



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

**Since 1959**



## **OPEN GATES - MARCH, 2026**

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 13, 2026 - DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM**

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

Greetings Gates!

I hope you are having a wonderful Winter and gearing up for Spring. Some of my Mammillaria are already starting to bloom! (They have not received that memo that it is still Winter).

Last month we had a spirited discussion regarding the show portion of our 2026 Show and Sale. After consideration of members' opinions, we will continue featuring a judged competition for our Show. As always, we look forward to our members proudly entering their best-of-the-best in their collections. Like all great undertakings and successful events, volunteers are always needed. Please see Phuc and Nicole for volunteer opportunities to make our 2026 Show and Sale a hit!

Please remember that your 2026 membership is now due. In order to qualify for the monthly mini-shows, your membership must be current. This is also the final newsletter that will go out to members who have not renewed for 2026. Please see Jeff or Cami before the start of the March meeting to complete your renewal.

This February we welcome back Woody Minnich as our meeting speaker.

See you all Friday, March 13th. (That's right... another Friday the 13th!) Doors open at 6PM.

All my best,

Jeffrey Loew

President, Gates CSS

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## MONTHLY SPEAKER FOR MARCH - Woody Minnich

### Speaker Biography: Woody Minnich



I was about 5 years old when my dad introduced me to the cacti of the Mojave Desert. As the years passed, I became really fascinated with these wonderful plants and their near relatives, the other succulents. Soon after my introduction to the Mojave Desert cacti, I started my own cactus garden, and a coveted collection of rare potted specimens. In the late 1960's I became a totally addicted "cactophile." I joined the Los Angeles, the San Gabriel, and the Long Beach Cactus and succulent societies, and soon became a very active member of these clubs. Over the last 55 years I have been privileged to be very active in many cactus society leadership roles, (President, V. P., Show Chair, Newsletter editor, Program Chair, Conservation Chair, Plant of the Month, etc.). During these early years I also introduced the first cactus T-shirts, which are still popular today. I then quickly dedicated myself to doing extensive field work to study and photograph the cacti and other succulents from all around the world. With my contributions to American C&S societies, I have now received Honorary Life memberships from 14 clubs. Currently I am the president of the Santa Fe CSC.



After finishing my Bachelors and Master's degrees in Graphics, Architecture and Art at Cal State University at Long Beach, I became a full-time teacher of Graphic Arts, photography and silkscreen at Antelope Valley High School in Lancaster, CA. Thus, living in the high-desert, I started to roam around the entire southwest United States. My focus was on the rare and sometimes endangered species of cacti from California, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico and Colorado. After years of searching these amazingly beautiful regions, I turned my interest to the incredible diversity of cacti from Baja California and the mainland of Mexico. Here I seriously turned my focus to the genus *Mammillaria*. After almost 40 years of exploring all of Mexico I developed a giant documented collection of this genus. The *Agaves*, *Ariocarpus*, *Asrtophytums*, *Echeverias*, *Echinocereus*, *Fouquierias*, *Turbinicarpus*, and so on, were all soon to follow. While doing all of this field work and photography, I also developed a strong interest in the great majority of the other C&S genera from most of South America. Many trips to Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, and Peru opened my eyes to countless other wonderful C&S such as: *Copiapoas*, *Gymnocalyciums*, *Neochilenias*, *Neopterias*, *Rebutias*, *Sulcorebutias*, etc. As my dedication to the study of all of these plants grew, I started my trips to South Africa, Namibia, Yemen, Socotra and Madagascar. Needless to say, I became a real student to many of the eastern succulent genera, including the: *Adenias*, *Adeniums*, *Aloes*, *Asclepiads*, *Chyphostemmas*, *Conophytums*, *Crassulas*, *Euphorbias*, *Lithops*, and so much more, including the fantastic sculptural caudiciforms. I fell in love them all!

