

The next meeting is Sunday February 12 at the Odd Fellows Hall at 2:00.

## CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

# ON THE DRY SIDE

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#### Announcements "Ask Me Table" & Garden Gatherings", more Brag Plants Business Members Board Members

## February 2023



## Title: "Kamakazi Botany 2: The Last *Sansevieria*"

Content: Renewed interest in sansevierias within the last 10 vears has resulted in perhaps 25 new species or subspecies being added to the genus. Bob Webb and Len Newton published a summary book on sansevierias in 2022 and also described 5 new species that year. With other sansevierias from Uganda also published in 2022, it should be known as the Year of the Sansevieria. A review of all 105 or so taxa is not possible in one talk, so Webb will discuss some recent trips he took to Tanzania and Malawi searching for rare species. "The Last Sansevieria" refers to the last species that had no significant biogeographical

information or photographs within the genus.



THE GENUS SANSEVIERIA: A Pictorial Guide to the Species



### PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY - Dr. Robert H. Webb



Dr. Robert H. Webb has worked on long-term changes in natural ecosystems of the southwestern United States since 1976. He has degrees in engineering (B.S., University of Redlands, 1978), environmental earth sciences (M.S., Stanford University, 1980), and geosciences (Ph.D, University of Arizona, 1985). Since 1985, he was a research hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Tucson (retired in 2013) and an adjunct faculty member of the School of Natural Resources and the Department of Hydrology

and Water Resources at the University of Arizona. Webb does interdisciplinary work to attempt to understand long-term change in the desert regions of the United States and Mexico and. Webb as authored or edited 15 books and about 250 publications and given around 375 presentations in his 40-year career.

Webb has been growing succulent plants and cacti for nearly 40 years and has been the owner of Arid Lands Greenhouses in Tucson, Arizona, for 17 years. For last 20 years, he and his wife Toni have travelled extensively in Africa and the Arabian Peninsula looking for succulent plants. Webb is the former chairman of the International

Sansevieria Society. He has described and named 15 species or subspecies of plants, including 2 Agave species from Baja California, Mexico, and 13 Sansevieria species or subspecies from East Africa.



Lake Malawi at Semba Bay

#### **CCCSS President's Message February 2023**

I would like to thank all the Club members who participate in making our meetings such a pleasure to attend. There are a lot of moving parts that come together each month.

- Bill Findley, Club VP, is in charge of locating and booking our expert speakers.
- Randy Ball brings in and sets up our audio speaker system each month. This system was donated by Gene Schroeder.
- Laura Oliver brings in the computer system for our video presentations. She is also our Membership officer.
- Rob Skillin travels to Southern California nurseries to purchase our raffle & thank you plants. These plants are a highlight of each meeting.
- Ken and Ann Byrne manage our large library. They store and bring the books in each month---no small task!.
- Gene Schroeder and Kathie Matsuyama provide expert advice at the "Ask me" table. Kathie also coordinates our extremely popular Garden Gathering events.
- Mary Harlow, Secretary, welcomes Club members and new arrivals at the Greeter table. Information about the Club and handouts with plant care tips are available at the table. Mary also takes minutes at the regular meetings and the BOD meetings.
- Pat Gilson, Hospitality officer, manages all things Club related with her years of experience as a member. She coordinates volunteer activities and makes sure we have lots of treats to snack on at our break.
- Claudette Rettig manages the kitchen duties for our meetings. She brings in all the supplies (again, no small task!). She and her "helper bees" put all the food items out and then clean it all up at the end of the meeting.
- Kathy Goss, Treasurer, helps sell tickets at the meetings, and manages all our financial responsibilities in order to keep us on

- Wayne Mills takes care of our plant exchange table. This is an extremely popular part of the meeting. Wayne helps set all the items out, calls out the ticket numbers and then cleans up afterward.
- Carol Mortensen is our Newsletter Editor. She collects article and photos that are submitted and puts them together into a top-notch monthly publication.
- Many members help to set up, take down and clean up after the meetings. This is greatly appreciated.
- The Show & Sale Committee will start meeting in February to begin preparations for our S&S in May. This committee is made up of Club members and several BOD members.
- There are members of the BOD who were not mentioned above, but who make significant contributions by attending and participating in Board discussions that make our Club the successful organization that it is.

