



# Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter

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## NEXT MEETING

**Greg Krehel:**  
**"Freaky Flowers: Echinopsis Flowers in Bloom"**

**Sunday February 11, at 1:00 pm**  
**(Program starts at 1:30pm)**

## REFRESHMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

We need a little extra help with refreshments for February because we didn't have a sign-up sheet. So if you would like to bring something to the next meeting please do so - thanks!

**Help:** Please see the kitchen coordinator after the meeting if you are able to help with cleanup.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**I**t's time to start planning for the April 7-8 **Show & Sale**. Here's what you can do to help. At the February meeting, Heidi Husnak and Nancy Jengo, our Show and Sale co-chairs, will start recruiting volunteers for various positions. Also,

check your plant collection to see if you have some plants you can get ready for the "Club Table" for display. There will also be display tables available for those who have many plants or an artistic bent with a succulent theme. If you're new to the society, we will explain in some detail these activities at the meeting. Finally, we need your help in promoting the show and sale by distributing postcards and informing friends and neighbors. If you have any ideas for publicity, let Anita Caplan know.

Please also save any cuttings you have when you repot plants and pot them in a small (3-5") pot for our **Society sales table**. Last year we were able to raise substantial money for the Society from all the donated plants from our members. If you have to cut down on plants around your yard, keep the club table in mind for donations. If you plan on offering plants for sale, either pot them in clean pots with proper name tags or ensure they are clean if they are bare root plants. Top dressing will be available at the sale, and we will price the plants during the set-up.

It was great to see that so many members attended the **Desert Forum** at the Huntington Botanical gardens. The blooming Aloes were spectacular and the gardens are always a source of information and beauty.

Our **January meeting** was well attended (85 members) and we welcomed 3 new members. Congratulations to Martha Bjerke for winning the free **CSSA membership** for the year. I especially enjoyed Marcia Tatroe's presentation on Rockin' with Succulents. There are so many ideas for landscaping and design and always great to see new ones.

Our upcoming **February meeting** presentation by Greg Kehel promises to be quite unique and interesting. Echinopsis flowers are among the most beautiful in the cactus world. It will be educational to see the flowers develop and unfold, useful for becoming knowledgeable about this genera.

Our **Minishow** this month includes the succulent category Crassula, so I would love to see more Novices bringing in their plants to show. If you need help with identification, please come early and help will be available.

See you there! Maria E. Capaldo, President



## PRESENTER FOR FEBRUARY: Greg Krehel – “Freaky Flowers: Echinopsis Flowers in Bloom”

In this talk, cactus enthusiast Greg Krehel will show us numerous of his timelapses capturing the stunning beauty of Echinopsis flowers. We'll see the flowers of over 25 different Echinopsis hybrids bloom. Many of the timelapses include the entire life of the flowers from blooming until wilting and/or capture surprising aspects of the blooming/wilting process. Greg's work has been featured by National Geographic, the New York Times, the Huntington Library and Gardens, the Singapore Botanic Gardens, etc. This is a very unique presentation that you will not want to miss. Greg grew up on the Peninsula, so let's give him a warm welcome back from Florida.



## CACTUS OF THE MONTH: *Eriocyce*, *Neoporteria*, *Neochilenia*, *Islaya* Submitted by Jim Tanner

[Ed: *Neoporteria*, *Neochilenia*, and *Islaya* have been moved to the genus *Eriocyce*. The old names will be accepted at the Mini-Show.]

**E***riocyce* is a genus of cacti native to Chile. There are both globular and columnar types that produce flowers with a spiny and hairy tube. The flowers grow laterally on specially formed areoles.

Almost all of these plants need a deep pot with very good drainage to accommodate a tap root. It is susceptible to over-watering. Occasionally some are grafted to avoid root rot problems. Keep dry in winter. Best suited for airy exposures. They like full sun; and can tolerate light shade. They like warmth (recommended minimum winter temperature: 40°F). But a plant kept perfectly dry can easily survive at winter night-time temperatures below freezing - especially if warmed to near 60 F the next day.

Some if not all are especially prone to rot, therefore, under-pot in a smaller container filled with very porous compost. Mealies can also attach themselves to the spines, plant body, and roots.

