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JUNE 2016

## TOPIC OF THE MONTH: Succulents 101

In anticipation of many newcomers attending this month's meeting we will conduct a Cactus and Succulents 101 workshop.

CCCSS Vice President Kathie Matsuyama will briefly discuss basic succulent care. Kathie will be followed by previous CCCSS Presidents Rob Skillin and Charles Varni and previous CCCSS Vice Presidents Charles Spotts and Markus Mumper who will provide an open forum to answer questions regarding your cactus and succulent plants. Do you have questions about the basic growing conditions needed for succulents? What light, water, soil or special care does your individual plant require? Questions about in-the-ground plantings or container gardening will be addressed. Our experts will do their best to answer your specific questions.

Please come prepared with your questions, and don't be shy! Rob, Charles, Charles, Markus and Kathie hope you will enjoy the opportunity to ask our knowledgeable club members your burning cactus and succulent questions.

Speakers will be bringing plants and possibly pots and a large cactus and succulent book collection for sale at the meeting.

**OUR NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY JUNE 12, 2PM**

**THE ODDFELLOWS HALL 520 DANA ST. (OFF NIPOMO ST.) *mark your calendar!***

# CCCCSS: LAST MEETING RECAP

On Mother's Day, May 8, 2016, President **Ken Byrne** opened the meeting and offered first choice of a free succulent to the people who brought treats for our break, and then asked the ten first-time visitors to introduce themselves and select a succulent as a welcome gift. **Carol Mortensen** announced that the 2016 t-shirts were available for sale.

There were a number of announcements regarding the Show and Sale: set-up begins at 1:00pm on Friday; entries should be brought between 3:00 and 6:30pm; judging begins at 7:00pm. Because of the "interesting" situation with too few boxes last year, members were encouraged to save and bring boxes during Friday setup. There was an opportunity for members to volunteer to be a clerk for the judges, an experience that is enjoyable and informative. This year, show entrants are being asked to sign in; at the June meeting, entrants will receive five raffle tickets as thanks for entering the show. Ken and **Kathie Matsuyama** will be interviewed on the radio on May 24. Volunteers were reminded to wear their name tags. **Terry Skillin** discussed plans for the S&S volunteers' reward trip on June 25, which will include a visit to at least one retail store, lunch and admission to Lotusland, all for \$10. If any of the original 48 places are unclaimed, they will be available – first-come, first served – at the June meeting at a cost of \$30 for members who did not work at the S&S, and \$85 for non-members. (Hint: an individual membership is only \$20.) Other announcements related to educational displays, and the Saturday evening dinner.

Terry also mentioned that she is working on future workshops and trips. A possible trip to the Bay Area would be an overnight trip and is probably not feasible at this time. **Ann Erb** will hold a bonsai workshop, and there will be a workshop for making a garden in a pumpkin.

As Immediate Past President, **Charles Varni** was the chairperson of the elections committee. No one wanted to run for a position on the Board of Directors, so the current and very experienced officers were reelected by voice vote. Continuing is **Ken Byrne** as President, **Kathie Matsuyama** as Vice President, **Carol Moss** as Secretary, **Maggie Wagner** as Treasurer, **Pat Gilson** as Hospitality Chair, **Wayne Mills** as Publicity Chair, **Erin Stratton** as Newsletter Editor and Members-at-Large **Terry Skillin** and **David Westberg**. Also continuing as Past President is **Charles Varni**. CCCCSS acknowledges and thanks these officers and the other members who hold crucial positions (**Gene Schroeder**, Librarian; **Barbara Brooks**, Membership; **Mary & Harry Harlow**, Greeters; **Rob Skillin** – officially our CSSA representative, but everyone knows there is so much more – and **Claudette Rettig**, who supervises the treats at our breaks; and many others without a title who help at every meeting, and beyond). We aren't such a great organization by chance!

Rob presented the Plant-of-the-Month, Brag and Raffle plants, including *Rebutia*, which are blooming now, and the Byrnes' *Pelargoniums*. Rob announced the CSSA Show beginning July 1 at The Huntington. See Rob if you are interested in entering or attending. He reminded us that plants entered in our own S&S must have been in the possession and care of the entrant for at least six months, with an exception for plants acquired at the holiday party. We then took a break.

After the break we were treated to a preview of the amazing photos in featured speaker Jeff Moore's new book, *Aloes and Agaves in Cultivation*, which will be available in late June.

