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Colorado Cactus & Succulent Society



MONTHLY PLANT SHOW

As we revive our monthly meetings, the MPS will return!



March Meeting

2022 Show & Sale

<u>CSSA Webinar</u>

<u>2022 Dues</u> <u>are Due!</u> The Colorado Cactus & Succulent Society promotes education, enjoyment, cultivation, and conservation of cacti and other succulents among our members and the larger community.



Pleiospilos nelii "Split Rock" Scott Burkholder photo

UPCOMING MEETING

Date:	Tuesday, March 15, 2021
Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Sturm Family Auditorium (in person) Zoom (on-line)
Speaker:	Rod Haenni "Paradise in Patagonia"
Details:	

This will be a hybrid meeting, both at the Sturm Family Auditorium in the Freyer–Newman Center at the Denver Botanic Gardens on York Street **AND** on Zoom.

If you can, and are comfortable doing so, please join us at the Botanic Gardens. However, if you prefer the Zoom meeting, please join us online. Watch your email for the link!

SUCCULENT BITS

Cactus & Succulent Society of America Webinar

March 19th, at 11am MDT, club member Jackson Burkholder will present his talk "The Inner Beauty of Cacti: An Introduction to Cactus Anatomy".

Click here to register



Mammillopsis senilis "Vegetable Velcro" Scott Burkholder Photo

Mid-States Cactus and Succulent Conference will be this June!

June 9-12, 2022 in Kansas City Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, Independence, Missouri.

www.kccactus.com for details!

2022 CCSS Show and Sale -

This year's Show & Sale is April 23rd & 24th. We need to keep planning for success.

There's a lot to be done, and it's always later than you think!

Plus, start looking through your plants to pick those show ribbon winners!

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!

CSSA Biennial Meeting -

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

FROM THE RATHER CHILLY RE-POTTING BENCH

News and Notes from and for March!

Club Dues – This is important! You need to be a member to get a discount at the Show and Sale, so don't forget and don't delay!

March's Meeting – Our presenter this month is Rod Haenni. He and others visited Argentina a couple months ago, and Rod will present "Paradise in Patagonia". Rod gave this presentation a couple weeks ago to RMC-NARGS, and it was very well received, so we've invited him to present it to our club.

Cactus & Succulent Society of America Webinar – Jackson Burkholder will give this Saturday's CSSA Webinar, and it will feature some of his research sponsored by our grant. Registration is free, and it's a great chance to see the benefits of that grant to our hobby!

2022 Show and Sale Volunteers – The Show and Sale is roughly six weeks away! The Signup Genius page is active and there are a variety chances to volunteer on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Volunteer for the Show and Sale Today!

Beer Flats – Please start collecting Beer Flats! We need these so Show and Sale customers can fill them with plants!

Rocky Mountain Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society – One of the great things about joining with RMC-NARGS for the Show and Sale are the new vendors they have invited, and the different plants they will bring. We currently have 24 vendors for the Sale, so this should be the biggest and bestest Show & Sale yet.

Show Plants – Don't forget to start grooming those show plants! That includes plant maintenance, picking out that special pot, and top dressing, plus finding a box just in case the weather turns ugly. Now's the time to prepare!!

Thanks,

Scott Burkholder Current President seisnoir@comcast.net



At the Home Show!

--- MARCH'S MEETING ---OUR SPEAKER: ROD HAENNI



Rod Haenni at Laguna Epulafquen



Zephyranthes mendocina and Rod Haenni San Martin to Villa Pehuenia by Alumine

Please join us on March 15th for a travelogue with portraits of alpine and steppe plants from Rio Negro and Neuquen Provinces in Patagonian Argentina. A group of seven daring travelers left Denver (and Albuquerque) in late November 2021 for two weeks of immersion in rare endemic plants, beautiful scenery, fine food and lodging, and superb guiding and transportation, to mostly remote, off the beaten track destinations.

