



SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Communiqué



UPCOMING EVENTS

* **Club Meeting July 9**

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

* **C&S Workshop July 15**

Topic: Grafting

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

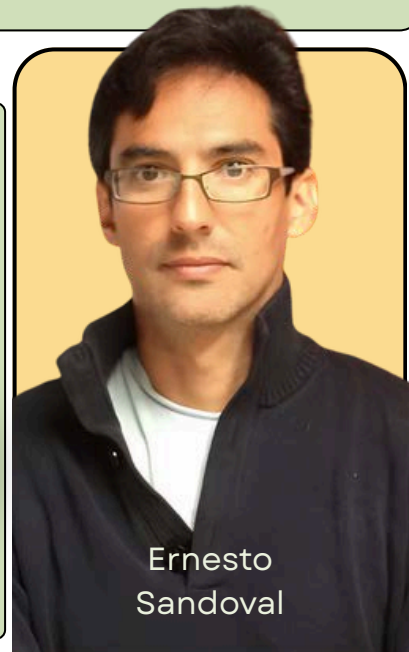
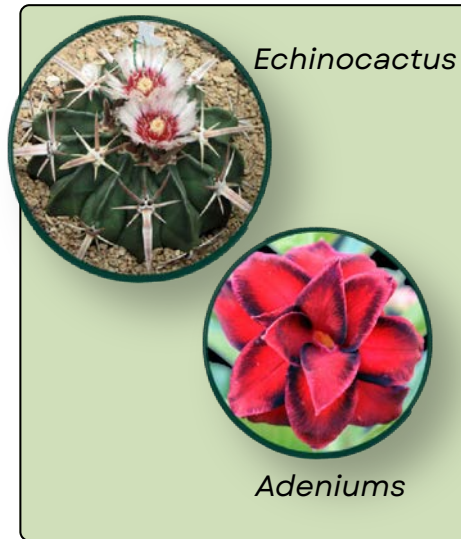
ABOUT SGVCSS

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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Plants of the Month:



Ernesto
Sandoval

President's Message



The summer show and sale season is well underway, and with it the two biggest shows and sales of the year. I want to personally thank all the members who participated in the recent CSSA Show and Sale as an exhibitor, vendor, customer, or volunteer.

I'd like to point out that once again the San Gabriel club provided half the total volunteers and about half the show table entries. You're the best!

And now that those plants are already staged and ready to go, start filling out the entry tags for the Inter-City Show and Sale to be held August 7, 8, and 9 at the LA County Arboretum. Stay tuned for more information in this newsletter and at the July and August general meetings.


Speaking of which, this month's general meeting will feature botanist and frequent guest speaker, Ernesto Sandoval. And don't forget about our monthly workshop whose topic will be Grafting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the general meeting.

Warm regards,
Nick Renteria



We're moving to a new Instagram page and would love for you to join us there. This will be our new place to share meeting updates, show announcements, special events, and everything happening in our SGVCSS community. Be one of the first to follow along and stay connected.

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

NEW HOME. SAME PASSION.

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Welcome to our new Instagram home!

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SPEAKER OF THE MONTH: ERNESTO SANDOVAL

Propagation and Cultivation of South African Bulbs



Ernesto Sandoval has grown South African bulbs and geophytes for many years, both professionally and privately. He wants to share some of his experiences with this beautiful and diverse set of plants, particularly concerning propagation and cultivation. Mostly, through the use of gorgeous photos, he wants to convince us to grow more of these fascinating plants in our gardens with little effort (free winter rainfall) to bring a little more color into our gardens during the winter months!

He'll have bulbs and other succulents available for sale!

Ernesto Sandoval has been pondering and seeking answers to the question of why plants grow and look the way they do for nearly 40 years. He now explains and interprets the world of plants to audiences of all ages, from amateur gardeners to professionals. He regularly lectures to garden clubs throughout the western United States, particularly succulent clubs throughout California. Desert plants are his particular passion within his broader love of plants. He describes himself as a "Jose of All Plants, Master of None" and enjoys learning from both the experiences and passions of others and his own. Ernesto thoroughly enjoys helping others, particularly gardeners, understand why and how plants do what they do.

When he was about 13, he asked his dad why one tree was pruned a particular way and another tree a different way. His dad answered bluntly, "Because that's how you do it." Since then, he has been seeking and teaching the answers to those and many other questions.

He earned a degree in Botany from the University of California, Davis and worked his way from student weeder/waterer to Director over a 30-year career at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory.

He is now a graduate student in Horticulture and Agronomy at University of California, Davis, having advanced directly into a Ph.D. program focused on the propagation and cultivation of drought-adapted plants.



