



TOPIC OF THE MONTH:

The Needs of Succulents Above & Below and In & Out of Containers

While the basics apply to plants generally, Ernesto's talk will emphasize our particular growing region. He will discuss the needs above ground as well as below ground, including topics such as the sunlight/temperature combination, the soil pH, as well as a comparison of requirements for potted and in-ground plants. Ernesto will also be bringing an assortment of rare and less common primarily succulent plants for sale. These plants will include the Socotran pachycauls *Dendrosicyos socotrana*, *Dorstenia gigas* as well as *D. foetida* 'Taba Gorge', an assortment of cold hardy Aloe species and some hybrids, Hoyas, and much more to benefit your collection and the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory as part of what Ernesto calls their "Green for Green program"!



ABOUT ERNESTO SANDOVAL

For a long time, Ernesto Sandoval has been wondering and seeking answers to questions about why plants grow and look the way that they do. Now he explains and interprets the world of plants to a variety of ages and experiences from K-12 to professionals and Master Gardeners. He regularly lectures to a variety of western Garden Clubs throughout the year and particularly to Succulent Clubs throughout the State and elsewhere since that group of plants is his particular passion within his general passion for plants. He describes himself as a "Jose of All Plants, Master of None." Ernesto thoroughly enjoys helping others, and gardeners in particular, to understand why and how plants do what they do.



When he was about 13 he asked his dad why one tree was pruned a particular way and another tree another way. His dad answered bluntly "because that's the way you do it." Since then he's been learning and teaching himself the answers to those and many other questions by getting a degree at UC Davis in Botany and working from student weeder/waterer to Director over the last 25 years at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory. He's long left the "mow blow and go" monoculture landscape gardening world and has immersed himself in the world of polyculture and biodiversity by growing several thousand types of plants at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory, many of them succulents. Several of his favorite garden projects involved converting lawns and or water loving landscapes to drought tolerant and diversity filled gardens! He likes to promote plant liberation by encouraging gardeners of all sorts to grow more plants in the ground when possible. He loves the technical language of Botany but prefers to relate information in more understandable methods of communication! By helping people to understand the workings of plants he hopes to help us better understand how to and why our plants do what they do and how we can maximize their growth with less effort.

OUR NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2PM

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

CCCSS: LAST MEETING RECAP

President, **Ken Byrne** called the general membership meeting of the Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society to order on August 14, 2016 at 2:05 p.m. Ken thanked the members who provided refreshments for the meeting and they were invited to select a cactus or succulent of their choice. Approximately 12 new first-time visitors were also invited to select a cactus or succulent of their choice, if they would come forward and introduce themselves and tell us how they found out about our club.

Announcements:

Cheri with the California Rare Fruit Growers, Central Coast Chapter announced that their chapter is hosting the organization's annual "Festival of Fruit" on August 26th & 27th at Cal Poly University. This year's theme is "Edible Landscaping from Apples to Zapotas. There will be 18 workshops covering this subject and one of the instructors is looking for Prickly Pears for his talk. Flyers are on the visitor table with details of the Festival and contact information if anyone knows of a source for the "Prickly Pears".

Terry Skillin announced the following: 1.) The Fall Bus Trip is canceled due to scheduling problems. 2.) **Ann Erb** will be teaching a "Succulent Bonsai" class 1st weekend in October. 3.) **Terry Skillin** and **Terrie Leivers** would like to host another Hypertufa class at the end of October which would be free to members. More information on the Succulent Bonsai and Hypertufa classes will be available at the September meeting.

Rob Skillin told us about the upcoming "Succulent Symposium" at Huntington Gardens on Labor Day weekend. He highly recommends going, excellent speakers. More information is available on the Huntington Website.

Terrie Leivers gave a report on the Arroyo Grande "Plant Exchange" held on July 23rd. She told us lots of members came to help and share their plants and cuttings as well as members of the community. The Master Gardeners also brought literature to share. She's hoping we can do this again next year.

Brag Table:

Kathie Matsuyama spoke about the brag plants and invited anyone who brought a plant to tell us something about them.

Plant of the Month:

Parodia Cactus from South America are the plant of the month. There was a very informative article in the last month's newsletter regarding these cactus. **Markus Mumper** told us that the 70+ species (Parodia, Brasilicactus, Brasiliparodia, Eriocactus, Wigginsia, and Notocactus) of this type of cactus have all been lumped into Parodia. He pointed out that these cactus grow very well in our Central Coast Climate and even tolerate some frost and winter rains. Members brought several examples of Parodia cactus which included: *Parodia magnifica*, *Parodia leninghausii* and *Parodia warasii* which have yellow spines and beautiful yellow flowers and Parodia scopa which has white spines and yellow flowers and is on the small size, some clump and some stay solitary.

