



April
2026

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Society's **Annual Show and Sale** is this month. We will start set-up on Thursday April 9 from 12:00-5:45 pm and Friday, April 10, from 9:00am-1:00pm. The venue is the beautiful Palos Verdes Art Center.

The set-up involves organizing signs, helping to unload donated plants, getting plants on the Society table for sale by labeling and pricing them.

This is the time to bring donated plants to sell at the **Society Sales Table**. We make most of our income from selling plants that members donate. If you have plants to donate but are unable to bring them during the set-up times, please let me know at minniecap@icloud.com and I will arrange getting them there for you.

During set-up time please bring Show plants to put on the **Show Table**. Pick a plant that is looking good and free of disease and spiders. Up to five Mini-Show points will be awarded for plants brought in.

The **Show and Sale** is on Friday from 1:00-5:00pm and Saturday from 9:00am-4:00pm. Encourage your friends and neighbors to visit. Remind them that admission and parking are free! All-day volunteers on Saturday will be provided lunch.

We have posted notices of our Show and Sale both on Facebook and Instagram. Please share these with everyone to help get the word out!

We have some great vendors and it's a good chance to spend time with experienced growers and potters. Whether you come to volunteer, buy plants or just hang out for the fun, I hope to see you there.

Maria Capaldo

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale

Friday, April 10, 2026 1:00-5:00pm

Saturday, April 11, 2026 9:00am-4:00pm

Palos Verdes Art Center

5504 Crestridge Road

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275



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South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

2026 Annual Show & Sale

Friday April 10, 1- 5 PM Saturday April 11, 9 AM- 4 PM



Free Admission and Parking

Palos Verdes Art Center
5504 Crestridge Rd. Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274

- Thousands of plants for sale
- Hard to find plants
- Artistic pottery
- Expert advice for beginners and advanced growers
- Show plants in an artistic venue
- Art Center galleries and gift shop open

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minniecap@icloud.com

SHOW AND SALE VOLUNTEER JOBS FOR 2026

Dear Society Members: This is a general list of job descriptions for the upcoming Show and Sale, April 10-11, 2026. Our sale is successful only with your participation. Please read this over to find a job you would like to do. We welcome all to sign up for shifts:

Thursday Set Up 12:00pm - 5:45pm or any portion thereof

Friday Set Up 9:00am - 1:00pm

Friday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 12:30pm or 12:30pm - 4:00pm. Two-hour shifts are also available. For information or to sign up for a time slot contact Terri Straub:

. Email: terristraub@me.com

. Text: 424-445-9222 . Call: 424-445-9222

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY SET UP

Arrive Thursday, April 9 from 12 - 1:00pm or anytime thereafter to help arrange the tables, put up signs, assist with labeling and pricing of Sale Table plants. Make sure plants are pest free. General helping of show organizing, including unloading plants from cars.

Friday April 10, from 9am - 1:00pm continue any set up jobs still remaining.

SOCIETY SALE TABLE: These are plants Society members have donated.

The table needs to be set up with tablecloths and plants labelled with plant tags by Friday afternoon. (All are provided by the Society.)

Members can bring in their plants starting Thursday afternoon and continuing Friday morning. During the Sale on Friday and Saturday keep plants arranged neatly on the table. Keep an eye on the plants, answer general questions about the plants and keep the tables looking nice.

SIGN SET UP AND TAKE DOWN

We have real estate type signs for our event that need to be placed strategically before the sale each day and brought it at the end of each day.

CASHIERS

Check out buyers by scanning the barcodes on the merchandise. Only those with approval for Square use are able to do this function.

CASHIER ASSISTANT

Assists the cashier by arranging plants for scanning, helping customer pack plants in boxes for transport.

HOSPITALITY/MEMBERSHIP/T-SHIRTS

Volunteers will help with new memberships or sell T-shirts. answer general questions and direct guests to features of the event.

PRESALE PLANT HOLDING AREA

These volunteers will help watch that buyers only take their plants and not pick and choose from other people's plants in the holding area. Can be a sitting job.

CLEAN UP

At 4:00pm Saturday we close the Show and Sale. We need volunteers to help take down signs, clean off tables, sweep and general clean up.

