

C A C T U S CHRONICLE

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MONTHLY PROGRAM

DYLAN ZOLLER



**Jewels of the
Brazilian Highlands**

ARID PLANTS A-Z

ELI COHEN



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

**REFRESHMENTS
THIS MONTH:
LAST NAMES
BEGINNING
WITH 'E' & 'H'**

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

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED
SEE JOYCE
AT MEETING!

CURRENT MEMBERS

FRIDAY TWILIGHT SALE ADMISSION
TICKETS WILL BE SENT TO YOUR EMAIL
THURSDAY MAY 16. PRESENT DIGITAL
TICKET AT DOOR FOR QUICK ENTRY.

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

+

**COLLECTORS
LIVE AUCTION**
8pm

SATURDAY
9am - 3pm
**SATURDAY SALE &
KIDS DAY**
FREE Admission

FOOD & LIVE MUSIC
**TARZANA COMMUNITY
AND CULTURAL CENTER**
19130 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana CA 91356



Photo from Dylan Zoller

JEWELS OF THE BRAZILIAN HIGHLANDS

WITH DYLAN ZOLLER

THIS MONTH'S
PROGRAM



Dylan was raised in Laguna Beach, where his fascination with rare cultivated plants blossomed, initially sparked by his early exposure to palms, cacti, and succulents. At the tender age of six, his father gifted him vintage editions of

Alfred Graf's EXOTICA. For those not familiar, the two volumes served as pictorial encyclopedias for a multitude of tropicals. These volumes opened Dylan's eyes to the vast diversity of succulents, cacti, and bromeliads, igniting his passion for growing and nurturing these plants himself. Currently employed at Sherman Botanical Gardens, Dylan meticulously maintains the Succulent and Bromeliad garden, as well as overseeing their captivating display collections.





Photo by Dylan Zoller

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 "E" & "H"**

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.

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 MESSAGE PRESIDENT

I don't know about you, but I'm thrilled to finally see some dry weather. While I understand the importance of conserving water, my cacti are definitely enjoying this break. Bring on the heat! I lost several plants this winter, but I have to look at the bright side, that always leaves space for new ones!

As May arrives, so does our much-anticipated Spring Cactus and Succulent Sale. We're still in need of plenty of volunteers, and it's not just about lending a hand—it's an opportunity to mingle with fellow club members with a shared interest, seeing an array of amazing plants, and having a blast!

Mark your calendars for Friday night, May 17th, as we kick off the festivities with our Twilight Sale starting at 5PM. While there's a nominal \$10 admission fee for non-members, rest assured, our valued members will receive their exclusive entry tickets via email shortly. And if you're not yet part of our club, consider this your golden ticket—joining now not only grants you access to the Twilight Sale but also saves you a cool ten bucks! Saturday, May 18th, entry is free.



We're switching things up this year by hosting the event at the Tarzana Community & Cultural Center, complete with tantalizing aromas from an Italian food truck and live musical performances on Saturday. Sounds like a dream, right? So why not seize the opportunity to be part of something special?

Finally I would like to remind you that we are fortunate to have a vibrant club with ample opportunities for learning and exploration. Don't miss out on our upcoming Saturday educational programs and field trips—they're fantastic chances to expand your knowledge and experience the beauty of plants in various settings.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Thursday, May 2nd!

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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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

Variiegated

DECEMBER

Holiday Awards Party

PLANT OF THE MONTH



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

CACTI & SUCCULENTS STAGED AS

MINIATURES

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

This month we aren't focusing on a specific genus or family of plants. Instead we will look at a growth form that everyone has space to grow, miniatures! It is important to note that because we are dealing with a descriptive term, not a botanical one, there is no hard and fast rule for what a miniature plant is. The closest we have is a pot size rule, which limits the maximum pot size to 3" diameter and requires the plants to be naturally small, not just a juvenile. For our meeting we'll be a little more relaxed and allow juvenile forms, within reason of course (no overgrown plant in a tiny pot!).

A miniature is not necessarily the same thing as a dwarf plant. For example, a number of Agave species are considered dwarf sized because they only get a couple feet in diameter. That is very small compared to a huge *A. americana* that can be 10 feet or more across, but isn't really what we mean by miniature.

Another example would be a *Bursera microphylla*, the Elephant Tree, which can form a huge shrub or small tree. It is often grown as a caudiciform bonsai just a couple feet tall. That plant has been dwarfed but it still is not a miniature!

So what are some examples of true miniatures?

Two great examples for cacti would be *Copiapoa laui* and *Blossfeldia liliputiana*, the two smallest species in the family. They both form small clumps, but individual heads are usually 1/2" or less in diameter. Even slightly bigger species such as *Ortegocactus macdougallii*, *Mammillaria theresae*, or *Puna clavaroides* are ideal miniatures so long as the clump hasn't become too big.