I started my nursery (Cactus Data Plants) 50 years ago where I grew most all of the above-mentioned genera. After numerous years as a grower and a field worker, I learned from these combined disciplines how important the nursery trade is to help in the conservation and protection of so many of our favorite species. As a passionate lover of all life, I have shared many of my world experiences through my photography and publications. Much of my work, is published in various books and journals, including the *Cactus Lexicon*, *The Xerophile*, *The Copiapoa*, *Mammillaria Handbook*, and others. During the 55 years of growing and studying all of these plants, I have been lucky enough to have gained a great deal of wisdom as to their cultivation and conservation. Resulting from over 128 major field trips, I've been fortunate enough to have discovered seven species and even had one provisionally named in my honor, *Mammillaria minnichii* nn. While working with Glass, Lau,



and Reppenhagen in our field studies, this allowed me to share six other new species I had discovered. These and other fellow explorers eventually described them all.

My favorite byproduct of numerous years of teaching and learning is sharing the wonderful experiences I have enjoyed. The stories I can tell, and the photography you will see, hopefully will make you a true lover of these plants, animals and their habitats. Optimistically, together may we all do our best to protect and preserve this amazing and precious wonderful wild world.

### **Program Description: “Texas to Tamaulipas”**

For cacti, there is no richer region in the world than that of Mexico's Sierra Madre Oriental. From Texas south into Mexico, through the states of Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas and San Luis Potosi, the diversity of cacti is overwhelming. On this trip we will visit many breathtaking regions and explore some of the new and remote areas where many of the most prized and exciting new species have been found. As most “Cactophiles” are aware, southwestern Texas is known for its Big Bend National Park. From Marathon, Texas, down to the border along the Rio Grande, the plethora of cacti that occur in this area is amazing. This belt represents the northern beginnings of the Chihuahuan desert environments. It is here in the deciduous thorn forest low lands, to the foothills of the Sierra Madre Oriental, that the cacti and other succulents become particularly dense. The conditions that make this one of the best areas for succulents are the dry warm western temperatures coming from Chihuahua and Coahuila, and the powerful moist storms that are generated from the Gulf of Mexico. These storms usually come to these environments during the summer months, thus making it a perfect place for cacti and other succulents to thrive.

In this presentation, we will start with the northern Chihuahuan desert cacti and succulents that occur in Texas and often migrate across the border into Mexico. These genera include: *Agave*, *Ariocarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Coryphantha*, *Echeveria*, *Echinocactus*, *Echinocereus*, *Echinomastus*, *Epithelantha*, *Escobaria*, *Ferocactus*, *Hamatocactus*, *Lophophora*, *Mammillaria*, *Neolloydia*, *Thelocactus* and *Yucca*. From northern Mexico we then zig-zag our way into the Monterrey expanse, and from there, we will head further south crossing the Sierra Madre Oriental in a back-and-forth pattern from the east to the west. We will conclude our southern journey once we hit the northern reaches of San Luis Potosi. The plants that occur in this extensive territory include: *Agave*, *Ancistrocactus*, *Ariocarpus*,



*Astrophytum*, *Aztekium*, *Coryphantha*, *Echeveria*, *Echinocactus*, *Echinocereus*, *Echinomastus*, *Epithelantha*, *Escobaria*, *Ferocactus*, *Geohintonia*, *Gymnocactus*, *Hamatocactus*, *Hectia*, *Jatropha*, *Lophophora*, *Mammillaria*, *Manfredia*, *Neolloydia*, *Obregonia*, *Pelecephora*, *Peniocereus*, *Sedum*, *Thelocactus*, *Turbiniacarpus*, *Wilcoxia* and *Yucca*. Our principal focus will be to see some of the new *Gymnocactus* and *Turbiniacarpus*, as well as a few of the rare and not often seen other genera and species.

If you have never had the opportunity to travel into these fascinating regions, this is your chance to get a first-hand viewing of how and where many of these awesome plants grow.



