



# PRICKLY NEWS

SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER | MAY 2022



**SHOW AND SALE:** We had a successful event at the Palos Verdes Art Center. The Board and I appreciate everyone who volunteered and to all our vendors. A special thanks to Terri Straub for coordinating the volunteers and filling in wherever needed. The weekend was filled with fun, camaraderie and lots of work to make things go smoothly. The Art Center was a great venue with an attractive space and lots of light to show off our plants and pots. See some of the photos we took of the vendors and people at the Show and Sale in this issue. Again a big thank you to all who participated and to all those who donated plants for our Sale table.

**MEETINGS:** We will have one more meeting at the Peninsula Library this month in May and then, in June will start meeting at the South Coast Botanic Garden. Bring your succulent and cactus dish gardens to take part in the Mini Show this month. We will have give-away plants and you may bring any extra plants you have for sharing with others. Please cover plants with paper or plastic if there is loose soil.

**PRESENTATION:** There is a speaker change for May 8th. It will be Stefan Burger who is from Chile and he will be speaking on “Copiapos”. He has been in town speaking at other clubs and it’s great that we have a chance to hear him.

*I hope to see you there!*  
 Maria Capaldo

GUEST SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

## Stefan Burger

### Copiapoa 2022




Photos from the 2022 South Coast Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale



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## “Copiapoa 2022”

BY STEPHAN BURGER



**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.

Copiapoas are endemic to northern Chile and live in one of the country's most intriguing habitats - the Atacama fog desert. This talk includes in-depth discussions about Copiapoa ecology, taxonomy and conservation. Our journey begins in Chile's Valparaíso Region and takes us all the way north to the edge of the world's driest non-polar desert - the Atacama.



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## South Coast Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale

GREEN THUMBS UP TO ALL THE SCCSS EXPERTS



*Adromischus cristatus*  
by Laurel Woodley



*Echinocactus(=Kroenleinia) grusonii*  
by Bernard Johnson



*Aloe dorotheae*  
by Lemono Lott



*Euphorbia francoisii*  
by Jim Hanna



*Euphorbia pseudocactus X*  
by Jim Gardner



*Echeveria agavoides 'Ebony'*  
by Ted Johnson



*Gasteria batesiana*  
by Mike Short



*Mammillaria*  
by Phyllis De Crescenzo



*Mammillaria giselei*  
by Gary Duke



# South Coast Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale

OMG! WHAT INCREDIBLE LOVE



*Mammillaria spinosissima*  
var. *rubripina* by Terri Straub



*Sedum furfuraceum*  
by M.A. Bjarkman



*Raphionacme flanaganii*  
by Maria Blas



*Turbincarpus veldeziianus*  
by Gary Duke



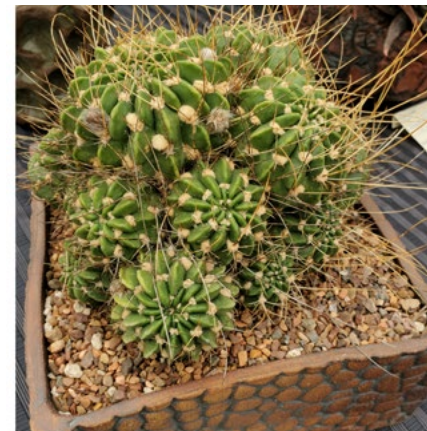
*Gastrolea 'Gray Ice'*  
by Maria Capaldo



*Fockea edulis*  
by Lemono Lott



*Euphorbia bussei* var. *kibwezensis*  
flowers  
by Jim Gardner



*Lobivia longispina*  
by Maria Capaldo



*Haworthia cooperi* var. *truncata*  
by Jim Hanna



APRIL

# South Coast Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale

HIP HIP HOORAY FOR THE VENDORS



*Aaron Ware*



*Edison and Andrew for Fireproof Plants*



*Gary Duke*



*Phyllis De Crescenzo*



*Pablo for Peety Pots*



*Inacia for PW Plants*



*Society sales table with Laurel, Phyllis, and Jim Gardner*



*June Wong*



*Lupe Hulett.*



## South Coast Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE WORKER BEES



*Cashiers*



*More cashiers*



*Even more cashiers*



*Laurel at the sales table*



*Sally at the membership table*



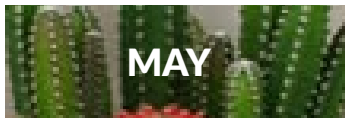
*Tag pullers*



*Society sales table*



*The Atrium*



## Monthly Cactus: Dish Garden

### Cactus Dish Garden

You too can design like garden photojournalist and author Debra Lee Baldwin.

