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JUNE 2015

CCCSS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

Thank you for your continued support of CCCSS. We are grateful for your membership because without it we wouldn't have our wonderful club. Your membership has enabled us to accomplish so much this year! From fun and educational field trips to our very successful Show and Sale, we could not have done it without you. Through the support of members like you, we are able to continue our educational monthly meetings including instructive presentations by renowned succulent experts, fantastic raffles, various plant sales, and so much more. As a member you may fully participate in all club events and activities and receive our monthly newsletter. We appreciate your loyalty and we need your membership to accomplish even greater things in the coming year. Please renew your membership dues today! If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Brooks, Membership Chairperson at barbarahbrooks@sbcglobal.net.

If you cannot make it to the meeting, send your renewal to:

CCCSS Membership, c/o Barbara Brooks, 441 Marsh St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Membership Dues: Single-\$20 Family-\$25 Business-\$40

CCCSS MAY MEETING RECAP

In the absence of President Byrne and VP Matsuyama, Past President Charles Varni chaired our annual Mother's Day meeting. After the usual welcomes and gifting of succulent plants to newcomers and refreshment bringers, the meeting began with general announcements, starting with a new format for Plant of Month and Brag Plants. These plants were on tables towards the rear of the room with information tags for each plant filled in by its owner. Charles introduced speaker Karen Ostler who presented a beautiful and informative program on mammillarias, which largely featured her own spectacular collection. In addition, Karen also provided helpful suggestions and tips on staging plants for show and display which was very timely. After the raffle of spectacular succulents (many won by newcomers) and the plant exchange the meeting wrapped up.

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

What a spectacular Show and Sale we had this year!! It could not have happened without the generous involvement of all the volunteers, from our Steering Committee to the many who worked a shift or the entire weekend. **Our total sales were up 24% over last year and Sunday sales increased 45%!** This is our main fund raising event and the club's 25% cut of gross sales of pottery and plants are used to pay the expenses of the event, to rent our meeting site, to pay our speakers, and to support activities like field trips and tours for our members. Thank you all for your positive participation that makes our Show and Sale one of the best and friendliest in the country. On a personal note, after four years as club President and/or Show and Sale Chair I am taking a break from anymore big jobs for a few years to focus more on garden tours and educational opportunities.

– Charles Varni



2015 CCCSS SHOW AWARDS

BEST IN SHOW

Open Class

Best Cactus

Astrophytum ornatum
Markus Mumper & Maggie Wagner

Open Class

Best Succulent

Fouquieria purpusii
Nick Wilkinson

Advanced Class

Best Cactus

Ubermania flavispina
Ron Harris

Advanced Class

Best Succulent

Fockea crispa
Kathie Matsuyama

Novice Class

Best Cactus

Eulychnia castenea spiral crest
Harry & Mary Harlow

Novice Class

Best Succulent

Cephalopentandra ecirrhusa
Harry & Mary Harlow

SPONSORED AWARDS

Best Baja Native Entry

Euphorbia misera
Peter Walkowiak
sponsor: Nick Wilkinson

Best Caudiciform Entry

Cephalopentandra ecirrhusa
Rob Skillin
sponsor: Carol Moss

Best Collection

Rhipsalis
Kathie Matsuyama
sponsor: Gene Schroeder

Best Miniature

Pseudolithos dodsoaniana
David Westberg
sponsor: Ron & Leona Harris

Best Crested Entry

Eulychnia castenea crest
Ron Harris
sponsor: David Einung Custom Home Design

Best Madagascan Plant

Uncarina roeoeslliana
Peter Walkowiak
sponsor: Markus & Maggie

Best Chihauhan Desert Cacti

Aerocarpus retusus
Rob Skillin
sponsor: Rob Skillin

Best Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia poissonii
Peter Walkowiak
sponsor: Wayne Mills

