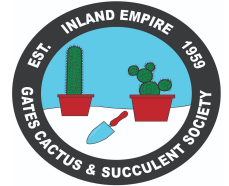


OPEN GATES - MARCH, 2023

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - PHUC HUYNH

The February meeting had a great attendance of about fifty people braving the cold evening to be with us. It certainly was a joy to see more new members and returning ones as well. Along with more attendees, there were also many entries in the monthly mini plant show. With more plants for consideration, the judges enjoyed and appreciated such varieties which made their selection more challenging. Our club definitely has no shortage of wonderful succulent growers so thank you for sharing them. We always look forward to each month's plants.

On behalf of the Board and the general membership, I would like to recognize and thank Karen Fleisher and Teresa Wassman for their ten plus years of volunteer service as the club's librarian and greeter, respectively. You've all met them when you sign in at each meeting and/or when you buy raffle tickets or check out the club's library book collection. February was their last month helping with those two positions. They are and will continue to be active members with the club. To carry on these duties, Kris Leigh is our new club greeter and Barbara Croonquist is the new librarian. Thank you everyone for all your assistance. We can always use more help.

The Board would like to thank Petra Crist last month for showing us how to start your own nursery. Her presentation was a last-minute planning effort to secure a speaker. Our speaker for this month is Woody Minnich. Woody is well known to our club and

throughout the cactus/succulent community. He has a new program to share with us on the Gymnocalycium of South America. His talks are well- received and this topic should be interesting and entertaining. Don't forget about the ongoing CSSA biweekly webinar programs. They are available for free registration through the CSSA website and on our website.

We'll see everyone at the meeting (can you believe it's March already?).

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MONTHLY SPEAKER FOR JANUARY - WOODY MINNICH

Brief Biography of Wendell S. (Woody) Minnich:

Woody, as he is commonly known, grew up in the Mojave Desert and has had an attraction to desert plants and animals since the early 1950's. He has been involved with the cactus and succulent world for over 52 years, as a grower, field explorer, club and organization leader, writer, photographer, lecturer and resenter.

Having been a speaker all over the world, Woody is most often associated with giving presentations on his field work from the places he has traveled, such as: Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Madagascar, Mexico, Namibia, New Zealand, Peru, Socotra, South Africa, the United States and Yemen. To date, this makes 128 major trips. He is also recognized for having operated the nursery Cactus Data Plants since 1975. Woody's show quality plants were often considered one of the standards for staging and horticultural achievement. His favorite genera include: Adenium, Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Copiapoa, Cyphostemma, Fouquieria, Gymnocalycium, Lithops, Mammillaria, Melocactus, Pachypodium, Turbinicarpus, Uebelmannia, and Pachycauls in general.

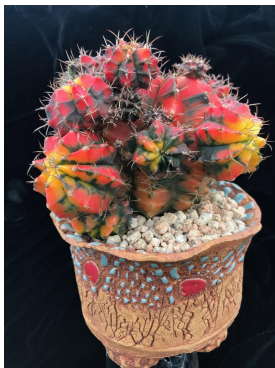


He has published numerous articles and reviews in various journals (CSSA) and his photography is featured in many books including; "The Copiapoa" by Schulz, "The Mammillaria Handbook" by Pilbeam, "The Cactus Lexicon" By Hunt and Charles, as well as many others. As of November 2017, he is featured as the primary photographer in the sold out book "The Xerophile." This book specializes in what the authors call, The Obsessed Field workers from around the world. He is also featured in electronic articles about conservation from "MNN Mother Nature Network" and "The Guardian

Newspaper.”

Woody and his wife, Kathy, live in Cedar Grove, New Mexico. He is a retired secondary school teacher of 32 years where he taught Graphics, Art and Architecture. In the cactus and succulent hobby, Woody is recognized for his high energy and creative spirit. As an educator, he has become an important part of the hobby and thus is an honorary life member of thirteen C&S societies across the country. He has been president, show and sale chair, newsletter editor, program chair, and plant of the month coordinator. Woody has also served on the CSSA board and numerous societies in many other leadership positions. He is a co-creator, and currently the president, of the Santa Fe Cactus and Succulent Club. With 52 years in the hobby and 64 years in the field (old fart), he has many experiences to share and thousands of photos to show.

Presentation: Gymnocalyciums, Argentina, Brazil & Uruguay



Gymn damesii variegata on
Kathy Minnich southwest
show pot



Gymn monvillei in habitat near Argentina



Gymn triacanthum show specimen

Gymnocalycium is one of the most popular of all of the South American genera. Most everybody during the development of their cactus and succulent collections has eventually ended up with a sizable assortment of this wonderful genus. The genus is named for its naked, spineless floral calyx, thus; Gymno (naked) calycium (calyx). Their large flowers are often very beautiful in form and color, ranging from white to yellow to red and pink. When the flowers are fertilized, the naked calyx normally develops into a large colorful fruit which becomes very attractive to the various little creatures (mice, birds, lizards, etc.) who love to eat these succulent morsels.

These little creatures also play a big part in the seed dispersal for many of the Gymno species. Most of the species are not really large and thus they make perfect pot culture specimens.

Their colors, shapes and unique spine arrangements often make them outstanding geometric treasures. Because many of the species live in harsh conditions, they have often evolved as geophytes, with colors that match their soils and surroundings. Generally, their shapes are globose to sub-globose and flat to depressed, thus allowing them to survive in regularly arid and usually bright environments. When it comes to spines, many of the Gymnos are very heavily armed to thus protect them from numerous herbivores. Some of the flat, tap rooted species, have the most attractive pectinate spine arrangements, often looking like spiders or fingers clinging to their bodies. Probably the most desired aspect of the Gymnos is that they almost all make ideal and easy plants for cultivation. For the serious collector, who often wants every species of a particular genus, Gymnos are textbook. A complete assortment, of all of the Gymno species and forms, can be grown in a relatively small greenhouse or in an appropriately sized outdoor setting.

All of the Gymnocalyciums come from South America. Although, the great majority of the species are found in central to northern Argentina. In the surrounding countries of Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil and Uruguay, one can find many of the more subtropical species. These species generally like a higher degree of humidity and slightly lower day time temperatures. Over the years, many serious field explorers, each with their own perspectives, have roamed all of these adjacent countries. Thus, the taxonomy is slightly confused, and often many synonyms for the same species are offered in the trade. A few of the numerous pioneers who have searched for and discovered many of the taxa include; Frederick Ritter, Leopold Horst, Roberto Kiesling, Farrari, Backeberg, and Schuetz.

If you like the Gymnocalyciums, hopefully this presentation will give you a good feel for how and where they grow, as well as, much of the variation within the genus.

MARCH MINI-SHOW

Cactus: NOTOCACTUS, PARODIA **Succulent:** DUDLEYA

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Join the CSSA webinar event Saturday, March 4th at 10:00 a.m. PST for the next in their series of webinars featuring Cactus and Succulent experts from around the world.

Martin Lowry: Bolivia's Amazing Diversity of Cacti

Register: Everyone is welcome to attend!

Program: **Bolivia's Amazing Diversity of Cacti**

For more information and to register: [CSSA Webinar](#)

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

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

GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY of the INLAND EMPIRE - Since 1959

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 12-13 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.sdepis.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. rhskillin@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](http://cssaconvention.com/) *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/>

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