



October 2024 South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Newsletter



President's message

Our meeting place for October is in a different location. I have included the link to open in Google maps in this Newsletter. The room is spacious and there is easy access and adequate

parking. We will return to the Botanic Garden for our meeting in November.

Many of us are still enjoying the flowering cacti activity this past month. I am including more photos submitted by our members (see page 7). Please feel free to send me any plant photos you have to add to the Newsletter in the future at minniecap@icloud.com.

This month our speaker is Gary Duke, who has a new program on the succulent plants of New Mexico and Texas. Gary has traveled extensively through the Southwest and is eager to share the plants near our own area.

The Mini-Show plants this month are miniatures (3 inch diameter pot or less) in both cactus and succulent categories. I hope to see many plants entered. It will be easy to carry them to the meeting at Hesse Park!

I hope to see you there!

Maria Capaldo

There are still a few sizes of T-shirts available for sale at \$12 each.



Note new location
Oct. only

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Meeting

October 13, 2024 1:00-4:00pm
Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park
McTaggart Hall
29301 Hawthorne Blvd.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

PRESENTATION



Gary Duke
ROADSIDE WEEDS
OF TEXAS AND
NEW MEXICO:
Cacti and Succulents



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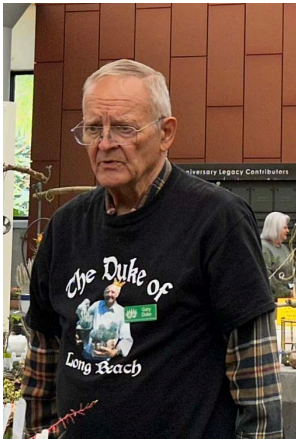
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Speaker of the Month

Gary Duke



PRESENTATION FOR OCTOBER

ROADSIDE WEEDS OF TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO: Cacti and Succulents

"My wife and I took a road trip to Texas and New Mexico in April 2024. We rented an SUV at the El Paso Airport to travel some of the gravelly fire roads. The presentation includes photos of many cacti and succulents along the roadside or within easy walking distance of the road, including many wildflowers and a few scenic wonders. April is a prime time to see wildflowers. The route and what is seen is explained so you too can make the trip."... Gary



Echinocereus dasyacanthus hybrid



Echinocereus enneacanthus near Presidio, TX

Gary Duke has been collecting cacti and succulents for over 50 years. He's an avid collector of cacti and also collects Tylecodons and Dudleyas. He is a retired Air Force officer with a doctoral degree in physics. During his military career, he moved his original and ever expanding collection of less than about 30 plants from Illinois, where he grew up, to Omaha, NE, Dayton, OH (where he started their first C&S Society, which is now defunct), San Pedro, CA, Montgomery, AL and Albuquerque, NM where he had been show chairman. He has also been President of the South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society and the Long Beach Cactus Society.

Following his military career, Gary worked as a program manager for Boeing for 16 years. He has over 1000 different species in his private collection and enjoys propagating them. One can view some plants in his collection on his Instagram site: garyduke53. He frequently gives slide presentations throughout southern California, including at the Huntington Botanical Gardens and the Denver Cactus and Succulent Society. He has traveled to Aruba, Peru, Baja Mexico, Bolivia, Argentina, Chile and most recently, Texas and New Mexico to see cacti and succulents in habitat.

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Mini-Show Plant of the Month Cactus and Succulent

This month, the Cacti and Succulent of the Month are both miniatures. Miniatures are defined differently for different shows. In most cases, the definition is a mature plant in a pot with an inside diameter less than three inches. Some shows define the miniature category as any plant displayed as a miniature. This allows seedlings and young plants to be entered as miniatures. Others require the plant to be the smallest in a genus. We will accept either young plants or mature ones that meet the measurement criteria for Plant of the Month.

The key to success is staging plants. Particular attention must be paid to the relation of the plant to the pot, the top dressing, and any rocks. The importance of color, geometry, and texture are all magnified in the smaller scale of miniatures.

Succulents entered as miniatures include representatives from almost every family, and a list would be far too long to print. Unusual entries often do well.

With care, species that normally grow large can be kept small, stunted by the lack of root room. Even though small, miniatures need a little fertilizer to keep growth looking fresh, and frequent watering, since there is little storage either in the pot or the body of the plant.

Cactus



*Kadenicarpus
pseudomacrochele* subsp.
krainzianus



Gymnocalycium stenopleurum



Mammillaria vetula

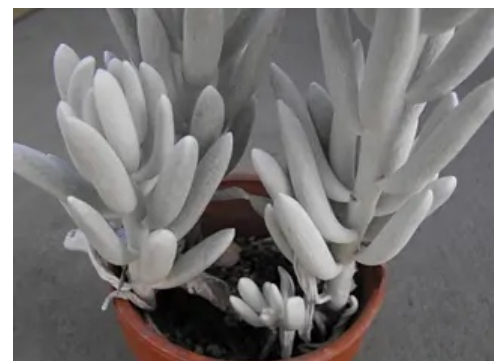
Succulent



Aloe descoingsii



Aeonium sedifolium



Caputia tomentosa

September
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Mini-Show September Winners

Open

Cactus



1st - Maria Capaldo - *Uebelmannia pectinifera*

2nd - Gary Duke - *Discocactus placentiformis*

3rd - Gary Duke - *Uebelmannia pectinifera*

Succulent



1st - Jim Gardner - *Dracaena 'Ed Ebby'*

2nd - Maria Capaldo - *Dracaena scimitariformis*

3rd - Gary Duke - *Dracaena bicolor*

Intermediate

No Cactus entries



1st - Mike Short - *Dracaena trifasciata 'Futura'*

2nd - Terri Straub - *Dracaena francisii*

3rd - Bernard Johnson - *Dracaena trifasciata 'Star Power'*

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Mini-Show September Winners

Cactus



1st - Vincent Darmali - *Uebelmannia pectinifera*

Novice

Succulent



1st - Liz Ying - *Dracaena erythraeae* hybrid

2nd - Liz Ying - *Dracaena trifasciata* 'Streaker'