Following the break, Kathie Matsuyama introduced Rob Skillin, who showed us slides of his trip to the Brazilian Highlands. The program featured the cacti and some of the succulents that occur in this fascinating area of Brazil. Thank you Rob for another very informative presentation! Following the presentation, the raffles were held and the meeting adjourned.

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Ann L. Byrne in Carol Harlow Moss, Secretary's absence

PLANT OF THE MONTH: AFRICAN PACHYPODIUM

(by Tom Glavich and Steve Frieze)

Pachypodium are members of the *Apocynaceae* or *Periwinkle* family, and are most closely related to *Adenium*, and more distantly to *Oleander* and *Plumeria*. *Pachypodium* are native to only Southern Africa and Madagascar. The distinguishing factor between *Adenium* and *Pachypodium* are the stipules that form at the base of leaves which in *Pachypodium* develop into rigid spines.

There are more Madagascan than there are African species, due to the geography of the island of Madagascar, with isolated regions that encourage the development of populations of plants, animals and insects unique and isolated from others of the same genus. New species are still being discovered as botanists explore the more remote and isolated regions of Madagascar.

African species are generally easier to grow, and are more tolerant of extreme cold and wet climates. They can grow into trees up to 15 feet in height or form shrubs in habitat. The flowers formed from *Pachypodium* are pink, purple, white, and yellow.

Pachypodium namaquanun grows into 15-foot trees in habitat. This plant produces flowers that are red on the inside and yellow-green on the outside.

Pachypodium biospinosum and *succulentum* are found throughout South Africa. These two species can withstand extreme temperatures in their natural habitat and survive long periods of drought because of their thick tuberous root systems. They are also almost indistinguishable when not in flower. The caudex or tuberous roots are exposed when these plants are shown in show competitions.

Pachypodium saundersii, named after the botanist who discovered it, is endemic to South Africa. This plant forms a large caudex (which makes it an excellent subject for bonsai) and produces stems that can reach three feet in height. *Pachypodium saundersii* generates white flowers.

The standard method of propagation of both the Madagascan and African species is from seed. Seeds are simply placed on good wet potting soil, and germination generally occurs within a week. Seeds should be sown in the spring to mid-summer, however the seeds are generally not long-lived, (germination drops off in the second or third year) and good results can be obtained nearly any time of year except mid-winter. Protection from direct sun is necessary until the first few leaf pairs have formed, and then gradual movement into strong light, with an increase in feeding and water will bring quick and strong growth. Pinching of growing tips in young seedlings encourages the formation of side branches, a more interesting trunk and quicker growth.

All *Pachypodiums* are worth growing, and since there are not really that many species, and seedling plants are relatively cheap, a complete collection is within the resources of most succulent growers.

Reference: G. Rowley, *Pachypodium and Adenium*

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Pachypodium namaquanum



Pachypodium saundersii



Pachypodium succulentum

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10 Long Beach Cactus Club annual plant auction

September 10 San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden presents: Oh Oaxaca! Blended Botany with John Trager of Huntington Botanical Gardens, Saturday, September 10, from 1pm to 2pm followed at 2pm by a free docent-led tour. Oaxaca is the most botanically rich state in Mexico, including many succulents, some well-represented in cultivation, others quite rare. The state spans the Isthmus of Tehuantepec and its topography ranges from tropical beaches to cloud forest 10,000 feet above sea level. In between are deserts and wet tropical forests, oak and pine woodlands, and cliffs and valleys with varying exposures, providing habitat for a diverse flora and fauna. Join us on Saturday, September 10th at 1pm at the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, for an intriguing talk recounting a botanically rich exposition through Oaxaca with John Trager, Curator of the Desert Botanical Garden, followed by a Halter Ranch Wine reception and free docent-led tour of the Garden at 2pm.

Presentation is \$5 for members/\$10 non-members.

In lieu of the tour, join John at a wine reception after the talk. Enjoy our Blended Botany Series featuring spectacular Halter Ranch Vineyard wines and appetizers made with love. Come mingle and learn something new, or take your wine on a walk through the garden! (donations for wine are appreciated). The BLENDED BOTANY presentation is sponsored by Halter Ranch Vineyards.

