an Active Member of CCCSS to participate.

Examples of issues we may be able to help with include:

- ID of Plants

Provide 3 photos of the plant: 1) close-up of leaves, flowers, spines; 2) general photo of the plant with something in the photo that indicates scale....a ruler, soda can or credit card; and 3) a photo of the plant in its environment (is the plant in full sun, under a porch, planted in the landscape?)

- Watering & Light Requirements
- Feeding & Fertilization
- Pests & Problems
- Soil & Amendments
- Propagation



Please email good photos of your plant. Also provide all the background information you think necessary to help us answer your question. Tell us which city you live in; microclimates in our region provide vastly different growing conditions. We will email you with our thoughts. Your plant question might be featured in a future CCCSS ASK US Newsletter column.

Don't forget to renew your CCCSS membership today. And send your ASK US questions to Gene Schroeder and Kathie Matsuyama at: AskMe@centralcoastcactus.org

Happy Growing!

GARDEN GATHERING NEWS



On Saturday April 30th, 15 CCCSS members gathered at Loring Manley's great garden in Santa Maria for our first Garden Gathering of 2022. It was a fantastic and long-awaited event! Boy, have we missed these get togethers! Loring has been hard at work on garden improvements installing more beautiful hardscaped pavers in large patios of concentric circular patterns, improving his carefully monitored irrigation system and landscape planting more succulents previously grown in containers.

Tour participants were enthralled with Loring's excellent selection of tree aloes which have grown considerably since our last Garden Gathering at Loring's almost exactly three years ago in 2019. The tree Aloe 'Goliath' was the center of conversation with its huge leaves totally cloaking the aloe trunk and sweeping from the crown of the plant almost 4 feet down to the ground!

In the backyard, Garden Gatherers were treated to a tour of Loring's greenhouse. He has an amazing collection of Adeniums, caudiciforms, seed grown plants and seedlings. Also growing inside the greenhouse is a crazy full-sized papaya tree with huge papayas ripening on it!

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their fun and relaxing afternoon at this incredibly special garden. We are very appreciative of Loring for hosting our first Garden Gathering of the year! Thank you, Loring!

We are currently booking additional Garden Gathering dates for this year. Let us know if you are interested in hosting. It's super fun!



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New to CCCSS? Here are the FAQs about Garden Gatherings:

Health FIRST: We take the health and safety of our club members seriously. Our Garden Gathering hosts are inviting us into their homes and gardens. Therefore, all attendees are required to be fully vaccinated and to provide proof of vaccination to attend the events.

Why: Our CCCSS is large and growing; it's hard to connect with other cactophiles at our Zoom meetings and large in-person meetings. This is a great chance to meet people in small social group settings.

What: "Garden Gatherings" are a chance to meet club members in a fun, casual garden setting. Food and a tour of the member's garden are the focus of the events.

Where: Gatherings take place in a CCCSS member's garden.

Who: Participants must be CCCSS members. The host decides the number of guests.

When: Hosts pick the date and time for the event. Events average 1½ hours.

Help: Event pre-planning, organization, sign-up and email coordination with your guests is all capably managed by Paul and Kathie!

Interested in hosting a Garden Gathering in 2022?

Contact Paul and Kathie Matsuyama at luvbigdogs@earthlink.net

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A Call for Auction Plants:

Once again, this year we will have be having an auction during the weekend (May 27th to May 29th) show and sale. Some of these plants will be provided by our vendors and some will be provided by club members, like you. If you have a nice show worthy specimen that has a retail value of \$50 or more and would like to sell it at the auction, please send an email to Bill Findley at coolcactuskid805@gmail.com In the email include at least two photos (one that includes something to show size, maybe a soda can, or a pencil), the plant name (if you don't know we will find out), and a reserve price (the lowest you would be willing to sell it). The sale will be Sunday afternoon at 1pm and the club retains 25% of the sale price. Please send your submissions in by May 20th 2022. The auction committee will contact you by May 25th to let you know if your plants are accepted for the auction. Please bring the auction plant to the Show and Sale for display by Friday Evening. The table for the plants for the auction will be in the area where the show is located. If you have any questions contact Bill at coolcactuskid805@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

CCCSS SHOW & SALE

MAY 28 & 29 2022

Volunteers needed: Please contact Pat Gilson
(hupt74@yahoo.com) to sign up.

Volunteers are needed during the Show & Sale
on Saturday & Sunday. Thank you!