Best Mesemb

Aloinopsis schooneesii
Charles Spotts
sponsor: Christy Keeling

Best Crassulaceae

Adromischus marianiae 'Brian Makin'
Rob Skillin
sponsor: Kathie Matsuyama

Best Aloeaceae

Gasteria batesiana
Nick Wilkinson
sponsor: Ken & Ann Byrne

Best Rookie Entry - Cactus

Mammillaria aff. gigantea
Debra Schlanser
sponsor: Ron & Leona Harris

Best Rookie Entry - Succulent

Haworthia truncata
Dennis Lingo
sponsor: Farm Supply, SLO

Best Agavaceae

Yucca endlichiana
Snake
sponsor: Loring Manley

Best Staged Entry - Novice

Gibbaeum album
Donna Anderson
sponsor: Pat Gilson

Best Staged Entry - Advanced

Tephrocactus alexandrei
Ron Harris
sponsor: Charles Varni

Best Staged Entry - Open

Euphorbia bupleurifolia
Nick Wilkinson
sponsor: Nick Wilkinson

Rarest Plant In Show

Euphorbia labatii
Rob Skillin
sponsor: Ron & Leona Harris

Best Dish Garden

Argyroderma subalbum dessert
Kathie Matsuyama
sponsor: Mary Harlow

CLERK'S & COMMITTEE CHOICES

Award #1

Matucana aurantiacia v currundayensis
Peter Walkowiak

Awards 2

Mammillaria magnimamma
Linda Hicks

Award #3

Gymnocalycium Collection
Snake

Award #4

Agave Collection
Loring Manley

Award #5

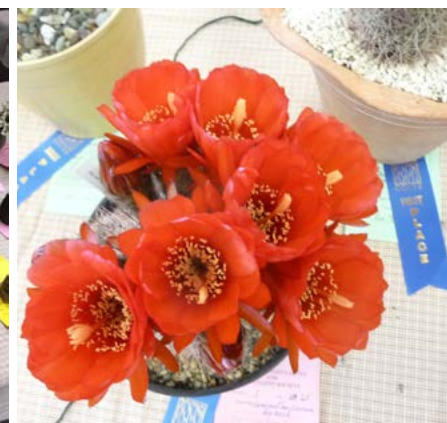
Pseudobombax ellipticum
Peter Walkowiak

Award #6

Dudleya pulverulenta
Claudette Rettig

Award #7

Gasteraloe 'Green Ice'
Mary Parraca





The awards table



These visitors were very happy that Charles Spotts shared some of his cactus knowledge.

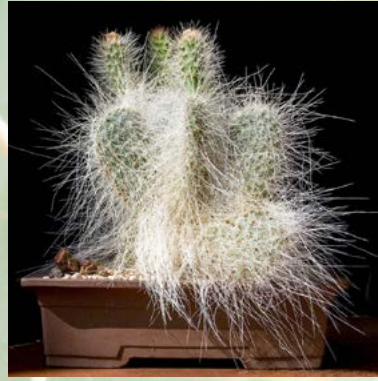


The auction table - filled with gorgeous plants and pots!



"Thank the Volunteers" Trip

**TO THE 50TH ANNUAL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA'S (CSSA) SHOW AND SALE
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS IN SAN MARINO
SATURDAY JUNE 27TH, 2015**



This trip will include for our volunteers: Round trip by American Star Bus service; Breakfast bag; coffee; water; free entry to the CSSA Show and Sale. (Entrance to the gardens is \$20 - pay in advance for this special group rate.) But this also includes an on the bus drawing for some fun plants and items, and a relaxing snack and beverage for the trip home.

All this, regular price of over \$40 per person, all for a minimum fee of \$5 per volunteer!

Volunteers will have first chance at reserving their place on the bus at the June meeting. Members who did not volunteer will get second chance at the end of the meeting to sign up, at a cost of \$25, and non-members will have to pay \$40 for this experience.

SO! Book your spot at the June meeting and enjoy seeing the most amazing plants, with the opportunity to buy from a vast assortment of vendors.

The bus will pick up at the Madonna Plaza Shopping center at 6:45am, move down the road to the Pismo Outlets to leave there at 7:30am. We hope to arrive just prior to the opening of the gardens at 10:30am. We will leave at 4:30pm, to return to our drop off locations by 7:00pm and 7:30pm.

Bring your boxes for those special purchases you may make!

Remember; this is a first come, first serve event!

See you all at the general meeting!

-Terry Skillin

TOPIC OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE

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, Gene Schroeder, Mary Peracca, and Charles Varni who will have an open forum to answer questions regarding your cactus and succulent plants.

