



**GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY of the INLAND EMPIRE -**

**Since 1959**



## **OPEN GATES - JANUARY, 2026**

**NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 9, 2026 - DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM**

### **2026 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Jeffrey Loew**

Greetings Gates!

Welcome to 2026! Thank you all for an amazing 2025.

2026 brings us a few changes to our leadership. Nicole Oceguela will be serving as both the Vice President and Secretary. Lyndsee Cordes is joining as a Board Member. Past President Phuc Huynh will be taking on the role as Mini-Show Chair/ Judge.

Our December holiday potluck was a delightful success. A huge thank you to all that brought food and assisted with set-up/ clean-up. Congratulations to our Mini-Show High Points winners: Martin Look, Nicole Oceguela, Miriam Mills, Kyle Fiacco, Patrick Reninger, Michael Frank, Karen Roholt, Tom Perez, May Fernandez, and Tommy Dodson. Please see Jeff if you were not at the dinner to receive your pottery award.





This winter is shaping up to be a wet one! While the water is always needed in California, too much of a good thing over a long period of time can prove fatal to our cacti and succulent friends. As many of us are bringing our potted specimens inside or covering them with plastic, we are reminded of the importance of well-draining soil. If you haven't already, take the time to ensure your plants are in highly porous soil (wait until it's the plant's growing season to repot of course).

This January we welcome back Gunnar Eisel as our meeting speaker.

See you all Friday, January 9th. Doors open at 6PM.

All my best,

Jeffrey Loew

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## **MONTHLY SPEAKER FOR JANUARY - Gunnar Eisel**

### **Speaker Biography: Gunnar Eisel**

Gunnar Eisel is a German born music educator and former Executive Director of the Guitar Foundation of America whose teaching has shaped many leading performers and college curricula. He has been an avid collector of rare succulent plants since the 1970's and has served as General Manager and later Executive Director of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America from 2009 to 2023. He has twice served as President of the San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society and is currently its Speakerchair as well as a frequent club speaker and show judge. His lifelong interest in cacti and succulents began with childhood encounters photographing night blooming *Cereus* and navigating *Opuntia* glochids in the California deserts.





## **Program Description: The Succulent Underground -**

### **The Hidden Intelligence and Function of Roots**

Join us for an enlightening journey into the “hidden half” of your plants. This presentation bridges the gap between botanical science and practical horticulture, helping gardeners overcome the fear of root disturbance by explaining the physiological benefits of pruning for sanitation and growth stimulation. We will demystify how roots “think” by exploring how organelles called statoliths guide growth through gravity sensing and hormonal signaling.

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## **JANUARY 2026 - MINI-SHOW**

**Cactus: *Mammillaria* clusters**

**Succulent: *Aloe***

**‘*Mammillaria Clusters*’ by Tom Glavich (2025)**

*Mammillaria* is one of the larger genera in the Cactus family and one of the most variable with some members remaining as solitary columns for their entire lives, some remaining as fingernail size solitary globulars, some clumped and heavily spined with hooks, straight sharp spines, or feathery soft spines.

Although most *Mammillaria* are native to Mexico, some species in the genus can be found from Columbia to Kansas and California. With this wide distribution the cultivation requirements obviously vary considerably. The species from the tropics and warmer areas are rarely tolerant of cold and damp. Those from the drier desert regions are also intolerant of continued damp but can take considerable cold. With these restrictions aside, most *Mammillaria* are easy to grow. The grower will have better success if they know where their plant is native to and treat them accordingly.

The secrets to good growth are a continued supply of fertilizer during the growing season, strong light, and maintenance of a clean and insect free growing environment. The white and densely spined species want full sun and do best on a table unprotected





(except from prolonged heavy rain) all year long. The appearance of white mealy bug egg cases (*Mammillaria*'s worst enemy) on the tips of the spines or the appearance of ants means that mealy bugs are sucking the sap and life of the plant. Immediate treatment is required with thorough washing/ spraying with an insecticide and cleaning the remains off of the plant

Propagation of *Mammillaria* clusters is easy. Cuttings can be taken at any time during the growing season (April to October), left to dry for a few days and replanted in a clean potting mix (pure pumice is even better). Rooting is rapid with short white roots generally appearing after a couple of weeks. *Mammillaria* are one of the easiest species to grow from seed. The seeds are simply placed on top of a damp potting mix, covered with a light coating of gravel, placed in a plastic bag in bright light but out of direct sun and allowed to germinate. Germination usually occurs in a week or 10 days. The seedlings can stay in the plastic bag for several weeks until they get large enough to survive unprotected and should then be removed to a still shaded, but brighter and drier environment. Show quality plants can often be grown in just 4 or 5 years and entries can be ready for seedling classes in as little as 6 months. Best results are obtained when the seeds are planted in late March to late May.

