



SPEAKER OF THE MONTH: GUNNAR EISEL

From Windowsill to the Poor House: Building and Maintaining a Cactus and Succulent Garden

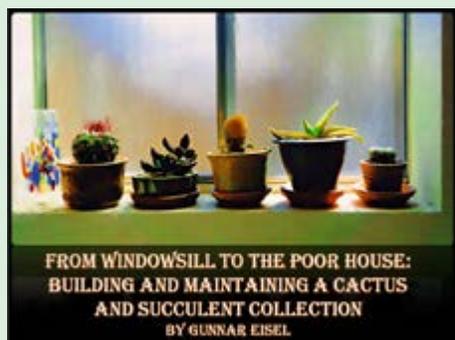
Gunnar Eisel will explore why we collect and what to we collect, types of collections, building and “right-sizing” your collection, do’s and don’ts of managing your collection, a few example collections, pest control, and current trends and innovations.

Gunnar Eisel’s interest in cacti and succulents can be traced back to his childhood infatuation with photographing night-blooming cereus flowers and a few unfortunate encounters with opuntia glochids. His interest in cacti became intensified through many annual trips to the Anza-Borrego desert.

Born and raised near Heidelberg, Germany, Eisel has taught music at Cal State Univ. Los Angeles , Cal State Univ. Fullerton, Whittier College and Fullerton College. He is currently full-time music theory and history of music professor at Citrus College in Glendora, CA where his students are occasionally subjected to his rantings regarding cacti and succulents.

An avid C&S collector, he serves as General Manager and Convention Chairperson for the Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) and Past President of the San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society.

Gunnar will have plants for sale at the meeting.



OUR NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY MARCH 12, 2PM

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

CCCSS: LAST MEETING RECAP

President **Ken Byrne** opened the meeting and mentioned that one of the results from the survey taken by the membership recently suggested members would prefer that applause during the introduction of first-time visitors be held until all have introduced themselves. That being said, eleven guests introduced themselves and received a succulent in welcome, following selection of a thank-you succulent by people who brought snacks for the break. We are grateful to those who bring treats and especially to **Claudette Rettig** who does such a fabulous job at preparing our break.

Announcements:

Carol Mortensen announced that the judging for the design of the 2017 t-shirt for our Show and Sale (S&S) will be held at the April meeting. Designs should be brought to the April meeting or emailed to Carol (carolmortensen0@gmail.com). We have a new provider this year who will silk-screen the winning design on a quality shirt. Designs should be in JPEG and can be full-color. Submit your design(s) and, everyone, be ready to vote for this year's commemorative t-shirt contest.

Donna Duerk announced that a four-foot columnar cactus was available.

Mary Peracca said that she talked to the manager at Achievement House who said they sell plants and would welcome donations for their differently-abled clients to sell in their nursery. They particularly want succulents. If you wish to donate, the nursery is located at the northwest corner of Cuesta College (but please check a map if you aren't familiar with the location).

Vice-President **Kathy Matsuyama** announced that last year CCCSS donated \$952 to the Penny Pines reforestation project, and the drive didn't even last a full year. The club will continue to support this cause. Kathie mentioned a fundraising opportunity involving **Just Looking Gallery**. They have had artwork designed with a desert scene and our club name on the piece. There are two sizes, 12x18, framed for \$195 or unframed for \$150; the larger piece is a 24x36 stretched canvas selling for \$695. The club would purchase them at half-price. The Board of Directors will discuss this opportunity at their meeting. Kathy and **Wayne Mills** are presenting Succulents 101 for the Creston Garden Club on the Thursday following the February 12 meeting.

The S&S Committee is scheduled to meet later this month. [Note that the committee met on Thursday, February 23.] The existing committee members are looking for new volunteers on the committee for both primary and backup positions.

California Garden Clubs Inc., of which we are a member, is holding its annual convention at the Embassy Suites from May 31 through June 3, and they have requested volunteers from our club to work at the registration desk. **Barbara Brooks** had the sign-up sheet and it will be available at the next meeting. Their event is several days after our S&S.

