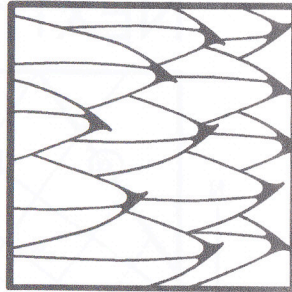


On the Dry Side

September 2009



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CCCSS August Meeting Recap

Greetings cactus and succulent enthusiasts! Do you enjoy the Meeting Recap in your monthly newsletter and would you like to know what keeps the club ticking?

Well then, it's time to show your appreciation and interest in CCCSS by volunteering for the honorable position of club secretary. The current secretary is graciously passing the pen. Someone surely has a burning desire to embrace the prestigious post, so don't hesitate, or contemplate, just activate that textual voice of yours and help make our awesome club thrive. Your efforts will be rewarded!

The meeting for August was engaging as usual. Plant of the month was Fouquieria. Check out August's newsletter for an excellent article on Fouquieria. Potential dates for the upcoming Lotus Land trip are Nov. 14 or 24. Speaker of the month was the illustrious CCCSS vice president, Nick Wilkinson. His travelogue through Baja, Mexico was informative, entertaining, and even a bit mystical with ancient Indian site circles that are said to represent portals to the universe or peaks that converge with the stars. Various species of Agave, Dudleya, Mammillaria, Fouquieria, Euphorbia, Pachycereus and Stenocereus were included in the slide show as well as cave paintings and rock formations such as Polar Bear Rock. Yes, it looked like a Polar Bear far from the North Pole! Thank you, Nick, for the educational tour of native cacti and succulents in Baja, Mexico.

~Eva Zayha

The **Speaker of the Month** will be **Joseph Wujcik**. He will talk about plant staging and his experiences as a Show Judge. He will comment on the plants and pots that any members bring to the meeting. - so please, bring your favorite specimens!

Grow Nursery will provide plants for sale.

**Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Presents:
A Field trip to Lotusland, Santa Barbara!**

Trip Date: Saturday, November 14th, 2009 10:00AM tour
Charter Company: Silverado Stages, 40', non-handicap

Number of spaces available: 48 passengers

SLO Loading time: 7:00 AM from the Madonna Plaza Shopping Center (in front of Big Five) Departing at 7:15AM.

Five Cities Loading time: 7:10 (+/-) from the Outlet Center, Five Cities Drive, Pismo Beach, Departing when loaded.

Continental breakfast & surprises included!

An 'own your own' lunch and optional stops are planned.

Return by: 4:30PM

Cost: Member as of August 2009 = \$25.

Family memberships = 2 tickets @ \$25 each

Non-members = \$60 each

Tickets will begin to be sold at the September meeting, first come, first serve. Cash or check.

Non refundable after Nov. 1st.

Contact Terry Skillin @473-0788 for more information.

Arrangements for personal vehicles for transportation must be made through Terry.

NEXT meeting:

Sun, Sep. 13'th at
2:00 pm

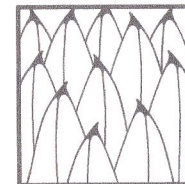
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BOARD—MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be held on September 13'th 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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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.



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

Upcoming Events

September 19-20

Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale

Jardins de San Juan

115 Third St., San Juan Bautista 831-722-1446

September 27

Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction

Dominguez Rancho Adobe

18127 South Alameda St., Compton 562-419-9646

November 7-8

San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale

Los Angeles County Arboretum

301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia 626-798-2430

December 4-6

Orange County Show & Sale

Fullerton Arboretum

1900 Associated Road, Fullerton 949-548-0587

CCCSS Website

Don't forget to visit our club's website:

www.centralcoastcactus.org

Special thanks to Webmaster Rick Smith of Panorama Studios.

Hospitality News

Thanks to all the members who brought food, treats and drink to last month's meeting - Nancy Leslie, Maude Leslie, Maggie Wagner and Markus Mumper - It is always appreciated.

This month Tim Dawson, Joan Field and Bruce Mundt will host.

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



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Cactaceae

Parodia Speg. Thanks to Edward Anderson, author of *The Cactus Family*

Parodia comprises cacti that are small, mostly globose, freely producing colorful flowers. *Parodia*s popular among hobbyists and consequently has been subdivided into hundreds of species. The latest thoughts are that *Parodia* should be broadly interpreted to include *Brasilicactus*, *Brasiliparodia*, *Eriocactus*, *Notocactus* and *Wigginsia*. Unfortunately, these scientific conclusions have upset many hobbyists who have argued for continued recognition of related groups, particularly *Notocactus*, as distinct genera.

For the time being, the International Cactaceae Systematics Group has elected to recognize the broadly defined *Parodia* with 66 species but maintain *Blossfeldia* and *Frailea* as separate.

Parodia was described in 1923 by Carlos Spegazzini to honor Domingo Parodi, an early student of the flora of Paraguay.

Parodia are low growing, either solitary or clustering, globose to cylindrical with ribs or tubercles. Flowers are borne subapically and are open during the day and tend to be funnellform or bell shaped and brightly colored. The seeds are diverse, a feature that has led many to argue for the recognition of several genera.

Parodia are native to South America occurring in Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay. Culture is typical of most cacti with the usual requirements of free draining soil, letting the plant dry out between waterings and plenty of sun. Like many Cactaceae *Parodia* may become sunbunt if grown in unrelenting full sun and do prefer some shade during the day, especially when grown in pots.



Common but always nice *Parodia magnifica*



Parodia mammulosa