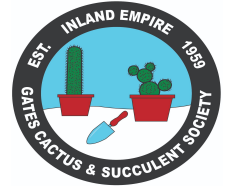


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - PHUC HUYNH

We are definitely in the midst of winter as nighttime temperatures are hovering in the 30s to 40s for the past month and a half. Not only do we have the chilly days and nights to contend with, but the amount of rainfall that we have received since January 1st of this year can be detrimental to the cacti. Our members live in such diverse geographical areas of the Inland Empire that most of us probably have good reason to worry about how the rain deluge will affect our outdoor, exposed succulents.

The winter-growing plants, like Aloes, Echeverias, and Aeoniums will likely go unscathed by the volume of water that has come down. It's the summer-growing cacti and those succulents that need a "dry" winter rest that will be tested to their cold, wet endurance. They may look un-weathered now, but we may need a few more months to see whether they have survived the over-soaked ground. If you already have well-drained soil they will likely fare better. If your succulents are covered under dry and/or warm enclosures, remember to offer some watering for those plants which cannot be too dry during the winter rest period.

The 2023 cactus and succulent show and sale season will start this month with the first event beginning in San Diego. A listing of the tentative clubs' Show and Sale schedule is in this newsletter and on our website. Mark your calendar. You will also notice a discrepancy with the date of our club's event. **The Gates CSS Show and Sale will be on May 12 and 13th, NOT May 5 and 6th!** This is due to a schedule conflict with the facility use. May 12 and 13th will suit

us better since it is Mother's Day weekend and we will attract more vendors and attendees. We will have more details to share at the meeting.

As a friendly reminder to those members who have not had the chance to renew your 2023 membership yet, you can do so at the meeting.

Remember to bring your plants for the mini plant show. This month's plant category are columnar cacti and miniature agave.

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MONTHLY SPEAKER FOR JANUARY - PETRA CRIST

A short biography of the beginnings of Rare Succulents Nursery

In early 1994 I moved from Germany to California. Back in Germany I already had a few cacti and succulents which I was growing on my window sills. At that time, I, of course, had no idea about the difference between either of them. I was still heavily involved in horses and dressage riding and was a lab tech in Pathology. Until the plants took over my life.

Shortly after moving here, one of my husbands' friends brought up the upcoming Inter City Show and Sale and we went to have a look – well, what can I say? They had to push me into the building, as I was utterly overwhelmed trying to take it all in at the same time. My collection started right there with the first 10 plants. It got the proverbial ball rolling. I found plants all over the place and eventually joined the San Gabriel club – which made things “worse”. The plant addiction had taken a hold of me. It changed my life and my interests. We also started traveling to some of the habitats and my desire to grow my plants to the potential that I saw in habitat increased as well. So, I started playing around with what I could do, taking advantage of Southern California growing conditions.

Besides collecting more and more plants, I also started growing from seed and that soon filled up our little backyard in Whittier. I took over some neighbor's yards as well. Eventually we started looking for property where I could grow and in 2009 we found “The Farm ”. It felt like “A Dream Come True” and little did I know or realize that I was becoming “The Slave of my own Dreams.

The funniest occurrence I had after collecting for a year or two was when I proudly told a lady at one of the shows that I had about one hundred plants. She just looked at me and told me to wait till I had a thousand. I thought she was utterly crazy. Needless to mention, as time went on, I became the crazy one and by far exceeded those one thousand plants – by far. The lady at the show was Norma Lewis aka ‘The Crassula Lady’.

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Looking forward to share some of my “craziness” – the development of the nursery = The Farm we bought in early 2009 and that is now the home of Rare Succulents Nursery, my husband and myself and 2 Rhodesian Ridgebacks (African Plants – African Dogs) = with you.

Speaker Topic

THE FARM - A DREAM COME TRUE



FEBRUARY MINI-SHOW

Cactus: COLUMNAR CACTI **Succulent:** HAWORTHIA / GASTERIA

Remember the entire year's Mini-Show plant list is ALWAYS available at
www.gatescactusandsucculentsociety.com.

2023 CACTUS & SUCCULENT UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us Saturday, February 4th at 10:00 a.m. PST for the next in our series of webinars featuring Cactus and Succulent experts from around the world.



Attila Kapitany

Attila has co-written seven books with Rudolf Schulz about succulents, with an eighth book a solo effort on Australian native species. His newest publications are a series of ten booklets on xerophytic Australian plants.

Since 2007, Attila has dedicated much of his time and resources to promoting our lesser known Australian succulent plants, touring the Australian and international speaking circuits regularly and featuring on television and radio.



Attila Kapitany: What Does Paradise Look Like?
To register for the webinar, [click here](#)

While I, by no means, have a crystal ball or know what each of us growers and collectors have in mind with our plants and why we desire them, I have a long history of visiting and questioning people about such things while also photographing their collections and gardens! Habitat scenes will also be included. So this is a pictorial treat with my thoughts and observations about different concepts of a cactus and succulent paradise!