Trendy succulents are fun and easy to grow, which makes them perfect for dish gardens. Because they come from parts of the world with hot, arid climates, they can tolerate the dry air inside most homes, and they're happy with little more than a spot by a sunny window.

Since these undemanding plants often have small root systems, you can pot them up in a shallow dish, saucer, or other container. They're seldom bothered by pests or diseases, but be sure to give them well-drained soil, and water only when the soil feels dry, to prevent possible rot.

You can change up your succulent dish garden in many ways. Try growing the plants in a half of a clam shell or conch, and add a bit of driftwood or a piece of beach glass for whimsy. Containers like this are perfect for setting off the sculptural forms of succulents.

To pick up subtle colors in their leaves, grow your succulents in a ceramic pot with a complementary glaze. They also look great in simple clay pots or garden urns. You can plant them in large containers, too, and some succulents, like jade plants, will grow as big as the container will allow. Read the tags on your plants to learn about its mature size.

#### How to Make a Cactus and Succulent Dish Garden

Whether you want a small grouping of cacti or a large bowl spilling over with a huge array of succulents. Different types of succulents and cacti look great when put together, adding a wide range of shapes, textures and colors to  
*(continued next page)*



By Tom Glavich



## Monthly Succulent : Dish Garden

### Succulent Dish Garden

your miniature desert landscape. The creative possibilities for your own imaginative cactus dish garden scheme are endless. Your only restriction is to choose plants that require the same growing conditions if you want to grow them together.

Succulents offer geometrical form and unique beauty all their own. Yet, somehow they seem to complement each other when planted together.

Their green or blue-green color provides a common thread. Repeating similar shapes also gives continuity to a planting.

#### Gather Your Supplies

- A fast-draining, sandy mix, such as cactus potting mix works best for all types of succulents.
- Choose a shallow container. Cacti and other succulents have shallow roots, so the dish only needs to be 3 in (8 cm) deep. A 9 in (23 cm) terra cotta bowl works fine. It doesn't need to have drainage holes (but it should) because the sandy potting mix is fast-draining. Just be careful not to overwater.
- You'll need a small trowel to fill the cactus dish garden with potting mix.
- A small, clean paintbrush comes in handy to clean off plants after they are planted.
- Small decorative pebbles or rocks for the surface of the cactus dish garden.



#### Plan Your Garden

Before planting, set your plants in the dish to see how they'll look together. *(continued next page)*





## Monthly Succulent : Dish garden

Give it focus. Use 1 or 2 taller plants to give the arrangement a focal point. If you plan to display your dish garden against a wall or in a corner, place the taller plants in the back. For a dish in a central location to be viewed from all sides, put the tallest plants in the middle.

Don't overcrowd. You'll want to show off the contrasting forms and textures of the plants. Giving your plants some space will also allow for growth and good air circulation.

Repeat yourself. Add 2 or 3 of the same type of succulent, such as 2 column-shaped cacti or 3 rosette-shaped echeveria. Repeated forms give instant continuity to your garden.

### How to Plant Your Cactus and Succulent Dish Garden

1. Fill the dish half-full with potting mix.
2. Remove each plant from its pot and place in the new dish. Use your fingers to spread the roots over the mix, if necessary.
3. Once all plants are in place, add more mix to fill the container. Make sure the plants are sitting at the same depth as they were in their original pots. Lightly pat the potting mix around the plants, leaving about 1/2 in (1 cm) space below the rim of the container to allow for watering.
4. Use a small, soft paintbrush to gently remove any potting mix on plant leaves or between cacti spines.
5. Spread small stones or pebbles on the top of the soil after planting. A dressing of small stones will give your arrangement a finished look. Add decorative rocks to fill in gaps, if you want.



By Tom Glavich

### Succulent: Dish Garden



## Latin Lookup

Loquerisne Latine (Do you speak Latin)?  
The meanings of latin plant names on the previous pages  
– from <http://davesgarden.com/guides/botanary/>

