



SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Communiqué



UPCOMING EVENTS

* Club Meeting August 13

Ayres Hall of the
LA Arboretum:
Meeting 7:30 PM
Gates open at 6:00 PM

* C&S Workshop August 19

Topic: Ariocarpus

Palm Classroom of the
Arboretum. 7:30 PM
Gates open at 6:00 PM

ABOUT SGVCSS

Chartered in 1967,
San Gabriel Valley
Cactus & Succulent
Society's
objectives are to promote
knowledge, study, and interest
in cacti and other succulent
plants through educational
programs, public exhibits, &
the sharing of these interests
to the general public.

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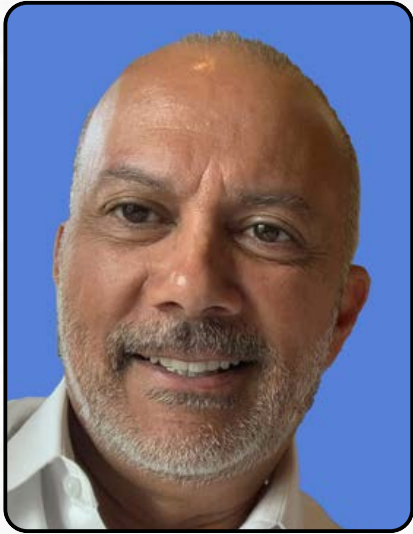
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Plants of the Month:



Woody
Minnich

President's Message



Ready, set, go!

That's our mantra all this month beginning with the Inter-City Show and Sale on August 7, 8, and 9 at the LA County Arboretum. Co-chairs Gunnar Eisel and Tom Glavich have been running in overdrive to make this year's show and sale even better than last year's.

Club members can help by bringing plants to the show, buying plants, or by volunteering to fill an available slot. Don't forget that our club is one of the three co-sponsors of the event, so our club's participation is crucial.

But alas, there is much more to come this month including our general meeting which features Woody Minnich speaking on "Japan: Amazing Cactus & Succulent Nurseries." And to cap off the month, don't miss our workshop on Ariocarpus.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at one or all of our many activities this month.

Warm regards,
Nick Renteria



Welcome Our New Members:

Lisa Blackbill, San Gabriel
Henry Lin, Arcadia
Rob Troy, Tujunga



[INSTAGRAM.COM/SGVCSS_ORG](https://www.instagram.com/sgvcss_org)

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH: WOODY MINNICH

Japan, Amazing Cactus & Succulent Nurseries **Wendell S. “Woody” Minnich**



What's happening in Japan will blow your mind! For decades, the cactus and succulent trade was largely represented by the United States, England, Germany, and the rest of Europe. In recent years, however, we have seen extraordinary plants coming from Japan, Thailand, and Taiwan, including beautifully grown species and fantastically developed cultivars.

Years ago, serious Japanese and Chinese collectors began visiting American nurseries. They purchased our rarest and most desirable plants, often telling us that someday they would produce them by the thousands and sell them back to us. That prediction has now come true. I wanted to know how they were accomplishing such remarkable production, so I had to go to Japan and see for myself.

In the fall of 2025, I traveled there with my good cactus and succulent friends Jack Tian and Moses Nuño. We were welcomed by noted Japanese collector Tadayoshi Kono, who helped us visit some of the country's finest growers. Before we even got started, I was invited to do a television interview about the American side of the hobby, including our clubs, shows, and sales.

Over five exciting days, we visited nurseries ranging from rural agricultural operations to rooftop greenhouses. We saw *Astrophytum*, *Ariocarpus*, *Aztekium*, *Copiapoa*, *Echinocactus*, *Mammillaria*, *Turbinicarpus*, *Agave*, *Aloe*, *Conophytum*, *Lithops*, *Pachypodium*, and much more, often propagated by the thousands.

Many growers specialize in a single species, perfecting its form, color, and texture much as bonsai artists have done for centuries. We encountered extraordinary cultivars such as *Ariocarpus* "Godzilla," *Ariocarpus retusus* "Cauliflower," and *Astrophytum asterias* "Super Kabuto," displayed in beautiful handmade pots and staged to suggest habitat.

Every stop offered new surprises and reflected a remarkable dedication to cultivation. What an unforgettable experience! In this presentation, I'll share the marvelous plants, people, nurseries, and discoveries we encountered. Let's go to Japan!

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH: WOODY MINNICH



Moses Nuño with the giant 'Godzillas', amazing plants created by an old-time grower in Tokyo.



