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MONTHLY PROGRAM
JEFF MOORE

Dudleyas



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Remember to bring in
your problem plants, plant ID
+ special interest plants



**REFRESHMENTS
THIS MONTH:
LAST NAMES
BEGINNING
WITH 'C'**

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

MEETING START TIME: 7PM, DOORS OPEN AT 6:15PM

ONE GENERATION: 18255 VICTORY BLVD. RESEDA CA.

LACSS SPRING CACTUS SALE

MAY
17th
& 18th



FRIDAY
5pm - 9pm
TWILIGHT SALE
\$10 Admission
(Free with current
membership)

+
COLLECTORS
LIVE AUCTION
8pm

SATURDAY
9am - 3pm
SATURDAY SALE &
KIDS DAY

FOOD & MUSIC

TARZANA COMMUNITY
AND CULTURAL CENTER
19130 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana CA 91356



Photo credit: From Dudleyas Book

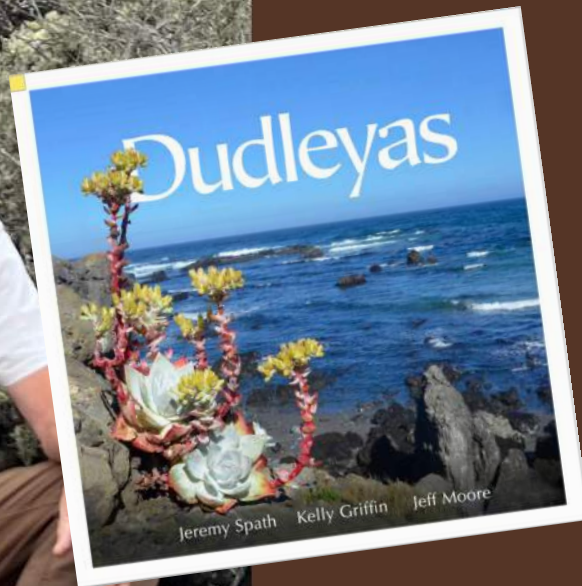


THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

DUDLEYAS

WITH JEFF MOORE

My talk and powerpoint presentation will follow the flow of the brand new Dudleya book that I have co-written with Jeremy Spath and Kelly Griffin.



The projected book arrival date will hopefully be May 2024. It will cover most if not all of the currently described species of this California and Baja genus. Images will show plants in habitat as well as cultivation, with advice on growing plants in captivity and an emphasis on conservation.

Images were taken by all three authors as well as contributors from the dudleya community. Kelly and Jeremy have visited and photographed nearly all species in situ—most of the habitat photos are quite stunning, often with beautiful ocean or cliffside backdrops.

Bio: I have owned and operated Solana Succulents near San Diego for over 30 years. This Dudleya book will be my sixth succulent book.



Dudleya caespitosa along the Big Sur cliffs Photo by Tyson Chandler

Refreshments!

It is a collective effort and responsibility each month to supply our members with sustenance,

**THIS BRINGS US TO THE MONTH OF APRIL AND THE ALPHABET ASSIGNMENT IS
FOR THE MONTH IS LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH LETTERS "C"**

If your last name begins with that letter, please bring something to share, enough for approximately 10 people. If you'd like to bring more that is okay too.

To facilitate set-up and clean-up, we ask that your contribution be in individual portions and/or a disposable container. At the end of the meeting, all leftovers, including containers, will be discarded. If you are available to help set up or tear down the refreshment center, please see me at the meeting at the Refreshment Table.

If you are unable to contribute, the club will also have a jar/bowl at the refreshment table if you would like to donate money so that the club can continue to supplement refreshments brought by the attendees.

April - Members whose last name begins with "C"

May - Members whose last name begins with "E, H"

June - Members whose last name begins with "F, G, I"

July - Members whose last name begins with "J, K, L"

Aug - Members whose last name begins with "M"

Sept - Members whose last name begins with "O, P, R"

Oct - Members whose last name begins with "S, T, U, V"

Nov - Members whose last name begins with "W, N, Q, Y, Z"



FROM THE M E S S A G E PRESIDENT

April is finally here! Spring has sprung and it's time to go out and enjoy your plants! Time to assess how all your plants survived the past rains and deal with any issues. I've been busy cutting off mushy leaves on my agave margaritae. Hopefully it will survive. For those of you who might have read last month's chronicle, my leaning ferocactus bit the dust! The leaning was because the inside was mush!Emoji I hope you all had better luck with your plants.