Charles Varni reported on this year's Election Committee, comprised of Charles, chairperson, and **Pat Gilson** and Barbara Brooks. Each year the Election Committee presents a slate of officers to the membership in May. Nominations can be made from the floor. All Executive Board members are volunteers and must have been a member of CCCSS for at least six months, and obviously need to be able to attend meetings and board meetings and have the time to do a good job. There are several vacancies on the board, and anyone who is interested in a position on the board should contact Charles Varni. Wayne Mills has been handling publicity for a long time and would love to retire. Kathie Matsuyama, our Vice-President, is stepping down. Her position has two main functions: arranging for our featured speakers and presenting information on the Plant of the Month. Both are demanding jobs, and the board will consider dividing the vice presidency into two positions.

Show & Sale: The club needs a graphic designer to design this year's postcard advertising our S&S. The S&S Committee is looking for a new Show Chair, who organizes and runs the show. Ken Byrne is hoping to mentor someone for this demanding position, which includes attending and running the S&S Committee meetings and being present at the event 24/7.

CCCSS: LAST MEETING RECAP

The empty Brag Table and Plant-of-the-Month plants were discussed, along with the raffle plants, most of which were winter growers. The break followed.

Featured Speaker. Robin Stockwell, founder and former owner of Succulent Gardens in Castroville, is the author of the just-released Sunset Book, *Succulents: The Ultimate Guide to Choosing, Designing, and Growing 200 Easy-Care Plants*. After mentioning that our club is probably the most active society in the state, if not the country (!), Robin shared his history with us, beginning with a spur-of-the-moment purchase of 15,000 to 20,000 plants in tin cans for \$1,000. That first purchase led to Robin's involvement in the succulent world, eventually leading to the nursery in Castroville (with new owners), home of the annual Succulent Extravaganza.

As you would expect from Sunset Books, the book is beautifully designed and organized, and is filled with inspiration, projects and suggestions, an encyclopedia of 200 plants, and basic care. Robin recommended San Marcos Growers as an internet source (a stop on some of our field trips). Also mentioned were the Ruth Bancroft Gardens and authors Jeff Moore and Debra Baldwin, and a book named *Hearty Succulents: Tough Plants for Every Climate* (amazon.com \$15.45).

Robin stressed the necessity for good draining soil. For clay soil, he recommended using raised beds filled with rocks at the bottom and mounded soil on top. Soil needs to be able to drain or succulents will rot. Soil can be aerated with Pumice, drystall, crushed lava (1/8"-1/4"), and/or crushed gravel/granite. Do NOT use sand, because sand will become solid. A little fertilizer goes a long way and less fertilizer results in a slower growing plant, more compact and with better color.

Robin discussed the future of succulents, and noted that they have become a world-wide phenomenon. Succulents have come into vogue for landscaping, and people are starting to concentrate on that. He said we see things now we never would have seen before: growing, flowering, finding out what they do. Growers and gardeners are smarter and more knowledgeable than ever, and hybridizing is resulting in new varieties. Robin will speak at the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show at the San Mateo Event Center April 5-9, 2017.

Following the presentation, the raffles were held, the meeting adjourned, and the plant exchange was held.

Please note that a large vertical planter box was removed from the Exchange Table some time during the regular meeting. No items are to be exchanged prior to the raffle. Items are not to be removed from the table until the raffle is conducted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Harlow Moss



MOVING SALE!!

