



SPEAKER OF THE MONTH: KAREN OSTLER

Staging

Staging plants for show is a method of enhancing the intrinsic characteristics of Cacti and Succulents.

The California method of staging had its greatest innovator in Larry Grammer, an absolute master. It involves using both Bonsai and naturalistic styling.

Karen will be giving a short Power Point highlighting the do's and don'ts of staging plants for show. This will be followed by a hands-on staging demonstration, using CCCSS member's plants.

Karen has been growing plants from age ten, beginning with houseplants like Sansevierias and Epiphyllums. Her first real cactus was in 1979, a Gymnocalycium. After that she was hooked. She is also a member of CSSA, Los Angeles, San Gabriel and Sunset Cactus and Succulent Societies. Ten years ago, she moved from the San Fernando Valley to the Mojave Desert, where she lives at an elevation of 4100 feet.



HELP STAGING YOUR PLANTS FOR THE UPCOMING SHOW:

Karen may help you with staging your plant for the upcoming show, depending on how many members bring plants to be staged. Please bring your own soil for staging (Karen's soil mix is probably not appropriate for our area). Bring your own pot or purchase a beautiful ceramic pot at the May meeting.

CERAMIC ARTISTS:

If you would like to sell pots at the May meeting, and are a current CCCSS member, please contact Kathie Matsuyama at 805-929-4692 ASAP.



OUR NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY MAY 14, 2PM

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

CCCSS: LAST MEETING RECAP

President **Ken Byrne** began the meeting at 2:00 pm by thanking the people who provided refreshments for the break, and asked the first-time visitors – two, but there were some holdouts – to introduce themselves. All were given a succulent in thanks.

Announcements

Carol Mortensen displayed the entries in the t-shirt design contest and asked members to vote for their favorite for the 2017 show and sale commemorative shirt. The votes were counted at the Board of Directors meeting, and the tallies were close because of the high quality of this year's designs. This year's winning design was submitted by Jeanne Miller.

Terry Skillin announced that the bus trip on Thursday, April 27, to Lotusland, etc., was full. A hypertuffa workshop is announced elsewhere in this newsletter.

Rob Skillin reminded members that it is time to start preparing plants for entry in the show. You can get a head start on filling out your entry cards. Please refer to the Show Schedule (available online) for rules and classification numbers, which are required. A handout was available on staging plants, and Rob requested people to start saving boxes for the S&S. Several examples were shown. The preferred size is not too big or too small ... imagine putting plants in it. Boxes should be delivered to the Ludwick Center on Friday during setup. Rob mentioned that clerks for the judges are needed. Clerking is a very rewarding experience and clerks get valuable insight into what judges consider important. There is a special award for Rookies – anyone who has never entered a plant previously. There is also a category for an educational display, and there is a special award for that category.

More volunteers are needed! Please sign up with **Pat Gilson** or **Barbara Brooks**. Besides being eligible for a greatly reduced price for the thank-you bus trip, **volunteers and exhibitors** will be allowed to shop Friday evening between 7 and 8 o'clock. Purchases must be paid for and removed Friday evening ... they cannot stay in the Plant Hotel overnight.

The website is being updated. Documents, including those related to the S&S, will be available online, and our newsletter will be posted as well. We apologize for the mix-up with April's newsletter when some people did not receive their copy.

Rob and Terry announced their Open Greenhouse scheduled for April 22 from 10 to 3.

Kathie Matsuyama passed around the Penny Pines jar and thanked members for their continued support.

Bill Findley announced signups for a Garden Gathering at **Harry and Mary Harlow's** garden in rural Santa Margarita on May 7.

Ken mentioned that he will be in contact with the volunteers who signed up to work at the registration desks at CGCI's upcoming convention. As a fundraiser related to that, CCCSS was asked to sponsor sales of tickets to the final dress rehearsal for Our Town, without interest.

Wayne Mills explained how the Plant Exchange works. You can bring as many items as you like, for which you will receive ONE ticket. Following the raffles at the end of the general meeting, the exchange is held and Wayne draws tickets to determine who chooses next. **NO PLANTS OR OTHER ITEMS ARE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PLANT EXCHANGE TABLE PRIOR TO THE DRAWING!** Recently a large item was removed during the regular meeting. Please respect the rules.

