

The Prickly Press



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The Kansas City Cactus
& Succulent Society



Hey, Everybody!

**We're going to have
a really fun program this month,
so please join us!**

**Sunday, March 15 at 1:30 pm
The Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO**

A Hands-On Seed and Propagation Workshop

**There will be demonstrations on the following:
growing cactus from seed
taking cuttings
separating offsets
and properly planting pups!**

**This is a great month
for beginners
and seasoned growers alike
to get their hands dirty!**

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.

March 15 — Workshop on Propagation

April 19 — Exploring Euphorbias

May 17 — Hoyas

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

From the President—

Happy March!

Are you all getting excited to take those plants outside and maybe start your vegetable garden? I know I am – but then there’s the mud and most likely quite a few more nights of freezing weather over the next 2 months! That last freeze date of May 15 is a ways off...

But, it will be here before you know it... if we can make it through all the “false Springs.”

I hope you have an area in your house you can begin dividing your multiplying plants. It’s that time – so they have good little roots growing by time our show and sale arrive on June 5 through the 7. We will be having some helpful hints at our meeting this month on propagation of those plants. There will be some fun and new things at this year’s sale.

During our meeting Victor and MaryLynn will help us learn more about growing our plants from seed. I know I need all the help I can get in this area!!

It’s going to be a great meeting with lots of helpful information. I look forward to seeing each of you at the meeting on Sunday, March 15!

Shirley

Sansevieria cylindrica with developing inflorescence
Photo by Shirley Grubbs



Senecio stapeliiformis flower.
Photo by Shiirley Grubbs.



Treasurer’s Report February 2026

Beginning Balance \$9,886.42

Income	\$174.21	T-Shirt & Membership Dues
Expenses	\$300.00	Trailside Center & KC Elk Lodge Center

Ending Balance \$9,706.63

Thank you, Christy

Minutes from February 15 Meeting

President Shirley G. opened the business meeting at 1:40 pm with 22 members and 3 guests.

Members participating in the Asphodeloideae, (also known as Christmas Carol Aloe) grow challenge brought specimens (obtained at the November meeting) for a show-and-tell regarding growth to date.

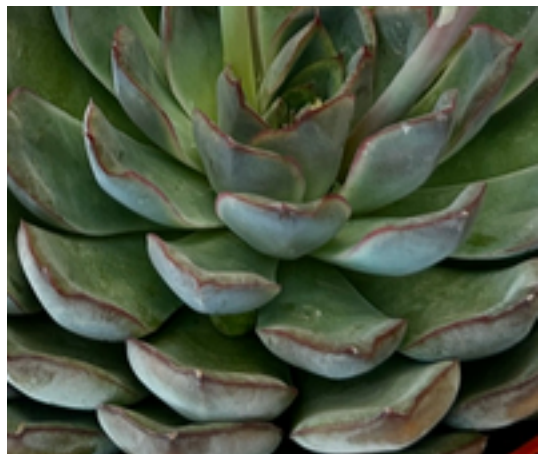
Our program was about the recognition of plants that look similar but are not of the same plant family. Educational materials were provided, including a list of winter vs. summer growers. *A copy of this list is on page 5 of this newsletter.*

Our treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$10,630.32, with an addition of memberships of \$387.50, less expenses of \$1,081.40 and \$50.00 to Trailside, leaving an ending balance of \$9,886.42.

Mark R. reminded us that our club's membership in the national group gave us access to \$10 memberships. Members of our club can access lots of information via zoom meetings and webinars.

Our business meeting closed at 3:08.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Duke, Secretary



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

MARCH PLANT OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

**Cactus — Ferocactus, Echinocactus, Sternocactus, Favorite
Other Succulent — Aloe, Adromischus, Pachyphytum, Favorite**

Here's how it works:

Participants may enter 1 plant in each class, for a maximum of 8 entries per person. Each plant entered will automatically earn 5 points. Members then vote for 1 plant in each class that they judge to be the best, in terms of how it is grown and presented. The plant with the most votes in each class will win 4 points for placing first; second place gets 3 points; third place 2 points; and fourth place 1 point. In case of a tie, both plants get the same number of points. Any plant in bloom will receive 2 bonus points.

At the end of the year, the 3 people with the most points will be awarded gift certificates to be used at our next general plant sale.

February 2026 Plant of the Month Competition Results

Favorite Cactus
Class

CACTI

PARODIA

1 *Parodia leninghausii* Victor Gress 9

ASTROPHYTUM

1 *A. asterias* Lizard Skin crest Brianna Stanley 9
2 *Astrophytum myriostigma* Kay Trieb 8
3 *Astrophytum myriostigma* Shirley Grubbs 7
4 *Astrophytum myriostigma* Eva Allen 6

CORYPHANTHA

1 *Coryphantha borwigii* Brianna Stanley 9

FAVORITE

1 *Mammillaria elongata* Kay Trieb 9
2 *Tephrocactus geometricus* Renee Becka 8
3 *Tephrocactus geometricus* Victor Gress 7
3 *Mammillaria spinossima* Roy Smith 7



Astrophytum asterias
'Lizard Skin'
crest.
Brianna Stanley
(and a very cool
pot, too!)



SUCCULENTS

AGAVE

1 *Agave isthmensis* Roy Smith 9
2 *Agave* sp. Shirley Grubbs 8
3 *Agave albopilosa* Renee Becka 7

ECHEVERIA

1 *Echeveria* sp. Kay Trieb 11
2 *Echeveria* "neon breakers" Victor Gress 8
3 *Echeveria* "Lola" Shirley Grubbs 7
4 *Echeveria agavoides* Roy Smith 6

EUPHORBIA

1 *Euphorbia tithymaloides* Renee Becka 9
2 *Euphorbia lactea cristata* Kay Trieb 8
3 *Euphorbia piscidermis* Roy Smith 7
3 *Euphorbia decaryi* Shirley Grubbs 7
4 *Euphorbia francoisii* Brianna Stanley 6

FAVORITE

1 *Haworthia cooperi variegata* Barb Roy 11
2 *Aloe* hybrid "snow storm" Roy Smith 9
2 *Euphorbia cymbiformis* Kay Trieb 9
3 *Lapidaria margaretae* Renee Becka 8