Mini-Show Winners March 2026

Cactus



- 1st - Jim Gardner *Kroenleinia grusonii*
- 2nd - Phyllis DeCrescenzo *Kroenleinia grusonii*
- 2nd - Gary Duke *Kroenleinia grusonii*
- 3rd - Phyllis DeCrescenzo *Kroenleinia grusonii*
- 3rd - Jim Gardner *Kroenleinia grusonii*

OPEN

Succulent



- 1st - Jim Gardner *Cyphostemma 'Fat Bastard'*
- 2nd - Jim Gardner *Cyphostemma cirrhosum*
- 3rd - Maria Capaldo *Cissus quadrangularis*

INTERMEDIATE

Succulent



- 1st - Lemono Lott *Cyphostemma elephantopus*
- 2nd - Lemono Lott *Cyphostemma cirrhosum*

NOVICE

Cactus



- 1st - Warren Woodruff *Homalocephala texensis*

Mini-Show Calendar 2026		
<u>Month</u>	<u>Cactus</u>	<u>Succulent</u>
April	Show and Sale	Show and Sale
May	<i>Astrophytum</i>	<i>Agave, Manfreda</i> and hybrids
June	<i>Opuntia, Tephrocactus, Cyllindropuntia, Austrocyllindropuntia</i>	<i>Euphorbia</i> (not from Madagascar)
July	<i>Melocactus</i>	Bromeliaceae (other than <i>Dyckia, Hechtia</i>)
August	<i>Copiapoa</i>	<i>Graptopetalum, Graptoveria, Pachyveria</i>
September	<i>Notocactus, Parodia</i>	<i>Sedum, Pachyphytum, Sempervivum, Graptosedum</i>
October	<i>Ariocarpus, Obregonia</i>	<i>Adenium, Adenia</i>
November	Crested and Monstrose	Crested and Monstrose
December	Holiday Pot-Luck	Holiday Pot-Luck
January 2027	<i>Mammillaria, Cochemiea</i> - Hooked Spines	Caudiciform (<i>Beaucarnia, Calibanus, Fockea, etc.</i>) No <i>Pachypodium</i>
February 2027	<i>Eriosyce</i>	<i>Gasteria</i> and hybrids
March 2027	<i>Echinocereus</i>	<i>Dudleya, Cotyledon</i>

Mini-Show Rules

Exhibitors must be Society 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.

Scoring:

First Place: 6 points

Second place: 4 points

Third place: 2 points

Placement: all entries that are not disqualified: 1 point.

An individual plant may be entered only once a year.

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 may 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, may 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.

MARCH MINI-SHOW STANDINGS

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Totals	Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulents	Totals	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents	Totals
Martha Bjerke		9	9	Anita Caplan	5	6	11	Maria Capaldo	1	2	3
Gustavo Cardenas	4	15	19	Vincent Darmali	8	20	28	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	26	13	39
Debra Galliani	8		8	Lemono Lott		17	17	Gary Duke	10	10	20
Warren Woodrum	6	2	8	Mike Short	1	3	4	Jim Gardner	13	18	31
Liz Ying		6	6					Terri Straub	10	12	22

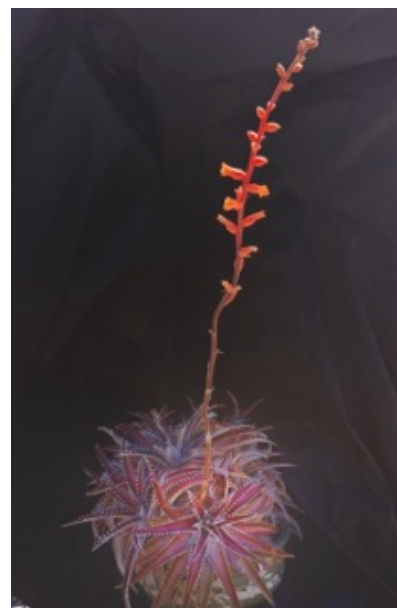
MEMBER PHOTOS



Opuntia macrocentra 'Sapphire' by Nancy Sams



Photo by Laurel Woodley



Dyckia by Anita Caplan

MEMBER PHOTOS "BAD HAIR DAY" PLANTS BY MIKE SHORT



Alluaudia procera



Beaucarnea hookeri



Euphorbia spiralis



Euphorbia loricata



Kleinia neritifolia

Upcoming Events



**SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND
SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW
AND SALE**
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Friday, April 10 1:00-5:00pm
Saturday, April 11 9:00am-4:00pm



Succulent & Cactus Plant Sale
Sunday, April 13, 2025
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 558 North Ventu Park Road
 Thousand Oaks, CA, 91320
 SE corner of Ventu & Hillcrest

Vendors will be offering
 Cactus, Succulents, and Bromeliads
 Along with Pottery
 and Jewelry



Experts will be available for
 advice on growing and cultivation

Please bring boxes or bags to carry home your purchases.

For more information: Facebook: Conejo Cactus & Succulent Society
 Web: ConejoCSS.com Email: ConejoCSS@hotmail.com

For more information and to learn more



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