



December South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Newsletter 2024



President's message

I would like to acknowledge members who have contributed in so many ways to our Society. My personal thanks go to the following:

Mike Short, for managing our Website, Events

Calendar, photography of Mini-Show plants, sending out communications to all the members, and setting up microphones at meetings.

Debra Bushweit Galliani, for her work as Secretary, documenting and archiving minutes, editing help with the Newsletter, and posting photography and videos of meetings.

Sally Fasteau, our Membership Chair, for maintaining our membership directory, greeting members at meetings, and welcoming new members.

Terri Straub, for serving as Vice-President, managing the Mini-Show, which involves tallying the Mini-Show results at meetings and contributing information on the plants of the month in our Newsletter, and volunteer coordinator for the Show & Sale.

Bernard Johnson, for all his work as Treasurer and help with setting up for meetings.

Jim Hanna, for coordinating the vendors for the Show & Sale, supplying plants, and distributing information.

M.A. Bjarkman, speaker coordinator and liaison to CSSA.

Braulio Mena, assisting speaker coordinator and liaison to CGCI.

Ann Nye, for publicity for our Show & Sale and monthly meetings.

Bob Caplan, for being the Nominating Committee in 2024.

Laurel Woodley, for her photography at meetings, posting on Facebook for the Society and willingness to be a source of advice for our Mini-Show and member questions.

Nancy Sams, for serving as Member-at-Large, posting on Instagram and helping Sally with membership at meetings.

Vince Darmali, for serving as Member-at-Large and helping with meeting set-up.

Martha Bjerke, for serving as Member-at-Large.

There are so many tasks to keep our meetings running and to make our Show & Sale successful; so many of you have helped in some way. I thank you all for your contributions.

Maria Capaldo

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Holiday Pot Luck

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



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Our Holiday Pot Luck

Our Holiday Pot Luck will be held on Sunday, December 8, our usual meeting date, at the South Coast Botanic Garden.

The festivities will start at 1:00 pm in the Auditorium. We will start set-up at 12:00 noon. Anyone with a flair for decorating or arms to help with table and chair set up is encouraged to come at that time.

The Society will provide prime rib and ham, paper plates, cups, and plastic utensils. Coffee, tea and water will be available. You may bring your own drink if you want something else. Please bring a covered dish for small servings for 20 people. It can be a salad, appetizer, casserole, side hot or cold dish or dessert. (Please keep desserts to a minimum.) Don't forget a serving utensil with your name on it. Please bring your food already heated or chilled. We are unable to warm things up in the kitchen.

We are asking everyone to please enter through the auditorium, not the kitchen. You may drop off your dish from your car at the auditorium if you need to do so. Entry to the garden is free for members or those bringing a guest. Adult guests will be permitted with a paid \$10 admission. Check in with Sally at the door. Please do not bring young children. If you plan to bring a guest, please let Maria know by e-mail at minniecap@icloud.com by Thursday, December 5.

Please also bring your 2024 "Annual Plant", *Haworthia emelyae* var. *major*. It will be fun to see how they did – dead or alive.

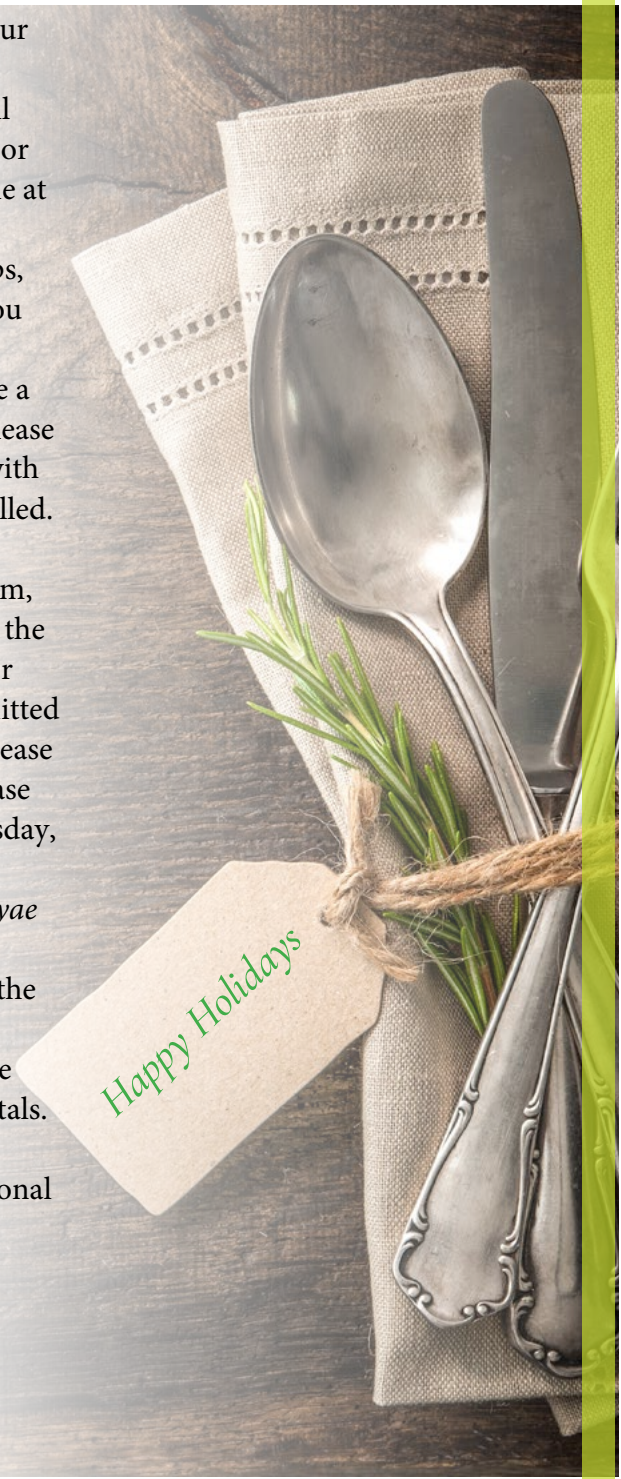
Everyone can pick up an "Annual Plant" for the 2025 year at the party.