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*Eriocyce curvispina*



*Eriocyce aerocarpa*



*Eriocyce senilis* var. *multicolor*



**N**eopterteria and Neochilenia are genera from the Central and Northern Coasts of Chile, and the Southern Coast of Peru.



*Eriosyce napina* (= *Neopterteria napina*)

This area has a Mediterranean climate, with rain in the winter, and mostly dry summers. The climate is similar to Southern California. Fogs are more frequent, and can sometimes be the predominant source of water.



*Eriosyce esmeraldana* (= *neopterteria esmeraldana*)

The genus Neochilenia was never really distinguishable from Neopterteria, except for a greater tendency towards tuberous roots. In any case, in recent times both have been incorporated, with several other genera into the genus Eriosyce. This is becoming less controversial with time, and in most of our shows, Neopterteria and Neochilenia are now combined with Eriosyce.

Cultivation of Neopterteria is relatively easy. They will do well in pots or in the ground in Southern California, and require little or no protection from weather. One challenge in growing this genus, particularly with some of the old Neochilenia is to get growth started in the spring

without cracking the body. Growing in a very open potting mix and careful watering, particularly if the plant was dry all winter, helps.

In habitat these are often solitary, but in cultivation



*Eriosyce crista* var. *totoralensis*  
(= *Neochilenia totoralensis*)

they often clump. Propagation by removal of the offsets is an easy and reliable method of propagation. Grafted plants will quickly clump, and these heads can be removed and re-rooted. Seed for many species and localities are available from a number of suppliers, and these generally germinate well and grow strongly. Tom Glavich



*Eriosyce laui* (= *Islaya laui*)

[Ed (Mike Short): *Islaya* has now been moved to the genus *Eriosyce*. The move may be rather confusing as it seems many of the *Islaya* species were simply renamed *Eriosyce islayensis* making it impossible to differentiate between them. Those *Islaya* species 'might' at some time in the future become a variety, cultivar, subspecies or form of



Eriosyce, some examples are: *Islaya brevicylindrica*, *Islaya bicolor*, *Islaya flavida*, *Islaya grandiflorens*, *Islaya grandis*, *Islaya islayensis*, *Islaya maritima*, *Islaya minor*, *Islaya minuscula*, & *Islaya unguispina*. If you have an *Islaya* species it might be wise to retain the species name along with the new name *Eriosyce islayensis*.]

**I**slaya is a genus of cactus. This genus is named after a Peruvian city of the same name. It has been treated as a synonym of *Eriosyce*, and the species *Islaya laui* has also been placed in a separate genus, *Rimacactus*, as its sole species *Rimacactus laui*. The genus is recognized by other sources.

## SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH: *Crassula*

*Submitted by Jim Tanner*

**C**rascula is the largest genus in the family [Ed: Crassulaceae], containing everything from bog plants to some of the most extreme succulents. Many *Crassula* species have been naturalized and are commonly seen as garden plants in Southern California. These include *C. arborescens*, *C. falcata*, *C. perforata*. Many hybrids and cultivars are available, offering a large variety of colors and shapes. One of the best is Morgan's Beauty. Some favorite species include: *Crassula arta* [Ed: synonym for *Crassula deceptor*] which makes columns of close packed triangular leaves. As the stem lengthen with age, cuttings can be taken and the plant restarted. *Crassula lycopodioides* is a wonderful plant for hanging baskets. Its thin green strands of tiny leaves offset from roots and the base to fill a good size pot. *Crassula pyramidalis* forms mats of short four sided stems.

Many *Crassulas* border on being weedy. They get lanky after a year or two, and the bottom leaves either fall off or turn brown. Cuttings of these plants should be taken (they almost always root), and the plants restarted either in the early fall (October is best) or early spring (late February to April). Great things can be done in a small space with this genus. Tom Glavich



*Crassula corymbulosa*



*Crassula clavata*



*Crassula deceptor (syn. C. arta)*



*Crassula lactea*



*Crassula ovata* 'Gollum' f. variegata



*Crassula* 'Morgans Beauty'