3rd - Martha Bjerke - *Dracaena* 'Moonshine' hybrid

Mini-Show Standings September, 2024

Novice	Cactus	Succulents	Totals	Intermediate	Cactus	Succulents	Totals	Open	Cactus	Succulents	Totals
Martha Bierke		16	16	Anita Caplan	4	20	24	Maria Capaldo	42	40	82
Vince Darmali	14	6	20	Bonnie Ikemura		4	4	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	32	43	75
Martin Dorsey	41	52	93	Bernard Johnson	29	30	59	Garv Duke	54	21	75
Debra Galliani		1	1	Mike Short	2	42	44	Sally Fasteau	4	1	5
Braulio Mena	14	13	27	Terri Straub	72	36	108	Jim Gardner		37	37
Shane Mullen	7		7					Jim Hanna		5	5
John Nisewaner		6	6					Laurel Woodlev	1	4	5
Linda Ohara		12	12								
Joe Tillotson	2	1	3								
Liz Ying	16	11	27								

2024-2025 Mini-Show Calendar

<u>Month</u>	<u>Cactus</u>	<u>Succulent</u>
October	Miniature (3inch or less)	Miniature (3inch or less)
November	North American Columnar Cacti (<i>Saguaro</i> , <i>Cereus</i> , etc.)	<i>Senecio</i> , <i>Caputia</i> , <i>Curio</i> , <i>Kleinia</i> and hybrids
December	Holiday Pot Luck	Holiday Pot Luck
January 2025	<i>Mammillaria</i> and <i>Cochemiea</i> , single-headed	<i>Pelargonium</i> , <i>Sarcocaulon</i> , and <i>Tylecodon</i>
February 2025	<i>Stenocactus</i> , <i>Echinofossulocactus</i>	<i>Euphorbia</i> from Madagascar
March 2025	<i>Thelocactus</i>	<i>Aeonium</i> , <i>Greenovia</i>
April 2025	Show and Sale	Show and Sale
May 2025	Dish Garden	Dish Garden
June 2025	<i>Rebutia</i> , <i>Aylostera</i> , <i>Sulcorebutia</i> , <i>Weingartia</i>	Mesembs (no <i>Lithops</i> or <i>Conophytums</i>)
July 2025	<i>Matucana</i> , <i>Oroyo</i>	<i>Echeveria</i>
August 2025	<i>Epithelantha</i> , <i>Frailea</i> , <i>Aztekium</i>	<i>Dyckia</i> , <i>Hechtia</i>
September 2025	Variegated Cactus	Variegated Succulent

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.

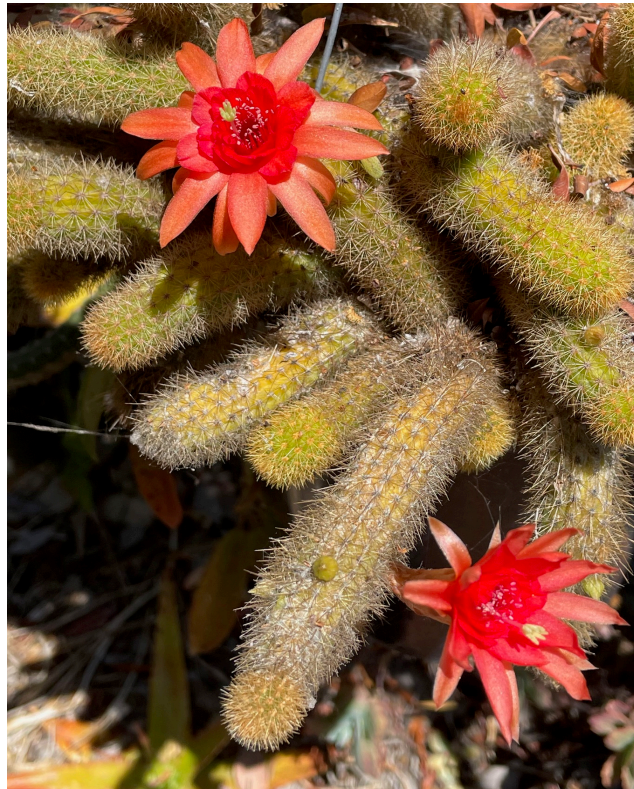
Member photos



Cleistocactus by Debra Bushweit Galliani

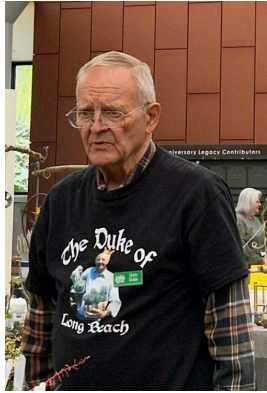


Huernia zebrina by Terri Straub



Cleistocactus cv. Helm Nueve (a *Hildewintera* hybrid)
by Debra Bushweit Galliani

Upcoming Events



SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY MEETING

PRESENTER: Gary Duke
October 13, 2024 1:00-4:00 pm
 Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park
 McTaggart Hall
 29301 Hawthorne Blvd.
 Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275



SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY MEETING

PRESENTER: TBA
November 10, 2024 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 South Coast Botanic Garden
 Frances Young Hall
 26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
 Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274



SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Holiday Gathering and POT LUCK

December 8, 2024 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 South Coast Botanic Garden
 Frances Young Hall
 26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
 Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

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