CACTUS SUCCULENTS POTS
FRIDAY MARCH 24TH -- SUNDAY MARCH 26TH
5941 LONE PINE PLACE
PASO ROBLES
For more information: opuntianut@gmail.com

PLANT OF THE MONTH: MAMMILLARIA CLUSTERS

by Kyle Williams

Mammillaria is quite possibly the most popular genus of cacti, and is usually one of the first succulents a person buys. There are several reasons for this. With nearly 200 species, *Mammillaria* is one of the larger genera in the Cactaceae, which means there is an enormous amount of variety to choose from. Some species are fingernail size, others solitary globular plants, some are straight spined, some form sizeable clumps, while others are heavily spined with hooks. This month we are interested in those species that form nice clumps. The more common species are ubiquitous at any nursery, big box store, or even supermarket that sells plants. Most species are small, easy to grow, and have a “cute” factor that make even non-gardeners want to buy one for their patio or windowsill. The most commonly grown species are also quite tolerant of abuse and neglect.

One of the most distinctive features of *Mammillaria* is flowers born in the axils of the tubercles that as a group form a ring around the stem. They are usually small, but many can be open at once providing a nice display. Flowers range in color from white and yellow to pink and red. Other species have orange, salmon, or even bicolor flowers.

Mammillaria species range from Columbia all the way to Canada. Approximately ten species are found in the south-western portion of the United States, including California. However, the true heart of *Mammillaria* diversity is Mexico. Most species occur there and you can see the full range of variation the genus has to offer. While some species are extremely hardy (particularly the North American species), others are more frost sensitive. Almost all *Mammillaria* will do just fine in Southern California, with little or no winter protection, if they are potted in a freely draining potting mix. If you live in areas that get hard frost in the winter be sure to check the frost tolerance of your species.

The secrets to good growth are a continual supply of water and fertilizer during the growing season (typically from March through October), strong light, intense heat if available, and maintenance of a clean and insect free growing environment. Many people starve and under water their plants, in attempt to avoid rot. Most *Mammillaria* will take quite a bit of water and fertilizer when in growth. During the summer heat growth slows for a time, picking up again when the weather cools, before stopping around Thanksgiving.

Propagation of *Mammillaria* is easy. Cuttings can be taken at any time during the growing season (April to early November), left to dry for a few days and replanted in a clean potting mix (pure pumice is even better). Rooting is rapid, with short white roots generally appearing after a couple of weeks. *Mammillaria* are one of the easiest species to grow from seed. The seeds are simply placed on top of a damp potting mix, covered with a light coating of gravel, placed in a plastic bag in bright light, but out of direct sun and allowed to germinate. Germination usually occurs in a week or 10 days. The seedlings can stay in the plastic bag for several weeks until they get large enough to survive unprotected, and should then be removed to a still shaded, but brighter and drier environment. Show quality plants can often be grown in just 4 or 5 years, and entries can be ready for seedling classes in as little as 6 months. Best results are obtained when the seeds are started in late March to late May.

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Mammillaria compressa



Mammillaria luethyi



Mammillaria bocasana



Mammillaria humboldtii



Mammillaria egregia



Mammillaria herrerae



Mammillaria camptotricha

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12: CCCSS Meeting

March 18-19 Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society—Spring Show and Sale, 1000 S. State College Boulevard (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim. INFO: 562-587-3357

http://occss.org/wp_occss_new/

April 8-9 South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society—Show and Sale South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard INFO 310-578-1953 INFO: <http://www.southcoastcss.org>

April 23 Huntington Plant Sale 10am-4:30pm 626-405-3504 Huntington Botanical Gardens 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. INFO: <http://www.huntington.org>

***NEW* April 30** Morro Bay AAUW Garden Tour noon-5pm. Visit five outstanding gardens in Morro Bay, Los Osos, and Cayucos. morrobayaauw.org or call (805) 528-2593.

