

Philadelphia Cactus & Succulent Society

AUGUST 2025						
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Bob Sparrow Plant Picnic

On Saturday, August 9, 2025 Bob Sparrow will once again host his plant picnic and pool party at Country Gardens, his farm at 572 Fulmer Rd, Nazareth, PA 18064. The event starts at 10 AM and ends when the last guest leaves.

This is his personal picnic, but all members of PCSS are invited, along with their friends, guests, or anyone else who is interested in plants. The date ensures that his peaches will be ripe, and available for sale, along with a variety of other fruits that he grows on his farm.

Bob will be selling plants from his greenhouse, primarily cactus and succulents, as well as begonias, and perhaps a few carnivorous plants.

Bob will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Guest should bring appetizers and snacks (for themselves, and perhaps for sharing) or alternatives for lunch or dinner. There is also a pizza shop down the road, for those who wish to order for pick up or delivery.

Bob asks that visitors bring a camp chair or folding chair, in case the number of guests exceeds the number of

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chairs he has on hand.

Guests can bring swimwear if they wish to enjoy his backyard pool. A powder room in the house is convenient for changing.

We will hold a raffle, which will include a dozen or so of Bob's exotic plants, as well as donations from members. This year, members who have paid their 2025-26 membership fee, and who attend the picnic, will receive five free raffle tickets. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$1 each, to increase your odds of winning. You must be present to win.

All PCSS members and their guests are welcome. However, to properly plan the event, Bob has asked us to collect RSVPs.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084FABA822ABFF2-57384041-2025#/>

Or go to [signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com) and search for CactusCrank56@GMail.com





JuneRecap

Our June meeting was a day to remember for quite a long time.

In lieu of our annual picnic, we hosted a special auction of Deb Donaldson's finest prize-winning specimen plants. In accordance with her wishes, the proceeds benefitted the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society.

The auction of 26 plants raised \$7,300 for PHS. We've never seen so much money spent on cactus and succulent plants in such a short time!

We offer a sincere thanks to all who bid, to Irene Cassidy our auctioneer, to the members who walked the plants through the room, and to those who helped by cheering on the bidders.



Join Us For a Meeting

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

We meet in the auditorium known as Cathedral Hall; the entrance is underneath the canopy labeled "Main Entrance."

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 pm.

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

See You In September

Since 1943, our club has always taken a summer break. Our meetings resume September 14, 2025.

For that reason, our membership year runs from September through June. If you joined our club at the 2025 Philadelphia Flower Show in March, we extended your membership through June 2026.

But for everyone else who was a 2024-25 member, your membership expired June 30 and needs to be renewed. You can renew at Bob Sparrow's picnic, or you can wait until the September meeting.



Experts discussing the proper care of Ariocarpus.



This specimen *Gymnocalycium saglionis* went for only \$125 !