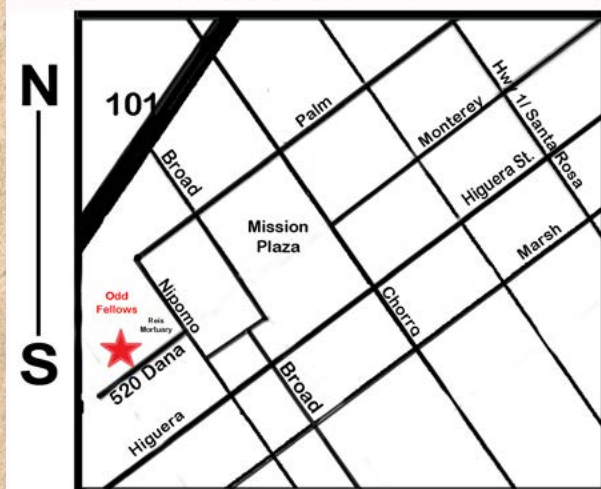
Do you have questions about the basic growing conditions needed for succulents? What light, water, soil or special care does your individual plant require? Questions about in the ground plantings or container gardening will be addressed. Our experts will do their best to answer your specific questions.

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

Several of the speakers will be bringing plants and pots for sale.



NEXT MEETING:



**SUNDAY
JULY 12
2PM**

THE ODD FELLOWS HALL

**520 DANA ST.
(OFF NIPOMO ST.)**

mark your calendar!

SPECIAL WORKSHOP: STARTING SUCCULENTS FROM SEEDS SATURDAY JULY 18

Join Loring Manley and Charles Varni for a two hour hands-on class focused on starting succulents from seeds. We will meet at Charles' home in Oceano from 2-4 pm and everyone will go home with a lot of potential plants!

This free class is limited to 20 persons and you register by emailing loring.manley@gmail.com. For more information contact Loring or Charles. At the end of class may there be some adult beverages, snacks, and dancing to encourage seed fertility.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6 & 7

San Diego C&S S&S, San Diego (858-382-1797)

June 14

CCCSS GENERAL MEETING

June 14-19

CSSA Biennial Convention, Pitzer College, Claremont www.cssa2015.com

June 27

CCCSS Bustrip to the CSSA Show

June 27-29

CSSA Annual S&S, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd. San Marino

July 18

Starting Succulents From Seeds (limited to 20 people). Register at loring.manley@gmail.com.

July 24-26

Orange County C&S S&S (949-212-8417)

August 8 & 9

Intercity S&S, LA County Arboretum, 626-798-2430



Join the CSSA
<http://cssa.myshopify.com/collections/join-cssa>

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: MAY

There was no meeting of the Board of Directors following the May meeting due to lack of pressing business.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHOW AND SALE SHIRTS!

From Braids: Greetings all! I still have seven unclaimed prepaid shirts I will have at the June the meeting bagged up with your names on them.

In addition I will have a few shirts available as listed below:

2015 Show & Sale shirts

Reg Mens Tees: 2 small, at \$10.00 each

Women's Cut: at \$15.00 each;

Small: 2 Med: 5

(These shirts ran really small, so I have listed as the actual size, not what is on the tag.)

2014 Show & Sale shirts:

4 Large: \$5.00 each

First come first shirted... feel free to email me at braids1997@gmail.com

REIMBURSEMENTS

From Maggie Werner, Treasurer: Do you have any outstanding reimbursements for club expenses? Please bring your receipts to the June meeting. Our fiscal year is ending and we need your receipts for the end of year accounting.

Can't attend? Email me to make special arrangements: margaretwagner@gmail.com.

NAME TAGS

When a new member joins CCCSS, Carol Moss makes a name badge for them and adds it to the big plastic bin that she brings to each meeting and leaves on the table near the entry so people can pick up their badges on their way in. The badges have unique photos of succulents found on the Internet, but Carol will put any succulent-related picture on someone's badge. It's helpful and friendly if members wear their badges – we have so many members now that it's impossible to remember everyone's name!

Please contact Carol for any special requests or replacements. carolmoss@gmail.com

SUGGESTION BOX

At our meetings, there is a Suggestion Box on the hospitality table for "members questions, comments, compliments (positive reinforcement works too)". All comments are reviewed by the CCCSS Board.

LIBRARY BOOKS MIA????

The library's list of outstanding/overdue books has grown quite large. Please, everyone, have a look about and return any books so that they may become available for others.



Please contact Gene Schroeder
Leschroeder@earthlink.net

SPECIAL THANKS

To two local business for their donations that helped feed our volunteers & vendors during the 2015 Show & Sale:

Haggens Grocery on Foothill Blvd.

Fatties Pizza on Broad St.

Both in San Luis Obispo

I hope you will patronize these fine businesses!


—Pat Gilson, Hospitality Chair

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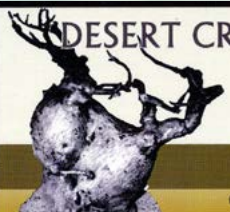
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