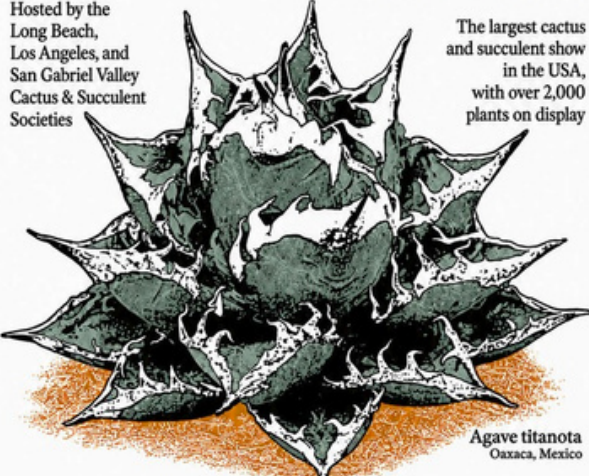
59TH CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE

Congratulations to Everyone Involved!



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



THE 40TH INTER-CITY SHOW AND SALE

SALE: AUGUST 7-9 | SHOW: AUGUST 8-9

 The event runs from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Los Angeles County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA.

 The Inter-City Show and Sale is one of the premier cactus and succulent events in the country.

 Celebrating its 40th anniversary, the 2026 event will feature more than 2,000 exceptional plants from six continents, along with vendors, exhibits, educational programs, and activities for all ages.



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	Plant drop-off and setup
Thursday	August 6	Plant drop-off and setup
Friday	August 7	Plant drop-off
Friday	4:00 PM	Judging Begins
Sunday	August 9	Plant Pick-Up*

* Plants must remain for the entire show.

WALKS AND TALKS




Featuring world-class growers, collectors, and horticultural experts. Learn from presentations and demonstrations throughout the weekend.

KIDS' DAY

Planting the Seeds of Curiosity!
 Bring the whole family on Sunday for Kids' Day. Enjoy hands-on activities celebrating plants, creativity, learning, and discovery.



More than 2,000 plants • Vendors from across the country • Educational exhibits • Family activities

 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.

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



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Oaxaca, Mexico

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

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.

Take a look and share our short video!

Visit the Inter-City Website for Details

**PLANTS OF THE MONTH:
Cacti: Echinocactus**

The Cactus of the Month for July is one of the genera of barrel cacti from Mexico and the southwestern United States.

Echinocactus was once one of the "main" genera of cacti and included more than a hundred species and over a thousand published names. As additional collecting and research continued over the years, most of the species were transferred to other genera, leaving only six recognized species. *Echinocactus* superficially resembles *Ferocactus*; however, *Echinocactus* has straight spines, while *Ferocactus* has hooked spines and nectar glands on the areoles.

Echinocactus species are mostly large plants, with many (though not all) growing to three feet or more in diameter and nearly as tall. The most familiar example is *Echinocactus grusonii*, popularly known as the "golden barrel cactus" or "mother-in-law's cushion," and a staple of cactus gardens. We are fortunate that it grows well throughout Southern California. It is a prominent feature of The Huntington's cactus garden and one of the key plants in the Getty Museum garden as well. One of the accompanying photographs shows a plant in the author's garden that began as a single head about six inches across and has developed into a very large, multiheaded specimen.

Echinocactus platyacanthus, shown below, is a seedling about six years old in a Joe Wujcik pot.



Echinocactus platyacanthus (ingens)

This species is the largest of all the *Echinocactus*, but it is also very slow-growing. The third photograph shows a mature specimen growing in the ground at The Huntington. In about 50 years, the seedling will resemble the plant growing in the ground, but its attractive juvenile spination makes it an excellent pot plant. Most *Echinocactus* species grow well in normal cactus potting mixes.



Echinocactus grusonii



Echinocactus platyacanthus

PLANTS OF THE MONTH:
Cacti: *Echinocactus*

A mix of 80 percent pumice and 20 percent commercial potting mix works well, provided supplemental fertilizer is applied during the growing season. The species from Texas are sensitive to overwatering, but *Echinocactus grusonii* is nearly indestructible and performs best when planted in the ground.

Other species include:

Echinocactus horizonthalonius grows wider than tall, has striking spines, but requires more heat than we generally have for good growth.



Photo: Wiki Commons

Echinocactus texensis is a smaller species and has the most spectacular flowers in the genus.



Photo: Sakuya Konohana Kan
Botanical Gardens

Echinocactus polycephalus is native to California but is extremely difficult to grow outside its native habitat.



Photo: Gunnar Eisel

Tom Glavich
June 2026



PLANTS OF THE MONTH:
Succulent of the Month: *Adenium*

Adenium is a member of the Apocynaceae and a relative of Plumeria, Pachypodium, Amsonia, Carissa, Oleander, Thevetia, and Vinca. The Apocynaceae is home to many showy flowering plants used for ornamental and medicinal purposes. Oleander was a staple of much of Southern California gardening, Vinca is used worldwide, and Thevetia and Carissa, although not as often seen, are spectacular shrubs.

