



# PRICKLY NEWS

SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER | MAY 2023



**SHOW AND SALE:** We had a successful event for our second Show and Sale at the Palos Verdes Art Center. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated sale plants and brought

Show plants. 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. Some of the photos we took of the vendors, people and show plants are in this issue of the Newsletter.

**MEETING DATE CHANGE:** Our May meeting will take place at the South Coast Botanic Garden on May 21<sup>st</sup>, since the auditorium was not available to us on Mother's Day. I hope that by moving the meeting back a week attendance will improve, so please mark your calendars for the third Sunday of the month. We will also welcome new members at the meeting with a free plant!

**PRESENTATION:** Our speaker for May 21<sup>st</sup> will be Duke Benadon "Baja California-End to End". Duke will share some of his fabulous photography of the region. Duke is well-known to many CSSA members for his contributions and I look forward to welcoming him as a presenter again.

I hope to see you there!

Maria Capaldo

GUEST SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

**Duke Benadon**

May 21, 1:30 pm



**"Baja California-End to End"**



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## “Baja California-End to End”

BY DUKE BENADON



**Duke** has been involved with several cactus & succulent clubs and is a life member of three. He became a Director for the Cactus & Succulent Society of America (CSSA) in 1990, served as the CSSA’s Show Chairman for more than a decade, and as Convention Chairman for six conventions. He served as Vice President and then President for a total of almost ten years, and as Editor of the Cactus & Succulent Journal for just over a year. He is a recipient of three CSSA awards, Superior Service, Special Service, and Fellow. He was the author of the long-running CSJ column, Superb Succulents, since its inception. He enjoys flora and fauna, seed growing, traveling, photography, and sharing these experiences with others of similar interests.

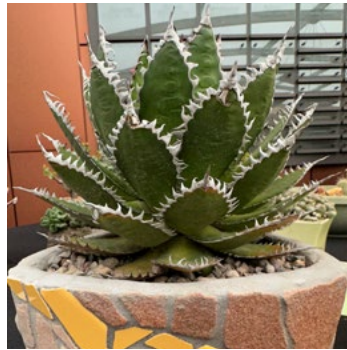


MAY

2023 SCCSS Show and Sale "Our Member Show Table"



*Aeonium 'Magic'*  
by Phyllis De Crescenzo



*Agave horrida*  
by Terri Straub



*Crassula pubescens* subsp. *pubescens*  
by Braulio Mena



*Euphorbia lactea* crest  
by Jim Gardner



*Ledebouria socialis* variegata  
by Laurel Woodley



*Sarcocaulon vanderietiae*  
by Jim Hanna



*Sedum furfuraceum*  
by M. A. Bjarkman



Succulent arrangement  
by Jackie Johnson



*Agave 'Snowglow'*  
by Maria Capaldo



*Aloe 'Christmas Sleigh'*  
by Lemono Lott



*Oreocereus trollii*  
by Bernard Johnson



# 2023 SCCSS Show and Sale "Our Super Heroes"



What is this plant?





# 2023 SCCSS Show and Sale "Our Fabulous Vendors"





# Monthly Cactus: Parodia

*Parodia* is a genus of flowering plants in the cactus family Cactaceae, native to the uplands of Argentina, and Bolivia. The genus is named after Domingo Parodi, one of the early investigators of the flora of Paraguay. In 1986, some 50 species many of which were transferred from *Eriocactus*, *Notocactus* and *Wigginsia* were assigned to be *Parodia*. Then in 2010, molecular studies deemed that *Parodia* and *Notocactus* had separate evolutionary patterns. So, many references have changed the nomenclature back to include *Notocactus*, *Erioccephala*, *Parodia* and *Wigginsia* as a *Notocactus* tribe. Molecular studies are still being performed on specific taxa and further changes are expected.

