



February 2025 South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Newsletter



President's message

OUR MEETINGS for February and March are not in our usual location. We will again meet at the Hesse Community Park facility. I have included the link to open in Google

maps on this page. The room is spacious and there is easy ramp access and adequate parking. Weather permitting, vendors will have plants for sale on the partially covered patio just outside the room.

PHOTOS: Are your winter growers flowering? Please send any photos of your garden to include in the Newsletter at minniecap@icloud.com.

SHOW AND SALE: The Show and Sale will be at the Palos Verdes Art Center on April 5-6. Set-up will be after 12:00pm on Friday, April 4. There will be postcards to publicize the event available at the next meeting to distribute to your friends and neighbors. Plan ahead and mark your calendars! If you are interested in being a vendor, contact me or Jim Hanna. Volunteer opportunities are on page 8. Any amount of time that you can donate will be appreciated.

DUES: We will be collecting dues (\$20) for the fiscal 2025 year at the next meeting or you may mail in your form which is on our Website at <https://southcoastcss.org/join/> (click on the link that says membership form) or print page 10.

SPEAKER: This month our speaker is Tom Glavich who will speak on ice plants. Tom has traveled extensively through the endemic regions of these plants and is an expert at their cultivation. His photography skills are exceptional so you are in for a treat!

THE MINI-SHOW: Plants this month are Cactus: *Stenocactus* and the previously named *Echinofossulocactus*. The succulents are *Euphorbia* from Madagascar.

I hope to see you there!
Maria Capaldo

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Meeting

February 9, 2025 1:00-4:00pm
Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park
McTaggart Hall
29301 Hawthorne Blvd
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

PRESENTATION



Tom Glavich
"Ice Plants for the Cool Grower"



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Speaker of the Month

Tom Glavich



PRESENTATION FOR FEBRUARY

"Ice Plants for the Cool Grower"

This presentation will look at three genera of ice plants in depth, comparing habitat with cultivation, and looking at what we can learn from habitat that will make us better growers. We will also take a look at some of the more unusual members of the ice plant family and try to expand our appreciation of the family beyond the usual suspects. We will also discuss cultivation and propagation.



Cheiridopsis denticulata



Conophytum luckhoffii

Tom Glavich is a long-time grower and propagator of succulent plants. He was a member of the CSSA Board of Directors and is the author of two books on succulent plants. He is a member of several LA plant Societies, and has been an active member of both the CSSA and Inter-City Show Committees. Tom is a frequent contributor to San Gabriel Valley and CSSA publications as well as the Mini-Show descriptions in the Prickly News Newsletter of the South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society.

Tom has also produced some wonderful pots which he sells at many local Show and Sale events.



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Mini-Show Plant of the Month Cactus

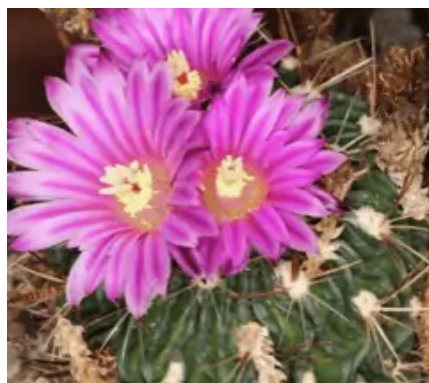
Stenocactus is a genus of northern and central Mexican cacti of around 10 species related to *Ferocactus*. It now includes *Hertrichocereus* and *Echinofossulocactus*. They are mostly small globular cactus, of very variable characteristics, generally below four inches in diameter (10 cm), often solitary, but sometimes clustering as they age. The name *Echinofossulocactus* comes from the Latin for 'Echinocactus with a little furrow', referring to the small wrinkle extending from the top of the areole in some species. They contain the wave cacti, also called brain cacti, that are so named because of their large number of undulating ribs.

The short funnel-shaped flowers are generally striped with a darker median line and just above one inch across (2.5 cm). These flowers come in late summer and last 3-4 days. *Stenocactus* are not always self-fertile, so you might need to have several non related plants flowering at the same time, in order to get seeds. The seeds come in green pods. They are propagated by seeds that germinate easily.

Echinofossulocactus is now included in the genus *Echinocactus* and *Stenocactus*.