While there are quite a number of miniature cacti, the number of miniature (non-cactus) succulents is even bigger. One of the best places to look for miniatures is among the mesembs. Some species of *Conophytum* are the very definition of miniature, in that some species such as *C. pellucidum* are so small that you could have upwards of 100 heads in a three-inch pot! Many species of *Lithops* work well too. Also consider some of the mesembs that aren't living stones types such as *Titanopsis* or *Aloinopsis* species. Outside mesembs, consider some of the smallest *Crassula*, *Haworthia*, *Sedum*, or *Avonia*. These are just suggestions, but if you have a plant that looks good and proportional in a three inch or smaller pot then you have a miniature!



Neohenrichii sibbettii



Conophytum ectypum



Escobaria minima



Avonia alstonii ssp. quinarua

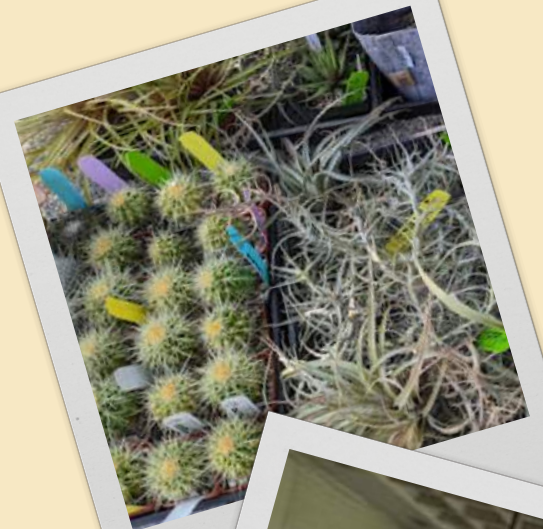




LACSS SERVES THE COMMUNITY

BY ROXIE ESTERLE

On Saturday, March 23, in spite of the rain, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council hosted a Spring Tree and Succulent Adoption. LACSS was invited to participate and donated about 8 flats of succulents and cacti. Ron Behar capably represented LACSS at the event and generated new members and considerable interest in our organization. Our sincere thanks to the following members and friends for their plant donations: Nancy Neymark, Rio Cernik, and the estate of Bill Baker.



2024 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- MAY 10 - 11** GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SALE
DAILY 9AM-4PM INFO. WWW.GATESCACTUSANDSUCCULENTSOCIETY.COM
REDLANDS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 1307 E. CITRUS AVE., REDLANDS, CA
- MAY 11** SANTA BARBARA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
10AM-3PM, MEMBERS EARLY ENTRY 9:30AM
INFO. [HTTPS://SBCACTUS.ORG/SHOW-AND-SALE/](https://SBCACTUS.ORG/SHOW-AND-SALE/)
SANTA BARBARA WOMENS CLUB, 670 MISSION CANYON RD. SANTA BARBARA, CA
- MAY 11 - 12** 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 17 - 18** LACSS SPRING CACTUS SALE
FRI. 5PM-9PM, \$10 ADMISSION, FREE FOR CURRENT MEMBERS
COLLECTORS LIVE AUCTION 8PM
SAT. SALE 9AM-3PM, KIDS DAY + LIVE MUSIC
TARZANA COMMUNITY & CULTURAL CENTER 19130 VENTURA BLVD.
INFO. LACACTUS.COM INSTAGRAM @LACSSCLU
- MAY 18 - 19** CARMICHAEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
SAT. 9AM-4PM, SUN. 9AM-2:30PM, INFO. WWW.CCANDSS.COM
CARMICHAEL PARK CLUBHOUSE, 5750 GRANT AVE., CARMICHAEL, CA
- MAY 25** EPIPHYLLUM CONFERENCE XVII (EPICON 17) SAT. 8:30AM-5PM
CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS 340 N. ESCONDIDO BLVD., ESCONDIDO, CA
COST IS \$65 PER PERSON AND INCLUDES LUNCH.
REGISTER ONLINE AT [HTTPS://SDEPIS.ORG/](https://SDEPIS.ORG/). DEADLINE IS MAY 11
- MAY 25 - 26** CENTRAL COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
SAT. 10AM-5PM, SUN. 10AM-4PM INFO. WWW.CENTRALCOASTCACTUS.ORG
NIPOMO HIGH SCHOOL, 525 N. THOMPSON AVE., NIPOMO, CA



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

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Gates Cactus and Succulent Society 49th Annual Show & Sale



Plant Sale - Friday & Saturday, May 10-11, 2024

Exhibit Show - Saturday, May 11, 2024

9:00am – 4:00pm

Redlands Church of the Nazarene

1307 East Citrus Avenue, Redlands, CA 92374

FREE ADMISSION

Plant auction and raffle.