As you can see it takes a lot of people to make our Club run smoothly. I probably left someone out, so please let me know at the meeting and I'll give you a shout out. Thank you to everyone for participating!

See you on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Odd Fellows Hall.....Harry

#### **CCCSS Meeting Minutes Summaries January 8, 2023**

#### Regular Meeting: 61 participants

- Harry greeted participants. Our presenter today will be Ernesto Sandoval. He is from UC Davis and has presented to our Club many times. His talks are always interesting, informative, and interactive.
- Kathie Matsuyama announced that due to rain the Garden Gathering at Jose Toll's house would be postponed until Sunday, Jan 22.
- Newsletter editor Carol Mortensen has requested that submissions to the Newsletter be sent to her by the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to our meeting. Example: Submissions for the February newsletter must be submitted by January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Laura Oliver, our Membership officer, has member name tags at the back table. If you are a member & don't have a name tag, please go see Laura.
- We have had another "phishing" scam. If you receive an email from Harry or any other member of the Club requesting that you send money---DO NOT RESPOND. The Club will never send out emails requesting funds from any member. (Exception: If you receive an email from Laura Oliver requesting that you renew your dues.)
- If you have a young person in your life who you think might be interested in entering our Show, there are handouts at the back table with info outlining the new "Youth Grower Award". This info will be posted to our website. (centralcoastcactus.org)
- A couple of tips from Ernesto's presentation:
  - Though technical, he recommended <u>Plant Propagation, Principles and Practices</u> by Harman and Kester
  - Regarding soil sterilization: 180 degrees for 30 min for moistened soil or pumice
  - Hormones for stimulating growth: Be careful...don't over do it. Succulents are slow growing!



- Sterilize knives/instruments used when cutting plants. Alcohol works well.
- After the presentation, there were snacks, Rob reviewed the brag plants, and the raffle and exchange table plants were distributed

#### **BOD Meeting:**

- Kathy Goss, Treasurer, presented a summary of our income and expenditures.
- The first Show & Sale Committee meeting will be held via Zoom on Feb 5
  - Loring will work on putting the S&S postcard together and send it to Kara for final construction before approval and printing.
- We need a table-sized banner for the Club to use at events. Harry & Mary will research this.
- A standing committee to coordinate activities with the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden was proposed. Mary Peracca will be the chairperson.
- Loring and Bill and working on starting up a "Propagation Group". They are in the process of formulating guidelines for the group.
- There was discussion on getting information out to the public about the Youth Award at the S&S. Peggy and Terrie will coordinate making contacts to schools. Harry will notify local garden clubs.

Submitted by Mary Harlow, Secretary

## There is a person who needs help with caring for her succulents and this might be a good public outreach opportunity.

My name is Gloria Hazell, I live in Grover Beach, I am 88 years old with health problems and can no longer take care of my neglected succulents. They are all in pots on my deck and are in desperate need of care. If someone would be kind enough to come and give them the care they need I would be so grateful. You can take cuttings from any that you want. Also, I am more than willing to buy new pots, soil, or anything else that is needed. Thank you for your consideration. 805-305-3080



## Our new 2023 Show and Sale cards



# **15TH ANNUAL SHOW & SALE**

Nipomo High School, 525 N Thompson Ave

Saturday, May 27–10 am to 5 pm Sunday, May 28–10 am to 4 pm



### NEW YOUTH GROWER CATEGORY

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

CCCSS FACEBOOK

TATE AND LOCAL HEALTH GUIDELINES WILL BE OBSERVED OR EXCEEDED



#### CENTRAL COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

## YOUTH GROWER AWARD

CCCSS is proud to announce a new category at our Annual Show & Sale event at Nipomo High School. This event will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2023. The event is free to the public. There will be two divisions for Youth Growers. The first one is for youth up to 10 years of age. The second division will be for youth 11-18 or still enrolled in high school.

