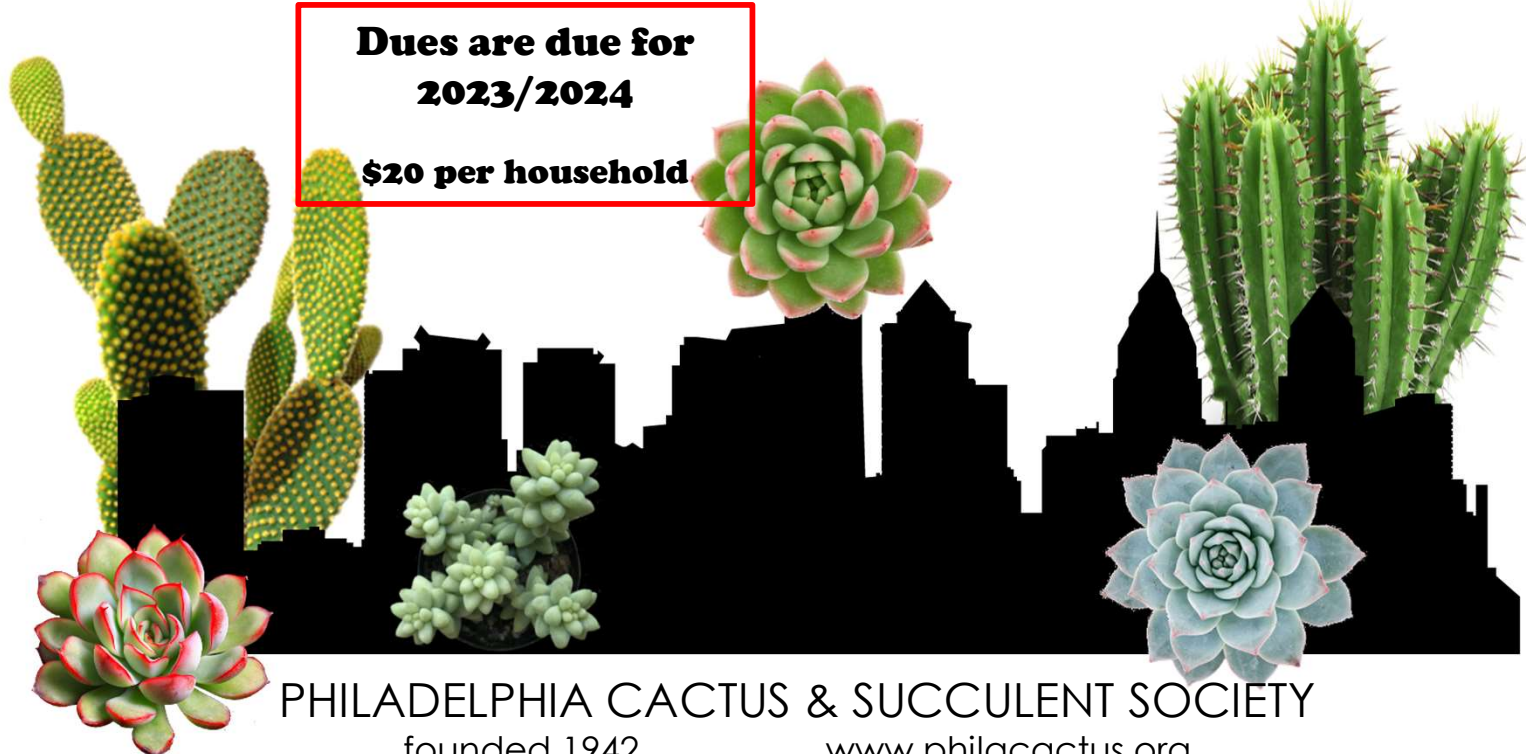


**Dues are due for
2023/2024**

\$20 per household



PHILADELPHIA CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

founded 1942

www.philacactus.org

**POTS will be here if you
made one in June!**

NOVEMBER 12th , 2023

11 AM – 3 PM The Discovery Center

Please bring something to share!!

PROGRAM "Buying Plants Online"

We will profile more than a dozen online cactus and succulent nurseries, providing information on the history and geographic location of each. Some started out decades ago as printed mail-order catalogues, others as a physical retail nursery, and many still have a location open to the public. We will visit each website during the talk, so members can get a feel for the layout, the kinds of plants being offered and the prices. We will conclude with helpful tips about buying c&s online.