As we look forward to the warmer days ahead, I wanted to take a moment to remind you all of an exciting event on the horizon. In May, we will be hosting our LACSS Spring Cactus and Succulent Sale, that promises to be both fun for enthusiasts and beneficial for our club. It will be on May 17th and 18th at the Tarzana Community and Cultural Center. Please consider volunteering at our sale.

This sale is not just an opportunity to expand your collection or find unique specimens for your gardens, it's also a chance for us to support our club's initiatives and projects. Your participation in this sale directly contributes to the growth and sustainability of our society, enabling us to continue organizing educational programs, workshops, and community outreach efforts. It's also a great way to meet new people from the club with shared interests. The funds we raise go to events like the visit to Sofi stadium that we were able to subsidize. I hope that those of you who went enjoyed yourselves and the wonderful plants.

So mark your calendars and spread the word! Let's come together as a community to make our upcoming sale a resounding success. Whether you're a seasoned collector or just starting your journey with cacti and succulents, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

See you all Thursday, April 4th!
Cande Friedman

OF BOARD DIRECTORS

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LACSS MISSION STATEMENT

The Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society (LACSS) cultivates the study & enjoyment of cacti & succulent plants through educational programs & activities that promote the hobby within a community of fellow enthusiasts & among the greater public.

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Strombocactus discoformis at the 2019 Inter City Show and Sale

2024

JANUARY

Blossfeldia, Yavia
Dudleya, Cotyledon

FEBRUARY

Mammillaria Hook Spine
Cheiridopsis, Dinteranthus

MARCH

Copiapoa
Tulista, Astroloba

APRIL

Cacti of Baja California
Succulents of Baja California Mex

MAY

Cacti staged as miniature
Succulent staged as miniature
(Diameter of pot
NO LARGER THAN 3")

JUNE

Favorites

JULY

Opuntia North America
Jatropha, Pedilanthus

AUGUST

Neochilenia, Neoporteria
Commiphora, Boswellia

SEPTEMBER

Ariocarpus
Fockea, Ipomoea

OCTOBER

Trichocereus
Hoya, Ceropegia, Dischidia

NOVEMBER

Variigated

DECEMBER

Holiday Awards Party

PLANT OF THE MONTH



P L A N T O F T H E M O N T H

CACTUS + SUCCULENTS OF BAJA

B Y K Y L E W I L L I A M S

When we say “California” most of us think of the US state we live in. That is only about half of what California is, with Mexico retaining the other half. It is collectively known as “Baja California” but actually consists of two states. The northern state is Baja California while the southern one is Baja California Sur. For the purposes of this discussion both Mexican states will be collectively called Baja California. When referring to the US state it will simply be called California.

Baja California is known for having a great diversity of cacti and succulents, many of which are endemic to (i.e. found exclusively) the region. The reason for the high degree of endemism is thanks to it being a peninsula separated from the rest of Mexico by the Gulf of California (except for a tiny portion at the very north end of the peninsula. While the flora of far northern Baja overlaps heavily with the southernmost part of California, the sheer length of Baja California means that most of it is far enough from the rest of Mexico and California to allow for unique habitats and species to evolve. At over 775 miles in length and stretching across 10 degrees of latitude, with the Tropic of Cancer crossing a bit north of Cabo San Lucas, the climate varies greatly. The northern part of the peninsula has a Mediterranean climate similar to San Diego, but as you continue south the climate gets increasingly drier and warmer becoming a true desert. At the southern end of the peninsula, it is a tropical desert with comparatively high humidity. There are even regions of tropical dry forest. This variation should be kept in mind when growing plants from Baja California. Ones from the northern areas likely thrive in our climate as it varies little from its natural habitat. Those from further south, or from drier regions may be more sensitive to low temperatures and winter rains.