Lophophoras by the thousands, they are totally legal there!



Jack Tian enjoys many of their perfectly grown *Ariocarpus*, *Astrophytums*, and so much, much more.

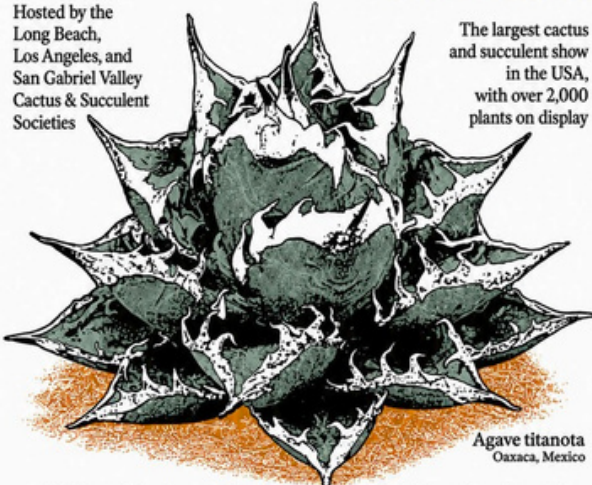


Astrophytum 'Super Kabuto', every form known to mankind, and more!

40th Annual Inter-City Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale

Hosted by the
Long Beach,
Los Angeles, and
San Gabriel Valley
Cactus & Succulent
Societies

The largest cactus
and succulent show
in the USA,
with over 2,000
plants on display



Agave titanota
Oaxaca, Mexico

Vendors selling thousands of plants, ceramics, books, tools and more!

August 7th, 2026 - Sale 9^{AM}-5^{PM}

August 8th & 9th, 2026 - Show & Sale 9^{AM}-5^{PM}

Los Angeles County Arboretum

www.intercityshow.com

Instagram: @intercityshow

Facebook Group: intercityshow

40th Inter-City Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale August 7-9, 2026



Agave titanota
Oaxaca, Mexico

Hosted by the Long Beach, Los Angeles, and
San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Societies

Take a look and share
our short video!

— THE 40TH ANNUAL —
**INTER-CITY
SHOW AND SALE**
— AUGUST 7 TO 9 —
Los Angeles Co. Arboretum Ayres Hall
301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia

**ADVANCE LA ARBORETUM
TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!**
at arboretum.org

**VISIT
INTERCITYSHOW.COM**
FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

ENTERING PLANTS



YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER
of a cactus and succulent club to enter plants.



Entry tags will be available
when you arrive, and volunteers
will be happy to assist you.



DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	August 5	1:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Plant drop-off and setup
Thursday	August 6	9:00 AM – 9:00 PM	Plant drop-off and setup
Friday	August 7	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Plant drop-off
Friday	August 7	4:00 PM	Judging Begins
Sunday	August 9	After 5:00 PM	Plant Pick-Up*

* Plants must remain for the entire show.



AMAZING PLANTS



SPECIALTY
VENDORS



EXPERTS &
EDUCATION



FUN FOR ALL!



www.intercityshow.com

Presented by the Long Beach Cactus Club, the Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society,
and the San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society.

Inter-City Dinner Tickets available

Join us for our Dinner, Auction and Awards ceremony on Saturday, August 8, at 6:00 PM.

Dinner will feature a special taco bar prepared by Martinez Catering. The cost remains just \$35 per person.

Please see Margie Wilson at the meeting to purchase your tickets. Payment may be made by cash or check.

Visit the Inter-City Website for Details

PLANTS OF THE MONTH: Favorites - From Previous Inter-City Show

Astrophytum caput-medusae



Agave victoriae-reginae
'White Rhino'



Obregonia denegrii



Euphorbia obesa crest



Astrophytum myriostigma
cv. 'Fukuryu'



Sulcorebutia rauschii
'Violaciodermis'



Pediocactus peeblesianus
v. *fickeisenii*



Haworthia obtusa var. 'Yutan'



Everyone should bring a
plant to this meeting!