September 11 Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Meeting

September 23-24 Succulent Extravaganza, 2133 Elkhorn Rd, Castroville. For more information: 831-632-0482; www.sgplants.com

October 1-2 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

October 8-9 Bakersfield C&S Show & Sale

October 8-9 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 22-23 Palomar Show & Sale, San Diego Botanic Gardens (Encinitas)

November 5-6 San Gabriel C&S Show & Sale, Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 301 North Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007, Saturday & Sunday, 9am - 5pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Images of the show winners from our show are now available online at:
<https://dgitimages.smugmug.com/Shows-Tours/CCCSS-Show-May-2016/>

If anyone would like a soil sifter, let me know. I will bring it to the meeting.

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Cactus & Succulent Society of America

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - SEPTEMBER 2016

President, Ken Byrne called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Time limit was set for meeting to end by 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Ken Byrne, Kathie Matsuyama, Charles Varni, Pat Gilson, Rob Skillin, Terry Skillin, Wayne Mills, Margaret Wagner & Barbara Brooks. Board Members Absent: Carol Moss, Erin Stratton & Gene Schroeder
Visitors Present: Ann Byrne, Claudette & Terrie Leivers

Treasurer's Report: Maggie gave the Treasurer's Report and told us that our old bookkeeper had not prepared the Sales and Use Tax, and she estimates it will be approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000 dollars when paid.

Membership Report: Barbara Brooks reported that she received approximately 31 Renewals and 6 New members today. She also mentioned that there is a problem with the Family membership and members including family that live at different addresses. The group agreed that only family members living under the same roof should be included in the Family membership. Barbara suggested that we update the Website with this information and we will honor any memberships that have already been paid for, but from this point forward "Family" will be defined as living under the same roof.

Newsletter Report/issues: No report

Book Sales: Kathie Matsuyama asked to have this added to the Board Agenda today and for the future. Kathie reported what books were sold so far and will keep the Board posted on any future sales: beginning inventory was 127 books; 61 sold to date.

Old Business

July's Arroyo Grande Plant Exchange Review: Terrie Leivers reported that the event was successful and fun! She told us that we had good club participation and thanked everyone that helped with the event. The Master Gardeners were there with handouts, but Arroyo Grande Beautiful was not. She suggested next year we could limit the exchange to 2 hours and have a Facebook page to advertise the event.

Any additional "Reward" Bus Trip? Terry Skillin reported that she doesn't have time to plan the additional Bus Trip this year. She suggested we could postpone it until next year, maybe in February 2017. Everyone agreed that this would be a better time to do it.

Hypertufa Class: Terry Skillin reported that she and Terrie Leivers would like to teach another Hypertufa Class on October 29th and that Ann Erb will be teaching a Succulent Bonsai Class on October 1st – this class will be limited to 10 people. Terrie suggested if we get more than 10 sign-ups for the class we could do a random drawing to determine who gets to attend the class.

Revisit Charles Varni's Show/Sale Committee Party. Ken gave all the Board members a chance to give input on having the club pay for the food at the party, everyone came to an agreement to go ahead with the Party, but with everyone bringing food related to Tacos rather than the club paying for the food. Next year, the "Awards Party" can be announced ahead of time to all of the club members, then the Board will reconsider paying for the food. This year's Party will be held at Charles home on August 26th starting at 5:00 pm.

Dinosaur Caves Landscaping: Maggie reported that the only areas available for us to landscape are the parking islands. Nick would be willing to design and yes there will be water available to maintain.

Cal Garden Clubs, Inc.: CCCSS is supposed to host the CGCI September District meeting. Ken suggested we could hold the meeting at the Odd Fellows before our General Meeting starting at 11:30 am or 12:00 pm. Ken will be attending the CGCI meeting on August 25th for Club Presidents regarding the 2017 State Convention to be held in SLO in June and will discuss the District meeting at that time.

Donation to Penny Pines? The CGCI sponsors some programs using donations, and Kathie suggested that we should donate to "Penny Pines" which was established in 1941 to replace deceased and dead trees, especially with the current tree losses due to drought and fires in California. Cost is \$68 per unit (one acre). The board agreed to donate for one-acre-of-planting per month for this fiscal year...\$680 for the next 10 months. In addition, a donation jar will be made available at the meetings and members will donate monthly and CCCSS will send these donations to Penny Pines once \$68 has been donated. Kathie will put a write-up in the September Newsletter regarding this.