Members are encouraged to bring plants for the Brag Table and to represent the Plant of the Month, for which you will receive a free raffle ticket. Harry Harlow explained the history of a plant he brought for the Brag Table that originally came from Charles Spotts. [Charles and Joanne have moved to Chico and they are missed.]

CCCSS: LAST MEETING RECAP

Following the break, we had a presentation by **Joe Stead** on Propagating Plants and Cultivating Friendships. In addition to valuable information about propagation, Joe also brought some seedlings and seeds for distribution. The raffles were held, the meeting adjourned, the room was tidied up, and Wayne held the plant exchange and the executive committee held their meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Harlow Moss, Secretary

ELECTIONS

Two elections will be held at the upcoming May 2017 meeting. One is a vote on whether or not CCCSS will agree to host the CSSA convention in 2019, which will require considerable volunteer participation by our members. The other election is our annual election of officers who serve on the executive committee / Board of Directors. This year the election committee consisted of Charles Varni, Chair (as Immediate Past President), Pat Gilson and Barbara Brooks. Nominations can be made from the floor. The only requirement is that candidates must have been a member of CCCSS for at least six months.

Following is the slate of candidates presented by the elections committee: President **Loring Manley**; Vice President **Carol Mortensen**; Secretary **Carol Harlow Moss** (returning); Treasurer **Kathy Goss**; Members-at-Large **Terry Skillin** (returning), **Natasha Erickson and Bill Findley**; Publicity **Wayne Mills** (returning); Newsletter Editor **Mark Woods**; Hospitality **Pat Gilson**.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: INTRODUCTION TO STAGING SUCCULENTS

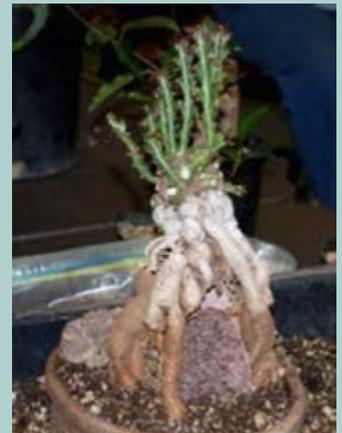
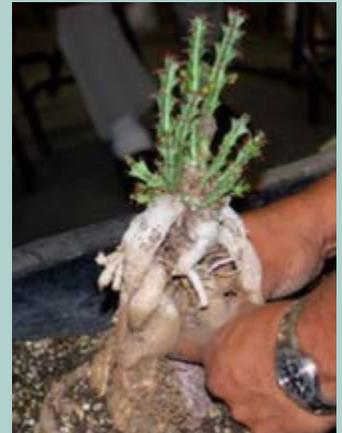
by Kathie Matsuyama

This month I do not have a specific genus or species to discuss. Instead I've provide some introductory information on staging your succulents. To cover this topic, I have chosen two internet sources to review. The first is a YouTube video of a TV Show called Urban Dirt hosted by David Walrod. In this segment, David videotapes well-known succulent expert Larry Grammer at The California Cactus Center in Pasadena as he stages a beautiful Echeveria agavoides var. Ebony. Our speaker of the month, Karen Ostler, calls Larry Grammer the greatest innovator of the California method of staging involving the use of both Bonsai and naturalistic styling. Karen calls Larry an absolute master of this staging method.

Here is the link to the YouTube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WzgXNIRPrwo>

The second internet source is an article by Geoff Stein called "Introduction to Staging Succulents and Cacti". It is a basic step-by-step introduction to staging succulent plants, either for show, sale or personal enjoyment. As is true of many aspects of our hobby, you may not agree with all of Geoff's article; this is Geoff's opinion. But I'm sure you will find it interesting and his photographs fascinating. Here is the link to Geoff Stein's article: <http://davesgarden.com/guides/articles/view/2547/>

Finally, you will see many truly excellent examples of expertly staged cactus and succulents at the CCCSS annual Show and Sale in May. Examine these plants closely, take photos, and talk to their owners. All are great ways to learn! Have fun at the show and good luck with your own show entries!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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/

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>

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Cactus & Succulent Society of America

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADS

CPA NEEDED FOR CLUB AUDIT

Our treasurer, Maggie Wagner is stepping down and the incoming treasurer is requesting an official audit of the club's books prior to taking over. Is there a club member that can help us with this? If so, please contact Maggie at: margaretwagner@gmail.com or (805) 773-1499

Thank you!