### Clumping *Mammillaria*

***Mammillaria baumii*** is a densely spined species with wonderful large yellow flowers. It is easy to grow and makes an impressive specimen in a modest size pot. It comes from Tamaulipas, Mexico

***Mammillaria crucigera*** produces clumps by splitting dichotomously (each head splitting into two). The body ranges from green to almost brown to almost purple. This species is a slow grower.

***Mammillaria duwei*** is from central Mexico. At first it is slow to pup, but persistence and patience pay off.



***Mammillaria elongata***, one of the first cacti that everyone grows is easy and extraordinarily tolerant of abuse. It has the odd characteristic of being very popular and also unfairly neglected since advanced growers ignore this easy grower even though there are a variety of forms and colors many of which can make a spectacular plant.

***Mammillaria geminispina***, is a variable species with some varieties having short white spines while others have long flexible centrals.

***Mammillaria herrerae*** is a spectacular small white species with very dense interlacing spines. It comes from Queretaro Mexico.

***Mammillaria lenta***, from Coahuila forms mounds of off-white to white. Slower growing than the somewhat similar *M. plumosa*, described below, it is often a show winner.

***Mammillaria luethyi*** from Coahuila and discovered in 1996 is now available in cultivation. A breathtaking miniature with very short white spines on a dark green body.

***Mammillaria plumosa*** is a relatively quick grower forming mounds of white heads. The heads are covered with white feathery spines which must be kept dry if the color is to be maintained.

***Mammillaria standleyi*** can be found as either a single or clumping species. In cultivation, clumping forms are much more common. It is a rapid grower.





'Aloe' by Kyle Williams

*Aloe* is one of the most popular genera of succulents, especially in Southern California. In fact, *Aloe vera* may be the most widely cultivated succulent in the world, owing to its medicinal properties. Most species are small herbs to shrubs, though some species (most notably *A. dichotoma* and *A. barberae*) can reach tree size. With over 500 species, and at least as many hybrids and cultivars, there is an *Aloe* for almost any situation and taste.

*Aloe* species are native to most of the drier parts of Africa, including Madagascar, with a number reaching the Arabian Peninsula. They are naturalized in every Mediterranean environment in the world, as well as some temperate and tropical regions. All but a few Aloes will grow readily in Southern California, either in the ground, or in pots. When in the ground they require minimal care, existing happily on only natural rainfall in most years. Summer growing species will appreciate some summer water. The sheer number of species and habitats make blanket statements on culture impossible, but most will thrive under the general care you give other succulents, so long as you know if you have a summer or winter grower.

*Aloe* combines interesting form and foliage with beautiful flowers. Most species have orange, yellow, or red flowers that are attractive to Sunbirds in their native Africa. In the Americas hummingbirds regularly visit them. These birds are great at pollinating flowers, and it isn't unusual to see fruit develop. Those looking for other colors can find species with white or even green flowers. Some species, such as *A. tomentosa*, even have hairy flowers!

Given that *Aloe* is such a large and diverse genus it may not surprise you that modern taxonomic studies are showing that some *Aloe* species are best split off into distinct (but still related) smaller genera. The reason for this isn't just to make life more difficult for you! A genus should contain only species that are more closely related to each other than any are to species outside the genus. When we find out that some species in a genus are more closely related to species outside the genus taxonomists have two choices. Either you combine everything into one big genus, or you split the problematic species out of the genus. DNA research has shown that if we want to keep all the



species we currently think of as *Aloe* in the genus *Aloe* then we have to put a bunch of other species in the genus as well. That doesn't just mean a couple obscure species no one has ever heard of. Instead, it would require putting all of *Haworthia* and *Gasteria* (among others) into *Aloe* itself.