*Crassula pyramidalis*



### MINI-SHOW RESULTS - January 14, 2017

<b>Open Cactus</b>	<b>1st</b>	Maria Capaldo	<i>Mammillaria bocasana</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	Maria Capaldo	<i>Mammillaria bombycina</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	William Wilk	<i>Mammillaria bocasana roseiflora</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	Maria Capaldo	<i>Mammillaria bocasana</i>
<b>Open Succulent</b>	<b>1st</b>	Jim Gardner	<i>Bursera fagaroides</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	Jim Hanna	<i>Pachycormus discolor</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	Jim Hanna	<i>Fockea edulis</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	Jim Gardner	<i>Pachypodium rosulatum</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	Jim Gardner	<i>Pachypodium succulentum x bispinosum</i>
<b>Intermediate Cactus</b>	<b>1st</b>	Bernard Johnson	<i>Mammillaria duoformis</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	Dale LaForest	<i>Mammillaria bombycina</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	Mike Short	<i>Mammillaria bombycina</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	Sally Fasteau	<i>Mammillaria glassii</i> var. <i>ascensionis</i>
<b>Intermediate Succulent</b>	<b>1st</b>	Anita Caplan	<i>Fockea edulis</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	Dale LaForest	<i>Fockea edulis</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	Bernard Johnson	<i>Fockea edulis</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	Bernard Johnson	<i>Mestoklema arboriforme</i>
<b>Novice Cactus</b>	<b>1st</b>	Terri Straub	<i>Mammillaria bombycina</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	Terri Straub	<i>Mammillaria zeilmanniana</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	Terri Straub	<i>Mammillaria zeilmanniana</i>
<b>Novice Succulent</b>	<b>1st</b>	David Hodgson	<i>Dioscorea elephantipes</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	John Nisewanur	<i>Fockea edulis</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	Ted Johnson	<i>Pachypodium namaquanum</i>

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## SCCSS MINI-SHOW STANDINGS (as of January 14, 2017)

Open Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Capaldo, Maria	12	3	15
DeCrescenzo, Phyllis	3	1	4
Gardner, Jim		10	10
Hanna, Jim		8	8
Wilk, William	4	3	7

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Hodgson, David		6	6
Johnson, Ted	2	4	6
Nisewaner, John		4	4
Straub, Terri	12		12

Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Caplan, Anita		7	7
Fasteau, Sally	4	3	7
Johnson, Bernard	6	5	11
LaForest, Dale	5	5	10
Short, Mike	5	1	6

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standings on our website*



## MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2018

	Cactus	Succulent
February	Eriosyce, Neoporteria, Neochilenia, Islaya	Crassula
March	Echinocereus	Gasteria and hybrids
April	SHOW & SALE	SHOW & SALE
May	Coryphantha, Escobaria, Acharagma	Dudleya, Cotyledon
June	Gymnocalycium	Pachypodium
July	Lobivia / Echinopsis	Sansevieria
August	Ferocactus, Leuchtenbergia	Stapeliads (Stapelia, Huernia, Orbea, etc.)
September	Discocactus, Uebelmania	Kalanchoe
October	Miniature (3in or less)	Miniature (3in or less)
November	North American Columnar (Saguaro, Cereus, etc.)	Senecio
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	HOLIDAY PARTY

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lists on our website*

## MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2019

	Cactus	Succulent
January	Mammillaria single headed	Lithops, Conophytum
February	Stenocactus, Echinofossulocactus	Euphorbia from Madagascar
March	Thelocactus	Aeonium, Greenovia
April	SHOW & SALE	SHOW & SALE
May	Cactus Dish Garden	Succulent Dish Garden
June	Rebutia, Aylosteria, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia	Echeveria
July	Matucana, Oroya	Mesembs, NO Lithops or Conophytum
August	Epithelantha, Frailea, Aztekium	Dyckia, Hechtia, Puya
September	Variegated cactus	Variegated Succulent
October	Turbiniarpus	Adromischus
November	South American columnar cactus (Espostoa, Oreocereus, Cleistocactus, etc.)	Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon. Tylecodon
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	HOLIDAY PARTY