HOUSE FOR RENT

Two bedroom house for rent in Arroyo Grande above Charles Varni's ceramic studio. Very nice neighborhood with views of dunes and Point Sal from living room. Available June 1 for \$1675 month plus all utilities. Rent can be reduced for landscaping and nursery labor. Contact Charles at 805.459.6698 or charles@varni.org for details and pictures.

HYPERTUFA WORKSHOP

June 17th at 10:00am there will be a Hypertufa workshop sponsored by the CCCSS. Rain or shine it will be held in Rob and Terry Skillin's garage 8910 Camino Cielo, Arroyo Grande. Terry Skillin and Terrie Leivers have been experimenting and want to share this fun craft with you. This workshop is limited to the first 15 who sign up. Free for current members. \$20 for non-members. New folks first and if we do not fill all 15 slots folks that want to take the class again that did it previously can sign up.

Participants will receive all materials and instructions to create a Hypertufa plant pot. Hypertufa is a lightweight material to use when creating rustic and "fit-to-the-plant" pots.

RSVP to terrieleivers@gmail.com.

We will supply basic Playtex style gloves. Please bring your own gloves if you are sensitive to latex/rubber items. Bring something to share for lunch – soft drinks, water & coffee provided – as we will need to let the projects rest before transporting them and curing them. Wear older clothing, work pants, etc. or wear an apron.



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Cactus & Succulent Society of America

SHOW AND SALE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR SHOW AND SALE IS COMING UP SOON!

THE SHOW AND SALE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

I want to encourage every member to bring at least one plant to the show. Our turnout is improving every year, and I know there are more of you with nice plants to bring. Our show is one of the most respected in California – this is your chance to be a part of it!

There will be entry cards at the May meeting, and at the show Friday afternoon (May 26). The show schedule will be available too, and it's posted on our website, along with the judging criteria, and other pertinent information.

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!

We still need a few more clerks to help with the judging teams. It's an important job which offers real insight to a critical part of the show – very educational! Being a clerk requires a commitment to be present at the show on Friday from 6:30 pm until judging is complete – usually about 10:00 pm. Dinner is included (show up early for that). If you are interested, talk to Barbara Brooks at the meeting, or call her at 680-1389 to sign up.

Remember, our Volunteer Appreciation Trip this year will be going down to the Los Angeles Arboretum to attend the InterCity Show and Sale Saturday August 12th. It would be a full day seeing the gardens, the show and, of course, the opportunity to purchase plants from their vast assortment of growers. All volunteers get special pricing on the trip – check with Pat at the meeting to sign up.

I hope to see each and every one of you there,

Rob Skillin, Show Co-Chair, 709-3033

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need Show & Sale volunteers for both Saturday and Sunday, May 27th & 28th, including a few people for Saturday morning, plus quite a few for Saturday afternoon and for both morning and afternoon shifts, Sunday. The shifts are a two-hour minimum. I need people to guard the doors, answer questions or direct people to a person who can. Also needed are volunteers to help get purchases out to folks' cars and help in the plant hotel and pre-sale. Also, on Sunday morning we need someone to help our photographer, Loring. He needs help moving the award winners around prior to opening, between 8-10am.

The club supplies food for the volunteers and vendors, but additional snacks and bottled water would be appreciated.

I will have scheduled times for each volunteer at the next meeting. Please check with me then, or if you won't be attending the next meeting, call me 805-481-5596 or e-mail me- hupt74@yahoo.com. I would also ask all volunteers to arrive a few minutes early for your shift(s), wearing your name tags, which will be available at the Ludwick Center.

We have arranged for additional parking at the Morgan Stanley building across Sant Rosa St., volunteers please park there.

Thank you, Pat Gilson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - MARCH 12, 2017

Officers in attendance: Ken Byrne, President; Pat Gilson, Hospitality; Kathie Matsuyama, Vice President; Wayne Mills, Publicity; Carol Moss, Secretary; Terry Skillin, Member-at-Large; Maggie Wagner, Treasurer; and David Westberg, Member-at-Large. Officers absent: Erin Stratton, Editor, and Charles Varni, Immediate Past President. Appointed positions: Barbara Brooks, Membership, Anne Byrne, Library, and Rob Skillin, CSSA Representative. Members present: Natasha Erickson, Terrie Leivers, Carol Mortensen and Claudette Rettig.

