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~~~ NO CLUB MEETING FOR JUNE DUE TO SHOW & SALE PREPARATION ~~~



## FRESNO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Sale 10 am to 5 pm. Show 10:30 am to 5 pm**

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Sale & Show 10 am to 4 pm**

**Rare plants & handmade pottery  
Experts available for questions**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**See our Website & Facebook Group for updates!**

2024  
SHOW  
& SALE

JUNE

8 & 9

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**FROM THE PREZ:**

**Hi Members,**

**June Meeting is CANCELLED**

The June 6<sup>th</sup> in-person meeting is cancelled. Our planned speaker wasn't able to join us and with the next day being our Annual Show and Sale setup, it was decided to cancel the meeting.

**Annual Show & Sale Information**

In less than 2 weeks, our Annual Show & Sale will be taking place! You better have this event marked on your calendar and you better be there!

We will be in the Junior Exhibits Building at the Fresno Fairgrounds located at the Butler Entrance. Parking will be at the Butler and Chance Avenue parking lot, where people can use the underground walkway to go under the street to get to the Butler Entrance. On Saturday the doors will open at 10 am and we will be open until 5 pm. The day the Show area will open at 10:30 am. Sunday the hours are 10 am to 4 pm.

We always hope to have enough boxes for the public, so if you plan to attend, please bring your own box to help with supplies. **It's not too late to advertise! Tell everyone you know and share our social media posts on Facebook and Instagram.**

**Vendors**

This year we have our largest vendor turnout with 21 vendors! There will be a huge variety of cactus and succulents available along with homemade unique pottery. **We have a mixture of local and out-of-town vendors that include: Mary Drumheller, Dennis Anderson, Susan Cook, Bill Gale, Nancy Jobin, Dan Gale, Tony Sharp, Mark Muradian, Larry Homan, Peter Beiersdorfer, Jose Soto, Jim Smith, Richard Withers, Gary Duke, Naomi Bloss at CA Succulents, David Madrigal at Prickly Dave's Cactus Shack, Daniel Antonio-Casillas at Nopallitoz, Bryan Robinett at DesertScapeSucculent, Lupe Case at East Los Succulents, and Steve Frieze at Distinctive Flora.**

**Volunteers**

During setup on Friday, anyone who is volunteering can drive into the Fairgrounds to drive right up to the building. You will enter from the gate on Chance Avenue and drive through the Fairgrounds. A map will be attached to the newsletter. For the volunteers who are helping on Saturday and Sunday, you will need to park in the parking lot at Butler and Chance Avenue or park on Butler. We can't have everyone parking inside the Fairgrounds on the weekend due to lack of space and keeping fire lanes open. **Please follow this requirement!**

**Club Table**

There will be Club tables during this Sale for any donated items. If you would like to donate any extra plants, cuttings, books, pots, and anything gardening you may bring them during setup on June 7th. They would be greatly appreciated as everything donated will be 100% profits for the Club. You can drive into the Fairgrounds to make drop-off easy.

**Boxes**

Boxes can be dropped off at the Fairgrounds on June 7th during setup. You will be able to drive right in to the Fairgrounds to drop off the boxes. This can be done from 10 am to 7 pm.

### Members Early Sale

The Early Members Sale will take place on June 7th after setup. **Members who signed up to volunteer during the weekend can start shopping at 5:30 pm.** All other members can start shopping at 6 pm. The early sale ends at 7 pm. Look for a map at the end of the newsletter for driving instructions for early sale and box drop-off.

### Annual Plant Show

It's not too late to get your plants ready to show. I emailed a guide on getting your plants ready to show but let's do a quick overview. First, clean up the plant by removing cobwebs, old and yellow leaves, and any weeds. Then clean the pot the best you can, some scrubbing might be needed. That's really all you need. If you want to have a complete look, you can add a top dressing of small pebbles. This covers the soil and makes a clean complete look. You can also stage your plant by adding larger rocks to make it look like it's growing in habitat. The main thing we are looking for when judging is a clean well-grown plant. Remember this is for you to show off your hard work and its fun! Show plant drop-off is on June 7th from 11 am to 6 pm. Pickup is on Sunday, June 9th, starting no earlier than 4 pm when the event closes. People showing will be able to drive into the Fairgrounds for drop-off and pick up. If you have any questions about showing your plant, please contact me.