We will see several species of rosulate violets, oxalis, cacti, many species of bulbs, terrestrial orchids, and of course *Araucaria araucana*, the monkey puzzle tree in forests, unchanged since the Cretaceous and found only in Argentina and adjoining Chile. Other choice cacti plus endemic alpine and steppe plants will be featured and you will relive with us the thrill of seeing all of these marvels for the first time.

- Rod Haenni



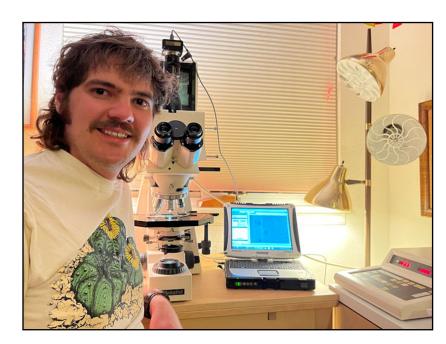
Austrocactus hibernus at Laguna Epulafquen

--- CATUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY WEBINAR ---PRESENTER: JACKSON BURKHOLDER

In his talk "The Inner Beauty of Cacti: An Introduction to Cactus Anatomy, Jackson Burkholder will introduce the sciences of plant anatomy and morphology using cacti as examples. The presentation will be filled with photos and micrographs that show the beauty and art of cactus cell structure in addition to highlighting some of the anatomical and morphological features that make the cactus family unique. Short Bio:Jackson Burkholder has been growing cacti and succulents for over twenty years. He grew up attending Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society events, and what started as one or two small plants every year has turned into an obsession with desert flora.

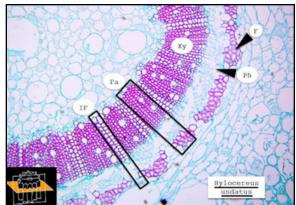
Jackson recently graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in horticulture and minors in botany and Japanese. He is currently starting Precision Cactus Growers, a nursery that will specialize in producing cactus seeds and plants with collection and location data. His plants are distributed between a small greenhouse and multiple cold frames where his current focus is on South American cacti that thrive in the high elevations and cool nights of Colorado as well as winter hardy plants.

In addition to growing plants, Jackson is interested in restoring and using antique scientific equipment and experimenting with traditional scientific techniques. He combines both of his passions by studying plant anatomy - making and examining microscope slides of different plant tissues and organs. He is currently working on finishing his master's thesis at Texas State University in this subject on the anatomy of cactus extrafloral nectaries. He has many additional research projects coming up and is working on a book about cactus biology and cultivation directed towards a hobbyist audience.



Jackson Burkholder (above) Pictures from "Inner Beauty of Cacti" (right)





2022 CCSS SHOW AND SALE COMMITTEES

We are **less than three months** from this year's Show and Sale. That means it's time to get started and get going! One of our first tasks is to set up committees, and here's our list of tasks and projects:

Committee Descriptions:

Food truck: Book one or two food trucks for S&S attendees.

Food: Provide food for volunteers during the event.

Beer Flats: Find cardboard beer flats for attendees to carry their purchases.

Cash Register: Ring up sales and take payment for all purchases.

Electronics: Wire up cash registers, ticket scanners, and any other electronics.

Admission/tickets: Sell tickets and scan prepaid admission tickets.

Show: Arrangements and functioning of the show portion of the event

Security: Monitor exits to ensure no items leave without being purchased.

Classes/talks: Decide topics, recruit, and schedule speakers.

Plant Potting: Pot up purchased plants in purchased pots.

Storage Unit: Transport S&S equipment from the storage unit to Jeffco and return at the event's end.

See something you can do and would like to help? Contact me at seisnoir@comcast.net!



2021 CCSS Show and Sale Floor - Scott Burkholder Photo

2021 SHOW AND SALE VENDORS

We want to thank all the vendors from the Show and Sale!

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

March 15 - CCSS Hybrid Meeting

April 19 - CCSS Hybrid Meeting

April 22 & 23 - CCSS 2022 Show and Sale

June - Garden Tour? Cactus Cutup? Stay Tuned!

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