

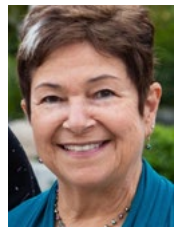


PRICKLY NEWS

SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER | DECEMBER 2021

John Trager **ZOOM PRESENTATION**
DECEMBER 12, 2021

“Time for Taiwan”



Happy holidays to all!
December is the time I like to acknowledge those members who have contributed to our Society for the year. Even though there are no in-person meetings, there are tasks that keep us going. Many thanks to the following:

- Mike Short** for managing our Website, Events Calendar, and sending E mail communications to members.
- Clif Wong** for creating the fantastic Newsletter each month, designing the Show and Sale postcard, and serving as At-Large Board member.
- M.A. Bjarkman**, for her work as vice president, agreeing to take over as speaker coordinator, and as liaison to CSSA.
- Bernard Johnson**, for his work as Treasurer.
- Sue Wong**, for her work as Secretary, taking and archiving minutes. She stepped down from this position in November.
- Debra Bushwait Galliani**, for agreeing to serve as our new Secretary.
- Sally Fasteau**, our membership chair, for maintaining our membership directory, developing a new membership form and sending out communiques to our members.
- Gary Duke** for his work as speaker coordinator. He will replace Cory Zedler as At-Large Board member.
- Jade Neely** for her work as speaker co-coordinator. Gary and Jade have spent many years procuring interesting speakers, introducing them at meetings, and I thank them both for all their efforts.
- Scott Bunnell** for hosting our Zoom meetings.
- Jim Tanner** for contributing information on the plants of the month in our Newsletter, and keeping the records for the Mini Show scores.
- Laurel Woodley** for posting on Facebook for the Society.
- Caitlin Rubia** for posting on Instagram.
- Terri Straub** for serving as At-Large Board member
- Cory Zedler** for serving as At- Large Board member and distributing the 2020 POM plant awards. He stepped down from this position in November.
- Ann Nye**, for monthly publicity.
- Lou Hagemcier** (CGCI liaison).
- Anita Caplan** for her proofreading.

Thank you all again for all your contributions and help over the year.

Minishow: Usually in December we bring in our Plant of the Year, and so the categories for our Meeting on December 12th will be all the past Plants of the Year that you still have. See the list in this Newsletter. So please E-mail photos (only of the POY that you received-the idea is to compare how the small plant grew) to me at minnicap@icloud.com by December 10th so they will be ready. Of course, any brag or garden plants are also encouraged.

Meetings: I have been in touch with Adrienne Nakashima from the South Coast Botanic Garden and she has given me dates for meeting there after April, 2022 in the hall. This is great news! Some second Sundays are not available so meeting dates may vary somewhat. We will have meetings on

Zoom in December and January. For February and March, we will meet at the Peninsula Library, more details to come! I look forward to meeting in person.

Show and Sale: The Society will have its Show and Sale on April 23-24, 2022 with set-up on April 22nd at the Palos Verdes Art Center. We will need volunteers to help for the weekend, so please save the date for helping out at that time. We need a Show and Sale chair which involves getting and coordinating volunteers for the event. Please let me know if anyone is interested.

Membership: The Society will be having membership sign up in January. The cost for membership for each individual is \$20 and will be due in January. There will be no pro-rated dues. So please sign up for renewed membership by downloading membership form at the website or in this Newsletter and send it to our Treasurer, Bernard Johnson.

Membership in CSSA: As discussed at the last meeting, there is a new category for CSSA membership which does not include receiving the CSSA Journal and is only \$20. You may renew your CSSA membership or join at <https://cssa.myshopify.com/collections/join-cssa>. I am looking forward to John Trager's presentation "Time for Taiwan" on Zoom on December 12th. His trip to Taiwan and China gave him a chance to visit many gardens which he will share with us.

I hope to see you on Zoom!
Stay safe for the holidays
Maria Capaldo



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“Time for Taiwan”



BY JOHN TRAGER



The Xiamen Botanical Garden in Fujian Province, China has the most notable succulent collection of botanical gardens in mainland China. It is located in the city of Xiamen, a city of more than 4 million on the SE coast just a short flight from Taiwan. A 2018 trip provided the opportunity to visit Xiamen with time for a quick visit to Taiwan as well. This program looks at some of the botanical and cultural highlights of these fascinating places that may be a bit off the beaten track for most succulent collectors.