#### **Basic Rules:**

- 1. You must own and be caring for your plant (a succulent or cactus) by March 1, 2023, which is 3 months prior to the May Show.
- 2. Special pots are not required, but most plants in the adult divisions are planted in nice, clean, plastic, ceramic or clay pots.
- 3. Plants must be disease and pest free.
- 4. Plants should not be watered at least one week before the show as they will be displayed on cloth tablecloths.
- Entry cards will be provided during the setup of the Show on Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. If you do not know the name of your plant, there will be members available to help you with that.
- All plants will be judged by our panel of expert judges and the winning plants will be on the award stage when the Show & Sale opens on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.
- 7. There will be at least 10 vendors selling rare and unusual succulent plants in the Sales area. The Youth winner in each division will be given a \$25 gift certificate to redeem in the Sales area. They will also be given a \$25 cash prize.\*

CCCSS meets at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo on the second Sunday of each month at 2pm. We generally have a speaker, plants for sale and a plant exchange table.

If you have questions regarding entering a plant in the Show or just want to know more about the Club, email us at <u>info@centralcoastcactus.org</u>. We hope to see you there.....Harry Harlow, President CCCSS

Website: centralcoastcactus.org, Facebook: Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

\*This award is sponsored by and in memory of Susan B. Chandler



## **CCCSS ASK US:**

## WE WILL TRY TO HELP!!

#### **GENE SCHROEDER & KATHIE MATSUYAMA ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS**

The CCCSS ASK US TABLE is available at CCCSS meetings or send us your questions. The online ASK US service is for <u>Active CCCSS members</u> only.

We will try to help with:

- Plant ID (Provide photos of the plant: 1) close-up of leaves, flowers, spines;
  2) plant photo with a ruler, soda can or credit card for scale; and 3) plant photo showing where its grown (full sun, shade, in the ground?)
- Cultural Requirements (water, light, fertilizer, soil type)
- Pests & Other Problems
- Propagation

Please provide as much information as you can to help us answer your question. Microclimates matter, be sure to tell us where you live!

Send your ASK US questions to Gene Schroeder and Kathie Matsuyama at: <u>AskMe@centralcoastcactus.org</u>

Happy and Healthy Growing in 2023 and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!





**ASK US** 

Photos by Kathie

## UPCOMING GARDEN GATHERING EVENTS

A Garden Gathering is planned at **Susie Hubbard's** home in Los Osos

on Saturday March 18, 2023 at 11:30am or 1:30pm. This charming garden has an abundance of delightful and whimsical decorations everywhere you look! You will be awed by Susie's meticulously maintained garden. Her creative and colorful use of succulents with cottage garden flowers in borders and beds will inspire! It will be a fun and relaxing event in this must-see garden of an excellent collector and grower. There may be some plants and pottery for sale at the event as well.

This event is currently almost half full. If you are interested in attending, please let us know which time you would like to attend, and we will add your name to the attendee list. You must be a CCCSS member and fully vaccinated to attend. Email Kathie and Paul at <a href="https://www.uvbigdogs@earthlink.net">uvbigdogs@earthlink.net</a>









## **UPCOMING GARDEN GATHERING EVENTS**

If you are interested in attending, please let us know; we will put your name on the waiting list and contact you if a spot opens. You must be a CCCSS member and fully vaccinated to attend. Email Kathie and Paul at <u>luvbigdogs@earthlink.net</u> to put your name on the waiting list.

We are currently booking additional Garden Gathering dates for 2023. Let us know if you are interested in hosting. It is super fun!

## 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. Most hosts require all attendees to be fully vaccinated and to provide proof of vaccination to attend the events.



**Why:** CCCSS club is large and growing; it is hard to connect with other cactophiles at our huge in-person meetings.

**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 one  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours.

Photo by Kathie

## GARDEN GATHERING RE-CAP: HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED!!

## JOSE TOLL'S CACTUS & SUCCULENTS WITH A VIEW

In a welcome respite from weeks of January rain on the Central Coast, twenty-

nine CCCSS members met on a perfect warm and sunny January 22nd at the Shell Beach home of Jose Toll. After rescheduling our event for a week due to inclement weather, we were fortunate to have the wind die down just as folks started arriving at the designated time.

Jose had recently moved to her new address in Shell Beach. Her front yard has a spectacular view across San Luis Bay where it was such a sparkling clear day that you could see all the way to Guadalupe. Mary Peracca had a table set up with a great variety of gorgeous handmade pots for sale on the newly renovated stone front patio. Lots of shopping got underway as we waited for last minute attendees to arrive.