May 5-6 Sunset Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale INFO 310-822-1783 Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City. INFO: <http://www.sunsetsucculentsociety.org>

May 7 South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale—9am-4pm South Coast Botanical Gardens. INFO: 310 833-6823 <http://www.mattslandscape.com/sbes/>

May 12-13 Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 34th Show & Sale Friday & Saturday 9-4:30 Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Drive Glen Avon. INFO: 951-360-8802 <http://gatescss.org>

May 20-21 Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale 10am-5pm Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bix by Hill Road, Long Beach. INFO: 310 922-6090 <http://www.lbcss.org>

May 20-21 Monterey Bay Area Cactus and Succulent Society Show & Sale – Spring. INFO: <http://www.mbsucculent.org/>

May 27 & 28 Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, 10am - 5pm Saturday, and 10am - 4pm Sunday. Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo .INFO: 805-237-2054 www.centralcoastcactus.org

June 3 & 4 San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society - Summer Show & Sale Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego. INFO: http://sdcss.net/sdcss_004.htm

June TBA San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society Show & Sale – San Francisco County Fair Building at 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, San Francisco. INFO: <http://sfsucculent.org/>

June 10-11 Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Plant Show & Sale, Saturday, 11th 9am-5pm, Sunday, 12th 9am-3:30pm, Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino. INFO www.lacactus.com

June 30 – July 3 CSSA Annual Show & Sale - Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road. Sales July 1-July 3. Show Opens on July 1st. INFO: <http://www.cssainc.org>

July 20-22 Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale, 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim. INFO 949 212-8417 http://occss.org/wp_occss_new/

Join the CSSA

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



Cactus & Succulent Society of America

UPCOMING EVENTS

CSSA Convention 2017 July 26-31 Tempe, Arizona <http://www.cssainc.org>

August 12-13 32nd Annual Intercity Show & Sale LA County Arboretum, 9am-5pm Daily, 301 No. Baldwin Ave, INFO: Tom Glavich 626 798-2430 or Artie Chavez 818-482-8795 <http://www.sgvcss.com>

September 2 Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium All Day at the Huntington. INFO: 626-405-3504 <http://www.cssainc.org>

September 3 Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction -12pm-5pm Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach. INFO: 310 922-6090

Sept or Oct TBA Monterey Bay Area Cactus and Succulent Society Show & Sale – Fall VFW Hall 1960 Freedom Blvd. Freedom, CA <http://www.mbsucculent.org/>

October 7-8 Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale INFO 661-831-8488 Mall View Road, Bakersfield, Saturday 10/8 10am-5pm, Sunday 10/9 11am-4pm <http://www.bakersfieldcactus.org/>

October 28-29 Palomar Show & Sale at San Diego Botanic Gardens. INFO hciservices@gmail.com <http://www.PalomarCactus.org>

BUS TRIP!

Sign up at the next meeting, March 12th.

Our Spring Member Appreciation Trip will be Thursday, April 27th to Lotusland . The garden is ever changing so this makes a great tour for first timers as well as 12th timers. Additional stops will include a private garden in the Santa Barbara area, and both wholesale and retail nurseries in the afternoon.

Please sign up at the March 12th meeting. After the 12th, you may book your reservation by calling Terry Skillin at (805)473-0788.

Pricing:

2016 show and Sale volunteer members: \$10, with volunteer members who missed the fall trip having first priority

Members (Non-volunteers): \$30

Non-members: \$85

Price includes entry fee to Lotusland, tour cost, raffle plants in the bus, continental breakfast, coffee, lunch and snacks.

Our bus holds 42 riders. Once it is filled, there will be a waiting list.

Additional information in the April newsletter.

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Cactus & Succulent Society of America

SHOW AND SALE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR SHOW AND SALE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

ENTER THE SHOW!

I would like to encourage everybody to bring at least one plant to the show. We had a great turnout last year, but I know there are more of you with nice plants to bring. Especially, I would like to see more novices get involved - it's fun! There are some special rosettes which are dedicated to the Novice category, including Best Rookie Cactus and Best Rookie Succulent. What is a rookie? Someone who hasn't shown before. Give it a try - you'll like it!

If you can't make it to this month's meeting, but would like to volunteer to help, give Pat Gilson a call at 481-5596. Volunteers get special pricing on our next field trip!

WINNERS OF PERMANENT TROPHIES

Did you win a permanent trophy at the 2016 Show & Sale? If you have the trophy for: Best Novice Succulent, Best Advanced Succulent, Best Open Succulent, Best Novice Cactus, Best Advanced Cactus or Best Open Cactus please return your trophy at our monthly meeting. We're preparing for the 2017 Show & Sale!