### See you at the Annual Show & Sale!!!

This is the Club's biggest event of the year, and we hope every member can come out to support us. Hundreds of hours are put into planning and running this event and it's all done for our members. Come support this hard work and find a new plant or pot for your collection.

### No meeting July 4<sup>th</sup>

Thank you, Robert



| TREASURER'S REPORT             | -----        | April, 2024          |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| <b>Income:</b>                 |              |                      |
| Memberships                    |              | \$ 80.00             |
| Badge                          |              | 5.00                 |
| Raffle                         |              | 88.00                |
| Yard sign sales                |              | 130.00               |
|                                | <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 303.00</b>     |
| <b>Expenses:</b>               |              |                      |
| Room rent                      |              | \$ -250.00           |
| Monthly Charges (Zoom/Verizon) |              | -62.82               |
| Newsletter (copies/postage)    |              | -38.44               |
| Badges                         |              | -18.00               |
| Yard sign purchases            |              | -383.48              |
| Raffle plants                  |              | -61.71               |
| Print S & S postcards          |              | -70.89               |
| Taxes - Home & Garden Show     |              | -829.00              |
|                                | <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ (1,714.34)</b> |

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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 Carolyn Unruh (13<sup>th</sup>)  
 Victor Dominguez (17<sup>th</sup>)  
 Russal McLachlin (17<sup>th</sup>)  
 Larry Homan (21<sup>st</sup>)  
 Sue Loucks (29<sup>th</sup>)

## NEW MEMBERS

German Rivera  
 Claudia Lange

*Welcome*

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## COMING EVENTS

**June 14-16, San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society, "Succulent Expo",**  
 San Francisco County Fair Building,  
 1199 9th Ave., San Francisco.  
[www.sfsucculents.org](http://www.sfsucculents.org)

**June 28-30, CSSA Show & Sale, Huntington Botanical Gardens,**  
 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino  
 Reservations: [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org)

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The May-June issue of *American Gardener*, the magazine of the American Horticultural Society, has an interesting article, "Cycads: what's old is new." Besides the usual account of the history and culture of cycads, the article touches on hybridizing and grafting.

### Here are some suggested sources of cycads:

Aloes in Wonderland, [www.aloesinwonderland.com](http://www.aloesinwonderland.com)

Ice Blue Cycads, <https://icebluecycads.com>

Jungle Music Nursery, <https://www.junglemusic.net>

## CORYPHANTHA TO ESCOBARIA

The following coryphanthas have been transferred to *Escobaria*: *Coryphantha alversonii*, *C. chlorantha*, *C. vivipara ssp rosea*.

Plants of these two genera are very similar in appearance.

## TREE ALOES



On May 10th, Colin Walker presented the CSSA webinar on the genus *Aloidendron* to which all the so called tree aloes have been transferred.

The characteristics of these plants is that they have woody stems, fissured bark, usually single trunk, dichotomous branching, leaves narrowly lanceolate, dried leaves not persistent, inflorescence a branched panicle.

Recognized species are: *Aloidendron dichotomum*, *A. dichotomum ssp ramosissimum*, *A. eminens*, *A. pillansii*, *A. barberae*, *A. tongaense*. Some authorities consider *ramosissimum* to be a species in its own right.

The photo (from Wikipedia) shows an ancient plant of *A. dichotomum*.



**Hercules' is a tree aloe** cultivar that is very popular with California growers. It is cross between *A. barberae* (seed parent) and *A. dichotomum*, (pollen parent).

Its origins are not known for sure, but Gerhard Bock, on his blog Succulents and more, did some sleuthing and proposes that 'Hercules' was possibly created in the 1980s by Jim Gardner, a southern California doctor and succulent grower. It is especially known for its fast growth. Plants have been known to grow so fast that they become top heavy and topple over.

(Photo: [www.gardenia.net](http://www.gardenia.net))



### GEOHINTONIA MEXICANA

*Geohintonia* is a monospecific genus (only one species) growing in a very small, specialized area in the state of Nuevo León, Mexico. It is named for its formal discoverer, Mexican botanist George S. Hinton, though collected plants had been found in collections before then, especially in Europe.

*Geohintonia mexicana* has a very distinctive appearance: bluish-green globose, solitary plants, with well-defined ribs, areoles woolly at the apex, becoming smooth with age; few or no papery spines, becoming deciduous. The flowers open in the daytime, self-sterile, intense pink to magenta.