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## **MARCH 2026 - MINI-SHOW**

**Cactus: *Notocactus*; *Parodia***

**Succulent: *Dudleya***

*'Notocactus and Parodia'* by Tom Glavich (December 2025)

*Notocactus* and *Parodia* are now generally considered to be the same genus and in modern references; all *Notocactus* have been moved into *Parodia*. The original



distinguishing characteristic was the red stigmas in the flowers of *Notocactus*, and the yellow stigma in those of *Parodia*. The distinguishing characteristic between the two genera were redefined over time as more and more intermediates were discovered, eventually becoming a minor difference in the attachment of the seed to ovary. If you have a *Notocactus*, you can enter it this month labeled as a *Parodia*!

*Parodia* has swept up several other genera, and is likely to grow and swallow a few more as botanical and genetic studies continue.

*Parodia* are South American Cacti, with the center of the genus in Brazil and Argentina, but with members throughout the Eastern side of the Andes. Most are easy to grow, growing freely in the spring through the fall, and going more or less dormant in the fall. Some will flower in mid-winter, and given their native environment, most do better given a little water year around. Some of the more tropical species need protection from colder weather to prevent scarring, but most will take normal Southern California winters without protection.

*Parodia* are easy to grow from seed. Seed is available for nearly all the species, generally with variants from specific localities. It's worth exploring the differences in form and spination by growing the same species from multiple locations. The seedlings look very similar, but diverge more and more as the plants mature. The seed germinates readily and can grow into a show quality plant in just a few years. Vegetative propagation of the clustering types is easy as well. Cuttings taken during the late spring and early summer root readily and show new growth before the season is over.

The main cultural difficulties encountered with these plants are the ones common to all cacti, mealy bugs, spider mites and fungal spots. Mealy bugs can be kept away by keeping the plants clean and keeping ants away from the pots. Spider mites can appear anytime. They can do a lot of damage during the winter when plants are kept dry, and less attention is paid to them. A periodic hosing of the plants will help keep them away as well. A rose miticide will kill them, as will the much less poisonous volck oil. Soaking the entire plant for a few hours in water with dish detergent will take care of them, but this is not a recommended treatment if the plants are dormant.



Fungal spots and creeping crud (also a fungus common to many South American Cacti) growing from the base can be kept at bay by keeping the plants in growth as much as possible, by fertilizing regularly, and keeping the growing area clean and debris free to allow as much free air movement as possible.

## Great Parodias

*Parodia chrysacanthion* from Jujuy Argentina is a solitary globose species with great spines.

*Parodia (Notocactus) leninghausii* from Rio Grande do Sul Brazil is easy to come by and with patience and care becomes a very impressive species. It is nearly columnar, offsetting from the base, with short yellow spines. The growing tip always leans towards the sun (much more so in California than in its native Brazil). Give it root room and lots of fertilizer to grow and spread.

*Parodia maassii* has dense spination, often colored. It is native to Southern Bolivia and Northern Argentina.

*Parodia penicillata* from Northern Argentina has very dense radial spines that stick out from the body. A very unusual species that is easy to grow. This is another species whose growing point always points towards the sun, giving the plant a leaning appearance. This can be avoided by frequently turning the plant, or it can be emphasized as part of the unique character of the species.

*Parodia schummaniana* grows to more than a foot in diameter. This is an extremely variable species, always having deep ribs, but very different spination.

*Parodia turecekiana*, named after the late Victor Turecek, a long-time club member, comes from western Uruguay, and Northern Argentina. A great species that is readily available.



'Dudleyas' by Kyle Williams

(Photo Credits: "Introvert", "Geographer", and Michael Wolfe)

If any succulent deserved the title of "The California Succulent" it would be *Dudleya*. The genus consists of approximately 50 species, all of which are found in California and Baja California. A few species range outside these boundaries, but even they are species native to California as well. Southern California in particular is one of the prime hotspots for *Dudleya* diversity, with over 20 species and varieties that can be found within a roughly two-hour drive from our club's home at the Sepulveda Garden Center.

*Dudleya* belongs to the Crassulaceae, or *Crassula* family. This is a large family of approximately 35 genera and 1500 species. Most of us have several types of Crassulaceae in our collections, be it *Crassula*, *Aeonium*, *Kalanchoe*, *Echeveria*, *Sedum*, or species of many other genera. Most species are grown for their attractive fleshy leaves that are produced either in a rosette or as paired leaves that alternate at a 90-degree angle on the stem.

