

The Prickly Press



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The Kansas City Cactus
& Succulent Society



Please Join Us This Sunday
July 12, 1:30 p.m.
at the Trilside Center,
99th and Holmes Kansas City, MO

We have several fun things planned for this month's meeting!

First, we will learn more about the genus *Trichocereus*, with the help of KCCSS member Victor Gress.

Second, we will take another look at our "challenge plant" aloes to see how they are getting along, so be sure to bring yours to the meeting!

Third, assuming we have time, Mike Hisey, who served as a judge at our show last month, will provide insight into the judging process and suggest some things we might want to consider for next year. We would also like feedback, good or bad, from members about both the show and sale.

[Note from Eva: I will be taking a look at the show schedule we've been using for the last two years and maybe doing a little tweaking. If you have any thoughts about what could be added, omitted, combined, or whatever, please let me know!]

KCCSS CALENDAR FOR 2026

All meetings will be at The Trilside 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.

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

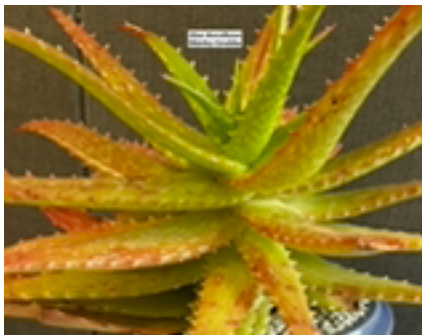
From the President—

Whew. It is HOT out there! Good thing our plants love heat. But please keep a close eye on them and make sure your plants do not burn with too much sun exposure. And of course we need to water more often in these hot weeks.

I really enjoyed our 2026 Show and Sale – I hope you did as well. A HUGE thank you to our show chair – Mary Lynn Gress. Mary Lynn and Kay Trieb did an outstanding job prepping and carrying out the plan for the annual Show and Sale. Be sure and tell them what a great job they did.

We are having our meeting a week earlier than usual – the 3rd Sunday of the month is our regular meeting time – BUT, the Trailside center is being used for something relating to all of the FIFA events on the 3rd Sunday of July – so we will meet the second Sunday of this month, Sunday, July 12th.

I hope you can all attend!



Treasurer's Report June 2026

Beginning Balance \$6,187.18

Income \$8,702.50 Revenue from 2026 Sale

Expenses \$ 66.00 Food for 2026 Sale

Ending Balance \$14,823.68

These are not the final totals, as some members are giving me receipts from the sale at the July meeting.

	5-Jun		6-Jun		7-Jun Total			
Income Club	\$	468.00	\$	802.40	\$	418.80	\$	1,689.20
Memberships	\$	-			\$	20.00	\$	20.00
Total	\$	468.00	\$	802.40		438.80	\$	1,709.20
Expenses Club	\$	51.01	\$	85.79	\$	3,502.35	\$	3,639.15
Club Profit	\$	416.99	\$	716.61	\$	(3,063.55)	\$	(1,929.95)

A FEW OF OUR FABULOUS SHOW PLANTS, 2026



MORE SHOW PLANTS!



JULY PLANT OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

Cactus Any genus with Cereus in the name. Browningia, Favorite
Other Succulent Cyphostemma, Gasteria, Titanopsis, 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.



ANNUAL Cactus & Succulent SALE

July 25-26, 2026 • St. Louis, Missouri

- **MIDWEST'S LARGEST!** Browse and buy unique plants and pots from multiple vendors. Easy beginner plants to collector specimens.
- Big show features amazing succulents from around the world, too.

 kccactus.org

Jost Event Center
 8195 Lackland Rd. – St. Louis 63114 – I-170 Center
 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Both Days

FREE Admission, FREE Kids Corner

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

Make the Most of Your Hobby:

Have You Joined the National CSSA?

By Mark Raduziner, affiliate representative

As members of the Kansas City Cactus and Succulent Society, we are lucky to be part of a local community of fellow enthusiasts. But did you know that connecting with the Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) — the national organization that supports clubs like ours — can take your passion for cacti and succulents to an entirely new level?

CSSA membership unlocks a suite of benefits that go well beyond what our local club can offer on its own. Members gain access to the popular Seed Depot, an exclusive source for rare and unusual seeds that collectors prize. Regular webinars connect you with experts and fellow enthusiasts from across the country. A beautiful quarterly printed journal delivers in-depth content right to your mailbox, and full members earn voting rights that give them a voice in shaping the future of the hobby at the national level.

The CSSA is also a tremendous resource for our club specifically. A national speakers list featuring 12 presenters and 52 different talks is available for affiliate clubs like ours to tap into, bringing world-class expertise to our meetings. A growing library of Plant of the Month articles gives members downloadable content to explore anytime.

And the CSSA is stepping up its support for local clubs in new ways. A recruitment slide program is being developed to help clubs like ours share the value of national membership with current, new and prospective members. CSSA has also committed to actively promoting affiliate events — including our own shows and sales — on its social media channels and national website. That kind of visibility is invaluable for growing our membership and reaching new enthusiasts in the Kansas City area.

Whether you are a longtime collector or still discovering the world of cacti and succulents, joining the national CSSA is one of the best investments you can make in our hobby. We encourage every club member who has not yet joined to take that step — and to spread the word to fellow enthusiasts in our community.

For more information on joining CSSA and exploring all it has to offer, visit the CSSA website at cactusandsucculentsociety.org and explore the affiliate resources page at cactusandsucculentsociety.org/programs/affiliates/.

COMING SOON!

*A series of fun, mini-memoirs from KCCSS members
about the past 50 years of the club!*

Trust me — you're really gonna enjoy these!