www.gatescactusandsucculentsociety.com

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18th BIENNIAL MID-STATES CONFERENCE

JULY 26th, 27th, 28th, 2024

Santa Fe, New Mexico

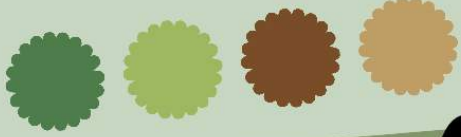
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JUNE
28-30,
2024



57TH ANNUAL
**CSSA
SHOW
& SALE**
CSSASHOW.COM



10AM-
5PM
DAILY



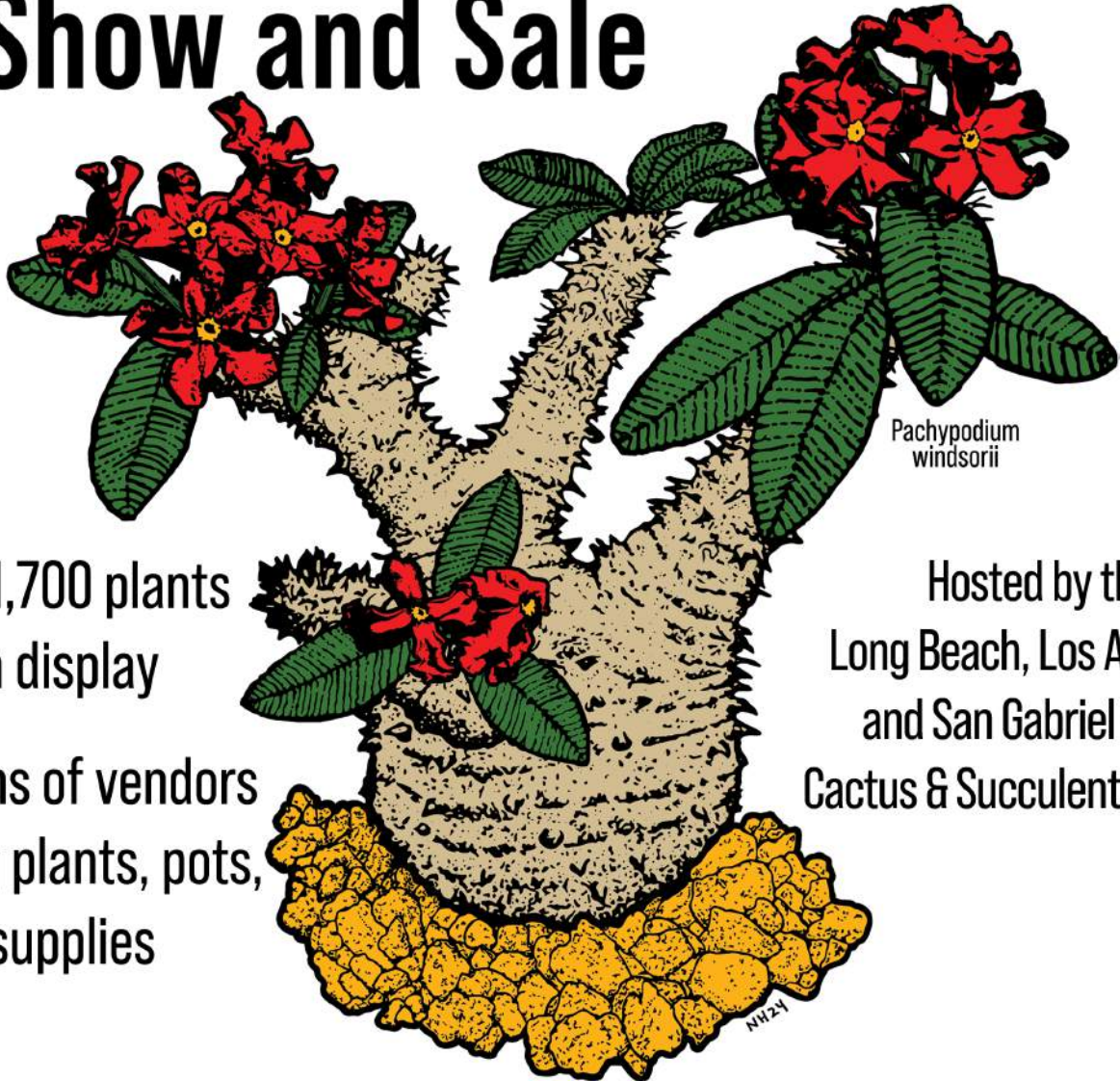
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HUNTINGTON.ORG

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Cactus & Succulent
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