

## Caring for Your New Succulent Plants

Succulents come from many parts of the world and belong to different families, so check with an expert for care instructions for new plants.

### Watering

Most cacti and other succulents that resemble cacti come from very dry areas. They can survive with little water, but most will not thrive or even live for long in soil that is wet and soggy. For the first few weeks, spray lightly when the sun is not on the plants. Once established and growing, they need regular thorough watering.

### Sunshine

Succulent plants may sunburn; most will acclimate to bright light, but prefer some shade, particularly when first purchased or moved from a shaded location to one that is more exposed.

### Temperature

Protect your plants from frost. While many will survive freezing weather, most will die when frozen, and others may not survive temperatures below 50° F (10° C).

### Soil and Potting

Use well-drained soil in a pot with a hole in the bottom. Half coarse sand and half garden soil is adequate, but most growers create their own soil mixtures with various combinations of mineral and organic components. Transplant when plants are dormant, and withhold water for a few days after transplanting.

### Fertilizers and Insecticides

Succulent plants occasionally attract bugs. The best way to avoid them is through good house-keeping and generous ventilation. Avoid excessive use of fertilizers and insecticides, and seek advice from successful growers.

## Background

The Cactus and Succulent Society of New Mexico (CSSNM) was founded in an Albuquerque living room in 1955 as one of more than 80 affiliates of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA), which was organized in 1929 to promote better understanding and appreciation of some of nature's most unusual and unique creations. Together, we present a strong voice for the conservation and preservation of threatened and endangered plant life throughout the world.

## About the CSSNM

CSSNM has members all over New Mexico, some of whom run their own wholesale and retail cactus and succulent businesses.

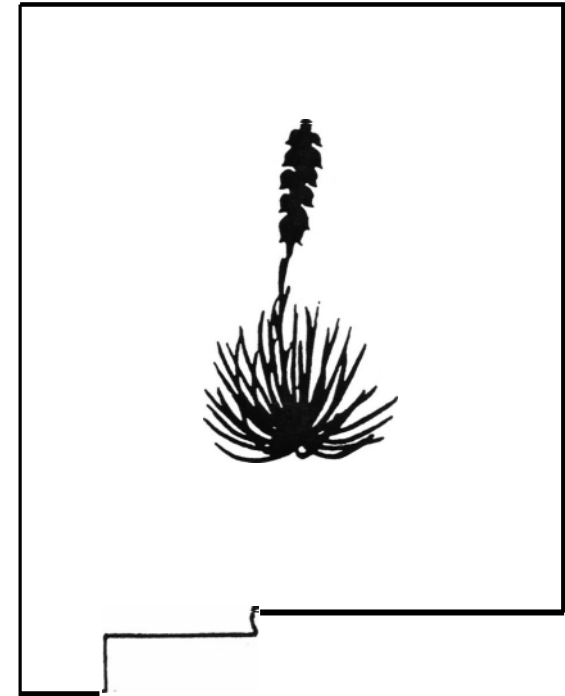
With a few exceptions (see Special Events on the reverse side), the organization meets monthly throughout the year on the third Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held at the Albuquerque Garden Center located in Los Altos Park at 10120 Lomas Blvd., NE, in Albuquerque.

Monthly programs feature a variety of speakers, including well-known experts on cacti and succulents. Speakers include members of the club who specialize in particular types of plants or who travel to Mexico and South America looking for cacti and succulents. Programs often include slide shows and videotapes.

Frequently members donate cacti and succulents, as well as cuttings, pups, and seedlings to share with other members.

Members also take part in programs to educate the general public about cacti and succulents.

# The Cactus & Succulent Society of New Mexico



*... dedicated to the education, protection, and preservation of some of nature's most unique creations.*

## Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you grow? Greenhouse \_\_\_ Yard \_\_\_

Window \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite genera: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for a program: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer to give a program? \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer for: Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Chair an Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you: Buy plants locally \_\_\_ Mail order \_\_\_

Raise from seed \_\_\_ Buy at our sale \_\_\_

**The Society handles most of its correspondence by e-mail, through [cactus@swcp.com](mailto:cactus@swcp.com)**

▶ Complete this application and send it to the address below with your check for \$10.00 made out to the CSSNM.

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*For more information, contact:*

### **CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY of NEW MEXICO**

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## Special Events

**April** — Spring Show and Sale, the club's big fundraising event each year. Entries in the show are judged on Saturday morning and ribbons are awarded. Immediately after the judging, the doors open to the public for the plant sale.

**July** — Vacation Month

**September** — Cactus and succulent exhibit in the Flower Building at the State Fairgrounds during the New Mexico State Fair.

**November** — Election of new officers at the regularly scheduled meeting

**December** — Holiday potluck dinner at the Garden Center

## Benefits of Membership

- Monthly educational programs
- Extensive library of books on cacti and succulents, available for checkout by members
- Access to experts on cacti and succulents
- Opportunities to socialize with people who share your interest in cacti and succulents
- Membership roster
- Opportunity for advance purchase at the Spring Show and Sale
- Periodic field trips

## Joining the Cactus & Succulent Society of America (CSSA)

There are no restrictions on membership in the national organization. Information may be obtained at their website:

[www.cssainc.org](http://www.cssainc.org)

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