



Colorado Cactus & Succulent Society

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MONTHLY PLANT SHOW

Seriously, We will have
another one. Eventually.

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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.



Lithops schwantesii var. *kuibisensis*
Scott Burkholder photo

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Sturm Family Auditorium

Speaker: Cameron Kidd

Presentation: Growing Succulents in Victoria!

Details:

This will be an in-person meeting, in the Sturm Family Auditorium, at the DBG's Freyer–Newman Center.

If you can, and are comfortable doing so, please join us at the Botanic Gardens!

Denver Botanic Gardens:
1007 N York St
Denver, CO 80206

SUCCULENT BITS

Don't Forget!

CCSS September Meeting
featuring Camron Kidd from
Canada presenting "Growing
Succulents in Victoria"

September 20th - 7 pm at the
Denver Botanic Gardens

Manfreda maculosas!

If you missed getting a
Manfreda at the Cactus Cutup,
there might have some left over.

Please check with Panayoti at
the September meeting!

They seem to be great little
plants and you might enjoy one.



Manfreda maculosa Flower
Panayoti Kelaidis 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!

Save the Date!

October 9th - 5 pm at the Denver
Botanic Gardens

CCSS Business Meeting and
Banquet

CSSA Biennial Meeting -

It hasn't been canceled, just delayed. The
2021 CSSA National Meeting has been
postponed until 2023. So stay tuned for
more information, and in the meantime
attend those webinars! Contact Rod
Haenni at rhaenni@comcast.net for the
latest news.

NOTES FROM THE RE-POTTING BENCH

Notes from the re-potting bench has never been more appropriate!

That's what's happening here, we are busy getting plants for winter, and that includes lots of re-potting. I was just checking the dates for the First Snow:

2021-----December 10th
2020-----September 9th
2019-----October 10th
2018-----October 6th
2017-----October 9th
2016-----November 17th
2015-----November 5th
2014-----November 11th
2013-----October 18th
2012-----October 5th

In Denver, the average date of the first freeze is October 7th, and the first snow is October 14th. I remember panicking two years ago to get the plants inside, and the plants remember last year when they had an extra three month of outdoor sunshine!! I know this week is supposed to have above average temps, but winter is closer than you think.

September's Monthly Meeting is two weeks away, on the 20th, make sure you've added that to the calendar! Our guest speaker is Cameron Kidd, and he will discuss gardening in Victoria, BC. Panayoti says this will be an excellent talk so I'm looking forward to it!

October's meeting is on Sunday the 9th. This is our yearly business meeting, and banquet, and we will hold it in Gates Hall at the Denver Botanic Gardens. PK has reserved the room, Randy's working on the details, and I will share them!

I mentioned in an earlier email that my family and I have been traveling, I have included some photos from the CSSA Plant Show and Sale plus our trip to Austin.

Thinking of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, don't forget about their biennial meeting in Colorado Springs next year! Since we are hosting this meeting, please think about how and where you would like to volunteer!

Thanks,

Scott Burkholder
Current President
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--- SEPTEMBER'S MEETING ---

OUR SPEAKER: CAMERON KIDD



Cameron Kidd at Work
in British Columbia

Everyone knows Butchart Gardens and its amazing displays of annual color. The notion that one could grow a large array of African succulents (not to mention a lot of American and Eurasian succulents) in the rainy Pacific Northwest would not be something that occurs to many of us. I was therefore mystified when I began seeing more and more pictures of amazing hybrid succulents as well as strange species new to me being posted on the “Hardy Ice Plant” forums on Facebook—all signed by a mysterious person sometimes referred to as Cam with a surname Kidd. I was almost intimidated week after week with the incredible plants this mysterious person showed, and also by the artistry with which they were grown and photographed. I was imagining a grumpy curmudgeon.

Then in March I was invited to speak to the Victoria Alpine and Rock Garden Society’s celebration of their Centennial (they were actually founded in 1921 but COVID messed that up too!). Lo! And Behold! Who should the chairman of the plant sale for that conference be but “Cam Kidd” or Cameron to spell the name out fully, who turns out to be a delightful, and very young. Hardly the old grump I’d feared! He turned out to be even more talented than I’d first imagined—he’s a garden designer in a city of extraordinary gardens after all! We struck up an instant friendship and I was invited to see his garden—which was truly stunning. I did a blog about it, see it at [PrairieBreak.BlogSpot.com](https://prairiebreak.blogspot.com). What the blog fails to show is the thousands of plants he is germinating in his nursery—mostly succulents from seed. He has fantastic collections of *Sempervivum*, *Sedum* not to mention a wide spectrum of South Africans. He has produced incredible hybrids among these—many I expect will have a great future in gardens around the world.

I have been lucky to have met many youthful talents early in their careers—such as Kelly Grummons, Kenton Seth, Lauren Springer for instance. And there’s a certain Jackson Burkholder some of you may know as well.. I believe Cameron will prove to be just such a stellar talent: this is his first presentation along these lines in the United States. I wouldn’t miss this for the world! And neither should you!

- Panayoti Kelaidis

MANFREDA MACULOSA

A FANTASTIC NEW HARDY SUCCULENT FOR COLORADO GARDENS



Manfreda maculosa - Scotty's Yard



Manfreda maculosa - bloom detail

Everyone seems to have acquired a few “Mangaves” the last few years—hybrids between various Mexican Agaves and mystery plants related to them called *Manfreda*. Botanists recently have lumped *Manfreda* into Agave—and likewise the genus *Polianthes* (Tuberose!) but the latter two genera are so different that most gardeners will resist. After all, tuberose aren’t rosulate, they are not succulent and they’re bulbs for Heaven’s sake! But they do grow in Mexico as do most of the agaves and manfredas. Four species of *Manfreda* grow natively in the United States—three are restricted to the southern half of Texas.

