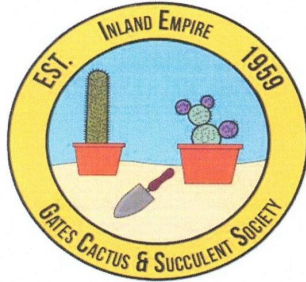


OPEN GATES - MAY, 2023

☪ ☪ ☪ **NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023- DOOR OPENS AT 6:15 !** ☪ ☪ ☪



Gates Cactus and Succulent Society 48th Annual Sale

Plant Sale – Friday & Saturday, May 12–13, 2023

Exhibit Show – Saturday, May 13, 2023

9:00am – 4:00pm Both Days

Redlands Church of the Nazarene

1307 East Citrus Avenue, Redlands, CA 92374

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - PHUC HUYNH

Now that you have learned how to best prepare and stage your plants for presentation, it's time to enter them into the plant show!

We are just days away from the annual show and sale so I hope that everyone has already signed up to help volunteer for the event. We will have volunteer signup opportunities again during next week's meeting.

Setting up for the show and sale will begin Thursday morning starting at 9 AM. We will need continuous help throughout the entire two days (Friday and Saturday) and to help clean up after the show and sale ends Saturday at 4 PM. All volunteers will have lunch provided for you during the time you are working between Thursday through Saturday. Everyone is welcome to bring some snacks and/or desserts to share with others. Drinks will also be provided. If you have any specific dietary needs, you are welcome to provide your own nourishments.

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The club still needs some more pop-up tents for the outdoor plant sale. If you have a tent that could be used during the sale, please consider loaning it to the club from Thursday to Saturday. Please contact Phuc or John Reynolds (cell #'s are at the end of this newsletter) and we can help coordinate this effort. Thank you.

One last bit of reminder. Please invite everyone you know to come to the show and sale. Spread the word like wildfire! Experience the Inland Empire's only cactus and succulent show and sale. It is right before Mother's Day, so take mom to see the succulents or just get her some!

Sincerely, Phuc

MONTHLY SPEAKER FOR APRIL - AL KLEIN

Al's interest in the natural world started in his childhood. Growing up in Chicago he would make regular visits to the Field Museum of Natural History, and read books on the natural sciences. His favorite hobbies were growing exotic plants like cacti, and collecting fossils, minerals, and insects.

After moving to California at the age of 17 he found his passion in plants. He was amazed at the diversity and beauty of the flora of California. He was employed by South Shores Nursery in San Clemente California while attending California State Polytechnic University in Pomona. He received his Bachelor of Science in Ornamental Horticulture with emphasis in landscape design and retail nursery management.

After graduation he was hired by Rodgers Gardens in Corona Del Mar, California. Within a year he was promoted to Nursery Manager. Soon Al had the opportunity to start a new business. He was asked to help open a nursery-gift shop in Escondido California, called Canterbury Gardens and Gifts. Soon after he was asked to be a partner in the business. Al recently retired from Canterbury Gardens after 35 years of service. Al is now running his nursery business, Botanic Wonders full time, his true passion! Botanic Wonders specializes in growing and selling rare and exotic plants, including rare succulents, and cycads.



Presentation: SUCCULENT BONSAI

Growing succulents as "bonsai" is fun and rewarding. In this article we will be going over the care of bonsai, specifically succulent bonsai. True bonsai has very specific parameters. When creating succulent bonsai it may be difficult to follow traditional rules. With succulent bonsai we are still trying to capture the look of mature plants from the wild, in a container, and a smaller version of that plant. Traditional bonsai enthusiasts might cringe that we would dare call these creations bonsai! There have been attempts to come up with a new name for these creations, however none have caught on as of yet. In any case this is an art form that has its roots from traditional bonsai, so for now we will refer to them as succulent bonsai. Growing succulent bonsai is very rewarding. Many succulents exhibit features of mature old specimens at a young age. As with all bonsai it is amazing that these plants can live in such a small container with so little soil. This is the main factor in the "dwarfing" of these spectacular plants.

As usual we will always talk about the importance of soil. Soil mixes for bonsai should be well draining just as the general soil mixes are for succulents. I would recommend a mix with at least 50% inorganic materials, such as perlite or pumice. As always, don't skimp on your soil! It is amazing how little soil is needed to grow a plant. I have some plants with about 1.5 inches of soil depth in a small diameter pot! The soil becomes a solid mat of roots. This limitation is what helps cause that "fat" compact look we are seeking.

Watering is very important with succulent bonsai. Because of the small container and soil mass, your plants will require more attention when it comes to watering. During the summer months in California I may water every three days. My plants have direct sunlight only part of the day. Occasional feeding with a good plant food will keep your plant in good health and growth. Make sure your fertilizer is applied dissolved in water, otherwise you may get some burning. Some of your plants may need little or no water at certain times of the year. Make sure you know your plant, and if it goes dormant, etc

If you plan to do bonsai, you will want to build a stockpile of various supplies. I like to have a selection of pots. This way I can choose the "perfect" pot for my plant, the right color, size, etc. Whenever you see a cool pot buy it. One day it will be the right pot for that special plant. I do the same for gravel, rocks and driftwood. I have large selections of all these. This way when you have the creative urge to create a bonsai everything is at your fingertips. You will be amazed at what you can do, and how great your bonsai will look!



MARCH MINI-SHOW

Cactus: BEST STAGED CACTUS Succulent: BEST STAGED SUCCULENT

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

- 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**

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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](#) *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
Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA

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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