If you want to keep *Haworthia* and *Gasteria* as their own genera (though they have their own issues we won't discuss here) then you have to be willing to split out a few Aloes from *Aloe*. Thankfully the vast majority of traditional *Aloe* species are still in *Aloe* and less than 20 species have to be removed from the genus. The most notable segregate genus is *Aloidendron* which are easy to recognize as they constitute 6 tree or shrub species including *A. barbarae*, *A. dichotomum*, & *A. ramosissima*. The largest segregate genus with 10 species is *Aloiampelos* which tends to be shrubby or climbing species. The third genus Kumara was created for the well-known *Aloe plicatilis* (now *Kumara plicatilis*) and one other similar species. For the sake of our Plant of the Month show you can submit plants from all four "Aloe" genera: *Aloe*, *Aloiampelos*, *Aloidendron*, and *Kumara*.



*Aloe x 'Bee's Pink'*



*Aloe suprafoliata*



*Aloe erinacea*

**\*Remember: You must be up-to-date on your membership dues to be eligible to compete in the monthly mini-show. See Phuc prior to submitting your plants to ensure you are current on membership.**





| <b>2026</b> | <b>ψ Gates Mini-Show Categories ψ</b>                 |                                 |
|-------------|---|---------------------------------|
|             | <b>Cactus</b>   | <b>Succulent</b>                |
| January     | Mammillaria clusters                                  | Aloe                            |
| February    | Columnar  | Miniature Agave                 |
| March       | Notocactus, Parodia                                   | Dudleya                         |
| April       | Echinocactus, Ferocactus                              | Gasteria, Haworthia             |
| May         | Cancelled - 51 <sup>th</sup> Annual Gates Show & Sale |                                 |
| June        | Astrophytum   | Pachypodium                     |
| July        | Hybrids/ Cultivars                                    | Hybrids/ Cultivars              |
| August      | Melocactus, Discocactus                               | Caudiciform, Pachycaul          |
| September   | Eriosyce  | Aizoaceae (No Lithops)          |
| October     | Ariocarpus, Dead Plant                                | Crassula, Kalanchoe, Dead Plant |
| November    | Miniatures  | Miniatures                      |
| December    | Cancelled - Gates Holiday Dinner                      |                                 |

## **TENTATIVE 2026 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

*(Version# 2 - Subject to change based on updates from the below clubs)*

### **FEB. 14: SAN DIEGO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY WINTER SHOW & SALE**

1549 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101  
(Balboa Park, Room 101)  
Info: call 619-990-2051

### **FEB. 20-21: SAN GABRIEL CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY WINTER SHOW & SALE**

Daily 9am-5pm  
50 W Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007  
(Arcadia Masonic Center)  
Info: Manny Rivera, 626-780-6957 or James Lemos, 626-201-5519





**MAR. 6-7: ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SPRING SALE**

Fri. Noon-6pm, Sat. 9am-5pm  
1000 S. State College Bl., Anaheim, CA 92806  
(Anaheim United Methodist Church)  
Info: call 657-549-0702

**MAR. 6-8: FRESNO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SPRING SALE**

Daily 10am-5pm  
Admission free with paid admission to the Fresno Home & Garden Show  
1121 S. Chance Ave., Fresno, CA 93702  
(Fresno Fairgrounds, Garden Pavilion)

**MAR. 27-29: CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SHOW AND SALE**

Daily 8am-4pm  
1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85008  
(Desert Botanical Garden, Dorrance Hall)  
Info: <https://centralarizonacactus.org/cacss-show-and-sale-2026-save-the-date-central-arizona-cactus-and-succulent-society.html>

**APR. 10-11: SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SHOW & SALE**

Fri. 1pm-5pm, Sat. 9am-4pm  
5504 Crestridge Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 92075  
(Palos Verdes Art Center)  
Info: [www.southcoastcss.org](http://www.southcoastcss.org) or call 310-346-6206

**APR. 12: CONEJO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SPRING SALE**

9AM-4PM  
558 N. Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320  
Info: [www.conejocss.com](http://www.conejocss.com) or [conejocss@hotmail.com](mailto:conejocss@hotmail.com)



