



# PHILADELPHIA CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

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## 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF 2022/23 SEASON

June 4, 2023

10:00 am

**EARLY  
START  
TIME**

## PROGRAM

### Pot Making Workshop

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084faba822abff2-june#/>

This meeting will feature a hands-on workshop, creating a low, round pot suitable for succulents. The pot will be unglazed and brown in color. It will be fired offsite, and available for pickup at a subsequent PCSS meeting or get-together.

There is a **charge of \$15** (payable at the meeting) to subsidize the cost of the materials, the instructor's fee, and the firing cost. PCSS Members (and those who intend to become members at the meeting) can sign up below. To ensure that the instructor is able to properly supervise all of the participants, this workshop is limited to 25 pot-makers.

Those who are not members can sign up on a waiting list, and will be invited to make a pot only if there is space available after all members who want to make a pot have been seated.

Anyone can attend the meeting and observe, without making a pot.

Spectators do not need to sign-up or give advance notice that they will be attending.

**This will be our last official meeting of the season! Please bring nibbles to share!  
Raffle to be held of course!**

# NEED HELP

If you need help walking to the Discovery Center there is a golf cart. You just call the front desk at **610.990.3431** or tell someone at the meeting and they can let staff know someone needs the cart.

There is also a push wheelchair that they can make available



## CACTI IN THE NEWS

### **Too much water: Arizona cacti getting waterlogged due to heavy rain in the region**

Last year's monsoon and this year's rain are causing water logging issues for cacti in the desert, and high winds lately aren't helping. FOX 10's Danielle Miller has more from Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix.

<https://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/too-much-water-arizona-cacti-getting-waterlogged-due-to-heavy-rain-in-the-region>

### **The secret world of Sydney's psychoactive cacti growers who tend suburban gardens of peyote and ayahuasca**

Before I met the cactus expert, I didn't even know psychoactive gardens existed. Of course I wanted to see one....

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-05-07/peyotes-ayahuasca-sydney-psychoactive-cacti-growers/102303642>

### **Cacti replacing snow on Swiss mountainsides due to global heating**

Invasive species proliferating in Valais is encroaching on natural reserves and posing a biodiversity threat

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/feb/10/cacti-replacing-snow-on-swiss-mountainsides-due-to-global-heating>

### **Climate Change Wiped Out Thousands of the West's Most Iconic Cactus. Can Planting More Help a Species that Takes a Century to Mature?**

Heat, drought and an invasive grass are driving wildfires killing the giant saguaros in Arizona, raising concerns about how the cactus will recover without human intervention.

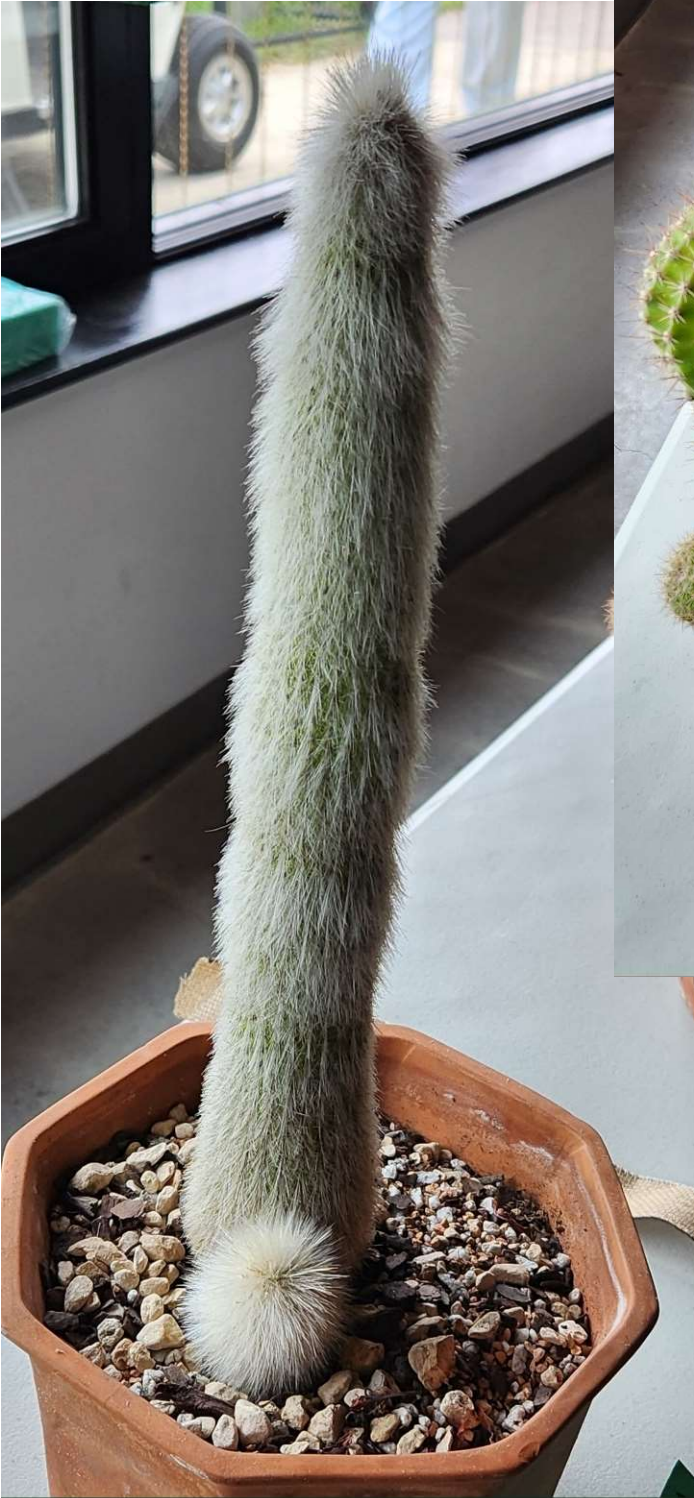
<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/10042023/saguaro-restoration-climate-change/>