*Parodia* range from small globose plants to 1 m (3 ft) tall columnar cacti. They may have defined ribs or divided into tubercles. Spines are straight, curved or hooked. Typically, the apex is depressed, with single flowers at or near the crown with yellow stigma and woolly floral tubes. Some species produce offsets at the base. They are popular in cultivation, some should be grown indoors where temperatures fall below 10 °C (50 °F). However, some species like *P. microsperma* can withstand heavy nocturnal frosts during winter.

## Monthly Cactus: Parodia



*Parodia buiningii*



*Parodia concinna*



*Parodia lenninghausii*



*Parodia magnifica*



*Parodia mammulosa*



*Parodia ottonis*



*Parodia haselbergii*



*Parodia horstii*



*Parodia x erubescens*



*Parodia oxycostata*



*Parodia mammulosa*



*Parodia mueller-melchersii*



## Monthly Cactus: Notocactus

The genus *Notocactus*, may be found to be synonymous with *Parodia* in some references. The original distinguishing characteristic was the red stigmas in the flowers of *Notocactus*, also with woolly floral tubes. The areoles are woolly as well. *Notocactus* are South American Cacti, with the center of the genus in Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay, throughout the Eastern side of the Andes. They are slow growing, need re-potting every 2-3 years. They enjoy full sun. If watering *Notocactus* in the winter, avoid fertilization or weak growth may result. Some of the more tropical species need protection from colder weather to prevent scarring, but most will take normal Southern California winters without protection.

All the species are easy to grow from seed. Seed is available for nearly all the species and from many localities. Fresh seed germinates readily and can grow to a show quality plant in just a few years. Vegetative propagation of the clustering types is easy as well. Cuttings taken during the late spring and early summer root readily and show new growth before the season is over.

### Monthly Cactus: *Notocactus*



*Parodia nivosa*



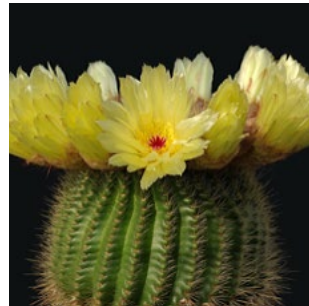
*Parodia mueller-melchersii*



*Parodia schumanniana*



*Parodia scopa*



*Parodia tenuicylindrica*



*Parodia crassigibba*



# Monthly Succulent: EUPHORBIA-not from Madagascar

**Euphorbia** is one of the largest of the succulent plant families. The genus *Euphorbia* is found throughout the tropics and semi tropics around the world, with some members of the family growing well into temperate regions. The succulent species are largely African and Madagascan, although there are some interesting and rarely seen species from the Americas. Given the size of the African continent, and the distribution of interesting *Euphorbias* from the northernmost parts to the tip of the Cape, it is hard to make any sort of generalization on cultivation.

When buying a *Euphorbia* it is a good idea to find out where it comes from. Species native to the South Africa or Namibia are generally fairly easy to grow. Their natural environment is not that different from Southern California. It is best to ascertain whether they come from a winter or summer rainfall area, and treat them accordingly. Most are summer growers but there are exceptions.

The sap of many *Euphorbias* is toxic and an irritant. Care needs to be taken when handling the plant and eye protection should be worn when cutting into the plants, particularly in the spring when sap is sometimes under pressure. Careful attention to washing up after working on *Euphorbias* will avoid most problems.

## Monthly Succulents: Euphorbia-not from Madagascar



*Euphorbia brunellii*



*Euphorbia caput-medusae*



*Euphorbia decepta*



*Euphorbia flanaganii*



*Euphorbia fortuita*



By Tom Glavich





# Monthly Succulent: EUPHORBIA -not from Madagascar

*Euphorbia gymnocalycioides* found in Ethiopia and Somalia is a good example of a tropical species. Relatively difficult on its own roots, it is usually seen as a grafted plant.

*Euphorbia gorgonis* is a good example of a medusoid from the Eastern Cape of South Africa. Coming from an environment very similar to Southern California it is easy to grow, requiring only some protection from winter rains, and doing best in a very open potting mix.

*Euphorbia squarrosa*, also from the Eastern Cape is a great example of a caudiciform Euphorbia. One of the easiest to grow, it makes an impressive specimen from cuttings in just a few years.