**APR. 18-19: MONTEREY BAY AREA CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SPRING SALE**

Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm  
124 Atkinson Lane, Watsonville, CA 95076  
(ISTW Portuguese Hall)  
Info: mbacsspresident@gmail.com or mbsucculent.org

**APR. 25-27: SAN JOSE CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SHOW & SALE**

Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3:30pm  
1380 Rosalia Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94087  
(Peterson Middle School)  
Info: www.csssj.org

**APR. 25: PALOMAR CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SPRING FESTIVAL**

11am-3pm  
210 E. Park Ave., Escondido, CA 92025  
(The Park Ave. Community Center)  
C&S sales and free workshops on growing C&S

**APR. 25-26 MONTEREY BAY AREA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SPRING SALE**

Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm  
1855 41st Ave., Capitola, CA 95010  
(Capitola Mall)  
Info: mbacsspresident@gmail.com or mbsucculent.org

**APR. 26: HUNTINGTON SPRING PLANT SALE  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

10am-5pm  
1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA 91108  
(Huntington Botanical Gardens)  
Info: Reservations - www.huntington.org, Sale -call 626-405-3571



**MAY 1-3: SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SHOW & SALE**

Fri. 1pm-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm  
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95816  
(Shepard Garden and Arts Center)  
Info: [www.sacramentocss.com](http://www.sacramentocss.com)

**TBD: SUNSET SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SHOW & SALE**

Sat. Show noon-4pm, Sale 9am-4pm, Sun. Show & Sale 9am-4pm  
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230  
(Veterans Memorial Center, Teen Center)  
Info: call 310-822-1783

**MAY 3: LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB  
SHOW & SALE**

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

**MAY 8-9: GATES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SHOW & SALE**

Fri. (Sale only) 9am-4pm, Sat. (Show & Sale) 9am-4pm  
1307 E.Citrus Ave., Redlands, CA 92374  
(Redlands Church of The Nazarene)  
Info: [www.gatescactusandsucculentsociety.com](http://www.gatescactusandsucculentsociety.com) or call 909-910-9195

**MAY 9: SANTA BARBARA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SHOW & SALE**

670 Mission Canyon Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93105  
(Santa Barbara Woman's Club)  
Info: <https://sbcactus.org/show-and-sale/>





**MAY 9-10: SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY  
SHOW & SALE**

Sat. 9am-4pm Early Bird (Sale Only) Balboa Park  
Casa del Prado Patio  
Sun. Sale 9am-4pm, Show 11am-4pm Balboa Park  
Casa del Prado Rm 101  
1549 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101  
Info: [www.sdepis.org](http://www.sdepis.org) or call 858-565-0340

**MAY 16-17: LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SPRING CACTUS SALE**

Sat. 9am-5pm Sale, Sun. 9am-5pm Sale and KIDS DAY  
19130 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana, CA 91356  
(Tarzana Community and Culture Center)  
Info: [www.lacactus.com](http://www.lacactus.com)

**MAY 16-17: CARMICHAEL CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SHOW & SALE**

Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-2:30pm  
5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608  
(Carmichael Park Clubhouse)  
Info: [lldewe@gmail.com](mailto:lldewe@gmail.com) or [www.ccandss.com](http://www.ccandss.com)

**MAY 17: EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY OF AMERICA  
SHOW & SALE**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

10am-4pm  
301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007  
(LA County Arboretum - Ayres Hall)  
Info: [www.epiphyllums.org](http://www.epiphyllums.org) or call 909-438-8242

**JUNE 6-7: SAN DIEGO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SUMMER SHOW & SALE**

1549 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101  
(Balboa Park, Room 101)  
Info: call 619-990-2051



**JUNE 12-14: CSSA ANNUAL SHOW & SALE**  
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FRI./SAT./SUN.**

Daily 10am-5pm  
1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA 91108  
(Huntington Botanical Gardens)  
Info: Reservations - [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org), Show/Sale  
or call Nick Renteria 323-428-2215

