# Philadelphia Cactus & Succulent Society

*Use the QR Code above to sign up for the 2026 PCSS Holiday Party*

## DECEMBER 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve | 25 Christmas Day | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve | 1 | 2 |

## December Meeting

Our December 13 meeting will be our annual Holiday Party, a social event rather than an educational presentation. (Though some may argue that viewing the plethora of cactus-themed holiday decorations is quite an education!)

The club will provide ham and turkey, and asks members to provide appetizers, side dishes, beverages and desserts. We also need help with setup (starting at 9AM) and cleanup (we should be finished by 3PM).

We will include a plant pollyanna, but with a twist. Instead of bringing a plant, we ask you to bring a well-groomed $20 bill. The club will provide top-quality, named plants. We will randomly select participants, and when your name is called, you can select either a plant from the table (all plants will be visible, none will be wrapped) or a different $20 bill. You can't lose!

To sign up, use the QR code above, so we can be sure we have enough.



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# November Recap

Our November meeting featured Paul Wesolowski's slide show on the 2025 CSSA Convention in San Diego.

Between renewals and new members, our membership now stands at 108 members, and 60 people attended the meeting, our best attendance since last March.

Even better, several people have expressed an interest in attending the next CSSA convention in Tucson in May, 2027.

**PRICES FOR THE CONVENTION INCREASE DECEMBER 1, SO REGISTER TODAY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DISCOUNT!**



*Paul Wesolowski and Marc Ross at the 2025 CSSA Convention in San Diego*

# Renew Your Membership!

Our membership year runs from July 1 through June 30. If you joined at the 2026 Phila. Flower Show, a special offer extended your membership through June 30, 2027. Most members needed to renew this past July.

We can accept credit cards in person at club meetings and other events, along with cash and checks. Or, to renew your membership by mail for the 2026-27 season, send a $20 check, payable to PCSS, to our Treasurer:

Renee Thompson,
Phila. Cactus & Succulent Society
69 Tanglewood Drive
Milford, DE 19963




# Join Us For a Meeting

Our meetings are held at Cathedral Village, 600 E Cathedral Rd, Philadelphia, 19128.

When entering the property, follow the green signs to the right, indicating the route for VISITORS.

We meet in the auditorium known as Cathedral Hall; the entrance is underneath the canopy labeled "Main Entrance." Look for our NEW NEON SIGN in the window on the left.

Set-up, POTM plant entry, snacks and social hour starts at 11, which is when you should plan to be there. The meeting starts promptly at noon. Typically our meeting is over by 2:30 pm.

Non-members can join us for a free meeting, to determine whether they want to join, so feel free to bring a friend.





## Upcoming Events

January 10, 2027: Robert Gorelick will join us to talk about growing winter hardy cactus plants outside. He has been doing this for decades, and will have lots of practical tips.  Also, Irene Cassidy will give a short presentation on preparing to enter the PHS Flower Show.

February 7, 2027: Our meeting will be on the FIRST Sunday of the month due to a scheduling conflict at Cathedral Village.

March 7, 2027: Our meeting will be on the FIRST Sunday of the month because the Philadelphia Flower Show is later than it has been in the past, and Easter is at the end of the month.

March 8 - 11, 2027 is Flower Show set-up.  Contact Paul Wesolowski or Janet Wong if you want to assist in setting up the club's exhibit.

March 12, 2027 is the Flower Show Preview, and the show runs March 13 - 21.  Teardown is Sunday night March 21.  To sign up as a sitter, see the article on another page.

April 10, 2027: The Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society hosts their annual Plant Show and Sale. A dozen PCSS members agree that it's worth the trip to Bristol, CT.

April 11, 2027: Our meeting is the traditional second Sunday of the month.  This is a change from the original schedule.

May 16, 2027: Our May meeting is typically the THIRD Sunday of the month, to avoid a conflict with Mother's Day.

May 18 - 23, 2027:  The CSSA Convention will be held in Tucson, Arizona and promises to be lots of fun. PCSS will be offering incentives to members who attend.  DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION ENDS NOVEMBER 30, 2026.

June 13, 2027: Our annual Picnic, which is hopefully a chance to socialize and meet other members. Those who attended the convention may show off some of their purchases.