The meeting adjourned following the raffles, plant exchange, and cleanup.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Harlow Moss, Secretary

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 11 - 12** San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society 2015 SALE & SHOW, San Francisco County Fair Building, 1199 9th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94122 - Saturday & Sunday 9am - 5pm

**June 12** CCCSS meeting!

**June 17** California Garden Clubs, Inc., special District meeting. Embassy Suites Hotel in San Luis Obispo. This will be a luncheon, held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and our speaker will be Sue Bennett, President of CGCI. \$10.00 includes lunch.

**June 25** Lotusland Volunteer Appreciation trip

**July 1 - 3** CSSA Annual Show & Sale, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA

**July 23** Arroyo Grande Plant Exchange, Elm Street Park at the Gazebo, Noon - 4pm

**August 13 - 14** Inter-City Cactus Show & Sale, Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 301 North Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007. Saturday & Sunday, 9am - 5 pm

**Dates TBA** Cactus and Succulent Society of San Jose Fall Show & Sale, Peterson Middle School, 1380 Rosalia Way, Sunnyvale, CA. Saturday 9am - 5pm & Sunday 10am - 4pm

**October 1-2, 2016** Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society Spring Show & Sale, San Juan Batista Community Hall, 10 San Jose Street, San Juan Batista. Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 9am - 4pm

### ARROYO GRANDE PLANT EXCHANGE

**WHEN: SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016 TIME: NOON TO 4:00 PM COST: FREE**

**WHERE: ELM STREET PARK AT THE GAZEBO. ENTRANCE IS AT 1221 ASH ST. ARROYO GRANDE**

All types of healthy plants welcome, from succulent cuttings to full size plants, including vegetables, seeds, bulbs, succulents, house plants, bromeliads, tillandsias, flowers, etc.

**Also we need volunteers!!!!** There will be a number of tasks including monitoring trade tables, unloading vehicles and getting plants to trade area and of course set-up and clean-up. Bonus – you will get to see what you can trade your plants for first :).

E-mail: Terrie Leivers at [terrieleivers@gmail.com](mailto:terrieleivers@gmail.com) or Terry Skillin at [tjskillin@gmail.com](mailto:tjskillin@gmail.com)

**T-SHIRTS WILL BE FOR SALE AT THE JUNE MEETING!**

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - MAY 2016

The following members assembled for a meeting of the Board of Directors that followed the general membership meeting on May 8, 2016: Barbara Brooks, Ann Byrne, Ken Byrne, Pat Gilson, Harry Harlow, Mary Harlow Terrie Leivers, Kathie Matsuyama, Wayne Mills, Carol Mortensen, Carol Moss, Markus Mumper, Rob Skillin, Terry Skillin, Charles Varni, Maggie Wagner and David Westberg. (Note that some were members of the S&S committee who attended the first part of the meeting.)

S&S business: San Luis High School students will deliver the tables; CCCSS will return them; no truck will be rented. Terry Skillin will use a shower curtain to make a sign indicating additional parking at Morgan-Stanley. We have two sandwich boards; Wayne will bring one of his for use at the Morgan-Stanley lot. Details were discussed regarding the sale of books at the S&S. Kathie is handling this. Wayne is going to do something about a list of local landscapers. Please email Maggie for any reimbursements – do not give them to her at the S&S. Maggie will experiment with bar codes. Rob and Charles are recruiting judges. Twenty-eight people have signed up for the Saturday night dinner at AJ Spurs. The Schroeders will do the awards again this year. At this point the non-Board members left and we proceeded to conduct the BOD meeting.

Maggie presented the Treasurer's Report and reported that the taxes for last year have been filed, although the bookkeeper we hired missed the deadline, apparently without consequences. We need an accountant who is competent with non-profits! Ken will file the required CGCI paperwork. Barbara reported that there were five new members and three renewals. She will begin a membership drive and David volunteered to help Barbara with membership at the June meeting with the expected onslaught of new members. Volunteers are still needed for the Arroyo Grande Plant Exchange on July 23. Terry described the schedule for the June 25 trip. Some volunteers are unable to attend the June 25 trip, so Terry is considering a second trip for wholesale shopping, with first choice of seats going to volunteers. The purchase of a wireless microphone was discussed. Kathie is working on this too and is getting information from the Master Gardeners who have experience with this. The CGCI yearbook was tabled. The Suggestion Box included a request for membership cards. We will make CGCI membership cards available. It was requested that we put a notice in the newsletter discussing courtesy and good manners during meetings.

