



PHILADELPHIA CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

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JANUARY 14, 2024

11 – 3pm

Cathedral Village

600 E Cathedral Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19128

PROGRAM

Getting Ready for the Flower Show Member Show & Tell

Each year in January we talk about competing in the Flower Show. This is a great way to have some fun during the colder times of the year when access to the outside is limited. Competing can be daunting but also fun. Everything we talk about can also help you on our monthly competitions.

We'll hear from competitors, groomers, judges and passers. It can also enhance your experience at the show if you walk through the Horticult and check out the ribbon winners!

Feel free to bring in a plant and get advice.. OR a special plant you'd like to talk about



The link below takes you to the PHS website where you can download the exhibitor's guide

<https://phsonline.org/uploads/attachments/clqwkqunfxu1splran4cmch8a-2024-guide-updated-12-20-23.pdf>

Plant of the month

CACTUS

Pereskia-Opuntia-Cereus Group

subfamilies Pereskieskiodeae, Opuntiodeae, Cactoideae,

tribes Cereceae, Pachycereae, Browningieae, Leptocereae

examples Pereskia, Maihuenia, Pereskopsis, Opuntia, Cereus, Cephalocereus

SUCCULENTS

Agavaceae and Dracaenaceae

examples Agave, Yucca, Beaucarnea, Nolina, Calibanus, Sanseveria

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

Crested, Monstrose, & Variegated Plants

Something to talk about ..

Episode 187: snake plants aka Sanseveria

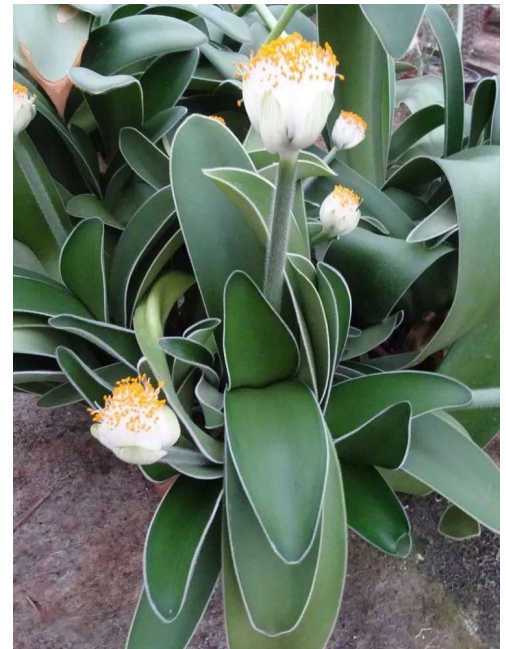
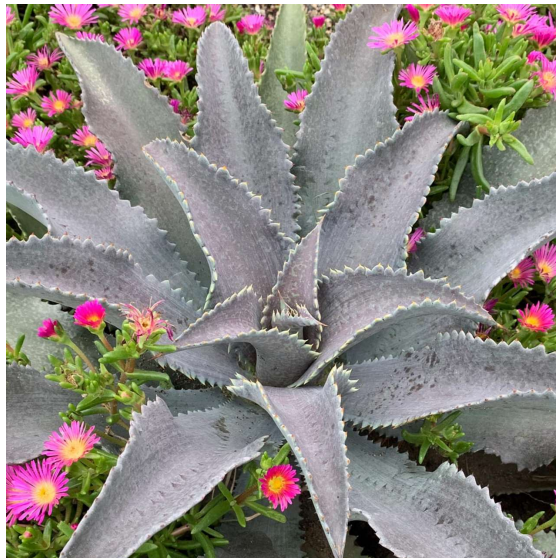
<https://www.janeperrone.com/on-the-ledge/2021/6/8/snake-plants-sanseveria>



photographer Colin Walker

Episode 241: the paintbrush plant, Haemanthus albiflos

<https://www.janeperrone.com/on-the-ledge/haemanthus-paintbrush>



Episode 235: Mangave

<https://www.janeperrone.com/on-the-ledge/mangave>

From other societies ..

Other societies have great articles .. here's some to check out:

DESERT BREEZE

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society, January 2024

Some of you that attended the 2014 Eastern Cactus & Succulent Conference (the last one) may remember Greg Starr .. he'd written about central Arizona opuntias in a previous newsletter that's been reprinted in this issue ..