Short Biography: Attila Kapitany is well known for his passion for cacti and succulents. He is a past president of the Cactus & Succulent Society of Australia with 10 years in this position. Attila has over thirty eight years' experience growing and enthusiastically marketing cacti and succulents. Attila is also a member of the Horticultural Media in Australia, writing regularly in magazines, journals and newspapers and promoting succulent plants.

CSSA WEBINAR
February 4 @ 10 AM

Speaker: Attila Kapitany

Re: What Does Paradise Look Like?

Reserve your spot:

[CLICK HERE](#)

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| FEB 11 | SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY WINTER SHOW AND SALE
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA Info. call 619-990-2051 |
| MAR 3-4 | ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SALE
Fri. noon-6pm, Sat. 9am-4pm Info. call 657-549-0702
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA |
| MAR 3-5 | FRESNO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SALE
Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat & Sun. 8:30am-5pm
Big Fresno Fair, 1121 S. Chance Ave., Fresno, CA |
| MAR 17-18 | SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY WINTER SHOW AND SALE
Daily 8am-5pm Info. Manny Rivera 626-780-6957 or James Lemos 626-201-5519
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA |
| APR 2 | CONEJO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SALE
9AM-4PM 558 N. Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320 |

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Info. www.conejocss.com or conejocss@hotmail.com

APR 15-16 SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Daily 9am-4pm Info. www.southcoastcss.org or call 310-346-6206
Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 Crestridge Rd., Palos Verdes, CA

APR 22-23 LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SALE

Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-3pm Info. www.lacactus.com
Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA

APR 22-23 PALOMAR CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SHOW AND SALE

San Diego Botanic Garden admission required
Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm Info. rwkopfstein@gmail.com
San Diego Botanic Garden, Conservatory, 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA

APR 29-30 SAN JOSE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm Info. www.csss.org
Peterson Middle School, 1380 Rosalia Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA

APR 30 HUNTINGTON SPRING PLANT SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

10am-5pm Info. Reservations- www.huntington.org, Sale call 626-405-3571
Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA

MAY 5-6 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SALE

Daily 9am-4pm Info. www.gatescactusandsucculentsociety.com or call 909-910-9195
Redlands Church of The Nazarene, 1307 E. Citrus Ave., Redlands, CA 92374

MAY 5-7 SACRAMENTO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Daily 9am-5pm Info. www.sacramentocss.com
Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA

MAY 6 EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY OF AMERICA SHOW AND SALE

9am-4pm Info. www.epiphyllums.org or call 909-438-8242
San Marino Masonic Hall, 3130 Huntington Dr., San Marino, CA

MAY 6-7 SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Daily 10am-4pm Info. call 310-822-1783
Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA

MAY 7 LONG BEACH CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

noon-4pm Info. call 714-553-6914
Women's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St., Bellflower, CA 90706

MAY 13 SANTA BARBARA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Members early entry 9:30am, General Public 10am-3pm. Info at www.sbcactus.org

MAY 13-14 SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Sat. 9am-4pm Early Bird Sale Only (no show) Casa del Prado Patio
Sun. Sale 9am-4pm, Show 11am-4pm, Room 101, Casa del Prado
Balboa Park, San Diego, CA Info. www.sdeps.org or call 858-565-0340

MAY 27-28 CENTRAL COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm Info. rskillin@gmail.com or
www.centralcoastcactus.org
Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA

JUN 3-4 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE

Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA Info. call 619-990-2051

JUN 16-18 SAN FRANCISCO SUCCULENT & CACTUS SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Fri. member-only preview, Info. schedule & details at www.sfsucculent.org
San Francisco County Fair Building, 1199 9th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122

JUN 23-25 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED SAT-SUN

Plant sales start June 23 thru June 25 10am-5pm
Show opens June 24 thru June 25 10am-5pm
Info. Reservations- www.huntington.org, Show/Sale- call Nick Renteria 323-428-2215
Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA

JUL 12-16 CSSA CONVENTION INFO. [CSSA Convention](#) See additional info below.

JUL 21-22 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SALE

Fri. Noon-6pm, Sat. 9am-4pm Info. call 657-549-0702
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA

AUG 4-6 INTER-CITY SHOW AND SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Info. www.intercityshow.com or call 805-264-6262
Plant sales 8am-5pm daily, Show open 8am-5pm Aug. 5-6
LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA

SEP 2 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM

9am-3pm **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**
Info. Reservations- www.huntington.org, Symposium-call 626-405-3571
Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA

OCT 1 LONG BEACH CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY ANNUAL AUCTION

1pm-3:30pm Info. call 714-553-6914
Women's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St., Bellflower, CA

OCT 10 CONEJO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SALE 9AM-4PM

558 N. Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320
Info. www.conejocss.com or conejocss@hotmail.com

NOV 3-5 HUNTINGTON FALL PLANT SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED SAT-SUN

10am-5pm Info. Reservations- www.huntington.org, Sale call 626-405-3571
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The CSSA Biennial Convention will be held in Colorado Springs this summer. If you are interested in attending this fabulous event, please click on the following link for

more information: <http://cssaconvention.com/>

GATES CSS CONTACT LIST

We welcome your comments, suggestions or questions. You can reach out to any of the following board members or send an email to gatescactusandsucculent@gmail.com (link provided below:

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