CSSA Convention 2019: Rob Skillin told us that the members of the CSSA approached him and told him that they have our club down to sponsor the 2019 CSSA Convention. Rob told them that we had no knowledge of ever agreeing to this and Rob wanted to make sure that no one on the Board had ever agreed to this. Everyone agreed that they have no knowledge of agreeing to this and are not currently interested in sponsoring this event.

Website Revamp/Standing Rules: Tabled until next meeting. Librarian – Tabled until next meeting.

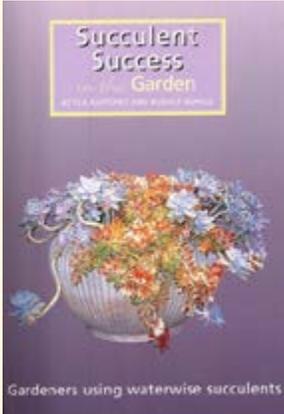
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Ken wanted to point out that the meeting went ½ hour over the set time-limit of 6:00 pm and the Website Revamp/Standing Rules and Librarian had to be tabled for a future discussion.

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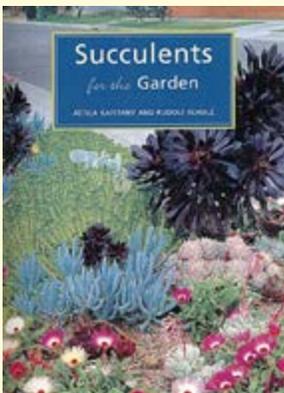
BOOKS FOR SALE

The following books (some in very limited quantities) will be available for purchase with Cash or Check only (no credit cards) at the meeting:



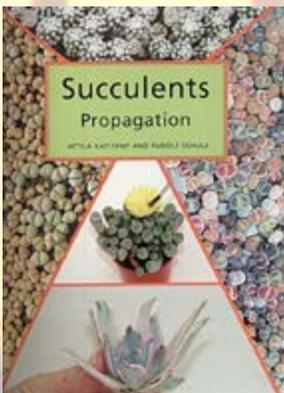
Succulent Success in the Garden by Attila Kapitany and Rudolf Schulz

Authors show how succulents can be used in the most amazing ways in garden environments: seaside gardens, hillside country, farmlets, and inland gardens, plus city courtyards, suburban nature strips and more. Recommended plantings of different species are given, showing flower color, shade tolerance, pot suitability, indoor/outdoor situations, and height, spread, more. Echeverias, sedums, crassulas, senecios, yuccas, aloes and many more are detailed and described. 303 color photos, 103 pages, 7-1/4" x 9-3/4", softbound w/heavy color cover. This book is out of print and will not be reprinted. **Price is \$26.00.**



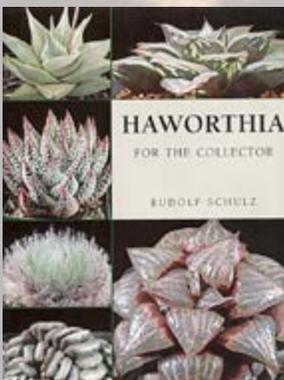
Succulents for the Garden by Attila Kapitany and Rudolf Schulz

The authors show amateur gardeners what type of succulents can be used in the most amazing different types of garden environments. Areas covered are: seaside gardens, hillside country farmlets, arid inland gardens, hillside country gardens city courtyards, suburban nature strips, nature's garden and more. Recommended plantings of different species are given, giving flower color, shade tolerance, pot suitability, indoor, plus outdoor planting in warmer climates, height, spread, more. Echeverias, sedums, crassulas, senecios, yuccas, aloes and many more are detailed. 189 color photos, 95 pages, 7-1/4" x 9-3/4", softbound, w/heavy color cover. This book is out of print and will not be reprinted. **Price is \$26.00.**



Succulent Propagation by Attila Kapitany and Rudolf Schulz

Fifth in a series of books written about succulents for your garden and succulent care. Includes step-by-step information on how to propagate, utilizing bulbils, offsets, divisions, head cuttings, leaf propagation, seed raising, grafting and more. Includes propagation tips for 41 specific groups of succulents (including cactus) in alphabetical order. Both for the beginner and experienced succulent grower. 259 color photos. 109 pages. 7-1/4" x 9-3/4". Softbound. **This book was highly recommended by both Rob Skillin and Kathie Matsuyama at the June meeting.** This book is out of print and will not be reprinted. **Price is \$26.00.**