From the Western Cape a summer rainfall area, is *Euphorbia suzannae*. This is a great example of a stem succulent Euphorbia.

Monthly Succulents: Euphorbia -not from Madagascar



*Euphorbia knuthii*



*Euphorbia micracantha*



*Euphorbia obesa*



*Euphorbia poissonii*



*Euphorbia squarrosa*



*Euphorbia unispina*



*Euphorbia suzannae*



*Euphorbia gorgonis*



By Tom Glavich

# Latin Lookup

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

### Cactus

**buiningii** [byoon-ING-ee-eye] Named for Albert Frederik Henrik Buining, 20th century prominent Dutch expert of Brazilian cacti.

**concinna** [kon-kin-na, kon-sin-na] From the Latin, meaning skillfully joined; neat, well-made.

**crassigibba** [krass-ih-GIB-uh] Thick-humped; referring to the large humps on the ribs.

**erubescens** [er-yoo-BESS-kens] Blushing, reddish, becoming red.

**haselbergii** [has-el-BERG-ee-eye] Named for Dr. F. von Haselberg, its discoverer.

**horstii** [HORST-ee-eye] Named for Leopoldo Horst, 21st century Brazilian plant collector.

**lenninghausii** [len-ing-HOW-see-eye] For 19th century German cactus collector Guillermo Lenninghaus.

**magnifica** [mag-NIH-fee-kuh] Magnificent.

**mammulosa** [mam-uh-LO-sa] Having nipples.

**nivosa** [niv-OH-suh] Snow white.

**ottonis** [o-TOE-nis] named for German botanist Christoph Friedrich Otto (1783-1856).

**oxycostata** [oks-ee-ko-STAY-tuh] Sharp ribs.

**Parodia** [par-ROH-dee-uh] Named for Lorenzo Raimundo Parodi, 20th century Argentinian botanist who specialized in native grasses.

**schumanniana** [shoo-mahn-ee-AH-na] Named for Dr. Karl Moritz Schumann, 19th century German botanist, and founder of the German Cactus Society.

### Succulent

**brunellii** [broo-NEL-lee-eye] For 20th century Swedish botanist H. E. Brunell.

**Euphorbia** [yoo-FOR-bee-uh] Named for Euphorbus, Greek physician to Juba II, King of Mauretania.

**flanaganii** [flan-uh-GAN-ee-eye] Named for Henry George Flanagan, 19th century South African-born plant collector.

**fortuita** [for-TOO-ih-tuh] From the Latin, meaning happening by chance, accidental.

**gorgonis** [gor-GOH-nis]

1. Of the Gorgon, from Greek mythology; for the medusoid growth form. 2. Of or from Gorgona Island, Italy.

**micracantha** [myk-ruh-KAN-tha] From the Greek mikros (small) and anthos (flower).

**obesa** [oh-BEE-suh] Fat.

**poissonii** [poy-SON-ee-eye] For Eugene A. Poisson, 20th century French traveller, naturalist and government agent in West Africa.

**squarrosa** [skwa-RO-suh] 1. Having scales or scale-like overlapping leaves or bracts. 2. With parts spreading or recurved at the ends.

**suzannae** [soo-SAN-ay-ee] Variant of susannae; named for Susanna (or Suzanna) Muir, wife of John Muir, 19th century Scottish born American naturalist and explorer.

**unispina** [un-ee-SPIN-a] Single-spined.



# 2023 CSSA SHOW AND SALE

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## Cactus and Succulent Society of America

56th Annual  
Cactus and Succulent  
Show and Sale  
June 23-25 2023



Huntington Library, Art Museum and  
Botanical Gardens

Hours 10 AM to 5 PM

1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA

INFORMATION 626-405-3571

Open to the public with paid admission or Huntington membership  
Advance online timed entry reservations are now required ONLY on weekends  
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Friday sale reservations strongly recommended.