The plants grow on steep hills or cliffs of pure gypsum at an altitude of around 1200 meters with *Aztekium hintonii* and other cacti and succulents. Comprehensive DNA studies have not yet been carried out on this genus, but some experts think it may be an intergeneric hybrid between *Echinocactus horizonthalonius* and *Aztekium ritteri*.

Plants and seeds seem readily available online, but care should be taken to be sure you do not buy an illegally collected plant. **Sue**

(Photo from Wikipedia)



### AFRICAN MILK BUSH



The so-called African Milk Bush has been cultivated as an ornamental plant for many years. It was formerly known as *Synadenium grantii rubra* (pictured, from [www.liflfe.com](http://www.liflfe.com)) but has now been renamed *Euphorbia umbellata*. The red-leaved form ("rubra") is the most common, though there is a plain green-leaved form.

The species is native to a wide area of central east Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda) on rocky hills and open woodlands. It's a thornless, semi-succulent shrub or small tree, branched, moderately slow growing. The fleshy leaves are green with varying amounts of red spots or dashes, some plants with deeply red foliage.

The plant has escaped cultivation in favorable climates and become invasive in India, Cuba, tropical Australia and other areas.

"Milk bush" refers, of course, to the milky latex that is produced when the plant is cut or otherwise injured. This is toxic and care should be taken when handling the plant. Culture: keep watered in summer; leaves will curl when the plant is too dry. It can rest in the winter. **Sue**

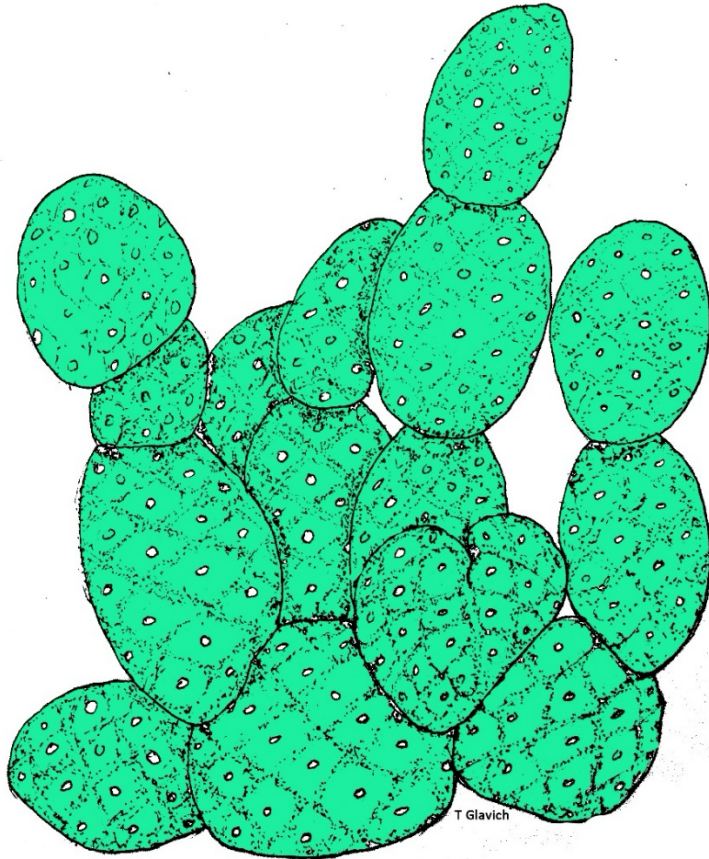
#### TWENTY YEARS AGO IN THE CLUB:

The club met at Manchester Center. Paul Mitchell showed slides of his 2003 trip to Namibia. Officers were Don La Mont, President; Charlene Stebles, Vice President; Paulette Rapisura, Treasurer; Rudy Rulloda, Secretary; Fred Gaumer, Affiliate Representative. The annual show was held in May at Manchester Center Shopping Center.