John Trager is Curator of the Desert Collections at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California where he has worked since 1983. Prior to that he worked with master propagator Frank Horwood at Abbey Garden Nursery when it was located in Carpinteria. Trager’s horticultural writings have appeared in the Cactus and Succulent Journal, the Euphorbia Journal, and various other horticultural publications. He is also known for his photography — over 3000 of his images have been published in numerous textbooks and horticultural journals. Book projects include co-authorship and photography for *Dry Climate Gardening with Succulents* produced by the Huntington (1995), principal photographer for *The Genus Conophytum* (1993) and a contributor to other works by Steven Hammer: *Lithops*, *Treasures of the Veld* (1999) and *Dumpling and His Wife* (2002, a revision of *The Genus Conophytum*) and *Mesembs of the World* (1998, Hammer et al.). He has also contributed photographs to works by Gordon Rowley: *The Succulent Compositae* (1994), *Anacampseros*, *Avonia*, *Grahamia: a growers handbook* (1995), *Crassula, A Grower’s Guide* (2003), as well as the multi-authored six-volume reference *The Illustrated Handbook of Succulents* (2001-2003).



He continues to contribute images for new editions and new publications as opportunity and demand arises. The annual ISI introductions published in the CSSA Journal also provide a venue for his writing and photography. John has traveled widely in search of plants (and insects) including China, Costa Rica, Israel, Mexico, Namibia, South Africa, Thailand and Venezuela. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Horticulture from Cal Poly Pomona (1992) and earlier studied Botany at Santa Barbara City College and UCSB.



South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Membership Application

New and Renewing Members: Please Print and fill in all information.

Make check payable to: SCCSS

Mail form and payment to:

Bernard Johnson

629 18th Street

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Our membership year begins January 1 and ends December 31.

_____ \$20.00 Membership: Renewal or New Member

_____ Lifetime Member Honoree: No Charge

_____ I am a Member of CSSA – Cactus and Succulent Society of America

The above information will be included in our Membership Directory (for use by members only). If you wish to exclude any of the above information from the Directory, please indicate your exclusions here.

Do not publish my _____email _____phone _____address

SCCSS is a 501 3C organization. In addition to your dues you may make an optional charitable donation to support our philanthropic endeavors as well as the operating expenses of the organization. If you choose to do so, please indicate the amount _____. You will receive a donation receipt. Thank you.

I agree to have my information published in the Membership Directory with noted exceptions.

Signature Date _____

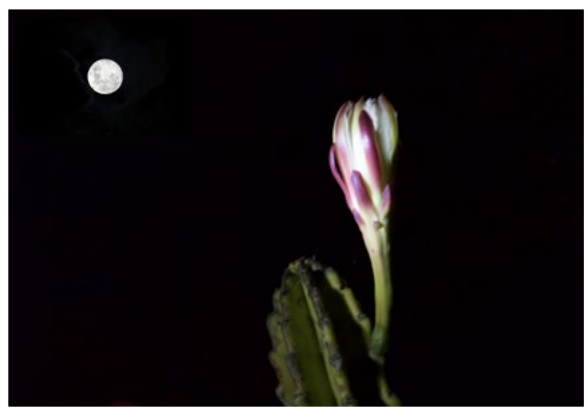
Sally Fasteau, Membership Chair

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What's in your garden?