The meeting began with a discussion about the 2019 CSSA convention. Recently, approximately forty members indicated by a hand vote at the monthly meeting that they would be willing to volunteer to plan and present this event. A committed core group of volunteers is imperative. A vote was taken of the executive board members, who voted in favor of hosting the convention with a five-to-three vote. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed authorizing Ken to present the question of hosting the 2019 convention to the CCCSS general membership for a vote at the May meeting. (Elections will also be held in May).

Maggie gave the Treasurer's report. She reported that the next Treasurer has asked that a professional audit be conducted before she takes over the position. Various people volunteered to check with their sources to see if they know of anyone who might do an audit for us at a reduced price. (Maggie said an audit could cost as much as \$10,000). An announcement will be made at the meeting to see if any member would be able to help in this regard.

- There were a few new memberships.
- The bus is full.
- Many people did not get the newsletter.
- Book sales totaled \$190. There are only 56 books left.
- The nominations are set for May elections.
- The S&S committee had its second meeting in March [and also had its April meeting; the May meeting was canceled].
- The reward trip is to the Inter City Show and Sale on August 12 at the Arboretum.
- The possibility of having another plant exchange in Arroyo Grande was discussed.
- No tickets were sold for the CGCI fundraiser – tickets to rehearsal of Our Town.
- Kathie volunteered to take over the history project, using Terry Skillin's information.
- Ken is looking for a wireless mic. He was authorized to spend between \$500 and \$1,000.
- Terry Leivers is going to look into obtaining our own liability insurance so we can disassociate from CGCI. Our insurance from CGCI is paid through February and we would like to have it settled by then.
- Assigning someone to work at a "help me" table was discussed. Kathie will ask Gene Schroeder if he is interested in doing it.
- There was a discussion about proposed art sales in conjunction with the Just Looking Gallery. Kathie is getting more detailed information. Note that at the meeting in March, purchase of two samples of the art pieces was authorized.
- The winning t-shirt design was displayed, and a color in the purple family was favored for the shirt, at least for the women's shirts. (Rumors say the men's will be tan.) **Shirts will be for sale at the May meeting!**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

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

What are the “Garden Gatherings” all about?

Our club (CCCSS) has grown very large and it is sometimes a challenge to connect with other cactophiles at the monthly meetings. The “Garden Gatherings” are an opportunity for members to get to know others in the club in a casual garden setting. These gatherings sometimes will have food, displays, demonstrations, and of course tours of the various member gardens. This will be bi-monthly or maybe monthly, if the demand increases and we have garden hosts to share their gardens.

All participants must be members of the club. A sign-up sheet will be available at the monthly club meetings. The host determines the appropriate number of guests and if we have too many sign-ups the participants will be chosen via lottery and notified by email. Please indicate when signing up if you are a couple who would like to attend together (don't want to split people up).

The hosts will be guided through the process of setting up the event and either Kathie and/or Bill will be at the event to help with the details as well as meet prior to the event. If you are hosting, your garden does not have to be picture perfect, it may have a few weeds (we all have them), an area of the garden that is not cacti or succulent related. The only thing you must have is a desire to share what you do in your garden and willingness to host.

Contact either Bill Findley (coolcactuskid805@gmail.com) or Kathie Matsuyama (luvbigdogs@earthlink.com) if you have any questions or would like to open your home to an event.

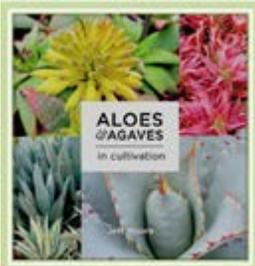
The next event is May 7th and those who signed up will be notified via email of the details. For the May 7th event be sure to wear shoes you can easily walk in!

We have scheduled and are taking sign-ups for the next exciting Garden Gathering! It will be hosted by Linda Drake in San Luis Obispo. The date will be on Sunday June 25th and will include two different time slots (10am and Noon) to accommodate more people in this amazing small garden. The sign-up sheet will be at the May meeting.