URGENT!! BOXES NEEDED!

Please help collect boxes for the 2017 Show & Sale coming up May 26-28, 2017. We need hundreds of boxes for shoppers at the Sale. Please help!! Please start saving boxes now. The perfect time to bring them is the Friday evening before the Show, when you will be bringing your Show entries. Costco is a great source for free boxes. Last year we were short on smaller boxes – those that would hold just a few plants.

Rob Skillin
Show Co-Chair
709-3033

SHOW AND SALE SPONSORED AWARDS

Every year our Show and Sale includes a special category of awards that is sponsored by members. There are twenty sponsored awards in the following categories: BEST OF Baja Native, Caudiciform, Collection, Miniature, Madagascan Plant, Crested Entry, Chihuahuan Desert Cactus, Euphorbiaceae, Mesemb, Crassulaceae, Aloeaceae, Agavaceae, Dish Garden, Rookie Entry – Cactus, Rookie Entry – Succulent, Staged Entry – Novice, Staged Entry – Advanced, Staged Entry – Open; Rarest Plant in Show and Best Educational Display.

Sponsorships are \$30 for each category, which will pay for the special rosette.

Signups will be taken at the March meeting.

These sponsorships go quickly, so pick your favorite category and reserve it while it is still available!

SHOW AND SALE ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 ANNUAL SHOW & SALE T-SHIRT CONTEST

Artwork must be created or scanned onto a computer, and saved preferably in a JPEG format; then, it can be printed out for the contest vote. (Eventually, the winning design will need to be emailed to me, so I can send it to the printer.)

Try to keep it simple.

Please include in your design:

- Central Coast Cactus and (&) Succulent Society
- 2017
- 11th Annual Show and (&) Sale
- optional - the name of succulent

Make sure to name the fonts on the file because the font may change if it's not available. We will try to match your choices.

Please send your design by e-mail to carolmortensen0@gmail.com before

April 8th or bring your design to the April 9th meeting for display and the club will vote for the favorite design.

Choose your favorite succulent and simplify it into a creative design.

Good Luck.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - FEBRUARY 2017

At 4:40 p.m. on February 12, 2017, the following elected officers assembled for the board of directors meeting: Ken Byrne, President; Kathie Matsuyama, Vice President; Carol Moss, Secretary; Maggie Wagner, Treasurer; Pat Gilson, Hospitality; Wayne Mills, Publicity; Terry Skillin, Member at Large; and Charles Varni, Immediate Past President. David Westberg, Member at Large, was absent. Also attending were Barbara Brooks, Membership; Ann Byrne, Librarian; Markus Mumper, Claudette Rettig, Bill Findley, Terrie Leivers, Loring Manley and Natasha Erickson.

Maggie gave the Treasurer's Report and said that our taxes have not been filed, despite her repeated attempts to contact the bookkeeper for an explanation. Barbara reported that there were two new members, one a business member. Kathie said two books were sold for \$52. Robin sold eighty copies of his new book at our meeting today. He left us a box of his books and has donated them to our club. We are so grateful for this generous contribution. Thank you, Robin! A motion was duly made, seconded and passed authorizing Kathie to purchase for sale copies of Jeff Moore's most recent book, *Aloes & Agaves in Cultivation*, and Robin Stockwell's book.

Ken reported that he is still waiting for information regarding the sound system. He has not heard back from Gunnar (CSSA) with the information we requested regarding hosting their convention in 2019.

Charles led a discussion about our upcoming elections and candidates for the open positions. Issues discussed included:

Splitting up the vice president position into two jobs... one to arrange for speakers and one to prepare the Plant-of-the-Month article for the newsletter. Another part of the job involves being responsible for the video equipment. The club needs a person that is responsible for equipment who does not need to be a board member.

Maggie Wagner volunteered to be responsible for the Plant of the Month, and Markus Mumper will be in charge of the video equipment.