<https://tcss.wildapricot.org/resources/Newsletters/2024-JanuaryNewsletter.pdf>

At the very end you can see the total number of cacti that have been rescued by the club .. 130,655!!! with over 49K volunteer hours!

CENTRAL SPINE

Newsletter of the Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society, December 2023

Check out the article on agave aquaculture!

https://centralarizonacactus.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Central_Spine_2023_12.pdf

CACTUS CHRONICLE

Newsletter of the Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society, August 2023

LACSS is hosting the 2025 CSSA convention so take a look! This newsletter is very good and has some great speakers some of which might talk to us on the East Coast. Check out the articles on DICHOTOMOUS MAMMILLARIA! and talking about Gasterias .. and if you like trips there's a bunch to choose from!

http://www.lacactus.com/CC_AUGUST_2023_compressed.pdf

TO THE POINT

Newsletter of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, December 2023

Fantastic compilation of articles ranging from heat stress to Euphorbias .. this is a free download. We will share the password for members starting in 2024 ..

https://mcusercontent.com/bea6715e13319c400a78dff96/files/a289e273-3a5e-f6bb-5ee1-e9e06f72fddc/TTP_2023_4_Winter.pdf

Upcoming Webinar

Andry Petignat – Didiereaceae of Madagascar

Date: January 20th, 2024

Time: 10AM Pacific Time (California)

Considered "The Cacti of the Old World" Didiereaceae are found only in Madagascar, where the species grow in the spiny forests in the southern part of the country.

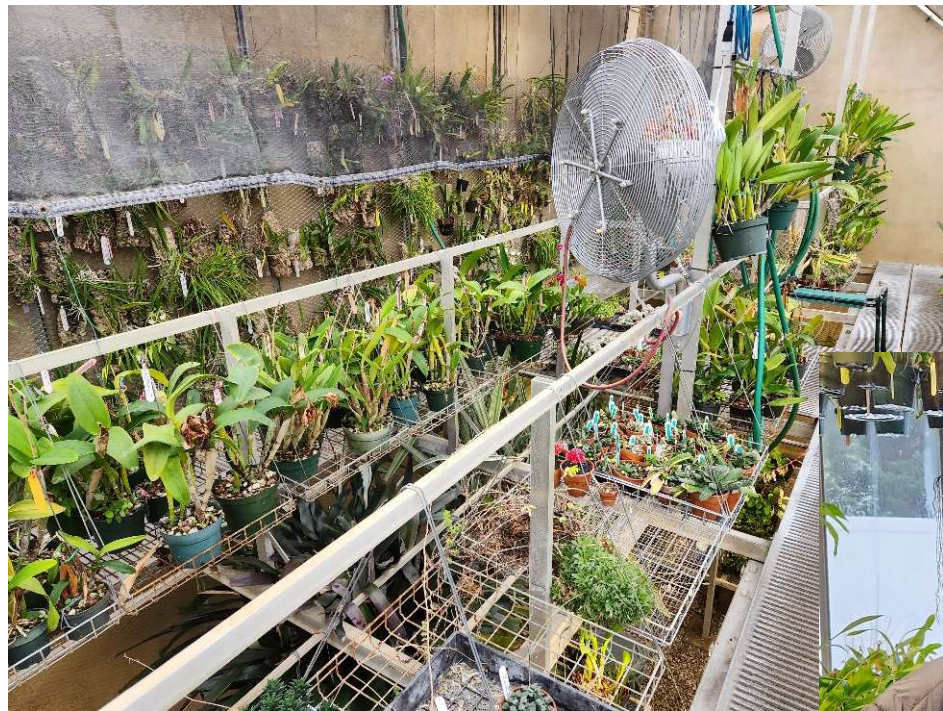
<https://cactusandsucculentsociety.dreamhosters.com/2024/01/08/webinar-andry-petignat-didiereaceae-of-madagascar/>

My Visit with Mark Werther

On Saturday, January 6, I took a ride to visit the greenhouse of Mark Werther in Wayne, PA. His current passion is orchids but he also loves succulents. Mark, had called the week before because he has succulents that needed new homes. Mark had been a member of PCSS a very long time ago (even knew Barad)! At 79 years young and over 60 years a collector, Mark is still passionate about his collection and doesn't seem to be slowing down much.

Since Gasterias and Haworthias readily propagate he's willing to thin the collection consisting mostly of variegated types. Despite the very moist environment, the succulents were thriving .. He's willing to privately sell to members. All of his plants are meticulously labeled.