The front yard faces due west, a great exposure for Jose to grow her great collection of very happy agaves, blooming aloes, Lophocereus schotii and Lophocereus schotii f. mieckleyanus. Jose's very steep home site had long sloping areas conducive to good growing conditions, draining water away quickly from roots and helping keep plants on the dry side. Jose has a lovely collection of colorful Mexican Talavera pots planted with cactus and succulents lining her upstairs balcony and visible from the front patio.

We continued our tour into the back yard to see Jose's massive collection of potted cactus and succulents in an impressive range of species! Jose's backyard while deceptively small at first appearance, consisted of many levels and microclimates including several inground growing beds. Garden Gatherers had a lot of fun wandering around the various levels of the backyard admiring the perfectly potted and expertly grown plants. The pots were well spaced on a unique convertible bench system than can be changed from a seat with a traditional back into a seat with a tabletop when the seat back is folded down flat. A unique system and one that generated quite of bit of Garden Gatherer admiration! We concluded our garden tour inside Jose's home with a delicious cup of

homemade chili, chips, roll-up sandwiches and cookies. With snacks in hand, Garden Gatherers socialized in Jose's gorgeous newly renovated kitchen and family room area which opened up onto an amazing outdoor deck the length of the house that faced the fantastic ocean view. More than one participant was overheard remarking on how mesmerizing they found the ambiance and view from this space!

One of the fascinating facets of Garden Gathering events and one that may create many repeat customers is the opportunity to experience the incredible variety of gardens



that our CCCSS members create. It is so fun to see the plants other people in





the Club grow, how they care for them, and learn something new about our cactus and succulent hobby at each event!

Thank you, Jose, for giving us all a lot to think about after your fascinating event and for hosting an excellent Garden Gathering!



MONTEREY BAY AREA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY PRESENTS

# SPRING SHOW AND SALE 2023

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 OPEN 3PM - 6PM (CLUB MEMBERS ONLY ON FRIDAY)

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 OPEN 9AM - 5PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 OPEN 9AM - 3PM

## The Monterey Bay Area **Cactus and Succulent**



FREE PARKING FREE ADMISSION

LARGE VARIETY OF CACTI **SUCCULENTS** POTTERY BOOKS **UTENSILS** 

EXPERTS ON HAND TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

A HUGE SHOW WITH HUNDREDS OF **BEAUTIFUL CACTI** AND SUCCULENT **SPECIMENS** 

#### **PROTUGUESE** COMMUNITY HALL

124 Atkinson Lane Watsonville, CA

See our website for more information

mbsucculent.org



#### DEADLINE FOR EXHIBITORS - FEB. 1 2023 Spring Garden Festival Art in the Garden and Plant Sale March 24, 25 & 26, 2023

**Art in the Garden** is an opportunity for artists, makers and botanically focused groups to show and sell their work as well as to introduce their organizations to the community. It will be held at the Garden's Oak Glen Pavilion, surrounding patio spaces, as well as out into the Garden's display spaces. This will take place during our Spring Garden Festival in conjunction with our semi-annual plant sale. Music and food will be available throughout the weekend. The Spring Garden Festival will be free to the public all weekend.

#### HEART SUCCULENT WREATH WORKSHOP

#### with Jayne Devencenzi and Kathy Stewart

#### Wednesday, Feb. 8. 10:00AM - 12 Noon

Celebrate Valentine's Day by creating your own heart succulent wreath. This hands-on workshop will teach you how to make a unique living wreath that can last for years. The fee includes all materials. We will provide succulent cuttings for everyone, but if you have any succulents growing in your yard, feel free to bring cuttings to share. The class is limited to 20 students—please pre-register.

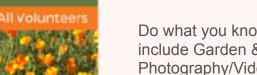
\$75 / \$65 Members

#### ALOE FEROX DONATION. <u>Thank you</u> Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society

for funding the 100+ *Aloe ferox*'s we are currently planting. The CCCSS generously gifted \$2,000 worth of these important plants recently. You'll find them in the South African section of the garden.

### "FREE FAMILY DAY" Sunday, Feb 12 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Join us for our monthly Free Family Day when admission is waived all day for all guests! The Garden will be welcoming in the new year by creating new decorations for the Children's Garden! Fun family-friendly activities from 11AM-2PM. Make it a day for exploration in nature.



