



Colorado
Cactus &
Succulent
Society

YOUR 2024 EDITOR:
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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.



A 2024 Show and Sale Selfie!
Scott Burkholder Photo

UPCOMING TOUR

Date: Saturday, May 18th, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Location: Southeast Aurora

Presentation: Rock Gardens with Succulents

Details:

A pair of Rock-Gardeners have opened up their gardens for us to visit and witness the symbiosis between rock garden plants, cactus, and succulents!

SUCCULENT BITS

May Garden Tour -

Randy & Panayoti have arranged for us to tour a couple gardens this weekend!

You'll see description of this gardens in this newsletter.

May 18th - 9 am to 3 pm.

Everyone -

My thanks to everyone, club members and vendors, who volunteered at the Show and Sale!

With your help, and courage in the face of the storm, we made this year's Show and Sale a success!

Thanks, Scott



A
Ribbon-Winning
Pot of Cactus!

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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!

Cactus Cut-Up!

The Cactus Cut-Up is July 20th at the Apex Park Pavilion. We have reserved the location, so start planning ahead!

Save the Date!

A poster for the 18th Biennial Mid States Cactus & Succulent Conference. The top left corner features the Santa Fe Cactus & Succulent Club logo. The text reads: "Santa Fe Cactus & Succulent Club", "JOIN US FOR THE", "18th Biennial Mid States Cactus & Succulent Conference", "July 26-27-28, 2024", and "Santa Fe Woman's Club, 1616 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe NM". The background is a vibrant pink and purple floral pattern.

Santa Fe Cactus & Succulent Club

JOIN US FOR THE

**18th Biennial
Mid States Cactus &
Succulent Conference**

July 26-27-28, 2024
Santa Fe Woman's Club, 1616 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe NM

NOTES FROM THE POTTING BENCH

All indications are that this year's combined CCSS/RMC-NARGS Show and Sale was the best ever. Our gross sales were up 17% from last year. Even though it was snowing on Saturday morning, buyers were lined up outside the door to get in! Over 1500 people shopped and bought, and that was up 15%. More than 200 plants were displayed in the Show making it the largest show ever! This year the Scott Carnahan Potting Bench was reintroduced and there was a steady line of smiling customers waiting to get their treasures potted in beautiful pots.

What gave me the most satisfaction was seeing all young people and the children with their parents buying plants, eager to get them home and take care of them.

The board still needs ideas from members regarding garden tours, field trips and ideas for our club fund projects that CCSS can help financially that promote our mission. This could include funding demonstration gardens, grants/stipends for research, tuition for students, purchasing plants for botanical gardens, just to list a few.

If you have any ideas, please contact one of the board members.

Randy

Our President, patrolling
the Plant Show

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2024 ROCK GARDEN & SUCCULENTS TOUR 1

Tataroe's Godwottery

Marcia and Randy Tatroe have created a unique and complex garden on a small suburban lot that provides sanctuary for wildlife but is also people friendly. From the very beginning water conservation was a major consideration.

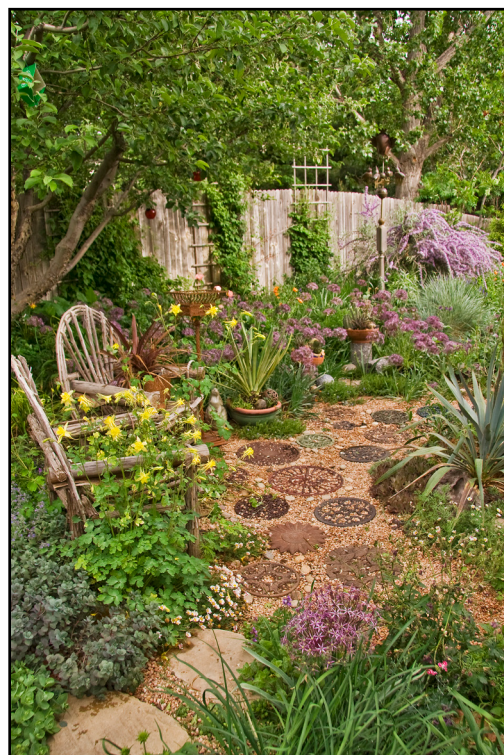
Following xeriscape and permaculture models, the garden is divided into many watering zones and rainwater is passively channeled throughout the garden. While rock gardens predominate, this a plant collector's garden packed with western natives, vegetables and herbs, unusual perennials and vines, a water garden, hardy cacti, more than 150 containers planted with cacti, succulents and annual and tropical flowers. A sizable collection of art is displayed throughout.