Night blooming cereus by **Anita Caplan**



Lithops hookeri var. *lutea* by **Maria Capaldo**

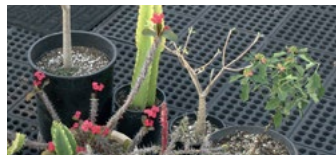


Haemanthus albiflos by **Bernard Johnson**



Eriosyce subgibbosa by **Terri Straub**

**SHARE YOUR
GARDEN OR
YOUR FAVORITE
PLANT**

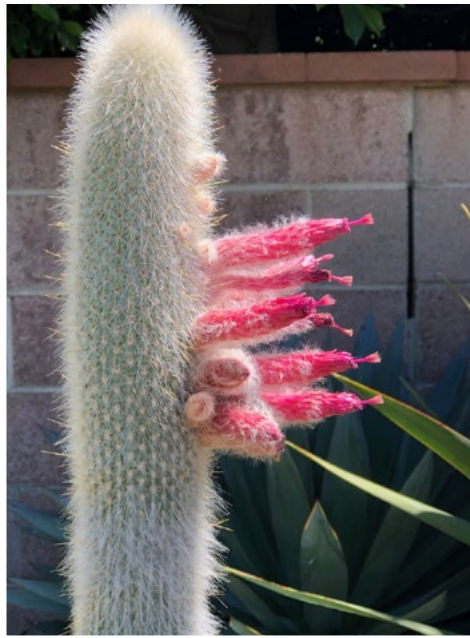


E-mail me with photos of your garden and/or plants that we can publish as a way of staying connected.

Thank you for sharing!
What's in your garden?

minniecap@icloud.com share by December 10, 2021

What's in your garden?



Cleistocactus strausii by Bill Wilk



Euphorbia neohumbertii by Jim Tanner



Cereus by Jim Tanner



Cereus peruvianus by Bill Wilk

Thank you for sharing!
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2021-2022

Mini - Show Plant Calendar



Mini-Show Plants for 2021-2022

December 2021	Any prior Cactus of the Year	Any prior Succulent of the Year
January 2022	Mammillaria single headed	Lithops, Conophytum
February 2022	Stenocactus, Echinofossulocactus	Euphorbia from Madagascar
March 2022	Thelocactus	Aeonium, Greenovia
April 2022	SHOW and SALE	SHOW and SALE
May 2022	Cactus Dish Garden	Succulent Dish Garden
June 2022	Rebutia, Aylosteria, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia	Echeveria
July 2022	Matucana, Oroya	Mesembs, NO Lithops or Conophytum
August 2022	Epithelantha, Frailea, Aztekium	Dyckia, Hechtia, Puya
September 2022	Variegated Cactus	Variegated Succulent
October 2022	Turbiniarpus	Adromischus
November 2022	South American columnar cactus (Espostoa, Oreocereus, Cleistocactus, etc.)	Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon, Tylecodon



Cactus of the Year

Cacti of the Year

The cactus of the month is any cactus of the year from previous years. See the list below:

2020 – *Lobivia Saltensis* = *Echinopsis saltensis*

2018 – *Thelocactus bicolor* var. *parras*

2016 – *Mammillaria zeilmanniana*

2014 – *Notocactus leninghausii*

2012 – *Gymnocalycium baldianum*

2010 – *Stenocactus crispatus*

2008 – *Gymnocalycium spegazzinii*

2006 – *Ubelmania pectinifera*

2004 – *Discocactus buenekeri*

2002 – *Obregonia denegrii*



Thelocactus bicolor var. *parras*



Thelocactus bicolor var. *parras*



Mammillaria zeilmanniana



Thelocactus bicolor var. *parras*



Mammillaria zeilmanniana



Lobivia saltensis



Mammillaria zeilmanniana



Lobivia saltensis



Mammillaria zeilmanniana



Succulent of the Year

The succulent of the month is any succulent of the year from previous years. See the list below:

2019 – *Haworthia maughanii* X *truncata*

2017 – *Pachypodium lealii* subs. *saundersii*

2015 – *Euphorbia hedyotoides*

2013 – *Titanopsis calcarea*

2011 – *Euphorbia obesa*

2009 – *Avonia alstonii*

2007 – *Euphorbia obesa*

2005 – *Lithops dorotheae*

2003 – *Dyckia* ‘Arizona’ x ‘Brittle Star’

