



# MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

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What's growing on  
at the Garden!

## **GARDEN HOSTS LARGEST SUCCULENT EVENT IN MIDWEST** *Henry Shaw Cactus Society Show and Sale, August 7 through August 15*

**WHAT:** Henry Shaw Cactus Society show and sale  
**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 7 from noon to 5 p.m.; Aug. 8 through 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., south St. Louis  
**COST:** \$8 adults; \$4 St. Louis City/County residents. Free children ages 12 and under.  
**INFO:** [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org); (314) 577-5100, 1-800-642-8842 toll free

(ST. LOUIS): Cacti and succulents of all shapes and sizes will be available for viewing and purchase at the annual **Henry Shaw Cactus Society Show and sale**, Aug. 7 through Aug. 15. Choose from **thousands of plants** appealing to varied tastes and experience levels, with prices starting at \$1.50. Ask questions and get growing tips from society members. Attend one of four workshops to learn about seasonal plant care, potting and more. Show and sale hours are noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 8 through Aug. 15. The event is included with Garden admission.

Novice gardeners can begin to grow their cacti and succulent collections with a variety of inexpensive and easy-to-care-for plants. Collectors and serious enthusiasts will enjoy browsing many unusual and hard-to-find varieties. Henry Shaw Cactus Society (HSCS) members will be on hand to offer information, and each visitor will receive a generalized plant care sheet with their purchase.

On August 14 and 15 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., experienced HSCS members will lead workshops on "Potting Your New Plant" and "Summer and Winter Care," designed to enhance your plant knowledge.

Children delight in the magic of succulent plants and can learn that they are indeed "finger friendly," at the "**Kid's Corner**." On August 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., several members will

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help children (12 and under) learn how to pot a succulent seedling as a gift to take home.

Before they go on public display, over 800 cacti and succulents will compete for top HSCS show honors. Member exhibitors bring their best specimens for judging in over 150 categories. Visitors can compare the prize winners with other entries and sale plants when the show opens on Aug. 7.

Succulents grow throughout the world, while cacti are native only to North and South America. To learn more about these diverse groups of plants, consider joining the Henry Shaw Cactus Society, an affiliate chapter of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. Those who join during the show will receive a discount on select plant purchases, along with monthly club newsletters and other benefits. For more information, visit [www.hscactu.org](http://www.hscactu.org) or contact HSCS President Nikki Murdick at (314) 771-4942.

The Henry Shaw Cactus Society show and sale is included with Garden admission of \$8; St. Louis City and County residents enjoy discounted admission of \$4 and free admission on Wednesday and Saturday mornings until noon. Children ages 12 and under and Garden members are free.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in south St. Louis, accessible from Interstate 44 at the Vandeventer exit and from Interstate 64 at the Kingshighway North & South exit. Free parking is available on-site and two blocks west at the corner of Shaw and Vandeventer. For general information, visit [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org) or call (314) 577-5100 (toll-free, 1-800-642-8842).

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**NOTE: Digital images available by request. Download media materials at [www.mobot.org/press](http://www.mobot.org/press).**

The Missouri Botanical Garden's mission is "to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment in order to preserve and enrich life." Today, 151 years after opening, the Missouri Botanical Garden is a National Historic Landmark and a center for science, conservation, education and horticultural display.

**The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in St. Louis, just south of I-44 at Vandeventer-Kingshighway (exit #287B). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Dec. 25. Grounds open at 7 a.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays (exception: special admission rate events). Admission is \$8; free children ages 12 and under and Garden members. St. Louis City and County residents are \$4 and free Wednesdays and Saturdays until noon (exception: special admission rate events - third weekend of May, Labor Day weekend, and first weekend of October). Park for free on site and two blocks west at the Shaw-Vandeventer intersection. The Garden is easily accessible by taking the MetroLink commuter rail line to the Central West End station and picking up a Metro bus ([www.metrostlouis.org](http://www.metrostlouis.org)). For general information, log on to [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org) or call the 24-hour recording at (314) 577-5100 or 1-800-642-8842. For membership information, visit [www.mobot.org/membership](http://www.mobot.org/membership) call (314) 577-5118 during weekday business hours. For volunteer opportunities, visit [www.mobot.org/volunteer](http://www.mobot.org/volunteer) or call (314) 577-5187. The Missouri Botanical Garden is a tobacco-free environment.**