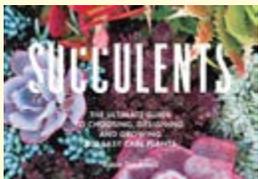
BOOKS FOR SALE

The following books (some in very limited quantities) are available for purchase (cash or checks, no credit cards) at the April meeting. All prices include tax.



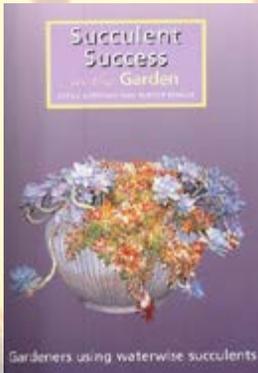
Aloes & Agaves in Cultivation by Jeff Moore

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.**



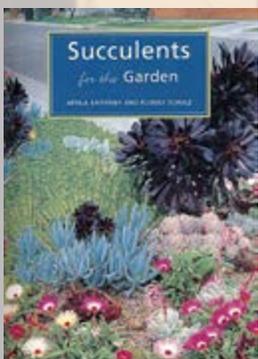
ONLY ONE LEFT!! Succulents: The Ultimate Guide to Choosing, Designing, and Growing 200 Easy Care Plants by Robin Stockwell

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.**



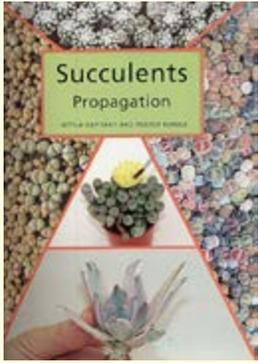
Succulent Success in the Garden by Attila Kapitany and Rudolf Schulz

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.**



ONLY FIVE COPIES LEFT!! 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.**



ONLY FIVE COPIES LEFT!! 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.**



Under the Spell of Succulents by Jeff Moore

A brand new book with exquisite color photos – covering the full spectrum of cultivated succulents and how we engage with them—collectors, growers, landscapers, container gardening and more! Over 800 color photos, 230 pages, 8" x 10", softbound with a glossy color cover. A beautiful book at an extremely affordable price, this book is currently out of print. **Price is \$32.00.**

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52nd ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA
HUNTINGTON LIBRARY & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Dates: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 30, and July 1-2, 2017

Location: The Huntington: 1151 Oxford Drive, San Marino, CA

The Botanical Center. Contact 626-405-3504

Show & Sale Hours: Sale: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

Show: Saturday & Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

Show Set-up: Thurs. June 29th, 9am-1pm

Enter Plants: Thurs., June 29th 1pm-8pm & Friday, June 30, 10:00am-4:00pm.

Judging starts at 5:00pm Friday

Auction: Items need to be registered by 3pm, Saturday, July 1

There will be a Silent Auction during dinner and a Live Auction (35 items max.) after dinner. Auctioneers will decide placement of items: 2 items per person/business marked as donation or split.

Dinner: HBG's Bon Appetite: \$30 per person (\$35 after June 19). Mail checks, made out to CSSA, to Bonnie Ikemura – 8400 Bleriot Ave. Los Angeles, CA, 90045; Reserve spot by Phone: 213-305-1421 or email Bonnie at

bikemura@hotmail.com. Reservations must be made by June 19, 2017

Teardown: Sunday, July 2, 5:00pm

Be sure to pick up a Show Schedule, Index and entry tags from your CSSA Club Affiliate at your next club meeting if you are interested in entering plants in the Show or in the Auction.

All Cactus & Succulent Club members, CSSA members, vendors, volunteers or show participants need to wear their club badges (if you have one) AND a special CSSA/HBG pass that reads “ Annual CSSA Show Participant” to enter the HBG for free. If you are a HBG member this doesn't apply. Please obtain a pass from your CSSA Affiliate at your club meeting or contact Barbara Hall, Show Chair before the event. We are not permitted to hand out passes at the HBG entryway.

There are opportunities to participate/volunteer in this year's show, even for a couple of hours in the showroom or sales areas, hospitality (food) area, information table, holding area, welcome table at the HBG entry & setup/teardown. All participants receive a show T-Shirt as a thank you.

See you at the Show!

Barbara Hall

CSSA Show Chair

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