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May 6th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm:
Chuck Graham - Carrizo Plain
Presentation and Book Signing

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA –Join us at the garden for SLOBG's Free Admission Day! The SLO Botanical Garden is happy to offer free admission to all visitors on Saturday, May 14th from 9am-5pm. The normal admission cost of \$10.00 for adults and children over 12, and \$8.00 for Seniors, students, and military will be waived. This is a great opportunity to spend time outdoors and learn about native plants. Join us on the back patio for a fun participatory chalk mural project. There will also be a pinecone bird feeder project inside of the Children's Garden. We're located at 3450 Dairy Creek Road in San Luis Obispo, inside El Chorro Regional Park. If you can't make it out on the 9th, join us for our next free day on Saturday, June 11th. We look forward to seeing you soon! Questions? Contact dara@slobg.org

Free Day at The Garden May 14, 2022

Join us outside the Education Center for a Free Day Activity

9AM-5PM Monday-Sunday
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3450 Dairy Creek Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

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The San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden is a non-profit organization that showcases plants from Mediterranean climates throughout the world. Through its programs and facilities, the Garden fosters an appreciation and understanding of the relationship between people and nature and encourages a sense of stewardship for the natural environment. The Garden is located at 3450 Dairy Creek Rd., within El Chorro Regional Park off Highway 1 between Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo. Admission is \$10.00 for adults. Seniors, students, and military admission is \$8.00, and free for children 12 and under and members. To learn more visit slobg.org or the SLO Botanical Garden Facebook page.

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On behalf of the CSSA Annual Show & Sale Committee, I would like to invite all CSS club members to participate or attend this year's event at the Huntington, July 1-3. It's been 2 long years of not gathering together for this fun show & sale and I miss seeing friendly faces.

Thank you,

Barbara Hall

CSSA Annual Show Chair

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WELCOME BACK! 55th ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA AT THE HUNTINGTON

Dates: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, July 1-3, 2022

Location: The Huntington: 1151 Oxford Drive, San Marino, CA. The Botanical Center. Contact 626-405-3504

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

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

Show set-up: Thurs. June 30, 9am-1pm

Enter plants: Thurs., June 30th 1pm-6pm & Friday, July 1, 8:00am-4:00pm. Judging starts at 5:00pm
Friday

Auction: Saturday, July 2 at 7:00pm. Items need to be registered by 2PM

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: Saturday, July 2, at 6:00pm, \$25 dinner. Menu: Dearmore BBQ with vegetarian options.

Reserve a spot by Phone: 213-305-1421 or email Bonnie at bikemura@hotmail.com. Reservations must be made by June 27th, 2022

Mail checks, made out to CSSA, to Bonnie Ikemura – 8400 Bleriot Ave. Los Angeles, CA, 90045;

Tear down: Sunday, July 3, 5:00pm

As of March 9, 2022, following the latest CDC recommendations, the HBG will no longer require masks indoors or outdoors at the HBG. For indoor events, attendees are encouraged to still wear a mask but it is now optional. The public will not be checked for vaccination status.

CSSA Club Affiliates need to pass this information on to their club members. Show Schedules & Indexes will be available online through your Club newsletter or website & www.cssashow.com. Entry tags will be available at many of the local clubs & at the show. I can mail entry tags upon request.

All Vendors, Volunteers or Show participants need to wear their club badges (if you have one) and a HBG wrist band each day they participate. These will be distributed by the Show Chair each day. Please go directly to the Botanical Center not thru the front entrance.

For those NOT participating, special passes for this event will no longer be distributed ahead of time. Information regarding comped entry for CSSA & CSS Club Members will be forthcoming in May or June. At this time, entry to the HBG is by advance online reservation on Weekends, no walk-ins & recommended for the Friday sale, even for HBG members. Stay tuned for updates!

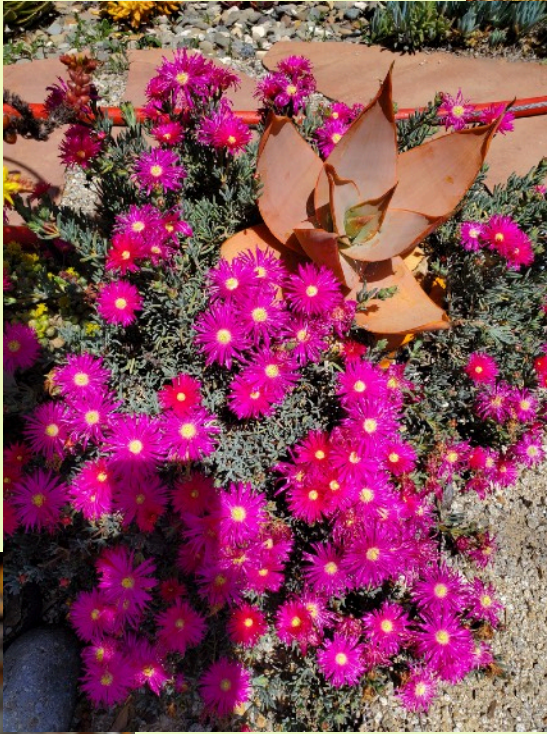
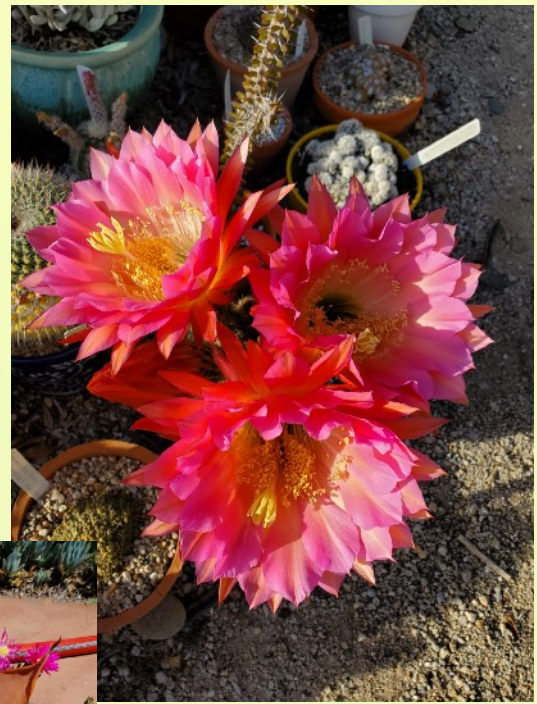
There are opportunities to participate/volunteer in this year's show, in the showroom or sales areas, information table, holding area, welcome table at the HBG entry and for setup/teardown. All participants receive a show T-Shirt as a thank you. See you at the Show!