**Agave** [a-GAH-vee] Noble, handsome.

**Echinocactus** [ek-in-oh-KAK-tus] From the Greek echinos (porcupine, hedgehog) and cactus, referring to its spines.

**grusonii** [groo-SON-ee-eye] Named for Hermann Gruson, 19th century German collector, nurseryman in Magdeburg.

**lophantha** [low-FAN-tha] Crested flower.

**macroacantha** [mak-roh-uh-KAN-tha] With large thorns or spine; epithets also spelled macrocantha and macracantha.

**pacificus** [pa-SIF-ik-um, pa-SIF-ee-kum] Of the Pacific.

**platyacanthus** [plat-ee-a-KAN-thus] From the Greek platys (broad) and akantha (thorn).

**potatorum** [poh-tuh-TOR-um] Of drinkers; referring to a plant's use in brewing beer.

**texensis** [teck-SEN-sis] Of or from Texas (U.S.).



# Mini-Show Plant Calendar



## Mini-Show Plants for 2022

May 2022	Cactus Dish Garden	Succulent Dish Garden
June 2022	Rebutia, Aylosteria, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia	Echeveria
July 2022	Matucana, Oroya	Mesembs, NO Lithops or Conophytum
August 2022	Epithelantha, Frailea, Aztekium	Dyckia, Hechtia, Puya
September 2022	Variegated Cactus	Variegated Succulent
October 2022	Turbinicarpus	Adromischus
November 2022	South American columnar cactus (Espostoa, Oreocereus, Cleistocactus, etc.)	Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon, Tylecodon
December 2022	Holiday Potluck	Holiday Potluck
January 2023	Mammillaria straight spine (clumping)	Aloe
February 2023	Epiphytic Cactus	Haworthia, Astroloba
March 2023	Echinocactus	Agave, Manfreda, (inc. x Mangave)
April 2023	2023 SCCSS SHOW & SALE	2023 SCCSS SHOW & SALE



## SCSS Mini-Show 2022 Standings

[Click here for sortable standings](#)

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total	Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total
Bjarkman, M.A.	0	4	4	Caplan, Anita	2	4	6	Capaldo, Maria	9	9	18
Bjerke, Martha	0	1	1	Johnson, Bernard	9	12	21	DeCrescenzo, Phyllis	2	2	4
<b>Blas, Maria</b>	0	1	1	Short, Mike	1	10	11	Duke, Gary	6	6	12
Davis, Gretchen	1	1	2					Gardner, Jim	0	15	15
Galliani, Debra	0	4	4					Hanna, Jim	0	4	4
Johnson, Ted	0	1	1					Woodley, Laurel	2	10	12
Lott, Lemono	0	4	4								
Neely, Jade	0	1	1								
Straub, Terri	14	16	30								

### Mini-Show Rules

Exhibitors must be club members and must be present at the meeting in order to receive points. One name representing the same household must be used unless plants are grown separately. Mini-show coordinator will be consulted if there is any question of entry identity.

Any container may be used, including plastic, as long as it is clean. All plants must be groomed and free of pests and disease.

There are two plant categories, "Cactus" and "Succulents". Up to three plants per individual may be entered in each category.

There are three entry classes: "Novice", "Intermediate" and "Open". Only members new to the hobby would be expected to be in the novice class. After the November meeting, members'

point totals will be reviewed by the Board of the Society. Novice members awarded more than 64 points or winning at least 6 first place awards will be asked to move to the Intermediate class in both categories. Intermediate Members awarded more than 64 points or winning at least 6 first place awards, will be asked to begin showing in the Open class.

All plants must be grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of six months for novice and intermediate and one year for open class. An individual plant may be entered only once a year

#### Scoring:

First Place: 6 points

Second place: 4 points

Third place: 2 points

**Placement:** all entries that are not disqualified receive one point





## South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Membership Application

**New and Renewing Members:** You can either fill in the information on a computer then print, or print first then write in the information. Please sign after printing.

Make check payable to: **SCCSS**  
Mail form and payment to: **Bernard Johnson,**  
**629 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266**

Date mm/dd/yy:

Name:

Address:

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Email Address:  Phone:

Our membership year begins January 1 and ends December 31.

- \$20.00 Membership: Renewal or New Member
- Lifetime Member Honoree: No Charge
- I am a Member of CSSA – Cactus and Succulent Society of America

The above information will be included in our Membership Directory (for use by members only). If you wish to exclude any of the above information from the Directory, please indicate your exclusions here.

Do not publish my:  Email  Phone  Address

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Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt \_\_\_\_\_

## Upcoming Events

[Click here for Full List](#)



### SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

**Meeting Location:**  
Peninsula Center Library-  
Community Room  
701 Silver Spur Rd.  
Rolling Hills Estates, CA

Meeting starts at 1:00 PM

**Guest Speaker:**  
Stefan Burger: Copiopoa 2022  
May 8, 1:30 pm



### LONG BEACH CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

**Meeting Location:**  
Woman's Club of Bellflower  
9402 Oak St, Bellflower, CA  
90706

**Meeting Times:**  
First Sunday of the month.  
Set up starts at 12:30  
Meeting starts at 1:00 PM



### CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE

May 28 @ 10:00 am-5:00 pm PDT  
May 29 @ 10:00 am-4:00 pm PDT

Nipomo High School  
525 N Thompson Ave.  
Nipomo, CA 93444  
Central Coast Cactus & Succulent  
Society  
Phone: 805-709-3033  
Website: <https://centralcoastcactus.org/>

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