



Colorado Cactus & Succulent Society

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The Colorado Cactus & Succulent Society promotes education, enjoyment, cultivation, and conservation of cacti and other succulents among our members and the larger community.



Tom Lemieux and a *Sinningia leucotricha*
Panayoti Kelaidis Photo

UPCOMING TOUR

Date: Saturday, August 19, 2023
Time: 10 am, 12:30 pm, & 2:00 pm
Location: Ecology and Evolutionary
Biology Greenhouse
1380 30th St
Boulder, CO 80303

Presentation: Boulder Greenhouse Staff

Details:

We have been invited to tour the University of Colorado Greenhouse. Due to a small parking lot and tight aisles in the greenhouse, we will break into three 90 minute tours.

Please use SignUp Genius to RSVP for your time slot!

SUCCULENT BITS

August Greenhouse Tour -

We've been invited to tour the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Greenhouse at the University of Colorado on August 19th. Look for details in this newsletter!

[Click here to sign up here if you can't wait!](#)

New! CCSS Outreach Committee -

Would you like like to work with potential new members, helping to re-pot their plants and answer their questions?

We get several inquiries each month, and if you want to help, please contact Scott !



The Sale Tent at Colorado Springs
Scott Burkholder Photo

SEE YOUR NAME AND PICTURES IN PRINT!

Submissions for the next newsletter are due at the end of the month.

We need your articles and pictures! Do you have an interesting plant? How about an interesting plant story? That you would like to see in print? Send it to me at seisnoir@comcast.net.

Please send photos as either JPG or PNG files. As for stories and news, send those as DOC or RTF, or TXT files, please!

September Meeting!

September's meeting is current scheduled for the 7 pm, on 15th, in Gates Hall, at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

Save that Date!

Has Your Summer Playlist Grown Old?

Jackson has five suggestions to freshen it up! Plus some background on why the song is interesting. Jackson also identifies the plants in their videos!!

NOTES FROM THE RE-POTTING BENCH

The Cactus and Succulent Society of America's 2023 Conference & Sale is now almost a full month behind us, and I have a couple thoughts to share.

1. I'm still glad that's over. Jackson, Judith and I, and the Roll's, plus everyone who volunteered, put in a massive amount of time and effort. It showed. I'm still receiving thanks and congratulations via calls and email. Woody Minnich has declared this to be THE best conference ever, and that's high praise. It's all due to all of us!
2. I'm sad it's over, and I already miss it. The National Convention hasn't been in Colorado in 26, 28, or 32 years depending on who you ask. And it could be another 30 years before it returns and that would be sad. These conventions are quite fun, and I can only wish that all of you get a chance to attend one! As a delegate, of course.

Now that the CSSA Convention is behind us, what's next? How about a greenhouse visit! Panayoti has arranged for us to visit the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Greenhouse at The University of Boulder on Saturday, August 19th.

Because there's minimal parking, and the greenhouse is a little snug inside, they have asked us to stage our arrivals. I created a SignUp Genius page for these tours, and there are three tours of 15 people each. [Please click here to sign up!](#)

After signing up for your timeslot, please check back before Saturday to see who's on your tour. With the SignUp Genius webpage you have a chance to create a carpool. As I said above, parking is tight at the Greenhouse and carpooling, along with alternate transportation will save on both parking spaces and frustration.

We have not forgotten about the Cactus CutUp, but currently do not have anything scheduled.

Thanks, and thanks again to everyone who helped make the CSSA Convention a success, and I hope to see some of you at the 10 am tour next Saturday!

Scott Burkholder

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Scott & Family >>

ECOLOGY & EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY GREENHOUSE TOUR

If you've been watching the news lately, you may already know about the Agave flowering at CU Boulder. This plant is at the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Greenhouse, and we have been invited to tour it!

We have arranged three ninety-minute tours. As space is limited, there is a SignUp Genius web page for signing up for a time. [Click here to sign up!](#) Parking is also limited, it would be wise to consider carpooling or perhaps alternative transportation.

They have requested that, as we tour the Greenhouse, that we do not ask for plants, duplicates or cuttings, from their collections. However, if you see a plant you simply must have, just mention it by name to Panayoti or me, and we will ask them to propagate one for you! They will then bring them to one of our future meetings. Yes, there are plants that might be impossible to duplicate for some reason, but Tom said they would try to fill any reasonable request. Still, that's quite the offer!!

Saturday, August 19th, tours at 10:00 am / 12:30 pm / 2:00 pm
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Greenhouse 1380 30th St Boulder, CO 80303



Here's the flowering Agave at the Boulder Greenhouse!



They were justifiably proud of the seedlings they'd grown of *Pseudolithos migiurtinus*.



It's difficult to get used to *Deuterocohnia* after so many years calling it *Abromeitiella brevifolia*. This is an enviable specimen!



This epiphyllum cactus had a flower that reminded you of a waterlily or perhaps a Magnolia.