Haworthia for the Collector by Rudolf Schulz

There have been several books published on the genus Haworthia in the last twenty years. These have all focused on the plants in habitat or on taxonomic issues and unfortunately there has been little for the average or enthusiastic collector since John Pilbeam's book "Haworthia and Astroloba" was published 25 years ago — before color photos became universal. Written by the prolific author Rudolf Schulz, this new book focuses on the needs of the collector: identification, care, health and propagation. Written in an easy style with 560 large magnificent color photos, it will appeal to the succulent collector, the botanist, the armchair traveler and all those interested in knowing more about this variable and beautiful genus of plants. 240 pages, 8-1/2" x 11", hardbound with color dustjacket. **Price is \$43.00.**

A MESSAGE TO CCCSS CLUB MEMBERS FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

I thought you might be interested that during our August 14 Board of Directors meeting, several questions asked by our club members were discussed regarding particular conditions for Family and Business Memberships.

First of all, please be assured all currently renewed club memberships with a fully signed Hold Harmless Clause received by September 10, 2016 or earlier will be honored through June, 2017, when our next annual membership drive begins.

Here are two membership questions with their answers that may affect you:

Q: May I include all my family members with my Family Membership?

A: Family members may be included with a Family Membership *only* if *all* are living under the same roof (at one address).

Q: May I include all my family members with my Business Membership?

A: Family members may be included with a Business Membership *only* if actively employed at your place of business.

The above Family and Business Membership Conditions apply to membership renewals and new memberships effective September 11, 2016 and thereafter.

The 2016 CCCSS Annual Club Membership Renewal Drive has come to a close. **Thank you** for supporting our wonderful club. It's been another remarkable and successful year for CCCSS, *thanks to all of you*. This next year promises to be even more extraordinary!



CCCSS SUPPORTS US NATIONAL FOREST REFORESTATION PROGRAM

The Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society is starting an exciting new program of community support. We will be donating every month to the United States National Forest project "Penny Pines". Since 1941, Penny Pines tree seedling plantations in California have been sponsored by organizations such as the California Garden and Women's Clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts of America, civic and sportsmen and sportswomen's clubs, and many others. These groups have contributed more than one million dollars to the Penny Pines Reforestation Program. Using these donations, more than 2 million pine fir, redwood, and giant sequoia seedlings have been planted on 88,000 acres of California National Forest – an outstanding accomplishment in conservation!

The national forests in California cover about 20 million acres, or about 1/5 of our state, stretching from the Mexican border to Oregon. The forests' great beauty and majestic stature have been cursed in recent years by the frequency and size of tremendous wildfires. The fire season seems to start earlier and last longer each year in California. It takes thousands of firefighters and hundreds of specialized equipment working long, hard, hot hours in extreme terrain to control these blazing infernos. Fires leave total destruction in their wake.

More than 175,000 acres of the Los Padres National Forest have burned this year.

Our club will be supporting our local Los Padres National Forest with our Penny Pines donations. The Los Padres National Forest is the third largest National Forest in California, with about 1.75 million acres. It stretches almost 220 miles from north to south in two separate land divisions. The northern division is within Monterey County and northern San Luis Obispo County and includes the beautiful Big Sur Coast. The "main division" of the forest includes land in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Kern Counties.

We will be contributing \$68 (the amount requested by the National Forest) every month toward the cost of planting an acre of seedlings on one acre of land in the Los Padres National Forest. **But we would like your help.** We will have a Penny Pines jar at the membership table at every club meeting. Please consider donating your spare change (or a dollar or two or five!) into the jar. Every time our jar reaches \$68, you will have contributed to restoration of another fire scorched acre in the Los Padres National Forest!

Where does the \$68.00 go?

- Preparing sites for new trees or planting seedlings grown in Forest Service nurseries.
- Growing seedlings from local seeds and acorns to be replanted near their collection sites to improve survival chances.
- Maintaining existing trees, improving wildlife habitat, or replanting burned forests.
- Providing watershed protection, soil stabilization and recreational area shade.

The Penny Pines Reforestation Program plays a vital role in renewing California's national forests and in multiple-use management. Trees help the ground store precious water, protect against soil erosion, and add to the national forest's scenic beauty.

Maybe the most amazing thing about the Los Padres National Forest is that it is located within a few hours of over 25,000,000 people! In today's hurried world of devices pinging at you, urban sprawl and constant availability; having the option to get out of town and spend time in the mountains away from the chaos is something so simple, yet so hard to achieve. We need places like the Los Padres.



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