The garden is 37 years in the making and has been featured in numerous books, magazine articles and nationally televised garden programs. This is an organic wildlife-friendly garden—we like bugs and do not use pesticides! The garden is designated a Xerces Society pollinator habitat, a wildlife and bird habitat by the National Wildlife Federation, an Official Urban Wildlife Habitat from the Humane Society and has received Habitat Hero Gold status from the Audubon Rockies.

17156 East Berry Place
Centennial, Colorado



Front garden birdbath featuring *Aquilegia chrysantha* and *Sidalcea candida*
Tatroe Photo



Backyard path
Tatroe Photo

2024 ROCK GARDEN & SUCCULENTS TOUR 2

Lisa Brown's Garden

I built my rock garden alongside my driveway in 2018 when I was given a pickup truck load of lava rock. At the time, I had a very pretty but somewhat overgrown perennial garden there full of Russian sage, yarrow and Shasta daisies. My neighbors probably thought I was crazy when I tore out the daisies and replaced them with a pile of rocks.

I started with a vision to fill it with cute little treasures while keeping many of my previous (large) garden plants in place. Of course, it didn't take me long to fill that small space up and need to make it bigger...and then bigger. Now, the Russian sage and most of the old plants are gone. I have added more real estate to the rock garden every year, and it currently extends from the sidewalk to the garage. I keep saying that I am done expanding, but that's probably a lie.

The area is not on my sprinkler system and it's a stretch for the hose, so I have always had to consider water needs.

Cactus do very well there, and

I keep adding them. Some of those are not small, but oh well. I enjoy my rock garden and I hope you do too.

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Centennial, Colorado*



Lisa Brown Photos

2023 PLANT SHOW TROPHIES



Best of Show
 Jeremy Marsh
Echinopsis tricocereus
 hybrid 'Loivoides'

Lynn Wilson Trophy
 (Best Succulent (non cactus))
 Tate Griebel
Adenia spinosa



Jerry Sochor Trophy
 (Best Colorado Native)
 Kelly Grummons
Opuntia polykantha
 v. *hystricina* 'Cactusmannia'

Jim Sykes Trophy
 (Best Cactus Novice)
 Aubree Murray
Echinopsis leucantha



Heacock Trophy
 (Best Haworthia)
 Dan Le
Haworthia bayeri
 v. *Moon Shadow*

Dana Such Trophy (Best
 Mammillaria)
 Eileen Brownl
Cochemiea maritima



2024 MID-STATES CONFERENCE

18th BIENNIAL MID-STATES CONFERENCE

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contact conference chair Woody Minnich at cactusdata@msn.com or 661-406-9816

All,

It's time to start planning for the next Cactus and Succulent extravaganza! This year's Biennial Mid-States Conference is July 26th, 27th, & 28th in Santa Fe New Mexico. If you've not been to a Mid-States, I heartily recommend it! It will feature six speakers and six vendors just for starters.

The important thing now is to Save The Date! And then consider reserving a hotel room in Santa Fe. This is summer tourist season and rooms could disappear fast!

[For more information, click here.](#)

You can bet that Woody is thinking about the Mid-States Conference!

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

May 18th - CCSS & RMC-NARGS Garden Tour

July 20th - CCSS Cactus Cut-up - Apex Park Pavilion

April 26th & 27th, 2025 - Prospective Date for the Next Show and Sale

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