

Central Coast Cactus
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On the Dry Side

December 2009

CCCSS November Meeting Recap

Our November meeting was well attended with nine new guests. We had **Terry Skillin** talk about our upcoming Lotusland trip and the bus is full! This should be a great trip and thank you Terry for all your work organizing the trip.

We prepared for our December 13th Potluck and Auction and got everyone signed up to for set-up/clean-up duties and/or to bring food and beverages. Remember, if you signed up to set-up, please be there by 1:30. We will have some great specimens up for auction so don't miss this one! If you want to take a look at the auction plants we have so far check out our website: centralcoastcactus.org.

Anyone wanting to get those weeds out of your cacti we now have tweezers for sale. Tweezers are a must for all cacti growers, see **Jeanne Hanysz**, our Librarian, if interested. Our new books for our Library have also arrived and include *Ariocarpus*, *Mamillaria*, South African Bulbs and Madagascar Plants.

Nick Wilkinson introduced our plant of the month: Othonna. This plant may not be familiar to some of you but Nick describes it as an easy to grow South African Winter grower in the Compositae family. Some are ground covers while others are grown as caudiciforms and anything in between.

Our own **Rob Skillin** was our Speaker of the Month. Rob's presentation was on South Africa's "Succulent Karoo" area. This area is home to some of the greatest and most diverse plants on earth. This area region is host to many succulents. To name a few: *Pachypodium*, *Hoodia*, *Conophytum*, *Lithops*, *Crassula*, *Euphorbia*, *Anacampseros*, *Orbea*, *Tylecodon*, *Haworthia*, *Pleiospilos*, *Aloe* and many more! Unfortunately, the mining of diamonds has threatened this fragile region. Thanks to Rob for sharing your wonderful trip with us.

Another reminder: we are still looking for some new board members. We need new folks with new ideas! Thanks so much to **Gene Schroeder** for stepping up to fill in as our new President.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the December Potluck and Auction!

~Jan Moon

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WE NEED PLANTS FOR THE DECEMBER LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS

LIVE AUCTION

The club is trying something new this year- if you would like to place a plant in the Live Auction and receive 75% of the winning bid (the club takes 25%), contact Rob Skillin at 473-0788 no later than December 1st. The number of spaces available is limited, and plants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until all spaces are filled. We are looking for high quality, specimen plants – a picture would be appreciated.

SILENT AUCTION

For the Silent Auction, we are looking for donations of both plants and plant-related items. If you have good quality material and would like to help the club by placing it in the Silent Auction, just bring it to the December meeting and there will be bidding forms available to fill out with information about your item (name of item, starting bid).



Euphorbia horrida, 12" tall

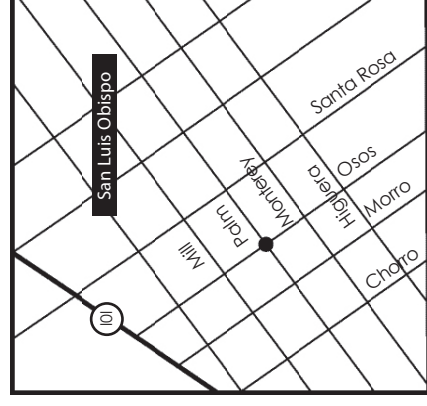


E. schoenlandii, 7" tall



Pelargonium carnosum, 8"

NEXT Potluck:



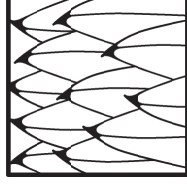
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BOARD—MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be held on January 10th right after our General Meeting. As always all members are welcome.



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All submissions to the CCCSS newsletter must be submitted two weeks prior to the monthly meeting.

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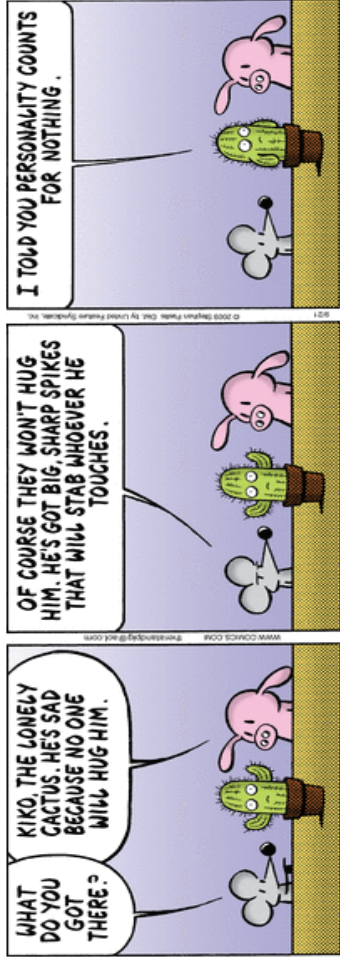
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A one time free newsletter will be mailed out to those who sign in at the monthly meetings. After this dues must be paid in order to continue this service.



Upcoming Events

December 5-6
 Orange County Show & Sale
 Fullerton Arboretum
 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton 714-870-4887

Christmas Potluck

The Christmas Potluck (and Auctions) will be held during our December 13th meeting.

The club will provide plates, utensils and drinking cups for the Potluck.

Remember, those who volunteered for the Potluck setup should arrive at 1:30.

If you cannot remember what type of food or drink you signed up for, please call Pat Gibson at 481-5596.

Thanks in advance for everyone's help and it should be a great time for all members!

CCCSS Website

Don't forget to visit our club's website:
www.centralcoastcactus.org

Check our website for updates on Silent and Live Auction plants.

Special thanks to Webmaster **Rick Smith** of **Panorama Studios**
 [panoramastudios.com]

Hospitality News

Thanks to all the members who brought food, treats and drink to last month's meeting - Linda Drahos, Lucy Manrique and Eva Zayha - It is always appreciated.

If you're interested in providing a snack for future meetings please sign up at the front desk or contact Pat Gilson, 481-5596.

Great News!!

Sign up to bring refreshments and get a 4 inch plant.!! **You must sign the Hospitality Sign-Up Sheet** and bring refreshments to get a plant. We need refreshments for each monthly meeting and we need to know who is bringing them. Thanks to everyone who has been contributing to the refreshment fund; donations can be made at the refreshment table. Pat

Library Books

Please return all library books at our December Pot-Luck! Martin and Jeanne will be taking an inventory of our club's books.

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The Clayworks

SOME OF THE AUCTION PLANTS.....



Agave aff titanota, 6" pot



Agave lopantha variegata, 14" pot



Euphorbia horrida, 8" pot



Pilosocereus supremus, 25" tall



Agave vicorriae-reginae, 8" pot



Aloe Ramosissima, 19" tall



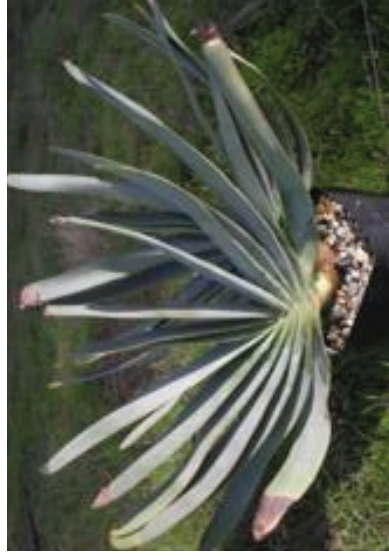
Trichodiadema bulbosum, 6" pot



Operculacarya decaryi, 18" tall



Cyphostemma juttiae, 6" pot



Aloe plicatilis, 5" pot



Yucca endlichiana, 7" pot



Aloe fleurentinorum, 9" pot