The Mini-Show winners for 2024 will be announced and prize plants will be awarded to the people with the highest point totals. We will award to the highest 3-point total in each category.

Thanks to all who participated in this interesting and educational activity.

After we adjourn, please pitch-in and help clean up.

We expect to adjourn around 3:00 pm.



November
2024

Mini-Show November Winners

Open

Cactus



- 1st - Maria Capaldo -
× *Pacherocactus orcuttii*
- 2nd - Gary Duke - *Cephalocereus senilis*
- 3rd - Maria Capaldo - × *Pacherocactus orcuttii*

Succulent



- 1st - Maria Capaldo - *Caputia medley-woodii*
- 2nd - Phyllis DeCrescenzo - *Curio rowleyanus*
- 3rd - Phyllis DeCrescenzo - *Dendrophorbium peregrinum*

Intermediate

No cactus entries



- 1st - Mike Short - *Kleinia neriifolia*
- 2nd - Bernard Johnson - *Kleinia anteuphorbium*
- 3rd - Terri Straub - *Curio repens*
- 3rd - Bonnie Ikemura - *Senecio macroglossus*

November
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Mini-Show November Winners

Novice

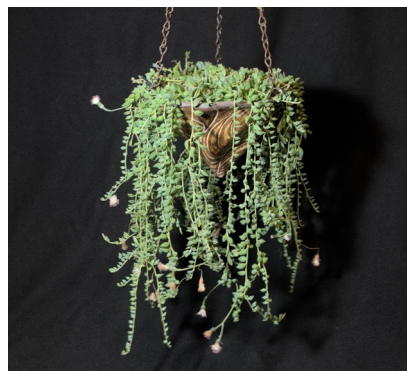
Cactus



1st - Vincent Darmali - *Cereus*

2nd - Vincent Darmali - *Pilosocereus*

Succulent



1st - Liz Ying - *Senecio*

2nd - Martha Bjerke - *Caputia tomentosa*

Final Mini-Show Standings 2024

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Totals	Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulents	Totals	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents	Totals
MA Bjarkman		3	3	Anita Caplan	6	21	27	Maria Capaldo	55	51	106
Martha Bjerke		23	23	Bonnie Ikemura	1	9	10	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	37	54	91
Vince Darmali	25	9	34	Bernard Johnson	37	41	78	Gary Duke	70	33	103
Martin Dorsey	50	63	113	Lemono Lott		2	2	Sally Fasteau	5	2	7
Debra Galliani	1	3	4	Mike Short	2	49	51	Jim Gardner		37	37
Braulio Mena	20	18	38	Terri Straub	78	49	127	Jim Hanna		5	5
Shane Mullen	7		7					Laurel Woodley	1	6	7
John Nisewaner		6	6								
Linda Ohara		12	12								
Joe Tillotson	2	1	3								
Liz Ying	16	17	33								

2024-25 Mini-Show Plant of the Month List		
Month	Cactus	Succulent
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	<i>Stenocactus</i> , <i>Echinofossulocactus</i>	<i>Euphorbia</i> from Madagascar
March	<i>Thelocactus</i>	<i>Aeonium</i> and <i>Greenovia</i>
April	Show and Sale	Show and Sale
May	Dish Garden	Dish Garden
June	<i>Rebutia</i> , <i>Aylostera</i> , <i>Sulcorebutia</i> , <i>Weingartia</i>	<i>Mesembs</i> (no <i>Lithops</i> or <i>Conophytums</i>)
July	<i>Matucana</i> , <i>Oroyo</i>	<i>Echeveria</i>
August	<i>Epithelantha</i> , <i>Frailea</i> , <i>Aztekium</i>	<i>Dyckia</i> , <i>Hechtia</i>
September	Variegated Cactus	Variegated Succulent
October	<i>Turbinocarpus</i>	<i>Adromischus</i>
November	South American columnar cactus (<i>Cleistocactus</i> , <i>Espostoa</i> , <i>Oreocereus</i> , etc.)	<i>Lithops</i> , <i>Conophytum</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.

Member photos



Stapelia gigantea by Debra Bushweit Galliani



Aloe camperii by Debra Bushweit Galliani



Lithops hookeri var. *lutea* by Maria Capaldo

What's in your garden?



SCCSS 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 18th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Date mm/dd/yy:

Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

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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I agree to have my information published in the Membership Directory with noted exceptions.

Signature Date: _____

Sally Fasteau, Membership Chair
sallyfasteau@cox.net
310-544-1313

ms-20220218

Date _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ Amount _____ Donation _____ Receipt _____

Upcoming Events



SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Holiday Party

December 8, 2024 1:00-3:00 pm
 SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN
 Frances Young Hall
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SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY MEETING

PRESENTER: TBA
 January 12 1:00-4:00 pm
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 Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

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