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## THE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA

56th Annual Show and Sale



SHOW & SALE: Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 2023 10 am to 5 pm

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[www.cssashow.com](http://www.cssashow.com)

### CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA 56th ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE AT THE HUNTINGTON

**Dates:** Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location:** The Huntington: 1151 Oxford Drive, San Marino, CA

The Botanical Center. Contact 626-405-3571

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

**Show set-up:** Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am - 1:00pm

**Enter plants:** Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00pm - 6:00pm & Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00am - 4:00pm. Judging starts at 5:00pm Thursday

**Dinner:** Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, \$30 dinner. Menu: Mexican buffet with vegetarian options provided by Bon Appétit. Contact Barbara Hall by cell phone 818-429-6914 or email [bjhall@aol.com](mailto:bjhall@aol.com) to reserve a spot. Reservations must be made by June 16<sup>th</sup>

**Auction:** Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Items need to be registered by 2:00pm. 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)

**Tear down:** Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm

- With regards to COVID-19 safety protocols, vaccinations are strongly recommended. Masks are optional.
- 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](http://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 and not through 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 show/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!

Nick Renteria  
CSSA Annual Show Chair

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### CSSA Show Schedule — Cactus Index

Genus	Class	Genus	Class	Genus	Class	Genus	Class
Acanthocalycium	31	Echinocereus	9	Hotteliana	42	Rodenriggella	35-36
Acanthocereus	33-34	Echinocereus	7-8	Mediolobivia	41	Roseocactus	1-2
Ancistrocactus	10	Echinofussulo-	11	Melocactus	27	Schlumbergera	47
Aporocactus	47	cactus		Micranthocereus	34	Scleroctactus	10
Arequipa	34	Echinomastix	10	Mila	48	Selenicereus	47
Arriocarpus	1-2	Echinopsis	31	Morvillea	34	Soehrensia	31
Armatocereus	34	Encephalocarpus	4	Mylilliacactus	33	Stemocactus	11
Asajidaca	34	Epiphyllum	47	Navajoa	10	Stemocereus	33
Arthrocerus	34	Epithelantha	5	Neobottia	33	Stetsonia	34
Astraphyllum	3	Eriocactus	39	Neobesseya	13	Strombocactus	5
Austrocactus	48	Erioyce	35-36	Neobinghamia	34	Submatucana	43
Austrocaphaloc-	34	Escobaria	13	Neobunbauma	33	Sulcorebutia	42
cerus		Escotonia	33	Neocardenasii	34	Tacinga	38
Aylostera	41	Espostoa	34	Neochilensis	35-36	Tephrocactus	38
Aztekium	5	Eulychnia	34	Neodawsonia	33	Thelocactus	12
Backebergia	33	Feroactus	6	Neogomesia	1-2	Tichocereus	32
Bergencactus	33	Frailia	45	Neolloydia	10-14	Thrixanthocereus	34
Basilifida	45	Gymnocactus	14	Neoporteria	35-36	Tourneya	10
Bastiacactus	34	Gymnocylidium	28-29	Neovainandia	34	Turbincarpus	14
Brachycereus	34	Hasageocereus	34	Neowestermanni	41	Uebelmannia	46
Brasilicereus	39	Hamatocactus	6	Normanbakea	14	Weberocereus	47
Brasilicereus	34	Harrisia	34	Notocactus	40	Weingartia	42
Brasilopuntia	38	Hattoria	47	Nyctocereus	33	Wilkonia	7-8
Brownriggii	31	Heliocereus	47	Obregonia	4	Zygocactus	47
Buinitzia	30	Hemalocophala	9	Opuntia	37-38		
Calymnanthium	34	Harriodactylus	35-36	Chenocereus	34		
Carnegiea	33	Hyllocereus	47	Oroya	43		
Cephalocereus	33	Istiya	35-36	Ortegocactus	4		
Cereus	33-34	Jasminocereus	34	Pachycereus	33		
Chamaecereus	31	Lemnaocereus	33	Parodia	39		
Christocactus	34	Leocereus	34	Pedilicactus	10		
Cochemia	26	Leptomium	47	Pellicaphara	14		
Colocephalocer-	30	Leptocereus	33	Pericocereus	33		
eus		Leuchtenbergia	6	Pereskia	48		
Coquepua	44	Lobivia	31	Perezia	38		
Coryphantha	13	Lophocereus	33	Perezilopsis	38		
Deamia	47	Machococereus	33	Pilocereus	33-34		
Dendrocereus	33	Malvaenia	38	Pterocactus	38		
Denmoza	43	Mollocarpus	40	Pyrrhocactus	35-36		
Disocactus	30	Mammillaria	15-25	Quabentia	38		
Disocactus	47	Mammillopsis	26	Rathbunia	33		
Dolichosteke	21-25	Mammilloidya	26	Rebutia	41		
				Rhipsalis	47		