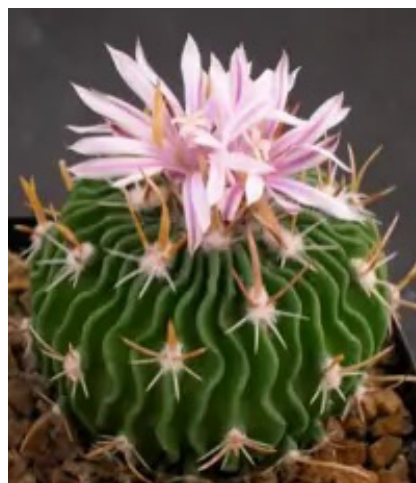
Stenocactus coptonogonus



Stenocactus multicosatus



Stenocactus crispatus



Stenocactus obvallatus



Stenocactus obvallatus



Stenocactus phyllacanthus

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Mini-Show Plant of the Month Succulent

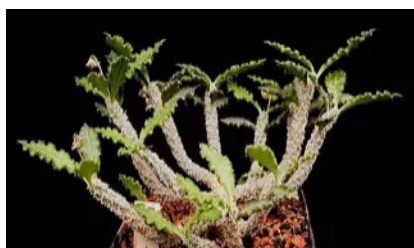
This month's Mini-Show Succulent is *Euphorbia* from Madagascar. These are plants that are endemic only to the island of Madagascar.

Some of the most interesting euphorbias come from Madagascar.

Although many euphorbias are very easy to grow, some are very difficult, turning immediately to mush when over watered or watered out of season. Care must be given in watering, keeping them warm and wet while growing, and cooler and dry when dormant. They do best in an open potting mix, with equal parts of pumice, sand and an organic component, or commercial potting soil. Protection in a greenhouse or even a garage for a month or two in the middle of the winter will greatly increase the survival rate.

Most euphorbias are easy to propagate. The green stems can be removed, left to dry for at least week or even a bit more, and then replanted. The newly planted stems take a few weeks to establish, and then start growing.

Photos of a few specimens are included below.



