



Colorado Cactus & Succulent Society

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It's Me Again!

MONTHLY SHOW PLANTS

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We have no idea!

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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.



Our Cold Frame in the Snow

Scott Burkholder Photo

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020

Time: Noon to Two PM

Location: Kendrick Lake Park
9351 W Jewell Ave
Lakewood, CO 80232

Details:

[Special CCSS Saturday Meeting](#)

This will be the Club's Meeting for October. Typically we'd have a banquet and a speaker and dress up all fancy, but I'm afraid coronavirus has put an end to that!

However, please come spend a couple hours with us on Saturday!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCSS BOARD ELECTIONS

We will hold elections for the CCSS Board of Directors this Saturday. Several positions are term limited and open, so if you would like to serve on the Board, this is your chance!



Ariocarpus fissuratus
Scott Burkholder Photo

Check Your pH, are you using the best water for your plants?

If you haven't heard by now, Denver Water has increased the pH level of our water, and that affects everyone who waters their plants with Denver City water. If you are using well water, or water from an irrigation canal, this probably will not concern you. But if you are using Denver City water you should probably be acidifying your water.

CSSA NEWS

2021 CSSA Biennial Conference

As you all well know, coronavirus has canceled virtually every event in the entire world. That included every Show and Sale we've tried to host.

Well, it hasn't canceled the 2021 Cactus and Succulent Society of America Biennial Conference! As of this moment, it is still on, probably as some sort of hybrid event. There will still be sort events held in Colorado Springs, but most of the speakers will be presenting online.

Watch this space for news and events as they happen.!

Saturday Webinars

In other CSSA news, they are hosting an online "webinar". every other Saturday. If you haven't see one, please consider it. Go the CCSS website and sign up for one! The cost is extremely reasonable, just an hour of your time on Saturday.

Thanks!

NOTES FROM THE RE-POTTING BENCH

Your eyes aren't deceiving you, this really is the October Newsletter!

Last year we ended on quite the high note, there were a lot of "Firsts" and "Bests" and the club was on a roll. Then along came the coronavirus, bringing nothing but heartbreak and separation and loneliness. But time moves on and we need to keep up with it.

First things first...October is typically when we have our banquet. But since a banquet is out of the question, we will have an outdoor meeting! The club has reserved space at Kendrick Lakes Park, in Lakewood, on Saturday, October 24th, at noon. You may remember that there is a very nice and fairly large set of garden beds at this park, it's one of the favorites of cactus and xeric plants fans alike

The October banquet is also when we hold elections, as mandated by our bylaws. We'll have some changes on the board this year as a few of the positions are term limited. We will announce the slate of candidates at 1:00 pm, and voting will take place 30 minutes later. If you have any questions, or would like to be considered for a position, please be at the park by one!

Don't forget to keep watching the CSSA website (<http://cactusandsucculentsociety.org>) for their upcoming webinars! Some of the speakers have extraordinary presentations and we will try to get one or two of their webinar presenters for our club.

November's meeting is currently still on the calendar. But once again we are operating at the whims of the virus and the city, so who knows what the future holds? Please keep watching for emails and checking the website!

Also, please stay in touch with our Industry Partners. Most of them are open and stocked with plants.

As for our greenhouse, the last of the Ariocarpus are blooming! We've had the heaters on for a while but haven't turned off the fans and covered their vents. Winter is close, but it isn't here yet!