#### **BE A PART OF THE PROCESS - VOLUNTEER!**

Do what you know and love or learn something new! Opportunities include Garden & Facilities Maintenance, Educational Docent, Photography/Videography, Propagation, Special Events and More! It is because of our community support that we are able to maintain and grow. If you or your company would like to play a part, reach out to **Cheryl Wakefield** to learn more. We would be honored to work together.













Los Osos Valley Garden Club February Zoom Program

Title: Vertebrate and Insect Pests of the Home Garden and Landscape

Presented by Kim Wilson, UC Master Gardener of SLO County

Date: Thursday, February 16th, 2023 Time: 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm

See below for how to join. No registration required. Free and open to the public.

**Description:** Do you have pests in your garden? Kim Wilson will explain the basic principles of identifying vertebrate pests and

how to control them safely. Next, Kim will discuss the most common insect pests in the home landscape and garden and how to prevent and control them when needed, keeping the health of the environment in mind.

Kim Wilson has been a Master Gardener for 10 years. She has seen a wide array of pest problems by serving as the coordinator for the Master Gardener helplines and answering questions from home gardeners. She is also active in training new Master Gardeners.

Join Zoom Meeting - easiest way is to click this LINK: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7536444586?pwd=OHNFcjEybGtCNUpDRHhlWWEvK1hxd</u> z09

In case you need this: Meeting ID: 753 644 4586

Passcode: LOVGC

Or, if you don't have a camera or microphone on your device, use your phone to dial in: +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose); Meeting ID: 753 644 4586; Passcode: 678130

Email info@lovgardenclub.org if you have any questions.







#### Hello,

I am a member of the Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society. I am also the president of the Los Osos Valley Garden Club. Our treasurer just resigned unexpectedly, and we are without a treasurer. Is there any chance you can let people in your club know that we are looking for a treasurer? It would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Wendy McKeown President, Los Osos Valley Garden Club www.lovgardenclub.org

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	2023 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF
	UPCOMING EVENTS Last updated – 1/21/2023 EMAIL CHANGES TO JGMPLANTS@AOL.COM
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EB. 11	SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY WINTER SHOW AND SALE
	Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA Info. call 619-990-2051
/IAR. 3-4	ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SALE
	Fri. noon-6pm,Sat. 9am-4pm Info. call 657-549-0702 1000 S. State College BI.,(Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
MAR. 3-5	FRESNO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SALE
	Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat . & Sun. 8:30am-5pm
	Big Fresno Fair, 1121 S. Chance Ave., Fresno, CA
MAR. 17-18	SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY WINTER SHOW AND SALE
	Daily 8am-5pm Info. Manny Rivera 626-780-6957 or James Lemos 626-201-5519
	Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA
APR. 2	CONEJO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SALE 9AM-4PM
	558 N. Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320 Info. www.conejocss.com or conejocss@hotmail.com
APR. 15-16	SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
	Daily 9am-4pm Info. www.southcoastcss.org or call 310-346-6206 Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 Crestridge Rd., Palos Verdes, CA
APR. 22-23	LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SALE
	Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-3pm Info. www.lacactus.com Sepulveda Garden Center,16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA
APR. 22-23	PALOMAR CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SHOW AND SALE San Diego Botanic Garden admission required
	Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm Info. rwkopfstein@gmail.com
	San Diego Botanic Garden, Conservatory, 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA
APR. 29-30	SAN JOSE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
	Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm Info. www.csssj.org
	Peterson Middle School, 1380 Rosalia Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA
APR. 30	HUNTINGTON SPRING PLANT SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
	10am-5pm Info. Reservations- www.huntington.org, Sale call 626-405-3571
	Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA
MAY 5-6	GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SALE
	Daily 9am-4pm Info. www.gatescactusandsucculentsociety.com or call 909-910-9195 Redlands Church of The Nazarene, 1307 E. Citrus Ave., Redlands, CA 92374
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MAY 5-7	SACRAMENTO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
	Daily 9am-5pm Info. www.sacramentocss.com Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA
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MAY 6	EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY OF AMERICA SHOW AND SALE
	9am-4pm Info. www.epiphyllums.org or call 909-438-8242 San Marino Masonic Hall, 3130 Huntington Dr., San Marino, CA
MAY 6-7	SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE Daily 10am-4pm Info. call 310-822-1783
	Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA
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h	MAY 7	LONG BEACH CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE noon-4pm Info. call 714-553-6914 Women's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St., Bellflower, CA 90706
1	MAY 13	SANTA BARBARA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE Members early entry 9:30am, General Public 10am-3pm. More info at www.sbcactus.org
1000	MAY 13-14	SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE Sat. 9am-4pm Early Bird Sale Only (no show) Casa del Prado Patio Sun. Sale 9am-4pm, Show 11am-4pm, Room 101, Casa del Prado Balboa Park, San Diego, CA Info. www.sdepis.org or call 858-565-0340
	MAY 27-28	CENTRAL COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm Info. rhskillin@gmail.com or www.centralcoastcactus.org Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA
e.	JUNE 3-4	SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA Info. call 619-990-2051
6	JUNE 16-18	SAN FRANCISCO SUCCULENT & CACTUS SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE Fri. member-only preview, Info. schedule & details at www.sfsucculent.org San Francisco County Fair Building, 1199 9th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122
1111	JUNE 23-25	CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED SAT-SUN Plant sales start June 23 thru June 25 10am-5pm Show opens June 24 thru June 25 10am-5pm Info. Reservations- www.huntington.org, Show/Sale- call Nick Renteria 323-428-2215 Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA
	JULY 12-16	CSSA CONVENTION INFO. www.cactusandsucculentsociety.org
)	JULY 21-22	ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SALE Fri. Noon-6pm,Sat. 9am-4pm Info. call 657-549-0702 1000 S. State College BI.,(Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
1	AUG. 4-6	INTER-CITY SHOW AND SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED Info. www.intercityshow.com or call 805-264-6262 Plant sales 8am-5pm daily, Show open 8am-5pm Aug. 5-6 LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA
	SEP. 2	HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM 9am-3pm RESERVATIONS REQUIRED Info. Reservations- www.huntington.org, Symposium-call 626-405-3571 Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA
	OCT. 1	LONG BEACH CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY ANNUAL AUCTION 1pm-3:30pm Info. call 714-553-6914 Women's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St., Bellflower, CA
6	OCT. 10	CONEJO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SALE 9AM-4PM 558 N. Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320 Info. www.conejocss.com or conejocss@hotmail.com
1000	NOV. 3-5	HUNTINGTON FALL PLANT SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED SAT-SUN 10am-5pm Info. Reservations- www.huntington.org, Sale call 626-405-3571 Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA

