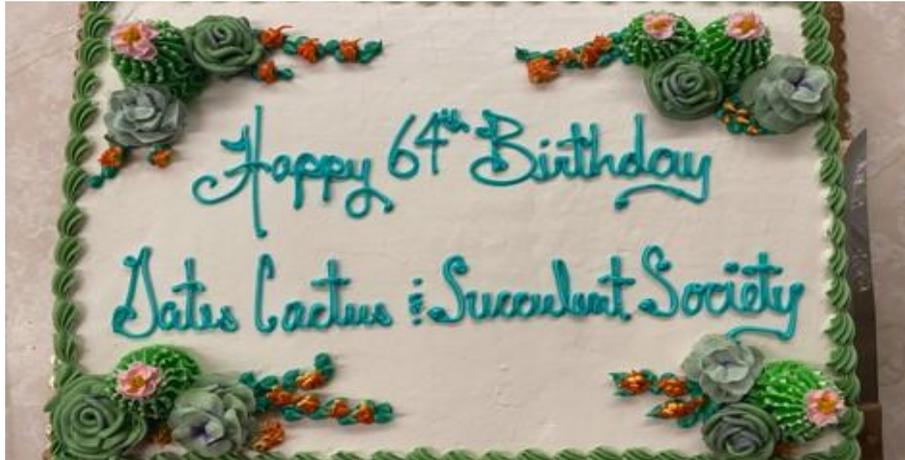


OPEN GATES - August, 2023



*****NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, August 2, 2023 - DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM*****

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - PHUC HUYNH

For those who were tired of the lingering cool, gloomy days of May and June, your wish has come true. The hot dog days of summer are definitely here, and they appear to be staying for a while. How are you surviving the balmy weather? As you stay indoors to escape the heat outside, be mindful that our drought-tolerant plants are not all completely immune to the dry summer heat. Besides the obvious fact that they can tolerate longer periods of less or no watering than non-drought tolerant plants, they will fare better if you water them when the soil dries out. They can sustain sunburn from the intense one-hundred degrees-plus temperature. Find proper covers for them immediately as these burns remain permanent and worse yet, can lead to the demise of the plant. Just like a quick exposure to a freezing, cold winter night, getting exposed to the mid-day blazing, scorching sun is all it takes to damage your succulents. I have a few plants that have already succumbed to this heat. Please pay attention to the care of all your plants, as best you can.

The CSSA Biennial Convention last month welcomed members nationally and internationally back in person to Colorado Springs for four days of cactus and succulent talks and activities. There were well over 350 people attending the event. It was the biggest and best convention for CSSA to date and everyone was thankful to be able to meet again in person after a four-year absence. I will share some highlights with you in the newsletter and during the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - PHUC HUYNH - *Continued*

This year will also mark the return of our annual Cactus Cook-off and BBQ potluck dinner. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 9, 2023, starting at 4 PM in Yucaipa. We encourage everyone to attend with their family and/or a guest. Bring a dish even if you don't have a cactus edible item to share. More details will be provided at the meeting.

Our guest speaker this month will present his talk from a somewhat different angle on how we view succulent plants. It is an intriguing aspect of succulent plants that many people often do not realize what's there in front of them. Russel Ray can explain this phenomenon much better than I can describe it so you will just have to come to the meeting to hear his talk.

Sincerely, Phuc

MONTHLY SPEAKER FOR AUGUST - RUSSEL RAY

Since 1973, Russel Ray has been fascinated with the Fibonacci sequence of numbers and how they are expressed in nature. Russel uses the Fibonacci numbers in his presentation to at the shape of plants, the number of plant ribs, the number of spine areolas, golden angles, divergence angle, golden triangles, golden squares, golden rectangles, triangles, stars pentagrams, circles, fractals, hearts, and golden spirals and has published a book called Nature's Geometry - Succulents.



Presentation: Nature's Geometry: Succulents

Get ready for some giant Cardons, ancient Ferocactus & procumbent Pachycauls! This presentation is different than we are used to and will be fascinating!

AUGUST MINI-SHOW

Cactus: MELOCACTUS Succulent: CAUDICIFORM, PACHYCAUL

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

ODDS AND ENDS

Barbeque & Cactus Cook Off!!! Save the date: Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 4:00 PM.