# 2027 PCSS Shirts

Wearing a PCSS -branded shirt not only shows your club spirit, it also advertises our club and helps us to recruit new members.  When attending events run by other clubs, or the CSSA convention, it's a great way to introduce yourself, and to be instantly recognized as a member of PCSS.

These shirts are machine washable and can be customized with your first or last name, and maybe both. They are made to order, and will be available for a limited time only.  To order, print the page, circle your choices, and send a JPG. PNG or PDF to Paul Wesolowski: cactuscrank56@gmail.com




## Vertical Stripe blue button front, Cuban collar

MEMBER NAME FOR SHIRT FRONT: _____

OPTIONS: Select fit

For Men | For Women

SIZE: Select Size

S | M | L | XL | 2XL | 3XL | 4XL

5XL | 6XL | 7XL | 8XL

POCKET OPTION: The default is no pocket, but one can be added if you insist

Chest Pocket | No Pocket

MATERIAL: Select material

Premium Cotton | Soft Polyester

$53.00 $35.00




## Vertical Stripe pink button front, Cuban collar

MEMBER NAME FOR SHIRT FRONT: _____

OPTIONS: Select fit

For Men | For Women

SIZE: Select Size

S | M | L | XL | 2XL | 3XL | 4XL

5XL | 6XL | 7XL | 8XL

POCKET OPTION: The default is no pocket, but one can be added if you insist

Chest Pocket | No Pocket

MATERIAL: Select material

Premium Cotton | Soft Polyester

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# Vertical Stripe pink polo style

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POCKET OPTION: The default is no pocket, but one can be added if you insist

Chest Pocket | No Pocket

MATERIAL:

Pique (95% polyester and 5% spandex)

$40




# Vertical Stripe blue polo style

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For each of the four shirts shown on these two pages, specify the Style, a first name for the shirt front, the Fit (for Men or for Women], the Size (they run true to size, but if you like a loose fit, order one size up) and for button-up shirts, the fabric (premium cotton or polyester.)  A chest pocket is available, but we don't recommend one because it can interfere with the club's logo.

# March 13 - 21, 2027
# at the Pennsylvania Convention Center




## Volunteer at the 2027 Philadelphia Flower Show

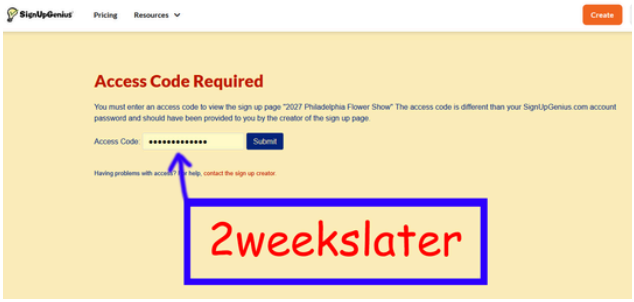
PCSS built its first exhibit at the Philadelphia Flower Show in 1956, and has exhibited every year since 1968. 2027 with be our 67th year at the Philadelphia Flower Show. It's the best way for us to recruit new members.

Volunteers are needed to help assemble the exhibit in the first week of March. Contact Paul Wesolowski for more details.

Volunteers are also needed to sit with the exhibit while the show is open, to ensure the safety of our plants, to talk to visitors, and to enlist new members. In exchange for volunteering for 3-4 hours you will receive a free ticket to the show, which can be used all day. Signing up for two shifts on the same day will get you a second ticket to be used any day.

The best way to sign up is to use Signup Genius. **No login is required.**

For security purposes we protect the signup with a password, so evildoers won't know when the exhibit is lightly staffed. The password is 2weekslater because the Flower Show is two weeks later than last year.




***https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084FABA822ABFF2-49819377-2025#/***

# REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

## Cactus & Succulent Society of America
## 2027 Biennial Convention

## May 19-24, 2027 | Tucson, AZ

**Hosted by the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society**




*DISCOVER. CONNECT. BE INSPIRED.*

**Discover exceptional plants, learn from leading experts, and connect with fellow cactus and succulent enthusiasts.**

**FIND OUT MORE**

**https://bit.ly/CSSA2027 or Scan the QR Code**

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cactusandsucculentsociety.org

Registration is now open, but **PRICES INCREASE DECEMBER 1**, so register NOW!

The November Best in Show was this Schlumbergera sp. from Lee Garner.




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