Scotty Smith (a long time member of CCSS and a keen local botanist) purchased two plants of *Manfreda maculosa* from Timberline Gardens ten or fifteen years ago and planted these in his Xeriscape in the Sunnyside neighborhood north of Downtown Denver. I saw these not too long after he’d first planted them and thought “these won’t be around too long”...and meanwhile our region was to experience a series of Polar Vortices and some horrendous hailstorms and miserable weather—the usual actually come to think of it.

Three years ago I visited Scotty’s garden again—and dang! Those same *Manfreda* were blooming their heads off. A plant from South Texas turned out to survive Denver’s crazy weather better than some of my local natives! Such are the mysteries of horticulture. I asked Scotty to save some seed, and he sent me a humongous package of thousands of seed, which I proceeded to sow in 18 seed pots. In the spring of 2021 these germinated like cress: little pots brimming with tiny agave-like seedlings. What to do with all this bounty? I was visiting my good friend, Al Gerace—CEO of Welby Gardens and thought maybe THEY might like to experiment.

This spring I asked Al if he’d had any luck with them. If you’d attended our August cut up, you will have seen 60 husky spotted Manfredas filling their gallon pots.

Perhaps once you get *Manfreda maculosa* going in YOUR garden, you can hybridize it with some hardy agaves to produce your own strain of Mangave...or better yet, toss in some pollen of tuberose while your at it (*Manfreda* has been successfully crossed with tuberose). And maybe you’ll have a spotted leaved *Mangave* which might have a heady tropical fragrance and you can proceed to laugh all the way to the bank!

AWARDS, TROPHIES, & RIBBONS

ROSWITHA MOEHRING

Here is the result of the SHOW at the 2022 Show & Sale!

A total of 200 plants were entered into the show by 36 CCSS members.

The show judges this year were: Gary Davis, Jackson Burkholder, Kelly Grummons, Pedro Galvez, Katherine McCoy, Rod Haenni, Scott Preusser, and Woody Minnich.

Judging took place early Saturday morning before the sales room opened to the public.

Our trophy winners are:

Best of Show (CCSS trophy)-----Keith Woestehoff
Best succulent (Lynn Wilson trophy)-----Alex MacMillun
Best Haworthia (Heacock trophy)-----Russell Lo Presti
Best Mammillaria (Dana Such trophy)-----Kevin Scott
Best Colorado Native (Jerry Socher trophy)-----Ken Sipsey
Best Cactus -Novice (Jim Sykes trophy)-----Jack Clark

Special awards:

Best Succulent, novice division-----Jack Clark
Best Cactus, open division-----Keith Woestehoff
Best Succulent, open division-----Alree Muray
Best Caudiciform-----Zackery Foulke

Blue Ribbon Count by division:

36 Ribbons were awarded to exhibitors in the open division
23 Ribbons were awarded to exhibitors in the novice division

The winner of the People's Choice was Gary Davis for his *Aeonium nobile*

Sweepstakes Winners (given to an exhibitor for the most earned points):

Pedro Galvez in the open division
Andrew Dolan in the novice division

Overall, it was a successful Show and we thank all exhibitors!

We encourage all CCSS members to enter plants in the show next year. This is a great learning experience with a positive competitive spirit.

The show committee: Harriet Olds, Roswitha Moehring, Katherine McCoy

Editor's Note: Roswitha sent this to me THREE MONTHS AGO and this is my first chance to publish it. The Show Committee did a wonderful job this year, be sure to thank them! And invite them back next year.

THE CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA PLANT SHOW AND SALE

AT THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY & GARDENS

Our own Jackson Burkholder is on the CSSA Board of Directors, so we attended their 2022 Plant show and Sale last July! Please check out these photos!



Jackson Burkholder shopping for Plants



Rod Haenni and Jackson Burkholder being introduced at the CSSA Banquet



Touring the Gardens



Chatting with New Friends

THE CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA PLANT SHOW AND SALE

VISITING CACTUS & SUCCULENT NURSERIES ON THE TRIP HOME



Jackson Burkholder shopping for Plants at Arid Lands



Lots of Lithops at Living Stones



Welwitschia mirabilis
at Desert Plants of the Southwest



Bachs Gardens Specimen Greenhouse



Ferocactus wislizeni
a Free-Range Cactus in Arizona



Agave ovatifolia in New Mexico
It was destroyed by agave weevils
right after we left!!

AUSTIN CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY & PALO DURO CANYON STATE PARK

Jackson Burkholder was invited to give his presentation "A Virtual Tour of Bolivia featuring Sulcorebutia" for the Austin Cactus and Succulent Society. And, on the way back from Texas we stopped at the Palo Duro Canyon State Park. The Palo Duro Canyon is the second largest canyon in the United States! But it was so hot that we didn't get a chance to do much searching for cactus.



At the Austin Club Meeting



Jackson Burkholder presenting his talk



Entering the State Park



Looking for Cactus

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

September 20 - CCSS September Meeting

October 8 - CCSS Traditional Business Meeting and Banquet

April 28-30, 2023 - 2023 Show and Sale!

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