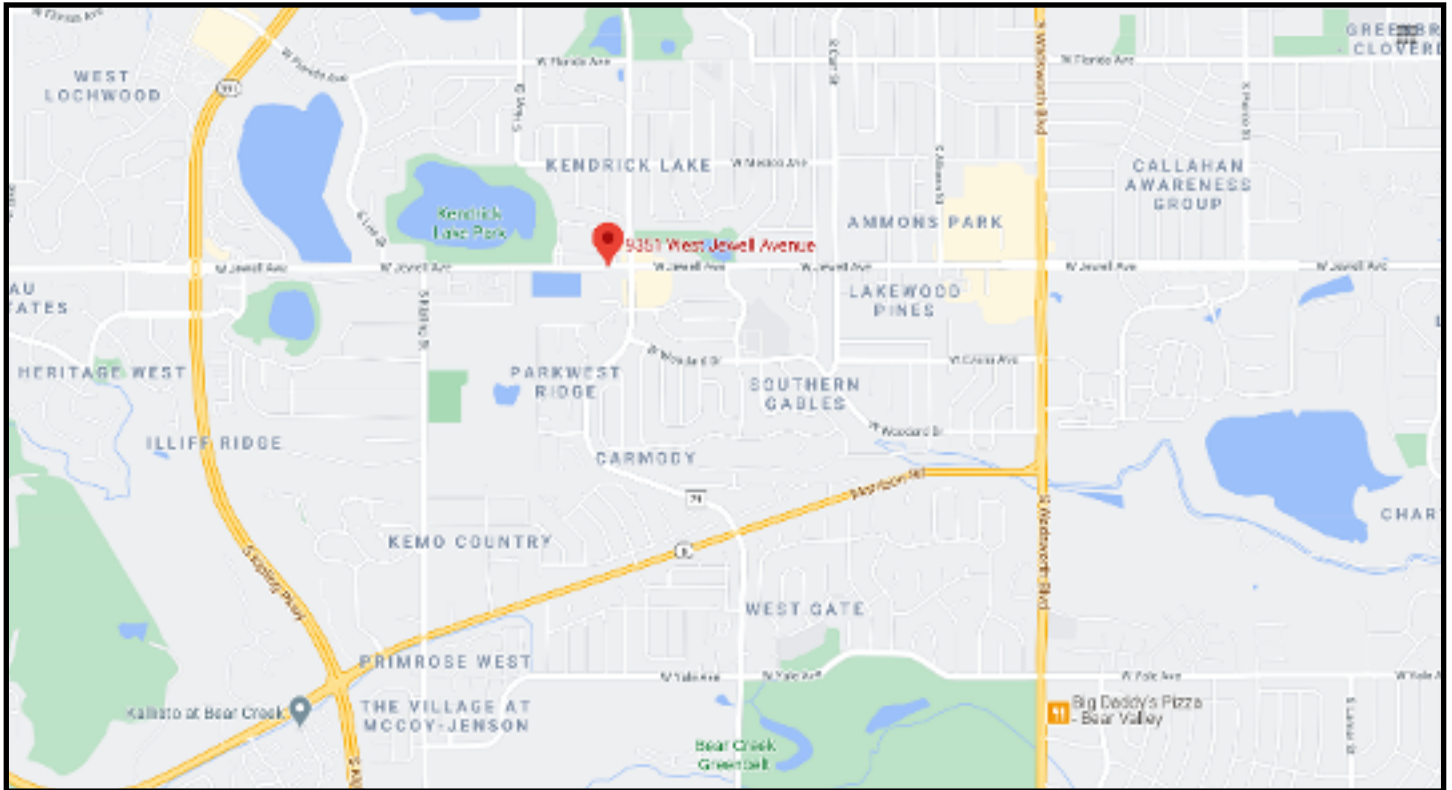
I saw this on the Interweb last week: "Please, Everyone Stay Positive and Test Negative!"

Scott Burkholder
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Me --->

OCTOBER'S MEETING



October's meeting is Saturday, October 24th, at Kendrick Lake Park.

For those of you who haven't yet seen the cactus garden at Kendrick Lake Park, I hope you are in for a treat. It has ten beds of xeric plants, including many cacti and succulents, spread out over four acres.

With the weather being so warm this fall, hopefully not all of the plants will be dormant. Kendrick Lake Park is at 9351 W Jewell Ave in Lakewood. It's on the north side of the Jewell, halfway between South Kipling Parkway and Wadsworth Boulevard.

On Friday, our Governor, along with the Mayor of Denver, reported that the coronavirus numbers are going up again. That's not the best news for for a meeting! So please, wear your mask and practice social distancing!

See You There! I hope.

Please watch your email. If anything should change we will email everyone.

FEATURE ARTICLE (FROM MAY!)

I took the Pallet Challenge

You've seen them. Succulent craft ideas are everywhere. Succulent wreaths. Succulent dish gardens. Succulent fairy gardens. Succulent terrariums. Succulents in necklaces, on magnets, in logs and concrete. There are walls full of succulents. But I just had a handful of hens and chicks left over from a yard rescue and needed a different kind of project. Then I saw it. It was called a Recycled Vertical Pallet Planter.

Now, I just needed a pallet. The article said that old wooden pallets were easily found on industrial estates and around the backs of shops. I actually had a couple of pallets too (the reason why is another article for another time). But needless to say, I was anxious to get to work on this idea and get rid of them! It turns out that you can make your pallet garden as fancy or easy you like. I basically skipped the first step and chose easy route so I did not sand, paint or put a wood preservative on it. I also decided to use my half pallet since I didn't have that many plants to plant. If you don't have a half pallet, you can cut your full pallet in half. This project is very versatile. Other supplies you will need include: dirt, landscaping fabric or equivalent, and a staple gun with staples.