Baja landscape with Fouquieria columnaris, Pachycereus pringlei, Ferocactus, Agave, & more



Dudleya brittonii

The great variation in habitats has allowed for over 100 species of cacti and countless other succulents. Ferocactus is particularly diverse with around a dozen species, while Opuntia and Cyllindropuntia combine for 35 species. Echinocereus is represented by 11 species, and anyone interested in Mammillaria can find at least 21 species growing there. Some other cacti of note include Pachycereus pringlei, the largest cactus in the world. Bergerocactus emoryi is a nice smaller columnar species with yellow spines which extends up into the San Diego area. Peniocereus, the pencil cactus, is a nice columnar species with thin stems. Stenocereus eruca is a very unusual species in that it grows horizontally like a ground cover but watch out for the vicious spines covering the stems!

P L A N T O F T H E M O N T H

CACTUS + SUCCULENTS OF BAJA

B Y K Y L E W I L L I A M S



Bursera microphylla

Succulent and caudiciform fans will also be thrilled with Baja California. Five species of Fouquieria there including what is quite possibly the most famous plant in Baja, the Boojum (*Fouquieria columnaris*). That species is sometimes called the “Dr. Seuss Plant” because of the strange, contorted stems seen in older plants. Fans of caudiciforms will find plenty to love in Baja as 11 species of *Bursera* grow there. Compare that to just one species in California, which itself is quite rare here. No mention of Baja California succulents is complete without a mention of *Dudleya*. It is the “California succulent” in the truest sense of the word as every species can be found in either California or Baja California. Baja boasts a minimum of 30 species, including the well-known and widely grown *Dudleya brittonii*.

This just scratches the surface of the cacti and succulents of Baja California. For our club show any species of cactus or succulent that occurs natively in Baja California is eligible, even if it has a more widespread distribution that goes into the US or other parts of Mexico. If you are unsure if your plant is a Baja Native a quick Google search should help. Those of you more taxonomically minded might want to check the Flora of Baja California website which has comprehensive lists of species native to the region. “bajafloora.org”

L A C S S
S A T U R D A Y
PROGRAM

**GROW CACTI AND SUCCULENTS
FROM SEED**

WORKSHOP WITH DYLAN HANNON

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH 2023
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER
10AM**



Join us for an exciting hands-on workshop where you'll learn the art and science of growing cacti from seed! This workshop is for everyone, whether you're a novice who's never sown a seed to a veteran looking to sharpen their skills.

Dylan will guide us through the process of growing cacti and other summer grows from seed. We'll talk about everything from seed to soil to creating the right conditions for your seedlings to thrive.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING,
PLEASE EMAIL EMILYDIEBOLD13@GMAIL.COM**



BLOOMING KNOWLEDGE

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS HOSTED BY THE LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

The Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society (LACSS) is proud to invite plant enthusiasts, gardeners, and curious minds alike to join us on a journey of exploration and learning through our educational workshops. As an organization committed to the appreciation and conservation of cacti and succulents, these workshops aim to empower participants with knowledge and hands-on experience, fostering a deeper understanding of these unique and resilient plants.

OUR EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS SPAN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, EACH MONTH FEATURING A DIFFERENT THEME AND EXPERT SPEAKER. LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT AWAITS ATTENDEES IN THE COMING MONTHS:

APRIL

Spring Seed Workshop with Dylan Hannon

Join expert Ed Reed as he delves into spring seeds. Participants will gain insights into the propagation and cultivation of these plants from seed, equipping them with the skills to nurture new life in their own gardens.



MAY

Trimming with Karen Ostler:

Renowned designer Karen Ostler takes center stage in May, offering a workshop on the art of staging succulents. From container arrangements to landscape design, participants will learn how to showcase these plants in aesthetically pleasing and harmonious compositions.

JUNE AND AUGUST

Take a breather these months, allowing participants to reflect on the knowledge acquired thus far and prepare for the upcoming workshops.

JULY

Pollination with Ernesto

Explore the fascinating world of pollination in July with expert Ernesto. Discover the intricate relationships between cacti, succulents, and pollinators, gaining a deeper understanding of the ecological dynamics that contribute to plant reproduction.

SEPTEMBER

Grafting with Rob Roy MacGregor

Join us in September as Rob shares the art of grafting succulents. This hands-on workshop will provide participants with practical skills in plant propagation, opening up new possibilities for creating unique and resilient hybrids.



OCTOBER

Winter Seed Workshop with Tom Glavich:

Round off the year exploring the beauty of winter seeds. Participants will learn about the different adaptations of cacti and succulents during the colder months and how to capture their seasonal charm.