2001 – *Mestoklema macrorhizum*

2000 – *Fockea edulus*

1999 – *Euphorbia obesa*

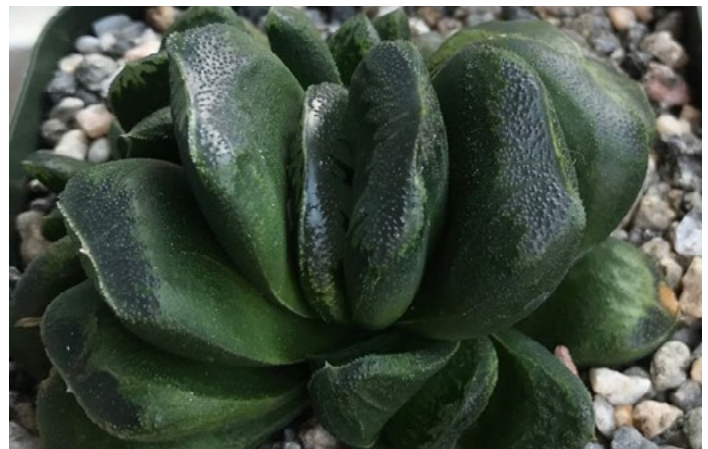
Succulents of the Year



Pachypodium lealii
subsp. *saundersii*



Pachypodium lealii
subsp. *saundersii*



Haworthia maughanii x *truncata*



Euphorbia hedyotoides

SUBMITTED BY: SCCSS MEMBERS



Virtual Mini-Show: **CACTUS / NOVICE**

CACTUS CATEGORY: NOVICE



Myrtillocactus geometrizans
by Terri Straub

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Virtual Mini-Show: **SUCCULENT / NOVICE**

SUCCULENT CATEGORY: NOVICE



Senecio crassissimus
by Terri Straub



NOVEMBER

Virtual Mini-Show: **CACTUS / INTERMEDIATE**

CACTUS CATEGORY: INTERMEDIATE



Pachycereus orcuttii
by Bernard Johnson



NOVEMBER

Virtual Mini-Show: **SUCCULENT / INTERMEDIATE**

SUCCULENT CATEGORY: INTERMEDIATE



Kleinia petraea (= *Senecio jacobsenii*)
by Bill Wilk



Kleinia (= *Senecio*) *stapeliiformis*
by Bill Wilk



Kleinia (= *Senecio*) *anteuphorbium*
by Bernard Johnson



Curio talinoides subsp. *cylindricus*
by Mike Short



Curio radicans
by Bernard Johnson



Curio (= *Senecio*) *articulatus*
by Anita Caplan



Caputia tomentosa
by Bernard Johnson



Caputia medley-woodii
by Mike Short



NOVEMBER

Virtual Mini-Show: CACTUS / OPEN

CACTUS CATEGORY: OPEN



X Pacheroactus orcuttii.
(Pachycereus X Bergerocactus)
by Maria Capaldo



X Pacheroactus orcuttii.
(Pachycereus X Bergerocactus) Parent Plant
by Maria Capaldo



X Pacheroactus orcuttii.
(Pachycereus X Bergerocactus)
by Maria Capaldo



Pachycereus pringlei
by Maria Capaldo



Cephalocereus senilis
by Phyllis De Crescenzo



Cephalocereus palmeria
by Phyllis De Crescenzo

NOVEMBER

Virtual Mini-Show: **SUCCULENT / OPEN**

SUCCULENT CATEGORY: OPEN



Caputia medley-woodii
by Maria Capaldo



Caputia medley-woodii flower
by Laurel Woodley



Caputia pyramidata
by Laurel Woodley



Caputia pyramidata
by Laurel Woodley



Caputia scaposa
(=*Senecio scaposus*) by Sally Fasteau



Caputia scaposa var. *addoensis*
by Laurel Woodley



Caputia tomentosa
by Laurel Woodley



Caputia pyramidata
by Laurel Woodley



Caputia tomentosa
by Sally Fasteau



Curio herreanus
by Laurel Woodley



Caputia tomentosa
by Maria Capaldo

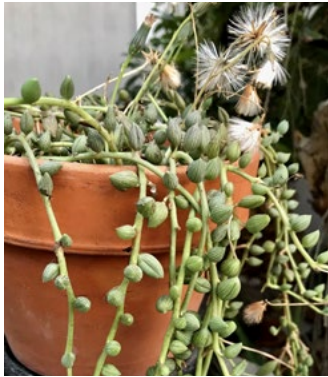


Curio acaulis
by Laurel Woodley



Virtual Mini-Show: **SUCCULENT / OPEN**

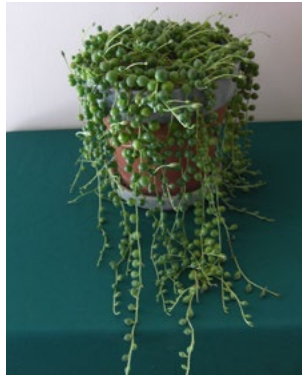
SUCCULENT CATEGORY: OPEN



Curio herreanus
by Maria Capaldo



Curio repens
(= *Senecio cylindricus*)
by Laurel Woodley



Curio (= *Senecio*) *rowleyanus*
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Curio X peregrinus (*C. rowleyanus*
and *C. articulatus*)
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Kleinia anteuphorbium
by Laurel Woodley