# Plant of the Month - April

## Best of Show:

Mike Slater's  
*Agave Victoriae-reginae*





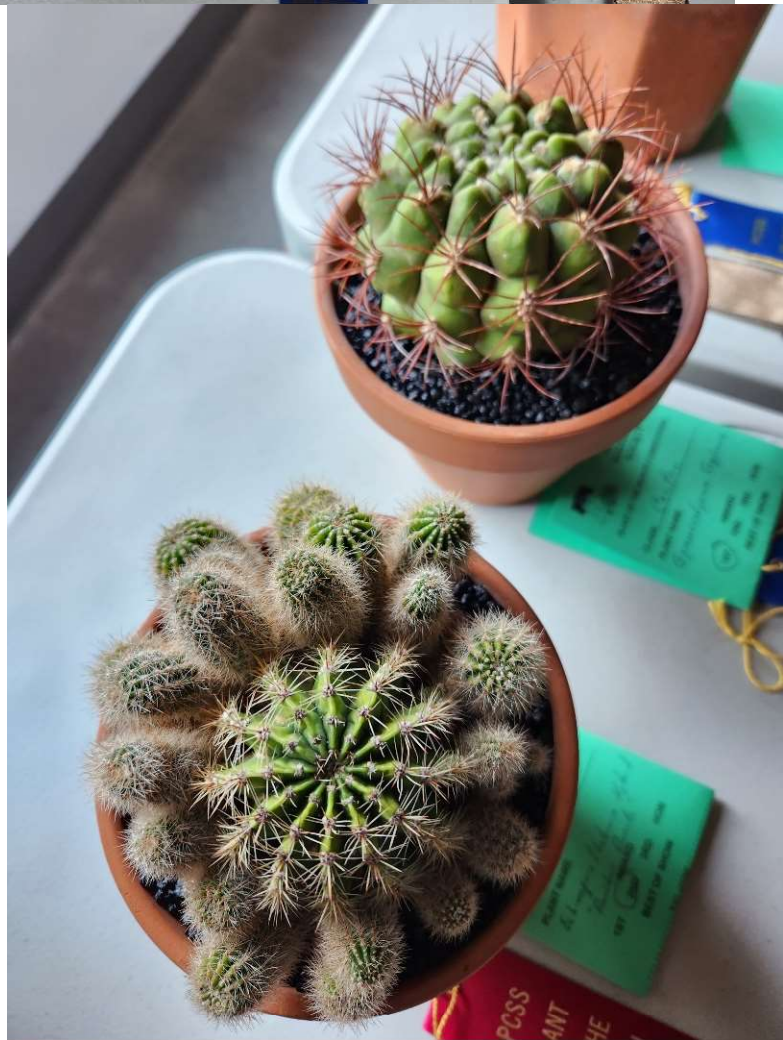
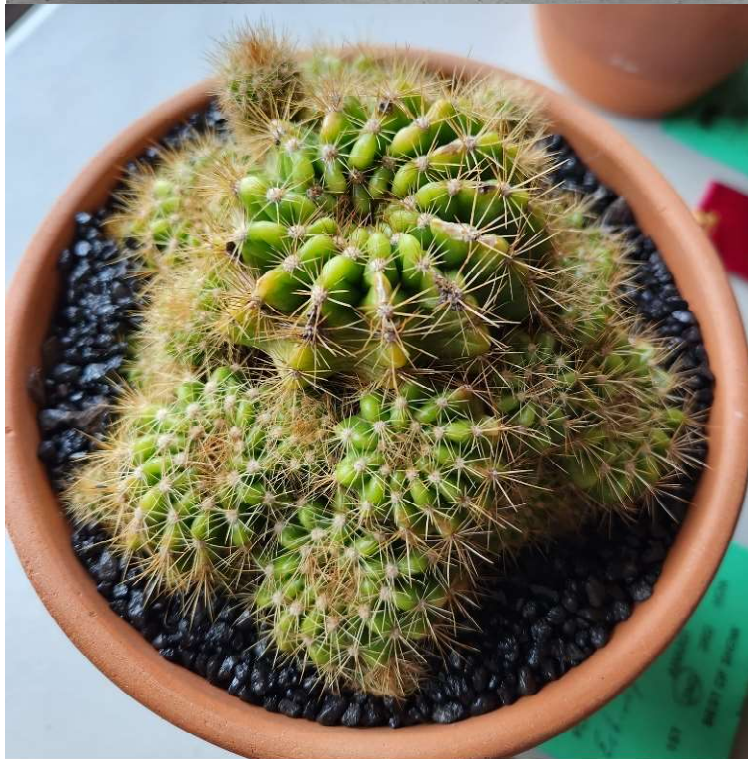
# Plant of the Month - April