SPORTS TO SUCCULENTS

SOFI STADIUM

report by Roxie Esterle

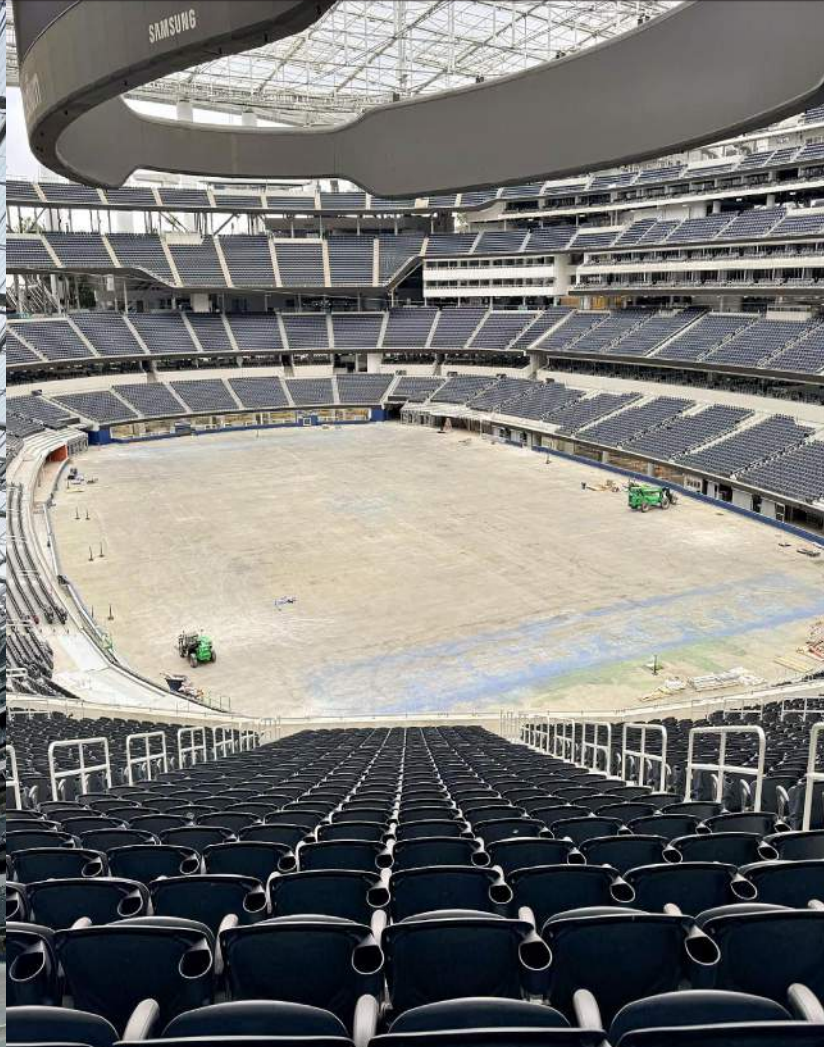


Photo credit: Ricardo Fong

On March 23, 2024, nearly 30 LACSS members and friends took a field trip to the gardens at the SoFi Stadium in Inglewood. The trip began with a tour of the facility, showing off its scope and scale from state-of-the-art technology and enormous size to locker rooms, a museum, and viewer suites. We then had the opportunity to walk the beautiful drought tolerant garden which features *Brachychiton rupestris*, *Cyphostemmas*, many species of *Aloes* and *Aeoniums*, *Proteas*, *Dasyilirions*, and more. And we dodged the rain.

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FOLLOWING THE SOFI STADIUM VISIT,

our group visited the amazing garden of Bonnie Ikemura, a long-time LACSS member and expert grower who lives in the area. What a treat! Bonnie's healthy and mature landscape dates from 2008. Thank you, Bonnie, for your hospitality.