Barbara Hall

Phone: 818-429-6914 (cell)

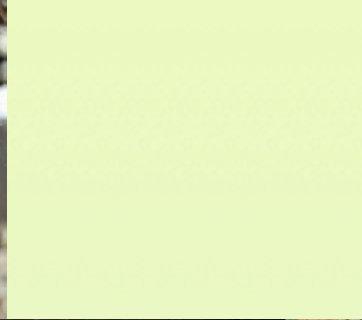
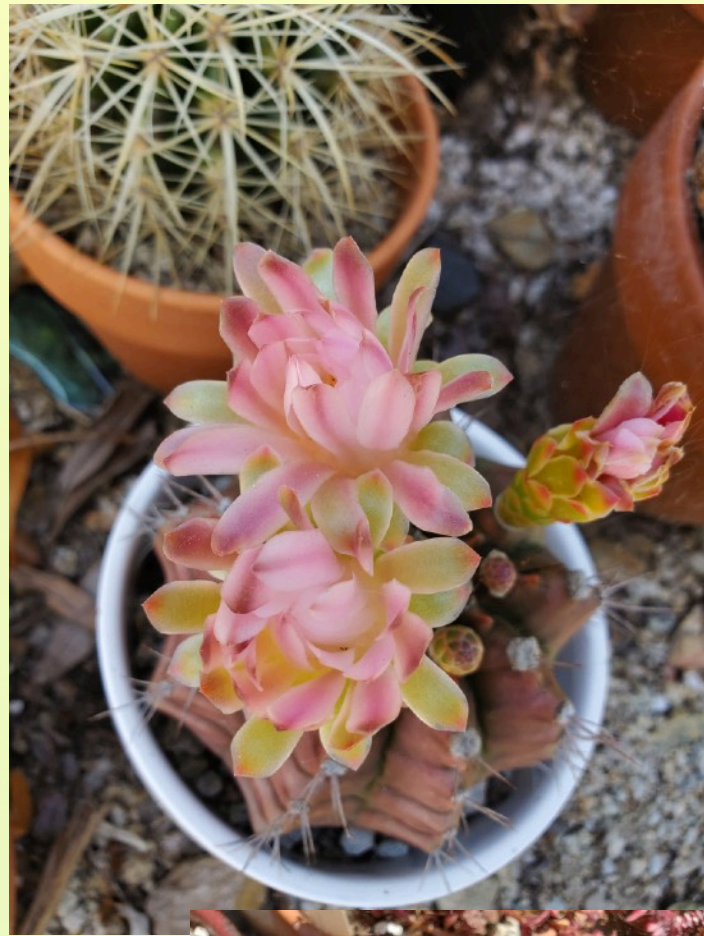
BRAG PLANTS

Spring flowers in Laura Oliver's amazing garden . .



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Laura's garden . .



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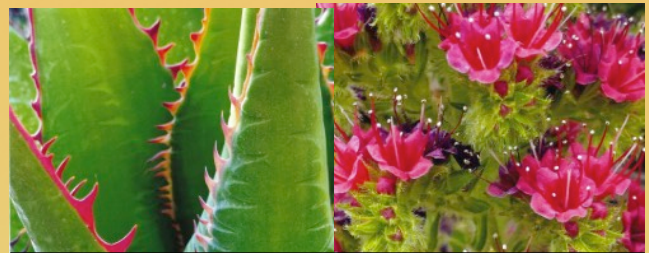


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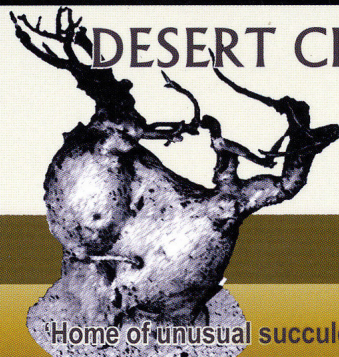


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