

## Garden Event

6-8-25, 1-4pm, Botanical Gardens of Thailand with Nick Renteria, Palos Verdes Peninsula 90274

Description = South Coast Botanic Garden Cactus and Succulent Society host this meeting. Thailand is well known for its orchids, but most people are probably unaware that the relatively warm year-round climate proves to be a near-ideal climate for many of our cacti and succulents. Join Nick as he takes us on a journey to visit two of the largest botanical gardens in Thailand, including the Nong Nooch Tropical Garden in Pattaya, which is frequently ranked as one of the top 20 gardens in the world. We will also see an outdoor garden show and an outdoor garden swap meet in Bangkok. Nick Renteria was born and raised in Southern California. He developed a love for gardening at an early age. He went to college intending to major in Horticulture, took a 360-degree detour, and graduated with a degree in Economics. He subsequently worked as an accountant and in IT as a systems analyst. In an attempt to get back on track with his true love, he completed the Certificate Program in Gardening and Horticulture through UCLA Extension in 2017. After retiring from his position in IT with a major entertainment company in 2021, he has devoted his free time to the world of cacti and succulents. He currently serves as the Chair of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America Annual Show and Sale and the President of the San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society. He is also a member of the Sunset Succulent Society.

Cost = Free for South Coast Botanic Garden and SCCSS members. Non-member guests will require reserved General Admission tickets (\$15 adults; \$11 seniors, \$11 students)

Location = South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula 90274

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