



# ON THE DRY SIDE

## CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

APRIL 2018

### APRIL SPEAKERS OF THE MONTH: TIM DAWSON, HARRY HARLOW, ANNE ERB

Our April meeting is meant to get everyone energized and thinking about the upcoming Show & Sale in May. Our presenters will be the familiar faces of Tim Dawson, Harry Harlow and Anne Erb, some of our previous award winners, who will demonstrate a few of their techniques and suggestions to get you started if you haven't already replanted or freshly dressed your favorite succulents. They will welcome your questions, as well as suggestions, about preparation of plants for the show.

***A little background from Tim:*** "My mother gave me a cactus dish garden in 1985 and I've been hooked since. I was in the north county garden club for 12 years. I showed plants at the fair in Paso Robles for 7 years before joining this club 10 years ago. I enjoy our yearly show for the opportunity to show off some of my plants and see what other members have hidden in their back yards and greenhouses that are seldom seen by others. All this has added to my competitive spirit and understanding the potential of many plants."

***Harry's history:*** "I joined CCCSS (with my wife, Mary) around 2010 while the club was meeting at the County Library in San Luis Obispo. I always loved cactus and succulent plants, but did not know much about growing them. The club changed everything, and soon I developed a passion for succulent plants. In 2012, we entered our first plant in the Show. It was a Euphorbia Suzanna---a reserve raffle plant. It did not get a ribbon, but we learned that showing a plant was fun. The following year we entered it again and earned a 1st place in Novice. Our collection grew, and we were lucky enough to win 10 1st place ribbons, including best Cactus and best Succulent in Novice class in 2015. We moved to Advanced Class in 2016.

"We began to landscape our acreage east of Santa Margarita with plants given to us by club members, plants won in the raffle, and plants we purchased at shows and nurseries. Perhaps our best acquisitions have come from plant 'rescues'---landscape quality plants no longer wanted.

"We now have several large areas on our property landscaped, including 3 greenhouses and a plant shelter. Protecting plants from hot and cold temperature extremes is a must in the North County. Wild animals can be a major problem in our rural area as well. We have herds of deer, huge flocks of turkeys, ground squirrels and gophers who are all eager to eat succulent plants. Most tender succulents need to be kept in the greenhouses to avoid being eaten. We look forward to many more years of maintaining our gardens and learning more about these wonderful plants."

***About Anne:*** As one of our outstanding potters and a Bonsai specialist, Anne will re-pot one of her bonsai succulents and offer it to our Sunday auction at the Show & Sale, May 27...yay!

**DON'T MISS OUR NEXT MEETING! SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2PM**  
**Oddfellows Hall, 520 Dana St (at Nipomo St), San Luis Obispo**  
**Parking is limited — please consider carpooling!**

# APRIL PLANT OF THE MONTH

## SARCOCAULON

**Plantae • Angiosperms • Eudicots •  
Rosids • Geraniales • Geraniaceae •  
Sarcocaulon**

The name Sarcocaulon alludes to the Greek words for fleshy, sarkos, and stems, caulon.

The genus Sarcocaulon was established by A.P. de Candolle in 1824 as a section of the genus Monsonia, described by Linnaeus. Two years later, Sweet raised the section to genus level, followed by Knuth in his monograph of the family Geraniaceae in 1912. The account on Sarcocaulon here is based on the excellent study and revision of the genus published by Rodney Moffett in 1979. Although the genus is closely related to Monsonia, it is regarded as a sister genus and not a synonym of Monsonia.

Sarcocaulon is a genus of succulent, spiny shrublets with short stems, branching just above soil level. The fleshy branches are prostrate, semi-erect or erect, covered with waxy, translucent bark. Dimorphic (two forms) leaves characterize the genus, with the blades either long or shortly petioled. The long petioles occur singly and remain as blunt or sharp spines, and the short ones occur singly or in groups of 2-7 in the axils of the long spines as blunt stalks. The leaf blades are often folded, unsegmented or segmented, and vary in outline from elliptic to ovate to obovate (egg-shaped with the broadest part above) with the bases usually tapered. The tips are notched and the margins entire, lobed or toothed.

The Geraniaceae family is widely distributed and consists of mainly annual or perennial herbs and shrublets, comprising about 700 species. Members of Sarcocaulon are mainly found in the western part of South Africa and Namibia and consist of fourteen species.

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*S. herrei*



*S. multifida*



*S. peniculinum*



# SARCOCAULON — CONTINUED

The flowers, subtended by 2 bracts, appear solitary in the axils of the leaves. They are pedunculate (stalked) with the sepals of the calyx and the petals free. The margins of the sepals are membranous and the tips end abruptly in a short, stiff point. The thin, delicate petals are inversely egg-shaped (obovate) to almost squared off (subtruncate) at the tips and wedge-shaped at the bases, usually glabrous, sometimes covered with soft, short, erect hairs or fringed with hairs along the edge. Fifteen stamens, five with long filaments and ten with shorter filaments, are characteristic of *Sarcocaulon*.

Members of the Geraniaceae family have a peculiar dry fruit with the carpels much elongated. At maturity only the inner parts of the united carpels remain as a central column, whereas the outer part of each carpel, enclosing one seed at the base, lifts off. In *Sarcocaulon* the seeds and the sterile upper part of the carpel become completely detached. The tail is thin, readily absorbs moisture (hygroscopic) and has long weak hairs (villous).

