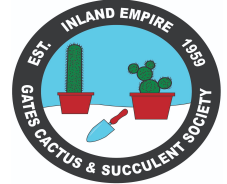


OPEN GATES - OCTOBER, 2022

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - PHUC HUYNH

Now that it's officially fall season, the worst of the summer heat should be behind us. Even though the nighttime temperature is much cooler and more pleasant, the daytime thermometer can still heat up into the 90s and low 100s. So continue to tend to your plants with care and diligence against the hot sun. And while you are doing that, let's talk about some upcoming club activities.

FIELD TRIP!! The club will host a succulent field trip to the Palm Springs area on Saturday, November 12, 2022. We will visit The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens in Palm Desert and tentatively, the Moorten Botanical Garden in Palm Springs. Here's where it benefits you for being a club member. The club will cover all admission costs to both gardens if you are a fully paid club member as of November 1, 2022. If you are a family member, only **one** individual in the family will have their admission covered by the club. Should you wish to bring any additional family members and/or guests, then each of these individuals will be responsible for their own admission cost.

In addition, the club has secured a discounted group rate for The Living Desert. This requires the club to purchase the tickets in advance of the date of admission. ***To secure your reservation for the field trip, we ask that you make a \$20.00 advanced deposit which will be fully refunded to you when you arrive at the garden and pick up your ticket.*** Sign up and

reservation deposit will be available during the October and November club meetings. But wait...there's more! The club will also be providing lunch for members, and you are welcome to bring your own lunch as well. We will have further details for you. *Note: Transportation is not provided ... We will meet at the first site at a prearranged time. Carpooling is always recommended!*

ELECTIONS!! Fall season also means it is time for club officer elections. This November, two Director positions will need to be filled. This is a great opportunity for you to volunteer and share your input to help facilitate the function and activity of our club. Open nominations from the general membership are also welcomed. Just give it some thought.

PLANT RAFFLE!! Thank you to everyone who has been participating in the monthly plant raffle with your ticket purchases. These plants and prizes have been donated by club members and/or through cactus plant rescue efforts. If you would like to consider donating plant(s) or other succulent-related items to the raffle, the club always welcomes and accepts your generosity. In addition, any item or monetary donation contribution you make to the club is tax deductible to the extent of the law, as the club is a 503(c)(3) organization.

It's not too early to discuss preparations for our upcoming December holiday party at our meeting. Let's not forget about our speaker guest for this month either. Karen Ostler will share her Mammillaria knowledge with us and you can read her bio in this newsletter.

There's lots to do and see so we'll catch up with one another at the meeting.

See you next week!

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OCTOBER SPEAKER - KAREN OSTLER

Background: I have been growing cactus since I got my first 'real' cactus; a *Gymnocalycium friedrichii*, now *G. stenopleurum*, in the spring of 1979. That same year, in the fall, I purchased 6 Mammillarias in 2 1/2" pots. I still have two of those plants, *M. albilanata* ssp. *tegelbergiana* and *M. lloydii*.



In the years since I have been involved with both the CSSA and Intercity Shows as a general

helper and have been Show Chair for the Sunset Succulent Society for at least the last 15 years.

Originally, I was living and growing both cactus and succulents in the San Fernando Valley but since moving to the high desert, I decided to concentrate on growing cactus only, focused on Ariocarpus and related genera, Mammillarias, North and South American Opuntias, and Gymnocalycium.

October Topic: Mammillarias: The Weird and the Wonderful.

A brief look at the Genus Mammillaria, focusing on both the beauty and the oddities of one of the cactus world's favorite plants.



Left: Mammillaria *huitsilopotchlii* crest

Right: Mammillaria *elongata* crest

OCTOBER MINI-SHOW - Opuntiadeae and Stapelia, Huernia and of course, BEST DEAD PLANT

Bring your best plants to enter in the Mini-Show! There are 3 categories of entries: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Points are calculated during the year with the winners announced in December. The entire year Mini-Show plant list is available at www.gatescactusandsucculentsociety.com.

Cactus of the month - Opuntiadeae & Best Dead Plant



Succulent of the month - Stapelia, Huernia & Best Dead Plant



UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

October 1	CSSA MONTHLY WEBINAR Julia Etter and Martin Kristen: A glimpse of the Natural beauty of Chiapas 10:00 AM PDT Registration Link
October 8 & 9	PALOMAR CSS FALL SHOW AND SALE Tentatively Saturday 9 to 5P & Sunday 10A to 3: San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Dr, Encinitas, CA Email: EventCoordinator@palomarcactus.org Phone: 760 436 3036
October 24 & 25	CSS of SAN JOSE Saturday 10 A to 5 P and Sunday 10 A to 4P Peterson Middle School 1380 Rosalia Av, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 <i>Facebook SJcactussucculents</i>
November 4-6	Huntington Fall Plant Sale 2022 Reservations Required - 10A to 3P Huntington Botanical Gardens 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA <i>Information: 626 405 3504</i>

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