

ON THE DRY SIDE

JUNE 2026



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Summer!

The weather has been nice and my plants are enjoying the warmer weather and sunshine. My dog loves water, so she is involved in watering the plants. I found a small rolling cart that someone had left on the curb. I was able to remove a large table in the yard that was about to collapse with a small 3 shelf cart. Now there is much more room on the deck and the plants still get sun.

The board has been working on several ideas for upcoming meetings that will appeal to lots of members. We will have more information as we get closer. The one thing we did agree on was the Mini Show. We decided to have Show & Tell with a specific species/genre. This month bring your favorite **Euphorbia** to the meeting and tell us about it. Everyone who talks about their plant gets 2 raffle tickets for the plant raffle!

Later in the newsletter are pictures from the show and sale at the Capitola Mall. This was one of our best sales in years so the board decided to skip the fall sale this year. We are working on getting the Capitola Mall for next spring. Our speaker in June – this Sunday, June, 21 – is Andrews Hazlett who will be speaking on rare and collectable cacti.

See you at the meeting.
Nancy Thomsen
President
Editor



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MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: Nancy Thomsen

Members present: Nancy Thomsen, Jon Lubbe, Lyn MacDonald, Lou Falek, Jorge Quiñonez, Diane Salewski, Dave Autore, David Kurtz, Meryl Abramson.

Minutes of 4/5/2026: No minutes for this meeting. Last minute Sale details discussed.

Treasurer's report: Lou. Accepted as presented. Lou has paid (national) CSSA dues, ordered new checks, and sent out all (sale) vendor checks.

CD expires this month and will be added to and renewed at the best rate.

Membership Report:Lyn. We have 14 new members in 2026 so far. Nine new memberships from Sale.

Next Meeting: Jorge. Repotting Workshop. June meeting is on Father's Day.

Spring Show & Sale:All. The event was a rousing success. Sales were the largest since the first post-Covid sale. This show grossed over \$50,000, and netted over \$8,800 profit for the Club. People enjoyed the large space and the venue.The mall venue is not available for a fall sale. The mall does not collect a deposit, and we provided the sole insurance and were the sole signers on the rental agreement. We will likely again keep half the space, and additional space can be split with another club(s).

Nancy sent a survey to the membership, for input, after the event. Several plant clubs expressed an interest in working together (When we secure a 2027 date, we can organize this, later), and there was a buzz about us at the Sacramento show with possibilities for new vendors. Diane will tell Peter B. about the vendors Also, some vendors expressed they would not return to a sale at ISTW/Portuguese Hall.

Some clubs give volunteers a few dollars per shift in order to purchase plants; however, we feed our volunteers (very well, thanks to Lyn and Lou!!!). The food was excellent. Lyn will stay with her amazing salads, no sandwiches next time. She agreed to handle food/membership/volunteers again at next event. We may need a separate volunteer center, and a microphone to ask people to report to places. More people did step up to volunteer this time. The Sacramento club hands out papers saying: 'if you love cacti/succulents, become a member, become a volunteer!' as a way to promote their group.

New Business: All. David Kurtz resigned from the Club and his position as Director-at-Large and Librarian.The Board thanked him for his years of service. David suggested that a 2-person tag team for the Library would be best in case of absence. The Library is in good shape.

A motion, passed, to make Ellen Stufflefield, Eddie and Larry lifetime club members.

Nancy received an email from California Garden Clubs that our renewal is due. They provide our insurance for events and our meeting site. we pay by the number of members.

Issue raised and Board discussed PA system now that we have more money. Unclear if new system works well or not. Someone else, not Lou, will need to do the follow-up.

FYI, the CSAA 2029 conference will be in Northern California and we have been contacted to help out. Likely will be held in San Jose, we'd need volunteers. 2027 conference is in Tucson.

Old Business: All. Member perks not discussed due to time constraints, noted here as a holder.

Fall Show and Sale: Board discussed whether or not to have this. We have put down one half of the deposit with ISTW (about \$2600) as required to hold the date. Conclusion:a tremendous amount of work happens by a small group of people for little return. We would just break even if the food for volunteers was not donated by Lyn & Lou. The Board decided not to have the event. With no fall Show & Sale, we can explore different types of Club events.

JUNE SPEAKER

RARE MUTATIONS, COLLECTOR CACTI, AND THE MODERN CACTUS MARKET BY ANDREW HAZLETT, CSSSJ PRESIDENT, NURSERY OWNER

This talk explores the cutting edge of cactus collector demand, from rare mutations and elite cultivars to market trends, scarcity, and shifting ideas of value. Social media, propagation technology, and collector culture are continually reshaping the cactus hobby.

The presentation will include photos and discussion of:

- monstrose and cristate growth forms
- variegation and chimeras
- famous mutants, clones, and cultivars
- tissue culture versus graft propagation
- poaching pressures and ethical sourcing
- why some plants command extreme prices
- how rarity and pricing change over time



MAY MEETING

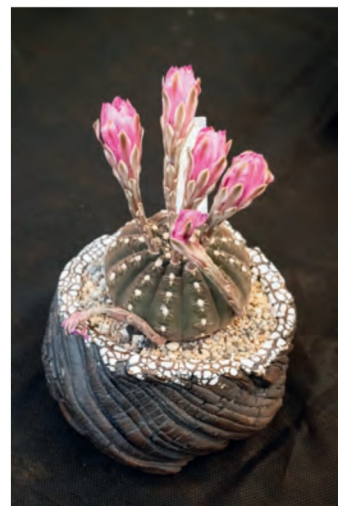
REPOTTING WORKSHOP

Our May meeting was a workshop on repotting plants. We, again, were not able to use the grange hall, but our resourceful members didn't let that stop them. They set up in the adjacent park and had a great time. Thank you Jorge, Stan and Meryl and everyone else who made this happen.



SPRING SHOW & Sale

2026 SPRING SHOW WINNERS



SPRING SHOW & Sale



CLUB NEWS

NEW BOARD MEMBER

At the last board meeting, the board appointed Mary Edmund to the open position of Director-at-Large. The role of Director-at-Large is to be the voice of the membership.

Welcome Mary!

NEW MINI SHOW FORMAT

The Mini Show will continue to be Show & Tell, but now there is a category for each month. This month is Euphorbia. We ask that you bring a Euphorbia to share with the club. Before you come, take a few minutes to find out the scientific name, country of origin and any other fun facts. You can use worldofsucculents.com to find out about your plant or the AI mode on your phone. One of the club's missions is education. If you spend some time learning about your plant and then presenting it to the club, we all learn from each other.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

June 21, 2026

Speaker: Andrew Hazlett

Topic: Rare Collector Cacti

Mini Show: Show and Tell

Euphorbias

July 19, 2026

Topic: My Favorite Plant

Mini Show: None



EUPHORBIAS

LEADERSHIP

2026 OFFICERS

President: Nancy Thomsen
Vice President: Jon Lubbe
Secretary: Meryl Abramson
Treasurer: Lou Falek
Membership: Lyn MacDonald
Affiliate Representative: Jorge Quiñónez
Directors at Large:
Dave Autore
Diane Salewski
Mary Edmund
Immediate Past President: Mary Cross

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Sunshine Committee: Paul Albert
Webmaster: Diane Salewski
Greeter: Dave Novarina

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION

There is plenty of parking near the hall and the building is ADA accessible.
Doors open at 11:00am
Bring your own lunch starts at 12:00pm
Meeting starts at 12:30pm

Location:
Corralitos Grange
165 Little Corral Way, Corralitos.