Join us Saturday, February 4th at 10:00 a.m. PST for the next in our series of webinars featuring Cactus and Succulent experts from around the world.

Attila Kapitany: *What Does Heaven Look Like?* To register for the webinar, <u>click here</u>

**Program:** *What Does Heaven Look Like? by* **Attila Kapitany** While I, by no means, have a crystal ball or know what each of we growers and collectors have in mind with our plants and why we desire them, I have a long history of visiting and questioning people about such things while also photographing their collections and gardens! Habitat scenes will also be included. So this is a pictorial treat with my thoughts and observations about different concepts of a cactus and succulent Paradise!

**Short Biography:** Attila Kapitany is well known for his passion for cacti and succulents. He is a past president of the Cactus & Succulent Society of Australia with 10 years in this position. Attila has over thirty eight years' experience growing and enthusiastically marketing cacti and succulents. Attila is also a member of the Horticultural Media in Australia, writing regularly in magazines, journals and newspapers and promoting succulent plants.

Attila has co-written seven books with Rudolf Schulz about succulents, with an eighth book a solo effort on Australian native species. His newest publications are a series of ten booklets on xerophytic Australian plants.

Since 2007, Attila has dedicated much of his time and resources to promoting our lesser known Australian succulent plants, touring the Australian and international speaking circuits regularly and featuring on television and radio.

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Five Cities Orchid Society invited you to our February Orchid Talk. Continuing our interest in orchids from the Mediterranean regions of the world.