If you buy plants online, you're welcome to comment with your own experience at any nursery being profiled. If you've never purchased cactus and succulents online, we'll guide you through the process, and perhaps you'll discover a source for that plant you've always wanted . . . or never knew you couldn't live without!

This is a great video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2aN4d4qaA7w>

Check out this article: <https://www.indianapoliszoo.com/gcss/saving-succulents/>

Five steps to ensuring a rare native plant is not poached (by Jessie Keith):

1. Before buying any native plant, ask whether it is nursery grown. All nursery-grown stock will have a printed tag indicating the source and grower.
2. Buy your succulents or natives directly from the grower.
3. Join a succulent plant group and get divisions of native succulents from group members.
4. Contact a regional native plant society, like the California Native Plant Society, to get the names of reputable native plant nurseries.
5. Avoid buying rare native plants from anyone who cannot tell you the source of the plant.

Something to talk about ..



<https://thenextgardener.com/blogs/news/what-is-a-succulent-death-bloom>

Is the scorching sun sucking the life out of your succulents?

<https://www.ksat.com/news/local/2023/07/31/is-the-scorching-sun-sucking-the-life-out-of-your-succulents/>

Plant Poaching? Succulents?

<https://chilledgrowlights.com/blog/plant-poaching-succulents>

How LED Tech is Helping the Environment

<https://chilledgrowlights.com/blog/how-led-tech-is-helping-the-environment>

Christmas Cactus – How to ID & Care for Everyone's Favorite Holiday Plant

https://www.ruralsprout.com/christmas-cactus-care/?utm_source=pinterest&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=social-pug

The Cactus Hunters: Desire and Extinction in the Illicit Succulent Trade

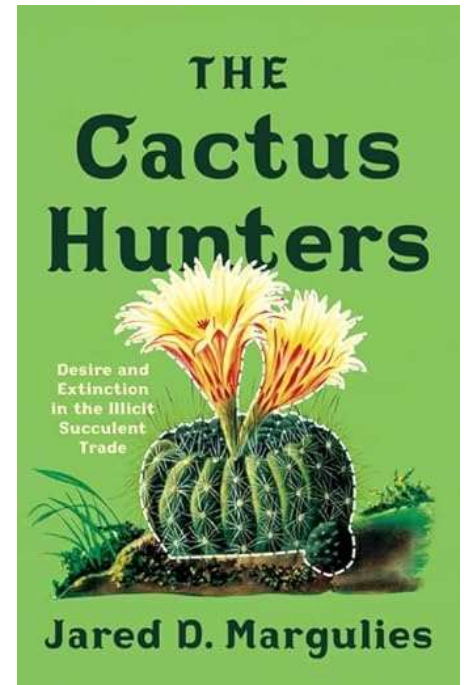
Author: Jared D. Margulies

An exploration of the explosive illegal trade in succulents and the passion that drives it

Cacti and succulents are phenomenally popular worldwide among plant enthusiasts, despite being among the world's most threatened species. The fervor driving the illegal trade in succulents might also be driving some species to extinction. Delving into the strange world of succulent collecting, *The Cactus Hunters* takes us to the heart of this conundrum: the mystery of how and why ardent lovers of these plants engage in their illicit trade. This is a world of alluring desires, where collectors and conservationists alike are animated by passions that at times exceed the limits of law.

What inspires the desire for a plant? What kind of satisfaction does it promise? The answer, Jared D. Margulies suspects, might be traced through the roots and workings of the illegal succulent trade—an exploration that traverses the fields of botany and criminology, political ecology and human geography, and psychoanalysis. His globe-spanning inquiry leads Margulies from a spectacular series of succulent heists on a small island off the coast of Mexico to California law enforcement agents infiltrating a smuggling ring in South Korea, from scientists racing to discover new and rare species before poachers find them to a notorious Czech “cacto-explorer” who helped turn a landlocked European country into the epicenter of the illegal succulent trade.

A heady blend of international intrigue, social theory, botanical lore, and ecological study, *The Cactus Hunters* offers complex insight into species extinction, conservation, and more-than-human care.



HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 10

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084FABA822ABFF2-45614891-2023>

This year the party is on us!!!

Just bring yourself and a guest (or 2) and enjoy the fun ..We'll be having our annual Pollyanna too if you'd like to participate

Please RSVP using the link so we know how much food to buy..