Kleinia mweruensis ssp. *leptophylla*
by Laurel Woodley



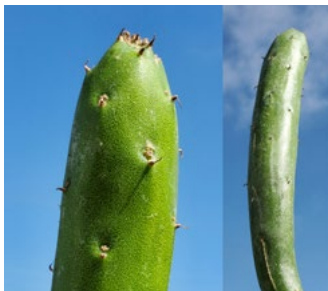
Kleinia cephalophora 'Blazin Glory'
by Laurel Woodley



Kleinia petraea
(= *Senecio jacobsenii*)
by Laurel Woodley



Kleinia semperviva
by Laurel Woodley



Kleinia deflersii
by Laurel Woodley



Pittocaulon praecox
(= *Senecio praecox*)
by Laurel Woodley



Senecio barbertonicus
by Laurel Woodley

NOVEMBER

Virtual Mini-Show: **SUCCULENT/OPEN**

SUCCULENT CATEGORY: OPEN



Senecio barbertonicus
by Maria Capaldo



Senecio bulbifolius
by Laurel Woodley



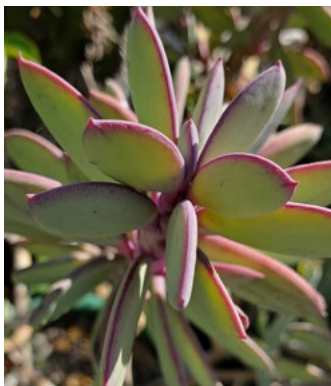
Senecio crassissimus
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Senecio bulbifolius
by Laurel Woodley



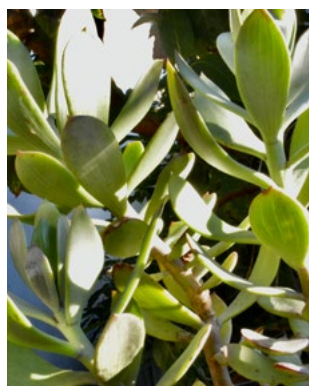
Senecio vitalis crested
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Senecio crassissimus
by Laurel Woodley



Senecio decaryi
by Laurel Woodley



Senecio decaryi
by Maria Capaldo

NOVEMBER **SCSS Mini-Show 2021 Standings**

[Click here for sortable standings](#)

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total	Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total
Ambrosia, Kitching	0	2	2	Caplan, Anita	3	19	22	Capaldo, Maria	9	13	22
Bantad, Sonia	3	3	6	Johnson, Bernard	7	15	22	DeCrescenzo, Phyllis	10	12	22
Bjarkman, M.A.	2	8	10	LaForest, Dale	0	4	4	Duke, Gary	6	4	10
Cozzolino, Karin	0	2	2	Lott, Lemono	0	3	3	Fasteau, Sally	4	10	14
Davis, Gretchen	4	6	10	Short, Mike	2	16	18	Gardner, Jim	2	13	15
Nisewaner, John	1	1	2					Hanna, Jim	0	2	2
Richer, Russ	1	0	1					Wilk, William	3	8	11
Straub, Terri	10	12	22					Woodley, Laurel	10	12	22
Tanner, Jim	4	16	20								
Tillotson, Joe	1	9	10								
Wong, Clif	3	1	4								
Wong, Sue	0	2	2								
Zedler, Cory	0	2	2								

Mini-show Virtual Points

One (1) Mini show point each for a submitted photo of your cactus and succulent (up to 2 points)

Up to two (2) points for those submitting garden photos if you had **not** submitted Mini-show photos.



Upcoming Events

[Click here for Full List](#)



SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

December meeting
ZOOM meeting:
John Trager, Time for Taiwan
December 12, 2021

Meeting: 1:00 pm.
Presentation: 1:30 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85960649380?pwd=V1hFOHYxaFo1UUIlcxbHNBQkVPUTo9>



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