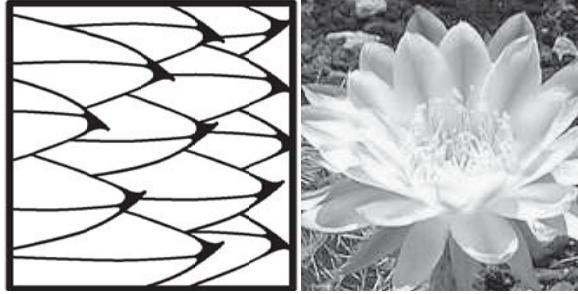


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On the Dry Side

December 2008

November Meeting Recap

December's potluck meeting is also the month for live and silent auction fun! Silent auction contributions, such as high quality cacti, other succulents and related items are welcome. **Please bring in all CCCSS library books for year's end re-inventory.** Please talk to librarian Jeanne Hanyasz about being a library assistant. Publicity chair Joan Field requests help with ideas for advertising our May Show and Sale in S.L.O.'s Public Library display case. Rob Skillin presented the plant of the month, winter growing 'Mesembs'. Of particular interest was the variable Conophytum from the west coast of Africa. 'Conos' flower in the fall and are dormant in the summer with papery sheaths that make them look dead. Wait until they wake before watering with continuous low moisture, rather than occasional flooding. The exception to winter growing Mesembs is the summer growing Frithia. Our speaker of the month was Mark Muradian, a cactus grower, and ceramicist, in the Fresno area of California. He brought a collection of his unique planter pottery for sale (really great pots!) and showed an outstanding, personally produced and edited HD video of his recent cactus and culture tour of Bolivia. The film was accompanied by Bolivian pan flute music that gave visceral dimension to our virtual tour through locales such as La Paz, Cochabamba, Sucre, Camargo, and Taryia. Numerous species of Lobivia, Rebutia, Trichocereus, Oreocereus, and Echinopsis, to name just a few, were filmed in native habitat, and given cultural context with a juxtaposition of local colorful culture. Particularly memorable were the women in traditional shawls and derby hats. Thank you Mr. Meridian for an outstanding multi-dimensional, virtual tour. -Eva Zayha

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE THE ANNUAL DECEMBER POTLUCK, SILENT AUCTION AND LIVE AUCTION. THE DOORS OPEN AT 1:00pm BUT THE MEETING OFFICIALLY STARTS AT 2:00pm.

As in previous years Rob Skillin and Nick Wilkinson have searched for and procured some very choice plants for the live and silent auction. If you would like to donate a **high quality or rare** plant of your own it will be placed in the silent auction. All proceeds benefit the CCCSS.



The following people signed up to help and/or bring food (If your name is not on the list but you would like to participate please call Maggie Wagner 773-1499 or Pat Gilson, 481-5596):

SET-UP (1:00pm) - Ruth Jorgensen, Jan Moon, Markus Mumper, Gene Schroeder, Melany Shapiro, Terry Skillin & Margaret Wagner

BREAD - Randy Ball, Uma Famularo & Nick Wilkinson

DRINKS - Lee Eby, Gene Schroeder & Terry Skillin

APPETIZERS - L. & H. Hendler, Kathy Matsuyama & N. Wilkinson

SALADS - Betty Booster, Linds Drahos, Yvonne Edminsten, Joan Field, Janet Moon & Janet Waggoner

SIDES - Markus Mumper, Claire Paget & Velrea Smith

MAIN - Alice Cushing, Wayne Mills, Mary Peracca, Terry Skillin, Val Smith & Maggie Wagner

DESERTS - Linda Drahos, Donna Gorton, Melany Shapiro & Joann Spotts

CLEAN-UP - Tim Dawson, Wayne Mills, Jan Moon, Markus Mumper, Terry Skillin & Margaret Wagner

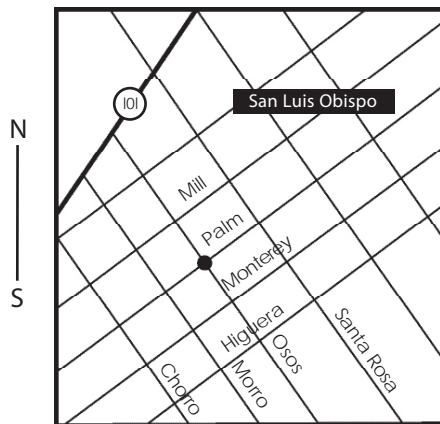
****We expect 80 to 100 people will attend. The CCCSS will provide plates, cups, utensils and napkins.****

NEXT meeting & potluck:

Sun, Dec. 14th
at 2:00 pm

SLO Public Library
(large room)

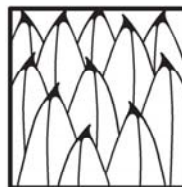
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BOARD—MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be held on Jan. 11th right after our General Meeting. As always, 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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Upcoming Events

APR 10-15 CSSA 2009 Biennial Convention
 Westin La Paloma Hotel, Tucson, AZ
 Go to www.cssainc.org for more information.

It's the slow time of year for cactus and other succulent events. We'll keep you posted as we get new information.



Another live auction plant: Agave montana 'Baccarat'; a handsome form with stout leaf tips, best grown outdoors, 9 in pot.

hospitality news:

Thanks to Vel Smith and Kathie Matsuyama for providing last meeting's treats.

If your interested in providing a snack for future meetings please sign up at the front desk or contact Maggie Wagner, 773-1499 or Pat Gilson, 481-5596.

CCCSS Library

PLEASE BRING IN ALL CCCSS LIBRARY BOOKS FOR YEAR'S END RE-INVENTORY.

Contact librarians Martin Howell & Jeanne Hanyasz, 544-5389, for more information.

* Any book lost or damaged will require a replacement fee.

SOME OF THE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK SILENT & LIVE AUCTION PLANTS



Adenium 'Shada'; free flowering, frost tender, forms caudex to 1 ft across, 5.5 in pot, 16 in tall.



Dendrocycos socatranum; the only arborescent member of the cucumber family, lacking vines and tendrils, endemic to the island of Socotra, 2 ft tall.



Mestoklema tuberosum; a summer growing mesemb which makes a great bonsai with interesting stalk-like roots that can be raised ever higher, 10 in pot.



Beaucarnea recurvata; makes an impressive landscape plant, or bonsai, 10 in pot, 2 ft tall.



Dorstenia gigas; by far the largest of the dorstenias, from Socotra in the Gulf of Aden, 8 in pot, 1.5 ft tall.



Tylecodon paniculatus; one of the largest species, winter growing, a succulent tree to 4 ft high with golden peeling bark, 6 in pot, 12 in tall.



Conophytum obcordellum; specimen winter grower many years old, from Groot Holbak, South Africa, 3.25 in pot.



Conophytum pellucidum var *cupreatum*, copper-colored multi-headed specimen from Rooifontein, South Africa, 2.5 in pot.



Fenestraria, winter growing mesemb is buried to the tips of its leaves in sand dunes along the Namaqualand coast, large specimen in 8 in pot.



Sarcocaulon crassicaule; thick stemmed member of the geranium family, a winter grower from Namibia and northern Namaqualand, 6 in pot.



Yucca endlichiana, small yucca with caudex-like base which can be raised for special effect, 7 in pot.



Pachypodium lamerei, a tender tree pachypodium from Madagascar, 8 in pot, 1 ft tall.



Euphorbia gamkensis; medusoid euphorbia in 3.25 in pot.