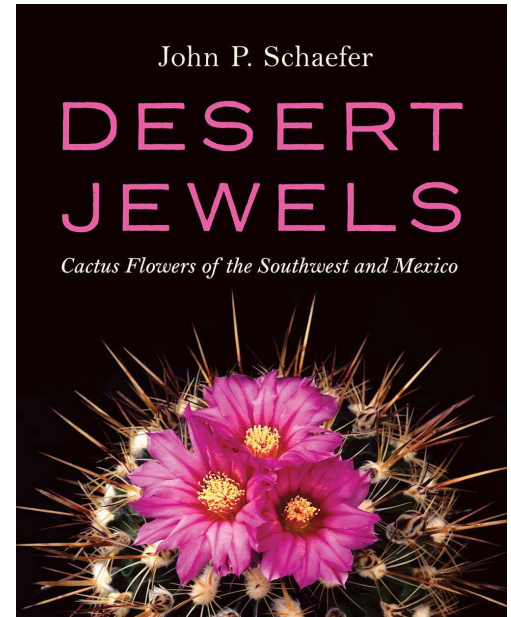
Desert Jewels: Cactus Flowers of the Southwest and Mexico

Author: John P. Schaefer

Cactus flowers are jewels of the desert—they add brilliant pops of color to our arid surroundings. In this book, renowned Tucson photographer John P. Schaefer brings the exquisite and unexpected beauty of the cactus flower to the page. Hundreds of close-up photographs of cactus flowers native to the U.S. Southwest and Mexico offer a visual feast of color and texture, nuance and light.

These stunning photographs allow us to appreciate the spectacular range of color and form cactus flowers have to offer. For the cactus enthusiast, the book offers a comprehensive collection of high-quality flower photographs unlike any other. The photographs cover more than 250 cactus species organized by genus. The book starts with an introduction by the photographer that is both autobiographical and informative. It offers a glimpse into his process for capturing these elusive desert gems, resulting in photographs so beautiful they were featured as a book of stamps issued by the U.S. Postal Service.

This collection of cactus flowers in bloom is a one-of-a-kind work by a master photographer.



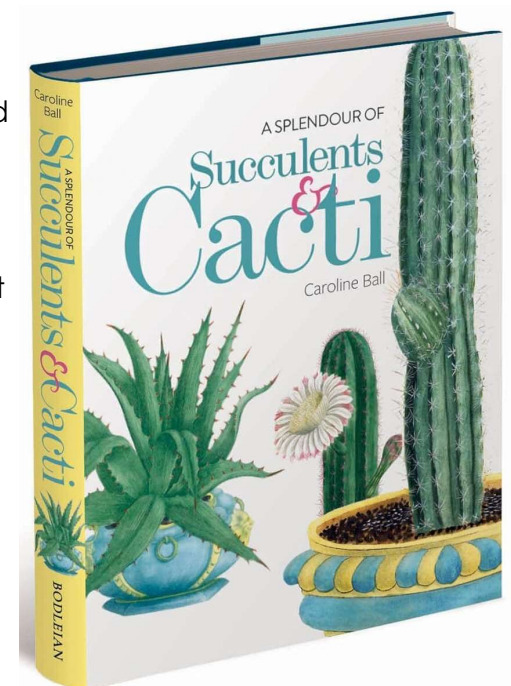
A Splendour of Succulents & Cacti

Author: Caroline Ball

A stunning gift book of eighteenth-century illustrations of succulents and cacti.

Succulents, especially cacti, are both the focus of serious ecological studies and the darlings of designers and style influencers. Their endearing qualities have recently given them the status of trendy “plant pets,” but this “succulentomania” is not new. While succulents have always been part of the landscape in the vast, dry climates of the Americas, Australia, and Africa, curiosities such as furry-flowered stapeliads and serpentine euphorbias were also a source of fascination for early European plant collectors.

In eighteenth-century Bavaria, a prosperous apothecary grew an “American aloe” that astounded all who saw it. This apothecary, Johann Wilhelm Weinmann, was the mastermind behind a groundbreaking book that included thousands of plants from all over the world, with descriptions of their individual characteristics and magnificent, specially commissioned color illustrations of each specimen. The succulents Weinmann featured are reproduced here in all their splendor. We may no longer look to them to treat gangrene, manufacture glass, or disperse kidney stones, but succulents are proving of great interest to modern medicine and agriculture, and we can marvel at them afresh not only as wonders of nature but also as works of art.