Photo credit: Ron Cooper

2024 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- APR. 12-14 MONTEREY BAY AREA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SALE & SHOW
FRI. 3PM-6PM MEMBERS ONLY, SAT. 9AM-5PM, SUN. 9AM-3PM
INFO MBACSSPRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM OR MBSUCCULENT.ORG
ISTW PORTUGUESE HALL, 124 ATKINSON LANE, WATSONVILLE, CA 95076
- APR. 14 CONEJO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SALE 9AM-4PM
INFO. WWW.CONEJOCSS.COM OR CONEJOCSS@HOTMAIL.COM
558 N. VENTU PARK ROAD, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91320
- APR. 13-14 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., RANCHO PALOS VERDES
- APR. 27 PALOMAR CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING FESTIVAL
SAT. 11AM-3PM C&S SALES AND FREE WORKSHOPS ON GROWING C&S
THE PARK AVE. COMMUNITY CENTER, 210 E. PARK AVE., ESCONDIDO, CA
- APR. 27-28 SAN JOSE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
SAT. 10AM-5PM, SUN. 10AM-4PM INFO. WWW.CSSSJ.ORG
PETERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1380 ROSALIA AVENUE, SUNNYVALE, CA
- APR. 28 HUNTINGTON SPRING PLANT SALE - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
10AM-5PM IRESERVATIONS- WWW.HUNTINGTON.ORG, SALE CALL 626-405-3571
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD RD., SAN MARINO, CA
- MAY 3 - 5 SACRAMENTO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
9AM-5PM INFO. WWW.SACRAMENTOCSS.COM
SHEPARD GARDEN AND ARTS CENTER, 3330 MCKINLEY BLVD., SACRAMENTO, CA
- MAY 4 - 5 SUNSET SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
SAT. SHOW NOON-4PM, SALE 9AM-4PM, SUN. SHOW & SALE 9AM-4PM
INFO. CALL 310-822-1783
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, TEEN CENTER, 4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY
- MAY 5 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB SHOW AND SALE
NOON-4PM INFO. CALL 714-553-6914
WOMEN'S CLUB OF BELLFLOWER, 9402 OAK ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

South Coast Cactus
& Succulent Society

Annual Show & Sale

April 13 and 14, 2024

Hours: 9am - 4 pm

Palos Verdes Art Center
5504 Crestridge Road
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
90275

FREE
admission and parking



Aeonium 'Sunburst'

Success with Succulents

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For anyone who
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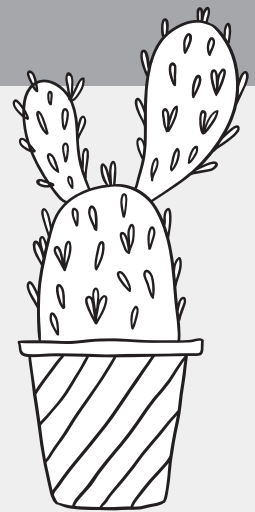
Collectors

Gardeners

Landscapers

Families & Friends

Kids & Grandkids



- Thousands of plants for sale
- Hard to find plants
- Artistic pottery
- Expert advice for all levels of growers
- Showing plants in an artistic venue
- Art Center galleries and gift shop open



Cactus & Succulent Spring Sale **Sunday, April 14, 2024**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

558 North Ventu Park Road
Thousand Oaks, CA, 91320
SE corner of Ventu & Hillcrest

Vendors will be offering
Cactus, Succulents, Bromeliads & Tillandsia
Along with Pottery
and Jewelry

Experts will be available for
questions regarding plant care



Please bring boxes or bags to carry home your purchases.

For more information: Facebook: Conejo Cactus & Succulent Society
Web: ConejoCSS.com Email: ConejoCSS@hotmail.com

SUNSET SUCCULENT SOCIETY
ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE

MAY 4 - 5, 2024
SATURDAY & SUNDAY SALE
9AM - 4PM
SATURDAY SHOW 12PM - 4PM
SUNDAY SHOW 9AM - 4PM

(TEEN CENTER) AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL CENTER
4117 OVERLAND BOULEVARD CULVER CITY



- BRYAN CHAN BROMELIADS
- COLE JAMES CERAMICS
- DESERT CREATIONS
- DISTINCTIVE FLORA
- DUKE & KAZ SUCCULENTS
- GERALD RICHERT POTTERY
- GREEN TOUCH NURSERY
- GOLDBALL CACTUS
- GROW UP
- HANNA'S SUCCULENTS
- INNERSCAPES
- JPM PLANTS
- JUNE'S POTS
- KATHRYN BOORER
- KYLE'S PLANTS
- MICHELLE LEE ART
- NELS CHRISTENSON POTS
- SKYVIEW SUCCULENTS
- SUNSET SUCCULENT
- THORN OASIS
- TRISH SIDWERSKI PLANTS