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Date: Thu, Feb 9, 2023 at 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

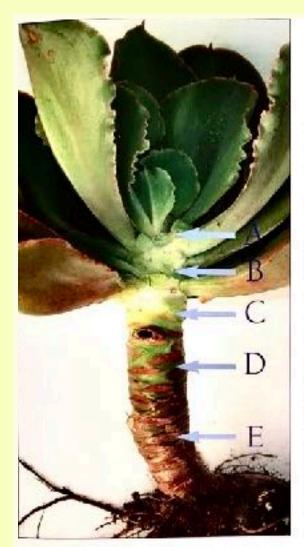
Title: FCOS ORCHID TALKS: RON PARSONS "Crete: Isle of Orchids"

**Talk Summary/Bio:** Ron has made two trips to this magical place, the largest of the Greek islands, in search of the vast array of terrestrial orchids found there. The first trip there was also his very first to Europe, spurred by international friends who told him of the diversity and numbers of orchids that could be seen. Having a love of all flowers, he also wanted to see the endemic peony and various tulip species as well as the beautiful scenery and

archaeological treasures...he was not disappointed!

Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for nearly 48 years, and has been interested in the species for most of that time. He loves to photograph orchids and other flowers whenever he can, and does so as often as possible. Ron has more than 90,000 digital images, most of which are of orchids, and still retains a slide library that exceeds 100,000 botanical images. He has given more than 500 talks on various botanical topics, and has nearly 6500 published photos. Ron has co-authored four books on botanical subjects, all with Mary E. Gerritsen. The first two, published by Timber Press, are Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World and Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives. Their third book, a two-volume set, A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species was published by Redfern Natural History Productions in January 2014. In 2019 The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture was released, and is on its third printing. They have recently completed a fifth book, a much-revised second edition of A Compendium of Miniature Orchids Species. It is now in four volumes with 3100 photos (1800 of those are new), including those of more than 500 species not in the first edition. The set was released in early October, 2021.





Season refers to the best time to initiate propagation Cutting length: ideal length of stern, excluding leaves. Time to callous refers to the time it takes for a cut surface to heal and be ready for planting Handling refers to the lante it takes for new cuttings to be established well enough to report or plant per Notes.

- 1: Plant immediately and water in-
- 2. Peel off the lower 2-3 leaves, then dry.
- 3: Keep warm and humid alter planning.
- 4: Plant no deeper than 10 mm.
- 5: Take cuttings from fresh greet, stems,
- 6 Remove flowers during propagation. 7. Side branches will not without forming typical plants.
- Reware of caustic caphorbia sap.
- 9. Keep away from humidity.
- 10: Preferably cut at stem joints

## Cutting guide for solitary plants

WITH MY BEST

With solitary plants, where the actual cut is made along a stem is crucial in determining. the outcome. Here are some possibilities

 Cutting here is known as pinching out. The aim of this technique is to prach or cutout the growing point in order to force side. stems which are then recut as stem cuttings. The 'pinched out' cutting is always discarded. This method does the least amount of visual damage to the plant. Such plants often develop into spectacular multiheaded clumps.

B. Sometimes called deheading. If cut here, the cutting is large enough to root and establish as a plant. Taking a cutting herewill force new shoots on the remaining stem. A few leaves left on the stem enable the old stem to recover and for multiple new stem growth to develop. This method produces the most new stems.

C. Called deheading. Cutting here will produce a complete head that roots easily. The remaining stem will wither slowly and may produce a few offsets.

D. Sometimes called deheading. Taking a cutting here will result in a sizeable stemattached. This common method is not recommended because it produces poor head cuttings that establish slowly. The lower stem will usually wither and die, praducing one or two offsets at the most

E. Taking a cutting here is not recommended. The upper portion will root poorly and grow slowly and the lower, old woody stem will the without producing offsets.

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#### This article was posted on Pinterest and I thought it was handy.

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## **Brag Plants**

## From the yard of Bill Findley These are Aloes in bloom in my front yard. *Aloe marlothii* and *Aloe striata*.













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## **Brag Plants**

This beautiful *Aloe marlothii* hybrid is growing in San Luis Obispo in Vernanne Cohen's yard. It has two heads and the flowers change from redish to light yellow as the blooms open.







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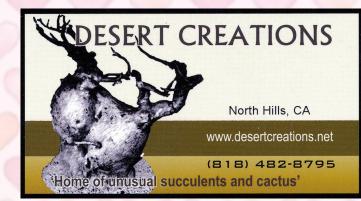
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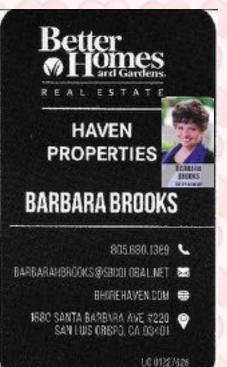
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