# **Cactus and Succulent Society of America**

## **57<sup>th</sup> Annual Show and Sale**

**June 28-30 2024**



### ***Tephrocactus geometricus***

**Huntington Library, Art Museum & Botanical Gardens**

**10 AM to 5 PM**

**1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA**

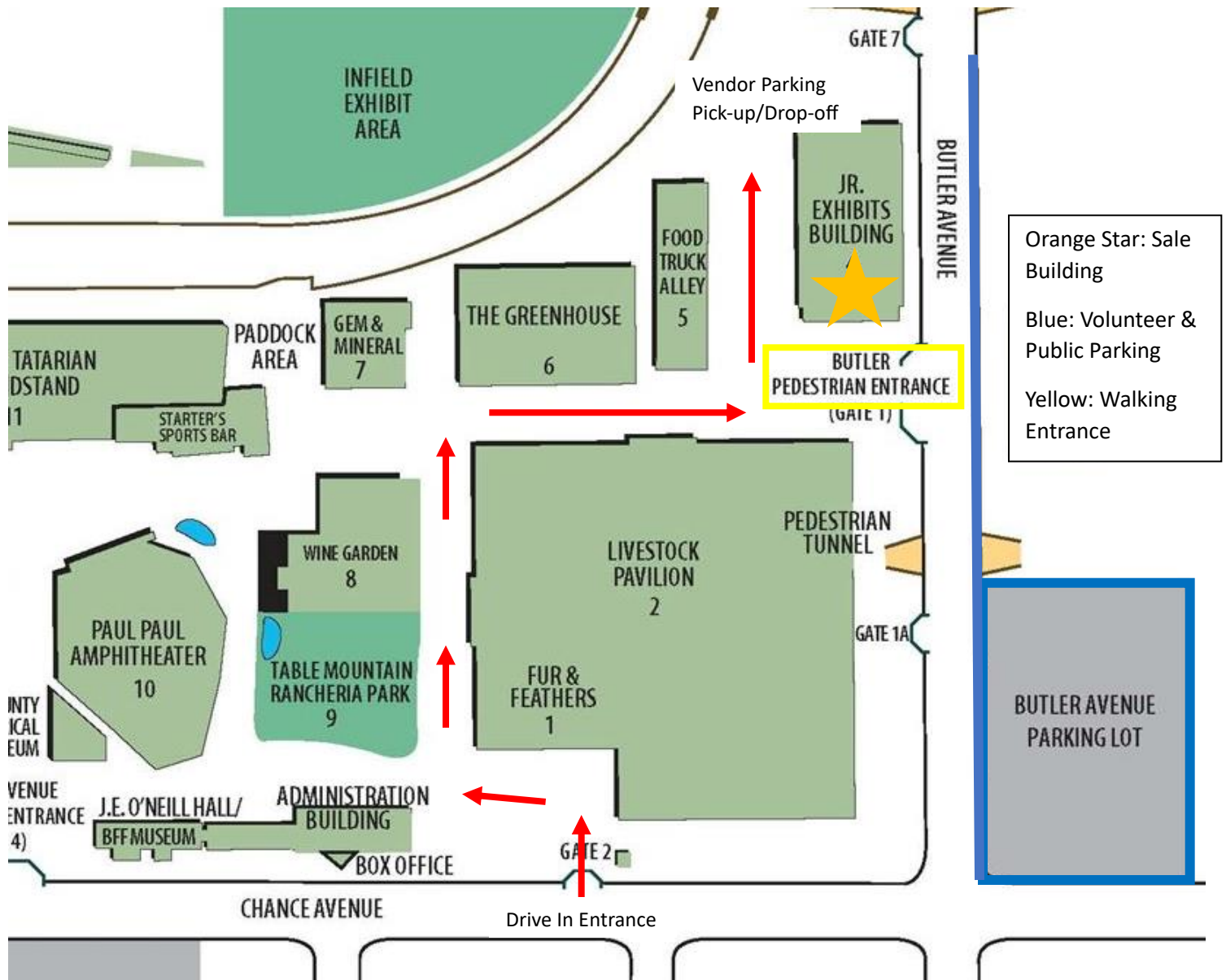
**INFORMATION 626-405-3571**

Open to the public with paid admission or Huntington membership  
Advanced online timed entry reservations are now required on Fridays and weekends  
for both visitors & members. NO WALK-INS. Limited daily capacity.

Go to the [huntington.org](http://huntington.org) website for tickets.

See [www.cssashow.com](http://www.cssashow.com) for further details.

# Fresno Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Show & Sale - Fresno Fair Map



## June 7<sup>th</sup>

- Setup: 10 am- 7 pm
- Show Plant Drop-off: 11 am- 6 pm
- Box Drop-off: 10 am- 7 pm
- Volunteer Early Sale: 5:30 pm- 7 pm
- Member Early Sale: 6 pm- 7 pm

## June 9<sup>th</sup>

- Show Plant Pick-up: 4 pm- 6 pm