**JUNE 13-14: FRESNO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL SHOW & SALE**

Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm  
121 S. Chance Ave., Fresno, CA 93702  
(Fresno Fairgrounds, Commerce Bldg.)  
Info: [rob\\_scott85@yahoo.com](mailto:rob_scott85@yahoo.com)

**JUNE 19-21: SAN FRANCISCO SUCCULENT EXPO**

Fri. member-only preview  
1199 9th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122  
(San Francisco County Fair Building)  
Info: schedule & details at [www.sfsucculent.org](http://www.sfsucculent.org)

**JULY 17-18: ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY**  
**SUMMER SALE**

Fri. Noon-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm  
1000 S. State College Bl., Anaheim, CA 92806  
(Anaheim United Methodist Church)  
Info: call 657-549-0702

**JULY 18-19: CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY**  
**SHOW & SALE**

Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm  
525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA 93444  
(Nipomo High School)  
Info: [rhskillin@gmail.com](mailto:rhskillin@gmail.com) or [www.centralcoastcactus.org](http://www.centralcoastcactus.org)



**AUG. 7-9: INTER-CITY SHOW & SALE**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Fri. (Sale only) 9am-6:30pm, Sat. & Sun. (Show & Sale) 9am-5pm

301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007

(LA County Arboretum)

Info: [www.intercityshow.com](http://www.intercityshow.com) or call 909-624-3227

**SEP. 4: HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

9am-3pm

1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA 91108

(Huntington Botanical Gardens)

Info: Reservations- [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org), Symposium-call 626-405-3504

**SEP. 19-20: MONTEREY BAY AREA CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
FALL SHOW & SALE**

Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm

124 Atkinson Lane, Watsonville, CA 95076

(ISTW Portuguese Hall)

Info: [mbacsspresident@gmail.com](mailto:mbacsspresident@gmail.com) or [mbsucculent.org](http://mbsucculent.org)

**OCT. 4: LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB  
ANNUAL AUCTION**

1pm-3:30pm

9402 Oak St., Bellflower, CA 90706

(Women's Club of Bellflower)

Info: call 714-553-6914

**OCT. 11: CONEJO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
FALL SALE**

9AM-4PM

558 N. Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320

Info: [www.conejocss.com](http://www.conejocss.com) or [conejocss@hotmail.com](mailto:conejocss@hotmail.com)





**OCT. 23–25: HUNTINGTON FALL PLANT SALE**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

10am-5pm

1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA 91108

(Huntington Botanical Gardens)

Info: Reservations - [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org), Sale - call 626-405-3571

**OCT. 24-25: PALOMAR CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
FALL SHOW & SALE**

**San Diego Botanic Garden admission required**

Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm

230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024

(San Diego Botanic Garden, Conservatory)

Info: [rwkopfstein@gmail.com](mailto:rwkopfstein@gmail.com)

**NOV. 13: LOS ANGELES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
HOLIDAY SALE & AUCTION**

Sun. 10am-4pm Collectors LIVE Auction 12pm

18255 Victory Blvd., Reseda, CA 91335

(ONEGeneration Senior Center)

Info: [www.lacactus.com](http://www.lacactus.com)

**TBD: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CACTUS & SUCCULENT ASSOCIATION  
SPRING SHOW & SALE**

Sat. 8am-4pm, Sun. 8am-3pm, Sat. dinner & rare /specimen size plant auction

301 N. San Carlos Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94598

(Heather Farm Community Center – Lakeside Room)

Info: [norcalcsa@gmail.com](mailto:norcalcsa@gmail.com) or call 650-788-3188

**ODDS AND ENDS**

Odds & Ends: If you would like to post yard sales or any other updates/information that you believe would be of interest (pictures, plant sales, yard sales that include plants, events, etc) to our club members via this newsletter, please email me at [GatesCactusandSucculent@gmail.com](mailto:GatesCactusandSucculent@gmail.com) or call/text 303-986-6313 or see me at the General Meeting.

Should you wish your cacti and succulent garden to be featured as a "Member Garden of the Month" in our newsletter, please contact Jeff (per above)



## **GATES CSS CONTACT LIST - 2026**

We welcome your comments, suggestions, or questions. You can reach out to any of the following board members by phone or send an email to [gatescactusandsucculent@gmail.com](mailto:gatescactusandsucculent@gmail.com)

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