## SCSS Mini-Show Standings

[Click here for sortable standings](#)

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total	Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total
Bjarkman, M.A.	7	2	9	Caplan, Anita	2	4	6	Capaldo, Maria	8	15	23
Bjerke, Martha	0	16	16	Johnson, Bernard	17	11	28	DeCrescenzo, Phyllis	13	16	29
Cottrell, Diane	0	3	3	Johnson, Jackie	13	22	35	Duke, Gary	7	3	10
Diaz, Gloria	2	4	6	Lott, Lemono	1	5	6	Fasteau, Sally	3	5	8
Dorsey, Martin	0	11	11	Short, Mike	1	9	10	Gardner, Jim	19	21	40
Galliani, Debra	10	1	11	Straub, Terri	14	23	37	Hanna, Jim	0	15	15
Marek, Robert	2	0	2					Woodley, Laurel	6	4	10
Mena, Braulio	0	9	9								
Mullen, Shane	6	3	9								
Nisewaner, John	0	16	16								
Smiley, Barbara	0	2	2								
Tillotson, Joseph	0	1	1								
Unrine, Judy	0	1	1								

### 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





# Mini-Show Plant Calendar



## Mini-Show Plants for 2023

May 2023	Notocactus, Parodia	Euphorbia (not from Madagascar)
June 2023	Opuntia, Tephrocactus, Cyllindropuntia, Austrocyllindropuntia	Cissus, Cyphostemma
July 2023	Melocactus	Bromeliaceae (other than Tillandsia)
August 2023	Astrophytum	Sedum, Pachyphytum, Sempervivum
September 2023	Ariocarpus, Obregonia	Adenium, Adenia
October 2023	Copiapoa	Graptopetalum, Graptoveria, Pachyveria
November 2023	Crested and Monstrose	Crested and Monstrose
December 2023	HOLIDAY POTLUCK	HOLIDAY POTLUCK
January 2024	Mammillaria - Hooked Spines	Caudiciform (Beaucarnia, Calibanus, Dioscorea, Fockea, etc.)
February 2024	Coryphantha, Escobaria, Acharagma, Cochemiea, Sclerocactus	Gasteria and hybrids
March 2024	Echinocereus	Dudleya, Cotyledon
April 2024	SHOW & SALE	SHOW & SALE

## Upcoming Events

[Click here for Full List](#)



South Coast C&SS monthly meeting  
May 21, 2023 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm PDT

South Coast Botanic Garden,  
Frances Young Hall  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.,  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA,

PRESENTER FOR MAY:  
Duke Benadon  
"Baja California-End to End"

Note:  
THIS IS THE 3rd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.



Central Coast C&SS – Show & Sale 2023

May 27 @ 10:00 am - May 28 @ 4:00 pm  
PDT

Nipomo High School  
525 N Thompson Ave.  
Nipomo, CA 93444

SAT. May 27th 10am-5pm,  
SUN 28th 10am-4pm,

Info. [rskillin@gmail.com](mailto:rskillin@gmail.com) or  
<https://centralcoastcactus.org>



San Diego C&SS –  
Summer Show & Sale 2023

June 3 - June 4

Balboa Park,  
Room 101  
1549 El Prado, San Diego, CA,

JUNE 3 - 4  
Balboa Park,  
Room 101,  
San Diego, CA 92101

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