From Ken Preteroti's collection

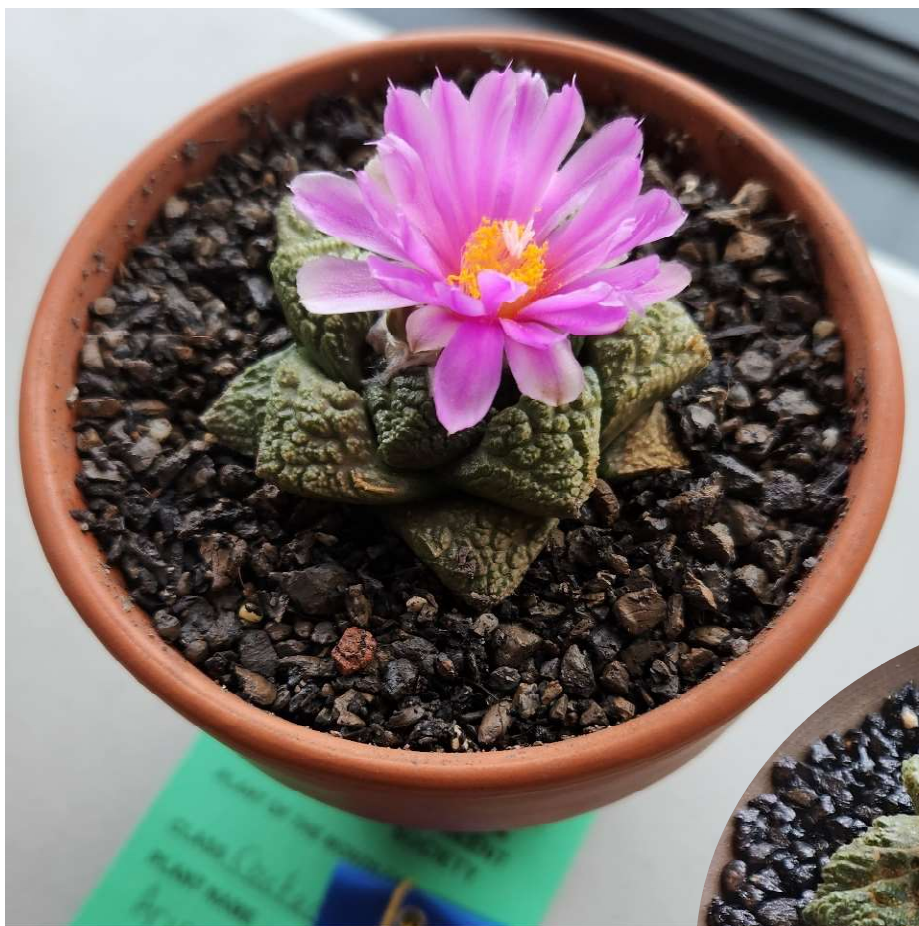
Plant of the month

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Frank Straup
Mammillaria petersonii



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<i>Name</i>	<i>oct</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Total pts</i>
Frank Straup	21	12	33
David McCarthy	10	4	14
Linda McCarthy	0	6	6
Irene Cassidy	6	27	33
Jeff Sedwin	0	22	22
Lee Garner	23	18	41
Mike Slater	19	22	41
Peg Kregel	0	5	5
Deb Donaldson	23	0	23
Will Hall	0	25	25

Plant of the month - November



CACTUS
Epiphytic Group

subfamilies Cactoideae

tribes Hylocereae, Rhipsalideae



SUCCULENTS

Crassulaceae 2

Only the following: Crassula,
Adromischus, and Aeonium



SPECIAL CATEGORY

Hanging Plants - Exhibitor must provide a pot or other workable form of staging to display plant





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Moving to Cathedral Village 2024!!

You heard right! PCSS will be returning to Cathedral Village starting January of 2024 ..
We will be discussing the future and posting the schedule for 2024 so stay tuned!

PHS Flower Show

March 4-12, 2023

The 2024 Philadelphia Flower Show is esconced in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, conveniently located in Center City. Our 2023 exhibit was our biggest and best ever, but we will try to surpass it this year.

We like to have 2 sitters per slot, but 3 is even better. You will receive one Free Admission for each slot you sign up for. Two slots on the same day gets you an extra ticket for a friend, or to use another day!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084FABA822ABFF2-44417409-2024#/>

Code: Unified2024

CT Show & Sale

April 12-14, 2024

<https://www.ctcactusociety.org/annual-show-sale>

Member show & tell ..

Please send pictures of your plants to Tim at: philadelphia.cactus@gmail.com



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