Electing a third Member at Large and assigning specific duties to the MALs. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed to create a third Member at Large position. It was determined that this can be done without amending the Bylaws.

Newsletter editors do not want to be on the board and attend meetings. Former editor, Markus Mumper, said that in his opinion, attendance at board meetings is not necessary. The editor could be appointed instead of being elected.

Our website is out of date. A board member is needed to interface with the web master. Also, the Facebook page needs to be set up better with an active administrator. Following the meeting, Terrie Leivers was appointed to serve as an administrator with Terry Excell.

A date was selected for the first meeting of the S&S Committee. Pat Gilson is making the arrangements. The meeting was held on February 23. Separate notes of that meeting will be written.

CSSA 2017 Convention: Gunnar has not responded to Ken's request for further information. Ken has been in touch with the presidents of the Monterey and Santa Barbara clubs. Monterey said a convention in Santa Barbara would be too distant for them to participate, but they would consider it if it is in San Luis Obispo. The Santa Barbara club was going to get back to Ken.

Terry Skillin is arranging for a second thank-you bus trip with priority for volunteers who were unable to attend the first one. She hopes to arrange a trip to Lotusland and a few other stops for some time in late April. There will be an announcement in the newsletter.

The club history project was discussed. Terry has started on it. Wayne has photos.

Ideas for workshops included hypertuffa in summer, propagating from seeds, drilling holes in pots, decorated pumpkin.

The cactus paintings that were displayed at the general membership meeting were discussed. The gallery will sell them to us for wholesale and we can either sell at full price (at the S&S), with a possible discount for CCCSS members. The gallery will make them on demand, so we could begin with just one sample of each. In addition, they could be sold at our S&S and the CSSA convention.

Sign suggestion: You are supporting our club when you purchase artwork/books.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Harlow Moss, Secretary

CCCSS DONATES \$952 TO SUPPORT US NATIONAL FOREST REFORESTATION PROGRAM!!!

In 2016, the Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society supported the US National Forest "Penny Pines Reforestation Project" with \$952 to help restore the 175,000+ acres of the Los Padres National Forest that burned last year. Since 1941, Penny Pines tree seedling plantations have been sponsored by California organizations that have contributed more than \$1,000,000. These donations have grown more than 2 million pine fir, redwood, and giant sequoia seedlings on 88,000 acres of California National Forest.

California's National Forests cover about 20 million acres, or about 1/5 of our state, from the Mexican border to Oregon. The forests' great beauty have been decimated by the increased frequency and size of tremendous wildfires that seem to start earlier and last longer each year. It takes thousands of firefighters and hundreds of pieces of specialized equipment working long, hard, hot hours in extreme terrain to control these blazing infernos. Fires leave total destruction in their wake.

Our club's Penny Pines donations support our local Los Padres National Forest where more than 175,000 acres burned in horrific fires in 2016. Our contributions in increments of \$68 (the amount requested by the National Forest) will support the cost of planting an acre of seedlings.

But we need your help!

Please donate to our Penny Pines collection jar located at the membership table every month. Your spare change, literally pennies, nickels and dimes (or a dollar or two or five!); will help us restore another fire scorched acre in the Los Padres National Forest.

Where does the \$68.00 per acre go? It goes to:

- Prepare sites for new trees or planting seedlings.
- Grow seedlings from local seeds and acorns; which are replanted near collection sites.
- Maintain existing trees, improve wildlife habitat, or replant burned forests.
- Provide watershed protection, soil stabilization and recreational area shade.

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

Thank you for your support of the United States National Forest Penny Pines Reforestation Program. Let's make 2017 an even more generous year! Please help us reach a goal of \$1,000!



GARDEN GATHERINGS 2017

The first Garden Gathering event, with about two dozen CCCSS members, was held February 25th in Bill Findley's garden. It was a big success!! Garden Gatherers toured Bill's interesting garden which started as a weed filled flat yard and has developed into a terraced, flowing landscape using fantastic tree Aloes, interesting specimen succulents and a great collection of container plants.