To start, even if you choose not to paint your pallet, you still need to clean it up a bit. Take out any dangerous nails and decide how you want to display your plants. Choose which side looks best. Now for the trickiest part. You will be lining the inside of your pallet. The pallet is divided into two parts so you need measure and fit each side with the landscaping fabric. Staple it down across the slats and on the sides. Don't forget to add extra fabric at the bottom to make a trough so the dirt doesn't fall out. We cut two strips of fabric and overlapped them for adjustable/easier fitting rather than one big piece.



Now you just need to fill your pallet garden with dirt. Make sure you pack the dirt nicely all around so as to eliminate any air pockets and empty spaces. Find a nice place to lean your pallet against, poke some holes and fill with your favorite succulents. You can put some on the top which you have left open too. Water carefully and enjoy!

Judith Burkholder

Last Spring

2020 VIRTUAL PLANT SHOW FINALISTS – CACTI



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Gymnocalycium bauchii v. *enorme*



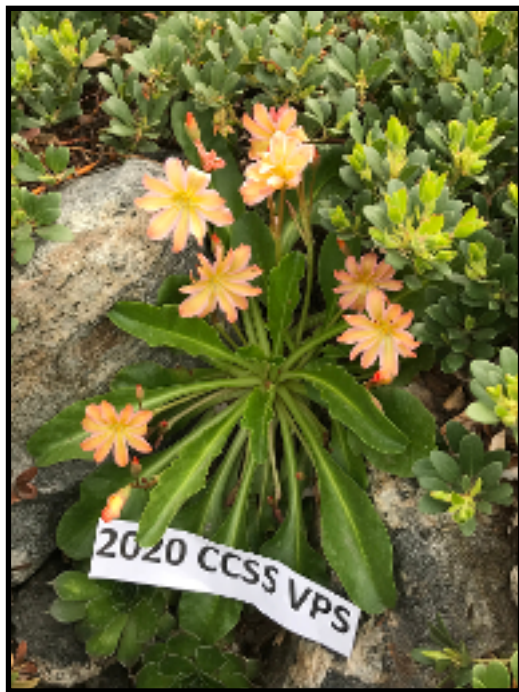
Sulcorebutia callecalleensis



Astrophytum myriostigma 'Onzuka'

Watch for your chance to vote on the winner!

2020 VIRTUAL PLANT SHOW FINALISTS – SUCCULENTS



Lewisia tweedyi



Pachypodium rosulatum gracilius



Agave havardiana



Adenium arabicum

Watch for your chance to vote on the winner!

CACTUS FUN (FROM APRIL!)

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April Word Search

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 TENDRIL
 SPRING
 ROSETTE
 RACEME
 PHYLLOTAXIS
 PECTINATE
 SUCCULENT

XEROPHYTE
 TUBERCLE
 SUCCULENCE
 BLOOMING
 RHIZOME
 PROLIFEROUS
 PETALOID
 MERISTEM

WHORL
 TRUNCATE
 STOMA
 SERRATE
 RECURVED
 PLUMOSE
 PROCUMBENT
 CACTUS

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www.nicksgardencenter.com

Cold Hardy Cactus (Kelly Grummons)

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501-786-5569
www.coldhardycactus.com

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www.all-its-own.com

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www.ethicaldesert.com

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www.otoolesgardencenters.com

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720-258-8337

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303-532-3338
www.yatahaigardens.com

Front Range Gardens (the Emerald Leaf Guys)

Full-service garden center
10195 N Wadsworth Blvd
Broomfield, CO 80021
303-469-3369
www.fronrangepgardens.com

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Longtime gardening center with plants, seed & pots
plus tools in a big indoor-outdoor facility.
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Multifaceted operation offering tools, plants, irrigation
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Denver Cactus Company (Jorge Lopez)

Winter-Hardy Cactus and Succulents
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www.etsy.com/shop/denvercactusco



Echinopsos oxygona
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

October 17 - CSSA Webinar (<https://cactusandsucculentsociety.org>)

October 24 - CCSS Saturday Meeting and Elections

October 31 - CSSA Webinar TBA

November 17 - CCSS November Meeting TBA

December 15 - CCSS December Meeting TBA

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