SCENES FROM THE 2023 CSSA CONVENTION



Filling the Swag Bags with Swag



Setting up the Sale Tent



Stefan Burger & Jackson Burkholder



Ready to Sell Hats and Shirts



Opening up the Sale Tent



First Day of Sales

SCENES FROM THE 2023 CSSA CONVENTION



Succulents for Sale



Outdoor Cactus for Sale



Indoor Cactus for Sale



Pottery for Sale

SCENES FROM THE 2023 CSSA CONVENTION



People selling Plants and Pottery



People buying Plants and Pottery



Stefan Burger presenting Copiapos



Panayoti Kelaidis giving the Keynote Presentation



Finished Cleaning Up



2025 Convention is in Los Angeles

YOUR CACTUS LATE SUMMER PLAYLIST

By Jackson Burkholder

As Labor Day draws closer, and we approach the Dog Days of Summer, and even though that doesn't completely apply when you are trying to wrap up your thesis, it certainly wouldn't feel right writing a complex article on botany or anatomy. In Colorado, August isn't too late to do things like have a BBQ on the patio or visit an outdoor swimming pool and listen to some tunes, so I thought it would be only be appropriate to write about a less serious topic.

Fortunately, as a fan of the Cactaceae as well as of central European music, there are plenty of opportunities to relax to songs that feature my favorite plants (which are also very popular in that part of the world where few things are more exotic than strange spikey pants from the Americas). Below are few of my favorite songs from my years of searching out cactus-themed music. I Hope you enjoy them, and if you know of any music that mentions cacti or succulents, please let me know!

1. Comedian Harmonists - Mein Kleiner Grüner Kaktus (My Little Green Cactus): This is the oldest song featured in this article, which was released in Germany in 1934. The Comedian Harmonists were an all-male vocal group formed in Berlin in 1928 inspired by Jazz music from the United States. After a few years they became popular in Europe, even making film appearances, but faced many difficulties due to the declining situation in Germany and eventually had to break up in 1940. As the name of the group implies Mein Kleiner Grüner Kaktus is a humorous song about a cactus on an apartment balcony that is useful for preventing burglars until it falls off the upper story balcony onto the head of the inhabitant of the apartment below.

2. Jiří Korn - Chlupatý kaktus (Hairy Cactus): This is a short but endearing song about the artist's favorite cactus, which is apparently covered in a copious amount of trichomes or thin spines. Unfortunately, the identity of the plant as either an *Espositoa* or an *Oreocereus* never mentioned, but I like to think it's a *Sulcorebtia patriciae*. If you find the original music video from when the song was released in 1974 it is a pleasure to watch with the three vocalists singing while each waving a small grafted cactus to the music. Jiří Korn is a Czech musical artist and actor who has been active since the late 60s.

3. BOVSKA – Kaktus (Cactus): This song by the Warsaw-based artist Bovska doesn't have too much to do with cacti, as they only appear in the lyrics once or twice as different plants are compared in different mental states (I think). Desert plants are featured mainly in the music video which shows the artist dancing in a desert conservatory where many familiar plants including *Ceiba speciosa*, *Agave attenuata*, *Stenocereus pruinosus*, *Mammillaria elongata*, *Kroenleinia grusonii* var. *albispinus* make cameo appearances.



Jiří Korn (far left) sings while holding a grafted hairy cactus.

YOUR CACTUS LATE SUMMER PLAYLIST (CON'T)

4. Lidija Bačić – Kaktus (Cactus): Balkan music always has a great summer vibe and this cactus-themed song from Croatia is no different. Not only do the lyrics prominently feature cactus as the singer reassures her lover that they are good for each other unlike a cactus and a balloon, but the music video is enjoyable and includes surprisingly realistic depiction of a cactus and succulent enthusiast. It tells of the story of the singer trying to get the attention of her boyfriend who is only interested in learning about cactus and taking care of his collection. Many of us can probably relate (to the boyfriend at least!) The only negative comment is on the *Euphorbia lactea* crest, which is clearly not a cactus!

5. Although it's not a specific song, any article on cactus-themed music would be remiss in not mentioning the deep house / ambient techno anthologies released by the Cactus Traxx Label. Each one is named after a different species of cactus from *Wilcoxia poselgeri* to *Rebutia senilis* and features 4-5 ethereal tunes. According to Discogs.com, each copy of the limited-edition vinyl even came with a packet of seed for the namesake cactus of each respective album. However, I think its safe to assume that these seeds most likely didn't have any field numbers or provenance.



BOVSKA dances in a desert conservatory while some *Stenocereus pruinosus* appear on either side.



Lidija Bačić acts bored while her boyfriend tends to his collection of cacti and succulents.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

August 19th - Greenhouse Tours in Boulder

September 19th - CCSS Meeting at Denver Botanic Gardens

October 15th - CCSS Banquet & Business Meeting

April 28 & 29, 2024 - CCSS & RMC-NARGS Plant Show and Sale

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