

Thorny Issues

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THE ANNUAL COUNTRY STORE is just around the corner!

SAVE THE DATE! September 22nd



Bring your cuttings or pups to the Country Store!

Photo by Gerhard Bock

We have an exciting meeting this month! Our annual Country Store is finally here! Members and welcomed guests will find a feeding frenzy of plants, food, plus a silent auction of succulent related items. Raffle tickets are 50¢. Members may donate plants to each of the following tables: Cactus, Other Succulents, and House Plants, which include non-succulent plants (i.e., bulbs, geraniums), and related items (extra pots, labels, etc.) Green thumb gardeners may donate their extra produce – tomatoes, zucchini, jars of jam, etc., to the Produce Table. Those who are working their way through Julia Child's cookbooks may donate to the Sweet Shoppe where all things must be butter-and sugar-laden. Please place your baked goods on small paper plates and cover with plastic wrap for ease of raffling. To finish off the evening is the Succulent Silent Auction where donations of Succulent related items – books, tee shirts, better plants, kitschy stuff – will be fought over by those who haven't spent all their money at the Sweet Shoppe. An added treat at the Silent Auction will be collectibles from Pearl Lemkuil's estate, our last charter member. All proceeds go to the club's treasury for future cactus and succulent adventures. Bring your donations, bring your money, bring your appetite and bring boxes to haul home your loot. This is a non-business meeting; doors open at 6:30 and we get rolling promptly at 7:00 pm. Questions? Call Marilynn Vilas (530) 753-7011 or email nedmar@omsoft.com

JULY MINI SHOW RESULTS

Cactus – Rebutia/Sulcorebutia

- 1st *Sulcorebutia mentosa*, Oksun Avery
 2nd *Rebutia flavistyla*, Martha Bleshman
 3rd *Rebutia krainziana*, Michelle Egan
 Honorable Mention: *Sulcorebutia augustinii*, Steve Goodman

Succulent – Haworthia/Gasteria

- 1st *Gasteria sp.*, Michelle Egan
 2nd *Haworthia venosa*, Penny Newell
 3rd *Haworthia truncata x retusa*, Steve Goodman
 Honorable Mention: *Gasteria sp.*, Bobbie Handen
Haworthia cymbiformis variegata, Bobbie Handen
Haworthia varicosa, Martha Bleshman
Haworthia limifolia, Mary Schuett
Haworthia cymbiformis variegata, Linda Rogue



AUGUST MINI SHOW RESULTS

Cactus – Astrophytum/Digitostigma

- 1st *Astrophytum asterias*, Keith Taylor
 2nd *Astrophytum myriostigman cv. Onzuka*, Mary Schuett
 3rd *Astrophytum capricorne*, Michelle Egan

Succulent – Euphorbia

- 1st *Euphorbia obesa*, Michelle Egan
 2nd *Euphorbia similiramea*, Keith Taylor
 3rd *Euphorbia ebburem*, Mary Schuett
 Honorable Mention:
Euphorbia bowiea, Victor Rossan
Succulent Group, Victor Rossan

The Mini Show is on a break for the month of September

THE RECAP: August Meeting Highlights



Ernst van Jaarsveld's 1994 Book *Gasterias of South Africa*

Gasterias

J.D. Wikert gave a great presentation on Gasterias. Gasteria is a genus of succulent plants related to Aloe and Haworthia. They are easy to grow, slow-growing, and can tolerate lower light conditions than most succulents. Gasteria are native to South Africa and are typically deep green with speckling. Propagation is via seeds, pups, or leaf. Interested in obtaining this relatively rare plant? They occasionally show up in larger nurseries, but you might have better luck with online stores specializing in gasterias or one might show up during a SCSS meeting.

Interested in being more involved in the SCSS?

You can volunteer to run for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or be on the nominating committee. Make your dreams of being a succulent cactus leader come true! Elections coming up in November. For more information contact Keith (707) 290-0627 or email caudex.one@gmail.com

UC Davis Fall Plant Sale!

Attractive, low-water, easy-care California native plants, as well as a large selection of Arboretum All-stars and other regionally appropriate plants, will line the aisles of the UCD Arboretum Teaching Nursery. Customers will find plants suitable for replacing their lawns or refreshing their landscapes.

Mark your Calendar!

October 11th 9am-11am (*members only*);
11am-1pm (*open to the public*)

October 25th 9am-1pm (*open to the public*).

For more information and directions go to:
http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/plant_sales_and_nursery.aspx

*Mr. Prickly
Pear's*
QUOTE OF THE
MONTH

*"We can complain
because rose bushes have
thorns, or rejoice
because thorn bushes
have roses."
-Abraham Lincoln*

THE SCSS CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2014

MEETING DETAILS

The Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00PM Shepard Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95816
center phone: (916) 808-8800

*No official meeting in December
parking available around the back of the building*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	Sep 1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17			
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28	29	30				

MEETING
7pm
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From the Editor's Desk
For publication submissions email:
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