Judy Horne has graciously offered to host the annual Summer Potluck Barbeque at her home in Yucaipa this year. Bring your best prepared cactus dish or anything else!!! You will be completely blown over when you see her yard - It is wonderful!!! Judy's address is: 12212 Overcrest Dr, Yucaipa. Very close to Yucaipa Bl and the 10 Fwy.

STILL WANTED: Volunteer - Cactus Club STILL desperately seeking a volunteer to work the kitchen at our regularly scheduled General Meetings. We are reduced to begging at this point! As a board member, Ann Reynolds stepped up a couple of years ago so our members could continue to enjoy a fun intermission WITH FOOD and COFFEE because no one came forward. SAVE OUR FOOD & VOLUNTEER!! Contact Phuc Huynh or Ann Reynolds at our next meeting and a BIG THANK YOU TO ANN!

Have you been considering running for the board? Remember, 6 out of 8 positions expire this year! At the end of 2023, we will be electing the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasure AND two Board of Directors. All positions are for 2 years.

We will be forming a Nominating Committee soon. If you are interested in becoming a part of that committee, let any board member know. Contact info is the last page of your monthly newsletter. Make a difference!

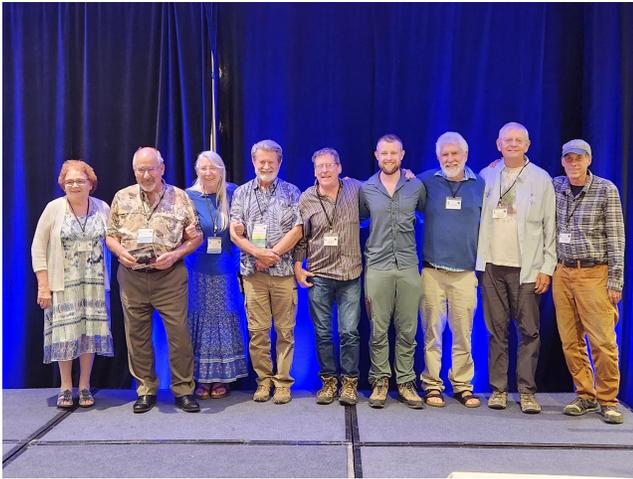
Board Meeting Updates: We had a Google Meet board meeting this month, unusual only because we are normally dark July, August and September to allow our hard working board to enjoy their summer fun, vacations, gardening, etc. This was a quick meeting to finish off three pending items:

1. Background: All vendors participating in a club sponsored sale have a long standing history of donating 30% of their total sales to Gates. This means 70% of any vendor sales are kept by the vendor with the remaining 30% donated to Gates. Exception: Members selling at our General Meetings do not do a 70/30 split, in lieu, they donate a minimum of 1 item to the raffle table.
Now: A motion passed a few months ago that reduced the in-house vendor donation from 30% to 20% of the total sales IF AND WHEN certain criteria was met by the in-house vendor prior to the sale (example; attend meetings regularly, volunteer, non-professional plant vendor, etc). This motion has been rescinded by a close vote of 4 to 3. The original motion, now rescinded, did have a small, negative financial impact on the club.
2. A motion was passed to remind all Gates members selling off-site under the Gates "umbrella" to adhere to the 70/30 split rule. This motion was brought forward due to some confusion at a recent off-site sale.
3. Recently, Gates received some donated books from a deceased club member's family. One of the 4 books, Aloes, The Definitive Guide, appears to be a collector's item and seems to be in the \$1500 - \$3000 range. Discussion was held about handling this donation. Continued to next meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

Gates CSS sends our deepest condolences to our member, Cory Chavez, who recently lost her husband, Sam. Sam passed away in July after an extended illness.

RECENT EVENTS



Colorado Springs CSSA Event

Various Award Recipients

Recognize some of our fabulous speakers?



Plant Sale in an outdoor, giant, air conditioned tent



Lecture, Presentation Room with a presentation in progress

RECENT EVENTS - Continued



Best plant auction - EVER



Award presentation and banquet reception.



Speakers

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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

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