Rob discussed expenses involved with his care and storage of the club's plants. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to reimburse Rob the amount of \$100 per month for his expenses, to be paid yearly, beginning in June 2016. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Harlow Moss, Secretary



## PLEASE NOTE:

We don't enjoy having to mention this, but we have received a number of complaints about people talking during the meeting.

**PLEASE DO NOT TALK WHEN SOMEONE IN THE PROGRAM IS SPEAKING.**

# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SHOW AND SALE VOLUNTEER REWARD TRIP

We are planning our Volunteer Thank You for Saturday, June 25th to Lotusland in Santa Barbara. It will be a 'do not miss' bus trip for members who volunteer at our May Show and Sale. The trip, an \$80 value, will be on a first-come, first-served signup at the June Meeting. If you are a volunteer, complete your hours and have signed up, the trip is yours for a small \$10 reservation fee. The trip will be leaving two locations, the Madonna Plaza parking lot around 8:00am, at the Pismo Outlets a bit later, arriving for a 10:00 two hour tour of Lotusland, a lunch provided by the club, and two additional stops.

Volunteers signing up for the Appreciation trip must pay their \$10 at the June Meeting. Spaces will be available for any other member for \$30 and non-members for the full price of \$80.00.

Please pay and remember to let Terry know if you will be at the Madonna Plaza pick-up OR the Pismo Beach Outlet pick-up.

See this news letter for the trip information flier or pick up a trip flier for further schedule of events at the June general meeting.

For those who sign up to volunteer but can't make this trip, we hope to offer you another opportunity at a later date. Hope to see you on the bus!



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Cactus & Succulent Society of America

# SHOW AND SALE THANKS

## YOU ARE THE BEST!!! WONDERFUL 2016

### SHOW AND SALE !!!

**The 2016 (Tenth Annual!) CCCSS SHOW and SALE has now ended and was a huge success:** The Show was wonderfully presented with entries by our members (seemed like the most ever!) and attended by the public. The Sale was likewise great – our most successful EVER – as the public (and our members) purchased so many beautiful, wonderful, rare, and unique things – principally vendors' plants and pots, with CCCSS offering books and tee-shirts.

Pat Gilson, who coordinates the member volunteers for the Show and Sale, has already drafted a Newsletter THANK YOU to our member Volunteers for all their help this weekend... from Show planning committee meetings, then Set-up on Friday, through the entire S&S, and finally the Take-Down/clean-up Sunday evening, they were the greatest possible help any Cactus and Succulent Society could ever hope to have >>> and thereby hangs a story.\*

. \* Overheard in the hallway Saturday were two people from an inland California C&S group who were discussing how "We (*THEIR club*) have 4 or 5 times the population to draw from... but we can't get near the participation (of their members) to present a Show like this (OUR S&S)." I did NOT interrupt and thank them for their good words...it would have seemed like rubbing salt into their wounded pride; *but I want ALL OF YOU to know how much other people/clubs recognize how wonderful you-all are– our truly participative CCCSS membership !* **YOU ARE THE BEST!!!**

Ken Byrne

CCCSS President/ 2016 SHOW Chair

I want to send a special thanks to all the folks including Rich and Carol Mortenson who wrangled tables before and after the show, and a extra-special shout-out to Ken Byrne and his son Eric and Paul Matsuyama who came BACK into SLO on Monday to help move the (74) tables over to the high school because I was given a bum number for the contact at the high school and we could not do the job Sunday evening.

-- Wayne Mills

**To all the volunteers:** This year's Show & Sale was another smashing success and we would like to express our gratitude to every one of you for all the time and energy you contributed. We could not do the job we do without you.

Thank You, Thank You.

From the planning committee.--Pat Gilson

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All new and renewing members are asked to fill out a new membership form, even if you have just recently filled one out. Please read and sign the hold harmless clause and return it to me with your annual dues. –Barbara Brooks, Membership Coordinator

Last Name	First Name
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The signature(s) below verifies that, to the maximum extent permitted by law, I/we agree to hold harmless all parties engaged in activities relating to Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society, including meetings, events, garden tours and activities involving transportation, and verifies I/we hold harmless all parties involved from any loss or damage to my/our person, guests, possessions or the possessions of my guests during any CCCSS-related activity.

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<i>Signature(s)</i>	<i>Name(s) (printed)</i>
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## Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- Individual / \$20
- Family / \$25
- Business / \$40



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