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2018

- FEB. 10** **San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society, Winter Show & Sale**  
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA, Info 619-990-2051
- MAR. 22-24** **Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Spring Show & Sale**  
Thurs. 22nd 6-9pm---Fri. Mar. 23rd 9-7pm---Sat. Mar. 24th 9-5 1000 S. State College Bl.,  
(Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA, Information Call 562-587-3357
- APR. 7-8** **South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale**  
9-4 Pm South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes, CA  
Info: heidihusnak@gmail.com or <http://www.southcoastcss.org>
- Apr. 29** **Huntington Plant Sale**  
10 To 5pm, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. 626-405-3504
- May 5-6** **Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale**  
Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA. Info. 310-822-1783
- May 6** **South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale**  
9am To 4pm, South Coast Botanical Gardens, Info. 310-833-6823
- May 11-12** **Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 43rd Show & Sale**  
Fri & Sat 9-4:30 PM, Information On Location Call 909-910-9195
- May 19-20** **Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale**  
10-4 Pm Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA, Info. 562-631-5876
- May 26-27** **Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Show & Sale**  
(10-4PM), Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo, CA  
Info. 805-237-2054, [www.centralcoastcactus.org](http://www.centralcoastcactus.org)
- June 2-3** **San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society-- Summer Show & Sale**  
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA Info. 858-382-1797
- June 9-10** **Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Plant Show & Sale**  
June 9th 9-4--10th 9-3, Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA.  
Info. [www.lacactus.com](http://www.lacactus.com)
- Jun 29-Jul 1** **CSSA Annual Show & Sale**  
Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA.  
Plants Sales Start June 29th Thru July 1st 10am To 5pm  
Show Opens June 30th Thur July 1st 10am-5pm Info. 626-405-3504
- July 19-21** **Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale**  
Thurs. 19th 6-9pm, Fri. July 20th 9am-7pm, Sat. 21st 9-5pm  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA. Info Call 949-212-8417
- Aug. 11-12** **33rd Annual Intercity Show & Sale**  
At the LA County Arboretum, 9am-5pm Daily. 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA.  
Info. Call Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 Or John Martinez 805-390-2139
- Sept. 1** **Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium**  
All Day At The Huntington 626-405-3504
- Sept 15** **Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction**  
12-5PM, Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA 90615 Info. 562-631-5876
- Oct. 13-14** **Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society**  
Show & Sale Sat. 10-5---Sun. 11-3 St. Paul's Church, 2216 17th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304  
Free Admission & Parking, Info 661-8318488
- Oct. 27-28** **Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society Fall Show And Sale**  
Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3, San Diego Botanic Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Road, Encinitas, CA  
Info [britamiller1@gmail.com](mailto:britamiller1@gmail.com)
- Nov. 10-11** **San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale**  
9am-4pm both days, LA County Arboretum 310 No. Baldwin, Arcadia, CA  
Manny Rivera 626-780-6957 Or John Matthews 661-714-1052

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on our website](#)

## RECIPE: KALE SALAD with PEANUT DRESSING by Marilyn Rubin, 2018

Marilyn's Kale Salad at the Pot-Luck was a hit. She has shared the recipe with us ...

### Ingredients:

- 2-3 large bunches curly or Lacinato kale, about 2 lbs.
- 2 red bell peppers, cleaned and cut into fine strips
- 1 large carrot, peeled or a handful of peeled baby carrots
- 1 1/4 cup roasted, salted peanuts, divided into 3/4 cup and 1/2 cup
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon packed light-brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse kosher salt

### Instructions:

- \* Pull or slide the leaves off the center kale rib or stalk. Discard the ribs.
- \* Wash and rinse kale leaves thoroughly in a salad

spinner

- \* Coarsely chop the kale leaves (in small batches) by pulsing in a food processor. This should yield 10-12 cups of finely chopped kale in the end
- \* Toss the kale with sliced bell peppers
- \* Slice carrot very thin, either by creating curls with a peeler, or in a food processor with shredding attachment
- \* Toss the carrots with the kale and red pepper

### Dressing:

In a food processor, briefly puree 3/4 cup peanuts, oil, vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper flakes. Pulse it just a few times; the peanuts should be partially pureed, but with some nibs still left in the dressing.

Add the final 1/2 cup of whole peanuts to the kale mixture. Add the dressing and toss with the kale mixture. Let sit for a few minutes before serving.



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS - Submitted by Sally Fasteau

### Please welcome new member(s)

Joan Dennison from Rolling Hills Estates  
Rosalie Gorchoff from Marina del Rey

Rick Hernandez from Eastvale

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY2017-2018

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