## Cactus:

Frank Straup – 11

Ken Preteroti – 5

Mike Slater - 3

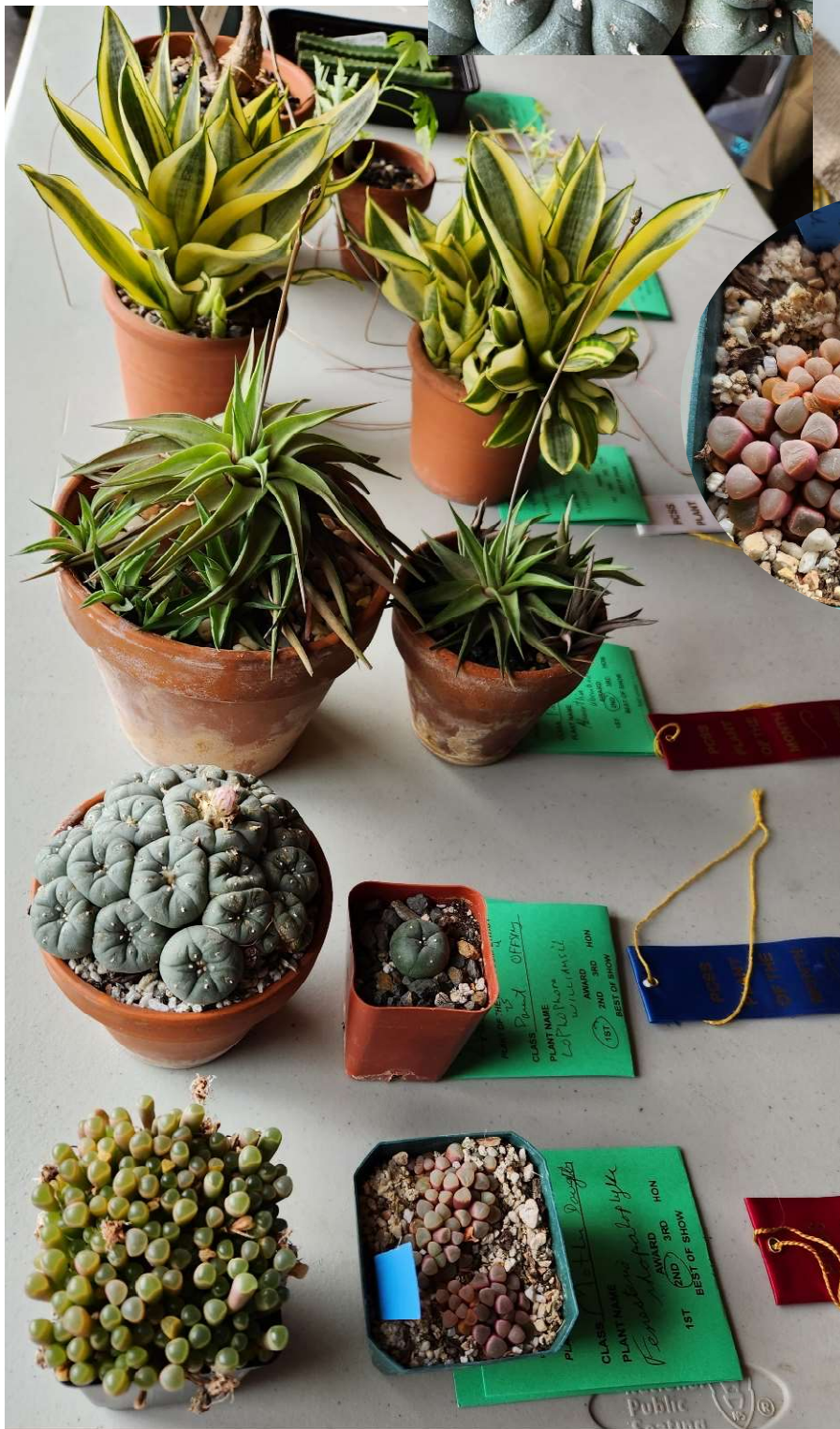
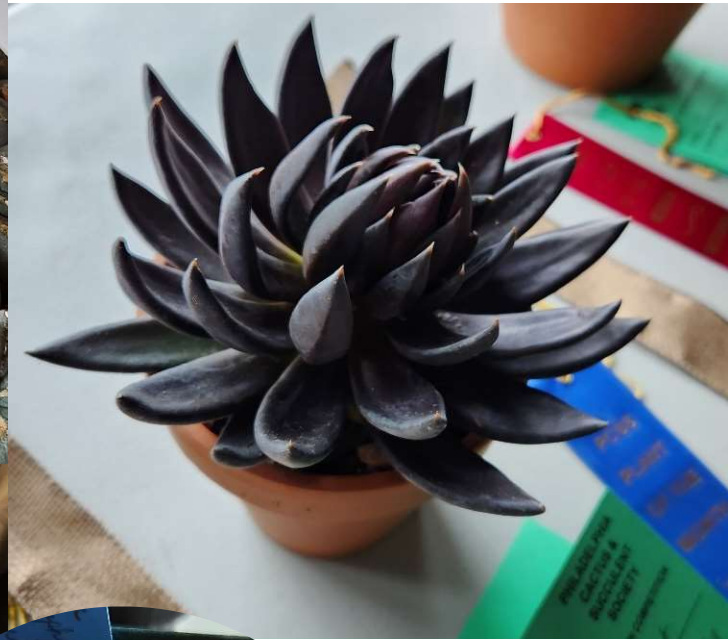