*Dudleya* are mostly smaller herbaceous plants that grow in a rosette. They are often mistaken for *Echeveria* but differ in technical characters of the flowers, but in practical terms the most important difference the average grower needs to be concerned about is growing season. *Dudleya* are winter growers while *Echeveria* are summer growers. The fact that *Dudleya* are winter growers should be surprising to no one given that they literally grow wild



on the hills around us which are bone dry in the summer and moist and green in the winter. The leaves of the most commonly grown species are covered in a white or bluish glaucous (powdery) coating, but several kinds have simple green or reddish green leaves. They range in size from rosettes upwards of 2' across down to miniatures only an inch or two in size that die back to the roots in summer. Most of the species grown in non-specialist collections are big single rosette forms like *D. britonii* or *D. pulverulenta*, or are clumped forms like *D. caespitosa* that take standard winter growing succulent care.

As *Dudleya* is the succulent most associated with California, it is worth talking about its life in the wild. In general, they can be found in coastal mountains growing on north facing slopes, usually on rocky steep grades and cliffs. Often you can walk right by them and not notice them, especially if you are expecting a big white plant like *D. pulverulenta*, one of our most common species. Most native *Dudleya* are only a few inches across and can only be found easily in the winter when in active growth. Some of these species are highly localized and extremely rare. In fact, some of the rarest plants on earth are certain of our local *Dudleya*, and they are under threat from fires, construction, and harvesting for the horticultural trade. If you are able, you should get out and enjoy seeing these plants in the wild, especially since some of them may one day only exist in cultivation.





**\*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# 4 - Subject to change based on updates from the below clubs)*

#### **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>

See flyer at the end of the newsletter!

**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: SAN JOSE CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
57TH ANNUAL SHOW & SALE**

Sat. 11am-7pm, Sun. 9am-2pm

1380 Rosalia Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94087  
(Peterson Middle School)

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

**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



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**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 9-10: 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)

**JUNE 27: 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/>

**JUNE 28: SUNSET SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SALE**

Sun. 10am-3pm  
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230  
(Veterans Memorial Center, Teen Center)  
Info: call 310-822-1783



**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: rskillin@gmail.com [orwww.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

**AUG. 21-23: SAN JOSE CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SUMMER CACTUS & SUCCULENT FAIR**

Fri. 6pm-9pm, Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 9am-2pm  
1380 Rosalia Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94087  
(Peterson Middle School)  
Info: [www.csss.org](http://www.csss.org)

**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. 26-27: 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. 4: 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)



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**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**

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## **Appendix A: Mini-Show Judging Standards**

### **General Criteria**

The criteria by which plants are judged is not precisely prescribed and there is a certain degree of subjectivity involved. The judges are recognized authorities and experienced growers. However, there is always some disagreement with the results of judging. Exhibitors (both winners and non-winners) should bear in mind that a different group of judges (or the same judges on a different day) might come to different conclusions. If your plants look just the way you want them to look, that should be satisfactory even if they do not receive awards.

Judges consider many characteristics of the entry and will typically use the percentages below:

Condition	60%	Size, maturity, and difficulty of culture	20%
Staging/ Grooming	15%	Nomenclature	5%

Condition, size, and difficulty are considered in relationships with each other. For example, an old plant with a few blemishes would probably be rated higher than a virtually flawless seedling.

A small plant that is difficult to grow might be judged better than a larger one that is relatively easy.

Staging includes many things that are involved in presenting plants, so they look their best – pot, top dressing, position of the plant in the pot, etc. This is a matter of individual taste, but conservative pots and subdued top dressing are generally preferred. Staging and grooming are a real art by which even an ordinary plant can sometimes be made to look special.

### **Point Awards**

Awards include ribbons in all Competitive Classifications as follows:

First (6 points)

Second (3 points)

Third (1 point)

Honorable Mention (0 points, used for tiebreaker)