His number is: 610-688-8578. Please tell him you are from PCSS ..







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PHS Flower Show

March 4-10, 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#/
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CT Show & Sale

April 12-14, 2024

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

PCSS elections *(positions start Fall 2024)*

May or June meeting

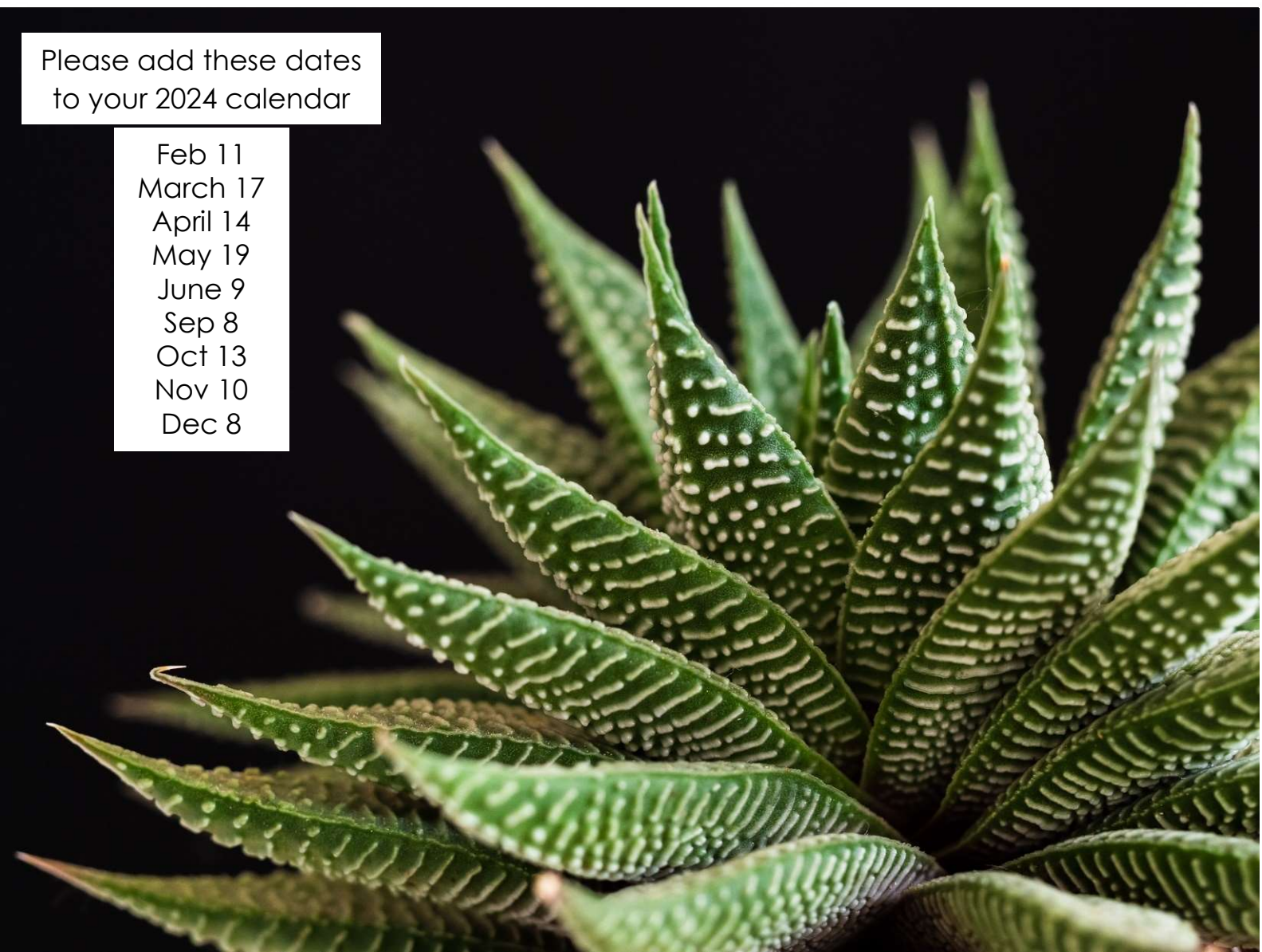
If you'd like to get more involved with PCSS consider a position on the Board.

Member show & tell ..

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

Please add these dates
to your 2024 calendar

Feb 11
March 17
April 14
May 19
June 9
Sep 8
Oct 13
Nov 10
Dec 8



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