## Succulent:

Mike Slater – 17  
Ken Preteroti – 8  
Lee Garner – 6  
Steve Groundwater –

Plant of the Month – April





# Plant of the Month - May



## **Succulent:**

Lee Garner – 10  
Frank Straup – 8  
Marc Ross - 5



# Plant of the Month - May

## **Cactus:**

Frank Straup – 5

Lee Garner - 3





# Plant of the Month - May

## Best of Show:

Lee Garner's  
*Pachypodium lealii* ssp *saundersii*





# Plant of the Month—Season Tally

## **Cactus:**

Frank Straup - 42  
Jeff Sedwin - 31  
Lee Garner - 24  
Deb Donaldson - 18  
Ralph Ogden - 5  
David McCarthy - 5  
Mary Pastore - 5  
Zippy Goldberg - 5  
The Two Days - 5  
Unknown - 4

## **Succulent:**

Jeff Sedwin - 46  
Lee Garner - 36  
Marc Ross - 33  
Mike Slater - 33  
Deb Donaldson - 31  
Ken Preteroti - 23  
Peg Krengel - 16  
Linda McCarthy - 16  
Frank Straup - 15  
Thomas Preteroti - 8  
Chris Ripnak - 8

## **Season Winner**

Jeff Sedwin - 77 points

## **Noteworthy Competitors**

Lee Garner - 60  
Frank Straup - 57  
Deb Donaldson - 49



*Have you hugged your cactus today?*





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## CSSA CONVENTION

**July 12 to July 16, 2023**

<http://cssaconvention.com/>

## PICNIC AT BOB SPARROW'S

**July 22, 2023**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084faba822abff2-bobsparrow#/>

### *Future Fall Dates*

Please mark your calendars for the  
end of the year which is the  
beginning of our season!

**Start time will be 11AM!**

SEPTEMBER 17

OCTOBER 8

NOVEMBER 12

DECEMBER 10 - Holiday Party



**Check us out on  
FACEBOOK!!**

**show & tell ..**

Please send pictures of your  
plants to:

**philadelphia.cactus@gmail.com**

**PCSS Officers**

<b>President:</b>	Irene Cassidy cell: 302.883.4644
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Jeff Sedwin
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Renee Thompson
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Paul Wesolowski
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<b>Affiliate Representative:</b>	Christina Day
<b>Newsletter:</b>	Irene Cassidy
<b>Flower Show Exhibit:</b>	Paul Wesolowski
<b>Hospitality:</b>	
<b>Library:</b>	Bridget Irons
<b>Flower Show Ribbons:</b>	JoAnn Schailey
<b>Plant of the Month (POM):</b>	Will Hall