His front yard has several meandering paths. Some draw the eye to the front door and others create curiosity as to where they could lead. Curves and smooth shapes accent the plantings. Bill groups together several of the same species of plants to create a pleasing backdrop for an interesting vignette of succulents instead of planting solitary species throughout his yard, botanical garden style.

Bill's landscape ranges from a few years to almost 20 years in the ground. Some of his acquired specimen plants are half a century old! Bill also has a huge collection of well potted container plants. He grows most of his plants outdoors, but also has some cool plants indoors! Bill won't tell you, but I think he has a thing for Aloes!

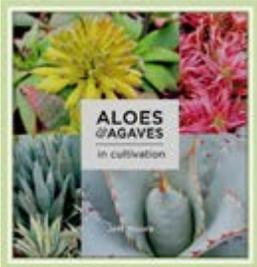
Are you interested in hosting a CCCSS Garden Gathering in 2017? Dates are available for April, July, September, October, November and December. The garden host decides how many CCCSS members can be accommodated at the Garden Gathering. Bill Findley and Kathie Matsuyama will help you organize and set up the event. This is an opportunity for CCCSS members only. No non-CCCSS members may attend.

If you'd like to get in on the fun, please contact Kathie Matsuyama at: luvbigdogs@earthlink.net



BOOKS FOR SALE

The following books (some in very limited quantities) are available for purchase with Cash or Checks only (no credit cards) at the March meeting.



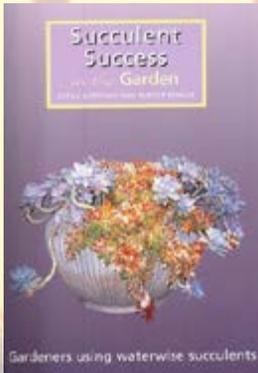
Aloes & Agaves in Cultivation by Jeff Moore

Jeff Moore's second book was released in June, 2016. Jeff takes you on a visual tour of aloes and agaves in cultivation, highlighting both the common and some of the more rare specimens, with pertinent information and growing tips gleaned from years of experience. Hundreds and hundreds of color photos (almost 1,000), with some of the best information on culture, care, history of these wonderful plants. A huge book! 335 pages, 10" x 10", softbound. **Reasonably priced: \$40.00.**



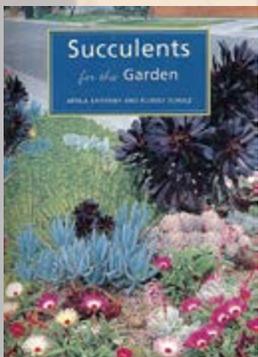
Succulents: The Ultimate Guide to Choosing, Designing, and Growing 200 Easy Care Plants by Robin Stockwell

Inspiring, practical and richly photographed, this comprehensive guide offers creative ideas and DIY projects using beautiful low-maintenance, water-wise plants. From Aloe and Agaves, to Senecio and Taciveria, this handbook by leading garden expert Robin Stockwell highlights 200 of the easiest, most useful, and gorgeous plants, and shares advice on care and cultivation. Readers will find inspiration for imaginative and exciting new ways to use succulents in striking garden designs, containers, vertical walls, and indoor arrangements, as well as step-by-step projects, such as living bouquets and terrarium ornaments. This is the essential reference for landscapers, home gardeners, and anyone looking for a thorough introduction to the perfect plant for modern times. Over 280 pages, 8" x 9", flexibound. **Price is \$20.00.**



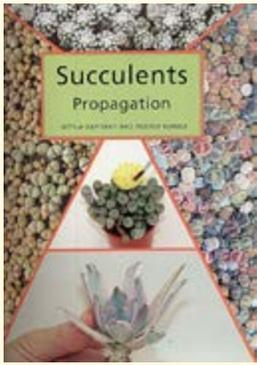
Succulent Success in the Garden by Attila Kapitany and Rudolf Schulz

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

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