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The Kansas City Cactus
& Succulent Society



Beautiful hand-thrown pots by Connie Harclerode, available at the sale.

OUR SHOW AND SALE

Everything you need to know!

Friday, June 5 setup starting at 1:00 pm

Time is limited, so we must be **efficient!**

Sale must be set up by 4:00 p.m.

Show must be set up by 8:00 p.m.

4:00 – 5:00 sale open to KCCSS members only

5:00 – 8:00 sale open to public

Saturday, June 6

Show judging starts at 8:00 a.m.;

Show opens when judging complete, **about 9:00 a.m.**

Sale open to public **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Sunday, June 7

Show and **Sale** open to public, **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Tear down, pack up, clean up, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

We need lots of help with setting up on Friday and cleaning up on Sunday. If you have any extra time, please come lend a hand, even if you don't have plants of your own involved!

And of course, please come to admire the show plants and buy lots of wonderful new plants for your collection. Spread the word! Bring your neighbors, friends, and family!

Questions? Contact Mary Lynn (913) 702-6165 or Kay (913) 669-9033

KCCSS CALENDAR FOR 2026

All meetings will be at The Trailside Center, 99th & Holmes, KCMO, unless otherwise noted. We begin at 1:30 and end by 4:00. All the dates below are Sundays, usually the 3rd Sunday of each month. Any changes in this schedule will be publicized in the newsletter.

June 5-7 — Show & Sale at the Elks Lodge, 99th Street

June 21 (no regular meeting)

July 12 — [2nd Sunday!] Trichocereus

August 16 — Mary Lynn & Victor will host us for a
potluck meal & hypertufa workshop

September 20 — Photography

October 18 — Grafting & Frankenstein experiments

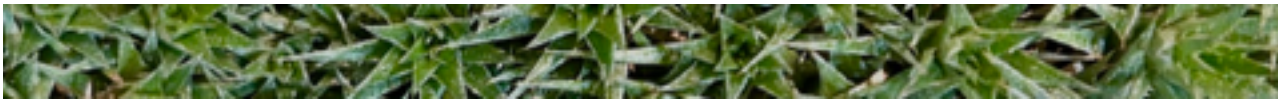
November 15 — Echeverias

December 6 — [1st Sunday!] Holiday Party

Note from the President

I am SO busy getting ready for the show and sale - as I am sure many of you are! Selecting plants for the show and doing some repotting for the sale is time consuming, as you all know. I find the labels and pricing are so challenging. I love working with the plants, but dislike last minute details - but these are so important for all of us who will be working at the show and sale. So, please read through how to label and price your plants at least And make sure and check the rules for the show plants.

Looking forward to seeing many of you next week, the 5th through 7th at our 50th anniversary show and sale.



Minutes from May 17 Meeting

The president opened the business meeting at 2:35 P.M. with 29 people present, 7 of whom were guests.

Our treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$9760.63, with membership dues of \$65, leaving an ending balance of \$9770.63.

We were reminded that the aloe experiment will be a part of the July meeting as the show and sale will be in June and thus no regular meeting in June.

President Shirley G. went over the details of events and plant identification requirements of our June 5-7 sale and show at the Elks Club, 515 E. 99th St. in Kansas City, Mo. Mike H. and Mark R. will be judges for the show. A potting station will be set up outside. Also, there will be a silent auction for big plants ending Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Duke, Secretary

May 2026 Plant of the Month Results

Cacti

Opuntia

1. *Opuntia macrorhiza* Victor Gress 9pts
2. *Opuntia rufida minima* Roy Smith 8pts

Cylindropuntia

1. *Cylindropuntia whipplei* Roy Smith 9pts
2. *Cylindropuntia subulata* "Eve's needle" Kay Trieb 8pts
3. *Cylindropuntia fulgida* var. *mammilata* Victor Gress 7pts

Segmented cactus

1. *Tephrocactus molinensis* Mike Hisey 9pts
 2. *Tephrocactus articulatus* Kay Trieb 8pts
 3. *Tephrocactus geometricus* Brianna Stanley 7pts
 4. *Miqueliopuntia miquelii* Roy Smith 6 pts
- Entry *Trichocereus bridgesii* Victor Gress 5 pts

