

# May

What we're looking forward to this month:  
gardening with mom, music festivals,  
and spring beet season.



Brandon McKeown tucks a jade plant among Echeveria succulents in a ceramic pot to create a colorful arrangement.

ARRANGE

## A SUCCULENT BOUQUET WITH MOM

Every Mother's Day growing up, Brandon McKeown and his mom would go to their local garden center. They'd pick their favorite plants and spend the afternoon in their backyard, giving their leafy companions a new home. Today, as the cofounder of The Coastal Succulent, a popular Wilmington-based plant design business, McKeown and cofounder Thurston Pope spend their days arranging intricate living displays, dreaming up succulent installations, and hosting private potting workshops for plant lovers who want to create their own arrangements. To celebrate mom this year, request a private potting workshop or take her to their Mother's Day workshop on May 5 in Wilmington. "Getting your hands dirty together and creating something cool is such a fun experience," McKeown says. That's what their workshops and designs are about — creating something beautiful to be shared. — *Katie Kane*

### THE COASTAL SUCCULENT

To sign up for the Mother's Day potting workshop or request a private one, visit [coastalsucculent.com](http://coastalsucculent.com)



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