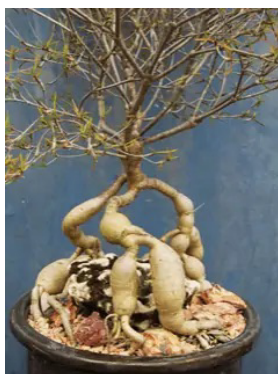
Euphorbia ambovombensis



Euphorbia cap-saintemariensis



Euphorbia cylindrifolia



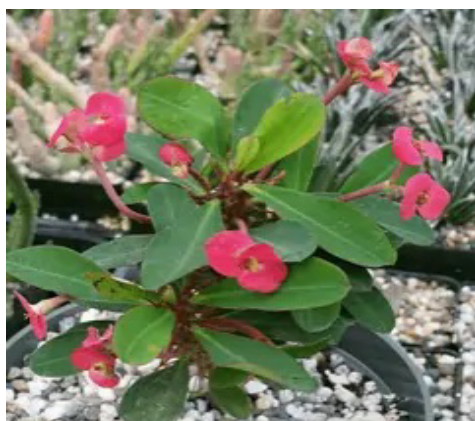
Euphorbia hedyotoides



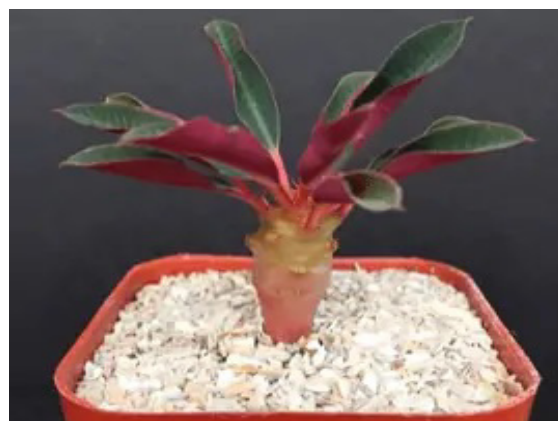
Euphorbia decaryi var. *decaryi*



Euphorbia leuconeura



Euphorbia milii



Euphorbia pachypodioides

January
2025

Mini-Show January Winners

Open

Cactus



1st - Phyllis DeCrescenzo - *Mammillaria spinosissima*

2nd - Maria Capaldo - *Mammillaria hahniana*

3rd - Gary Duke - *Mammillaria formosa*
subsp. *chionocephala*

Succulent



1st - Phyllis DeCrescenzo - *Pelargonium cotyledonis*

2nd - Jim Gardner - *Tylecodon schaeferianus*

3rd - Gary Duke - *Tylecodon stenocaulis*

Intermediate



1st - Terri Straub - *Mammillaria hahniana*

2nd - Terri Straub - *Mammillaria magnifica*

3rd - Terri Straub - *Mammillaria rhodantha*



1st - Lemono Lott - *Tylecodon wallichii*
subsp. *ecklonianus*

2nd - Mike Short - *Sarcocaulon vanderietiae*

3rd - Martin Dorsey - *Tylecodon singularis*

January
2025

Mini-Show January Winners

Cactus

Novice

Succulent



1st - Vincent Darmali - *Mammillaria elongata*

2nd - Liz Ying - *Mammillaria*

3rd - Shane Mullen - *Mammillaria spinosissima*

3rd - Shane Mullen - *Mammillaria melanocentra* subsp. *rubrograndis*



1st - Shane Mullen - *Tylecodon paniculatus*

2nd - Liz Ying - *Pelargonium carnosum*

3rd - Judy Unrine - *Pelargonium carnosum*

Mini-Show Standings January, 2025

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Totals	Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulents	Totals	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents	Totals
Vince Darmali	6		6	Anita Caplan	2	2	4	Maria Capaldo	6	3	9
Shane Mullen	5	8	13	Martin Dorsey	1	4	5	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	8	8	16
George Unrine		1	1	Lemono Lott		8	8	Gary Duke	4	4	8
Judy Unrine		4	4	Mike Short	1	4	5	Jim Gardner		6	6
Liz Ying	4	4	8	Terri Straub	12	3	15	Laurel Woodley		2	2

2025 Mini-Show Calendar		
<u>Month</u>	<u>Cactus</u>	<u>Succulent</u>
February	<i>Stenocactus, Echinofossulocactus</i>	<i>Euphorbia</i> from Madagascar
March	<i>Thelocactus</i>	<i>Aeonium, Greenovia</i>
April	Show and Sale	Show and Sale
May	Dish Garden	Dish Garden
June	<i>Rebutia, Aylosteria, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia</i>	Mesembs (no <i>Lithops</i> or <i>Conophytums</i>)
July	<i>Matucana, Oroyo</i>	<i>Echeveria</i>
August	<i>Epithelantha, Frailea, Aztekium</i>	<i>Dyckia, Hechtia</i>
September	<i>Variegated Cactus</i>	<i>Variegated Succulent</i>
October	<i>Turbinocarpus</i>	<i>Adromischus</i>
November	South American columnar cactus (<i>Cleistocactus, Espostoa, Oreocereus</i> , etc.)	<i>Lithops, Conophytum</i>
December	Holiday Pot Luck	Holiday Pot Luck
January 2026	<i>Mammillaria</i> – straight spine (clumping)	<i>Haworthia, Astroloba, Tulista, Haworthiopsis</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.

SHOW AND SALE VOLUNTEER JOBS FOR 2025

Dear Society Members: This is a general list of job descriptions for the upcoming Show and Sale, April 5-6, 2025. 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: Friday after 12:00pm, Saturday and/or Sunday, 9:00 am- 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](tel:424-445-9222)

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FRIDAY SETUP

Arrive Friday, April 4 from 12-1:00pm or anytime thereafter to help arrange the tables, put up signs, assist with labeling and pricing of Sale Table plants. General helping of show organizing, including unloading plants from cars.

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 Friday afternoon. Saturday morning, help arrange the plants on the table and make sure they are pest free. On Saturday and Sunday, keep an eye on the plants, answer general questions about the plants and keep the tables looking nice.

CASHIERS

Check out buyers by ringing up the cost on the tags, adding up the total with tax and collecting cash and checks. Experience with a cash register advised. Credit card person will run the cards and give receipts.

TAG PULLERS

We need many people to help pull plant tags in different shifts. Tags are in the plants the buyers are purchasing. Pullers need to pull the tags, count them and make sure that number matches the number of plants to be purchased.

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.

ROVERS

Help out where needed, answer questions, assist customers with transporting plants.

CLEAN UP

At 4:00p Sunday we close the Show and Sale. We need volunteers to help take down signs, clean off tables, sweep and general clean up. Pack up rented tables, if needed.

MEMBER PHOTOS



Epiphyllum by Bob Caplan



Sansevieria metallica flowering by Maria Capaldo



Caputia medley-woodii
flowering by Maria Capaldo

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society 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

SCCSS is a 501 3C organization. In addition to your dues you may make an optional charitable donation to support our philanthropic endeavors as well as the operating expenses of the organization. If you choose to do so, please indicate the amount _____. You will receive a donation receipt. Thank you.

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 MEETING

PRESENTER: Tom Glavich
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The Duke of Long Beach invites you to a Huge Plant and Handcrafted Pottery Sale

Save the Date
Saturday, Feb 8, 2025
4660 Rio Ave, Long Beach, CA 90805
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Watch my Instagram: garyduke53
(Can also enter from back of Johnny Reb's parking lot)

Some of the Vendors:
@potterybypatrice @alden Norris
@East_Los_Succulents @kikis_kiln
@mojavecactusgw @cars_and_cactus
@BMena - carnivorous plants
@grannykitchenlove
Great opportunity to find a unique gift, rare plant, or pot



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For more information and to learn more



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BAJA? A few of you expressed a desire to do a Baja trip inspired by our speaker's topic. There is a pre-convention tour to Baja April 10-22, 2025. See the website for more information.
<https://www.plantexpeditions.com/plant-tours/2025/baja-california>