Favoritum

1. *Parodia elegans* Kay Trieb 10pts
2. *Stenocactus multicosatus inermis* Brianna Stanley 9pts
3. *Escobaria minima* Mike Hisey 9pts
4. tie *Pilosocereus gounellei* variegated 7pts
4. tie *Eulychnia castanea* var. *spiralis* Victor Gress 7pts

Succulents

Sempervivum

1. *Sempervivum* "Lemon flame" Victor Gress 9pts
2. *Sempervivum* sp. Kay Trieb 8pts

Dorstenia

1. *Dorstenia giga* Brianna Stanley 9pts

Dudleya

1. *Dudleya gnoma* Brianna Stanley 9pts
2. *Dudleya* sp. Shirley Grubbs 8pts

Favoritum

1. *Euphorbia spannringii* Branna Stanley 11pts
 2. *Crassula ovata* Kay Trieb 8pts
 3. *Hoya carnosa compacta* "hindu rope" Roy Smith 7pts
 4. *Euphorbia phosphorea* Victor Gress 6 pts
- Entry. *Hoya curtisii* Eva Allen 5 pts.

Silent Auction!

This year we will have a silent auction for everyone to participate in. Donations are needed, and they must be dropped off at the Elks Club during setup on Friday, June 5. Bidding will open at 5:00 on Friday and close at 4:00 Saturday. If you have some nice-quality pre-owned plants or plant-related items to donate, please notify Kay (913) 669-9033. If you don't have a chance to notify Kay, bring your items on Friday anyway! All proceeds from the auction will benefit the KCCSS.

Staging Plants for Competitive Shows

CCCSS's world-class succulent experts have shared what they think is important when preparing plants for competitive shows. Following are excerpts from previous presentations.

The purpose of entering is to share information and to enjoy yourself while doing this, but you have to enter in order to get the enjoyment. Pick your favorite plant; keep it simple; clean it up (no bugs, dead matter or debris); clean and shine up the pot. *The biggest mistake you can make? Don't enter.*

- The No. 1 advice from the experts for winning is selecting show plants that are well grown.
- Our experts recommend that any repotting for the show be done a month or so before the show to stabilize them.
- Start with the plant and then select a pot that complements it in some way, such as mimicking some feature or color. The pot should be a suitable size for the plant — i.e., not too large or too small. The plant should not be placed too deeply into the pot, and top dressing should be added. Please do not use garish or unusual top dressing that distracts from the plant.
- With the exception of dish gardens, there should be only one plant per pot. Offsets are considered to be part of the original plant.
- Judges look for a clean, well-grown plant without elongated growth due to changing light or fertilizer conditions. The focus is on condition and maturity. Remember that the judges also grow succulents and are familiar with them and how they are supposed to look. Staging is not as important, although it could be the tipping point in otherwise equal specimens.
- Pots should be presentable; Mineral oil or WD40 can be applied to plastic and clay pots (both types of pots are appropriate) to hide the white crud, the worst of which can be ground off with a pumice eraser or sandpaper.
- Plants should be dry (not recently watered), free of insects and cleaned of debris. Diluted vinegar in a spray bottle is good for re- moving water spots. Small brushes are helpful in removing dead leaves and spider webs. You might want to take a small tool kit to the show with you to fix up any mishaps.
- A plant that is damaged while being transported to the show should not be entered, no matter how disappointed you are about the mishap!

The Kansas City Cactus & Succulent Society, Inc. was established in 1976. It is incorporated as a Non-Profit Organization in Missouri. The Society is affiliated with The Cactus & Succulent Society of America, Inc. Meetings are generally held at 1:30 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday of each month at The Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes, Kansas City, MO. Dues are \$20 for a single membership and \$25 for a household. **OFFICERS:** **President** — Shirley Grubbs, **Co-Vice Presidents** — Mary Lynn Gress and Kay Trieb, **Secretary** — Doris Duke, **Treasurer** — Christy Sipek, **Newsletter Editor** — Eva Allen, **Website Administrator** — Victor Gress, **KCCSS Publicity and CSSA Affiliate Representative** — Mark Raduziner