Adeniums are native to Africa and the Saudi Arabian Peninsula. They are easy to grow, requiring only good fertilizer and lots of water when in growth, and protection from cold and damp when dormant. In the summer they should not be treated like succulents. Give them plenty of water and lots of room in the pot for root growth. They need a fast-draining potting mix. Many successful growers use a potting mix that is mostly or entirely pumice.

Once nighttime temperatures drop below 50 degrees, the plants slow quickly. Watering has to be done much more carefully, and fertilization should stop. When leaves drop or temperatures fall into the mid-40s, the plants go dormant. Several growers place their plants in their garages in late fall to force dormancy and protect them from cold and damp. Many others bring them indoors either at night or for the entire winter. Those with heated greenhouses do best of all. However, many successful growers leave them out all night throughout the winter. If the plants are grown in pumice or some other very fast-draining mix, outdoor winter survival is not at all difficult.



Adeniums are attractive to mealybugs, whiteflies, and spider mites. Check under the leaves and look for very fine webs. Any good miticide will take care of the spider mites, and those available in most nurseries for roses work well. Frequent washing of the plants with a strong stream of water from a hose keeps the pests from becoming established and is the preferred preventive treatment.

There is either one variable species, *Adenium obesum*, with six subspecies, or six species, depending on your choice of reference. In either case, the species or subspecies are closely related and hybridize readily with each other. The care for all is the same, with *Adenium socotranum* being more cold-sensitive than the others.

Adenium hybrids and cultivars are created for showy caudexes, great flowers, or some combination of the two. One of the best local hybridizers was Bill Hagblom, well known to many of our older club members. He produced spectacular flowering forms, as well as fast-growing, well-shaped caudexes. Shown with this article is *Adenium 'Calypso'*, from Plants of the Southwest in Tucson. Many great cultivars appear on the show and sale tables at the Inter-City and CSSA shows.

There are groups of hybridizers producing great flowers and terrific caudexes in Tucson, Florida, India, and Thailand. The golden age of *Adenium* hybridization is just beginning.

Tom Glavich
 June 2026



PLANTS OF THE MONTH:
Succulent of the Month: *Adenium*



Rama IX Floral Fair in Bangkok



Nick Renteria Private Collection



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JUNE MINI-SHOW: TRICHOCEREUS AND LITHOPS

Novice

Cacti

1st – Nora Sandoval, *Trichocereus grandiflorus*

2nd – Mike Pearson, *Echinopsis oxygona*

3rd – Mike Pearson, *Echinopsis citron* ‘Sunshine’

Succulents

1st – Charlene Sandoval, *Lithops naureniae*

Intermediate

Cacti

1st – Tricia Kangraga, *Trichocereus* ‘Fuente de Sangre’

2nd – Tricia Kangraga, *Trichocereus* ‘Sun Goddess’

3rd – Tricia Kangraga, *Trichocereus* ‘Sun Goddess’

Succulents: No entrants

Open

Cacti: No entrants

Succulents: No entrants

Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society
2026 Summer Sale

Friday July 17: Noon to 6 pm
Saturday July 18: 9 am to 4 pm

Anaheim United Methodist Church
 1000 S. State College Blvd
 Anaheim, CA

Our Vendors!
 Botanic Wonders - RDD Succulents
 Desert Creations Nursery - C & D Plants
 East Los Succulents - Hula Tropicals
 Leaf and Spine - Brooke in the Garden
 Pottery By Alden - Prickocereus
 Collecting Succs - LA Cactus Connection
 Somis Succulent Specialties
 Duke's Cactus & Succulents
 Sandy's Haworthia Garden
 Pottery by Patrice
 Partly Sunny Projects
 Rain Shadow Designs
 Orange County Cactus
 Maytag's Pottery
 Succulentplants
 Succy Ceramics
 and many more!!!



CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

2026 SHOW & SALE

JULY 18&19



18TH ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

Nipomo High School, 525 N Thompson Ave
 Nipomo, California

Saturday, July 18 & Sunday, July 19
 10 am to 5 pm 10 am to 4 pm

YOUTH GROWER CATEGORY

- Free admission & parking on-site
- Experts available for questions
- Rare plants & handmade pottery sale
- Cash/check/credit cards accepted
- No dogs allowed




PLANT OF THE MONTH AND WORKSHOPS

Jul	<i>Echinocactus</i> <i>Adenium</i>	Grafting
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

Welcome New Members:
 Suning Chen
 Lynn Katano
Welcome back:
 Michael Romero

Snack Schedule

July	A-D
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:

HAPPY 4TH

OF JULY!



Pseudolithos migiurtinus
 T. Goodkin, photo G. Eisel



Join



Renew

2026 C&S AND EPI EVENT CALENDAR

JULY 17-18:

Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society Summer Sale

Friday, noon-5:00 PM; Saturday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Info: 657-549-0702

Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim, CA



JULY 18-19:

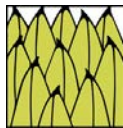
Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale

Saturday, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM; Sunday, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Info: rskillin@gmail.com or

www.centralcoastcactus.org

Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA



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 714-553-6

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



Download 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