Photos: Gunnar Eisel

JULY MINI-SHOW RESULTS: ECHINOCACTUS AND ADENIUMS

Novice Division: Cactus

First Place: Nora Sandoval - *Echinocactus grusonii*

Second Place: Charlene Sandoval - *Echinocactus grusonii*

Third Place: Paul Salcido - *Echinocactus grusonii*

Novice Division: Succulent

First Place: Nora Sandoval - *Adenium obesum*

Second Place: Charlene Sandoval - *Adenium obesum*

Third Place: Sherri Russo - *Adenium obesum*

Intermediate Division: Cactus

First Place: Tricia Kangrga - *Echinocactus grusonii*

Second Place: Tricia Kangrga - *Echinocactus grusonii*

Third Place: Tricia Kangrga - *Echinocactus grusonii*

Intermediate Division: Succulents

First Place: Nick Renteria - *Adenium arabicum* 'Compacta'

Second Place: Martin Look - *Adenium obesum*

Third Place: Nick Renteria - *Adenium dhofarense*

Open Division

No entries



PLANT OF THE MONTH AND WORKSHOPS

Aug	Favorite Cactus Favorite Succulent	<i>Ariocarpus</i>
Sep	<i>Ariocarpus</i> <i>Bursera</i>	Madagascan <i>Pachypodium</i>
Oct	<i>Melocactus</i> , <i>Discocactus</i> Madagascan <i>Pachypodium</i>	Winter Seed Workshop
Nov	Crest and Monstrose	Tips and Tricks

Snack Schedule

August	E-H
September	I-L
October	M-P
November	Q-T

Time to join or renew your SGVCSS Membership!

Membership is still \$20 per year.
You may pay at the meetings or
use the QR Code below:



Join



Renew



The calm before the storm.

2026 C&S AND EPI EVENT CALENDAR

AUG., 7-9:

Inter-City Show and Sale

Reservations required.

Info: www.intercityshow.com

Friday: Sale only 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday: Show and Sale,

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

LA County Arboretum,

301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA

AUG. 21-23:

San Jose Cactus and Succulent

Society Summer Cactus & Succulent Fair

Fri. 6:00PM-9:00PM

Sat. 10:00AM-6:00PM

Sun. 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Info. www.csss.org

Peterson Middle School, 1380 Rosalia Ave.,

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

SEP. 4:

Huntington Botanical Gardens

Succulent Symposium

9:00 AM-3:00 PM Reservations Required

Info. Reservations - www.huntington.org,

Symposium - call 626-405-3504

Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford

Rd., San Marino, CA

SEP. 26-27:

Monterey Bay Area Cactus and

Succulent Society Fall Sale and Show

Sat. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM,

Sun. 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Info. mbacsspresident@gmail.com or

mbsucculent.org

Portuguese Hall, 124 Atkinson Lane,

Watsonville, CA 95076

OCT. 4:

Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Auction

1:00 PM-3:30 PM Info. Call 714-553-6914

Women's Club of Bellflower,

9402 Oak St., Bellflower, CA

OCT. 4:

Conejo Cactus and Succulent

Society Fall Sale

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Info. www.conejocss.com

or conejocss@hotmail.com

558 N. Ventu Park Rd.

Thousand Oaks, CA 91320

Oct. 23-25:

Huntington Fall Plant Sale

- Reservations Required

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Information and reservations:

www.huntington.org

Sale information: 626-405-3571

Oct. 24-25 Palomar Cactus and Succulent

Society Fall Show and Sale

San Diego Botanic Garden admission

required

Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;

Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Information: rwkopfstein@gmail.com

San Diego Botanic Garden Conservatory,

230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA



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Year at a Glance



LEADERSHIP TEAM 2026

Officers and Directors:

Nick Renteria, President
Amanda Gerberich, Vice President
Charlene Sandoval, Secretary
Margie Wilson, Treasurer
Gunnar Eisel, Past President

Margie Wilson, Director
Manny Rivera, Director
Sharon Sedillo, Director
Angela Clubb, Director
Mike Pearson, Director
Liz Wagner, Director

Committee Chairs and Appointed Positions:

Program Chair – Gunnar Eisel
Membership Chair – Keiko Doi
Club Librarian – Cindy Arakaki
Newsletter Editor – Gunnar Eisel
Social Media Chair – Open

Winter Show Chair – Manny Rivera
Winter Sales Chair – James Lemos
Inter-City Show Chair – Gunnar Eisel
Inter-City Sales Chair – Tom Glavich
CSSA Representative – Amanda Gerberich

General Meetings

Second Thursday of each month
Gates open at 6:00 PM
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM.

Location: Ayers Hall
Los Angeles County Arboretum
301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia

Workshops

Third Wednesday of each month
Gates open at 6:00 PM
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM

Location: Palm Classroom
Los Angeles County Arboretum
(No workshop in December)

Got News or Comments?
Contact us at: editor@sgvcss.com