According to Charles Craib (1995), *Sarcocaulon* species are generally easy to cultivate. He says most species, with the exception of *S. camdeboense* and *S. vanderietiae*, rarely produce an extensive new root system once they have been reproduced through cuttings.



*S. crassicaule*



*S. spinosum* (aka *S. l'heritie*, *Monsonia*)



*S. pattersonii*

Rooted specimens flower sporadically in cultivation but survive for many years. Seed-grown plants, in contrast, thrive and flower prolifically in cultivation. The ideal cultivation medium for most species is silt collected from the sides of road culverts, to which a small amount of bone meal and some ordinary sandy garden soil has been added. Seeds should be sown just under the surface of the soil in large seed trays. They should be planted out into individual containers when they are about two years old.

All *Sarcocaulon* species require direct sunlight when in full growth. Seedlings need to be regularly watered while they are in active growth and occasionally during dormancy.

*S. salmoniflorum* has a good deal of potential for the landscaping trade. The species is easily and relatively quickly grown from seed and long lived (Craib 1995).

--Elizabeth Retief, Pretoria National Herbarium

*Plant of the month* article provided by Markus Mumper  
Photos provided by Rob Skillin



# CCCSS ANNUAL SHOW & SALE ANNOUNCEMENTS

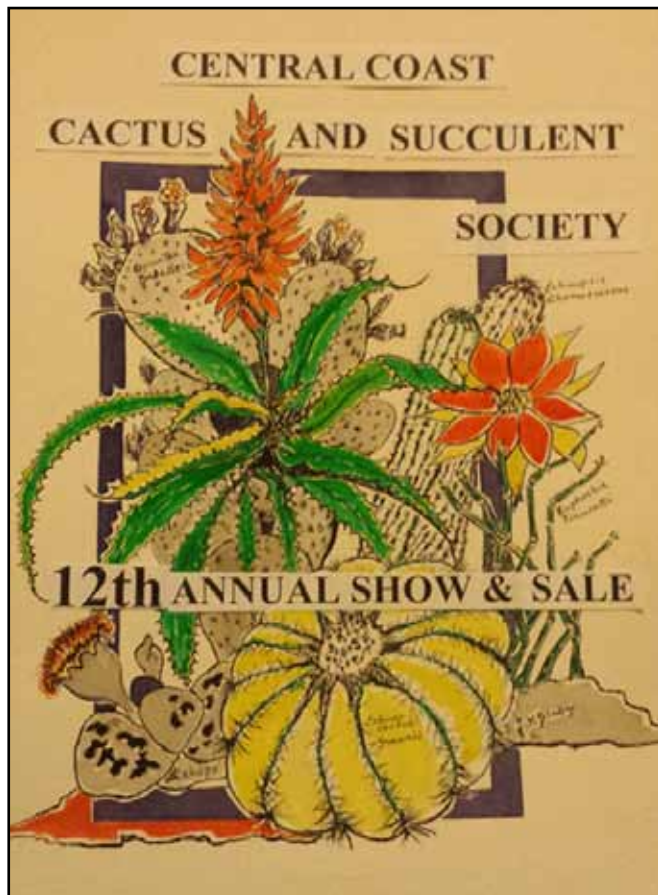
## VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE 2018 SHOW & SALE!

I will have a volunteer sign up sheet for the 2018 Show & Sale, available on the back table at the April and May meetings. The sign up sheet will require your name, phone number, & email. Please indicate the date and time you prefer, I will try to accommodate your wishes. Saturday is always our heaviest day. so I am planning to do three 3-hour segments that day. If you can only work 2 hours please let me know and I will accommodate you. Any amount of time is appreciated!

Thank you,  
Pat Gilson

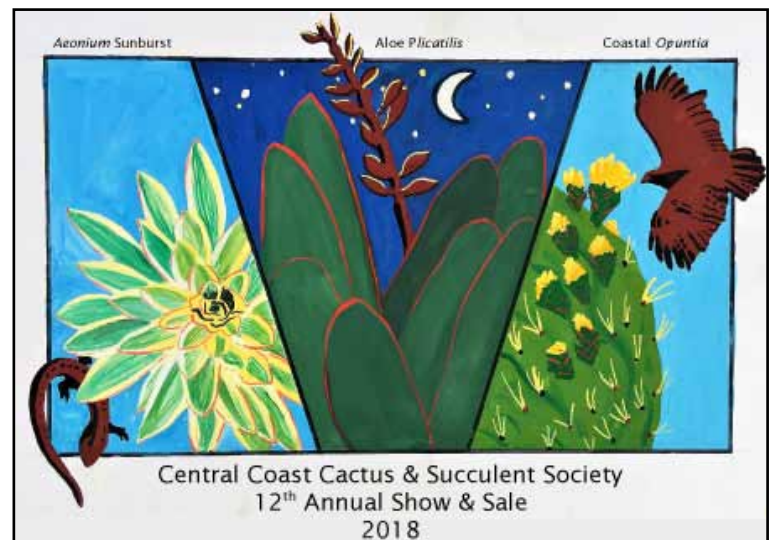
## THE SHOW & SALE T-SHIRT CONTEST: VOTE AT THE APRIL 8TH MEETING!

So far we have 3 entries for the 2018 official Show & Sale t-shirt design contest (shown here). These and more will be displayed for voting at our next meeting on Sunday, April 8th. **You must attend the meeting in order to vote!**

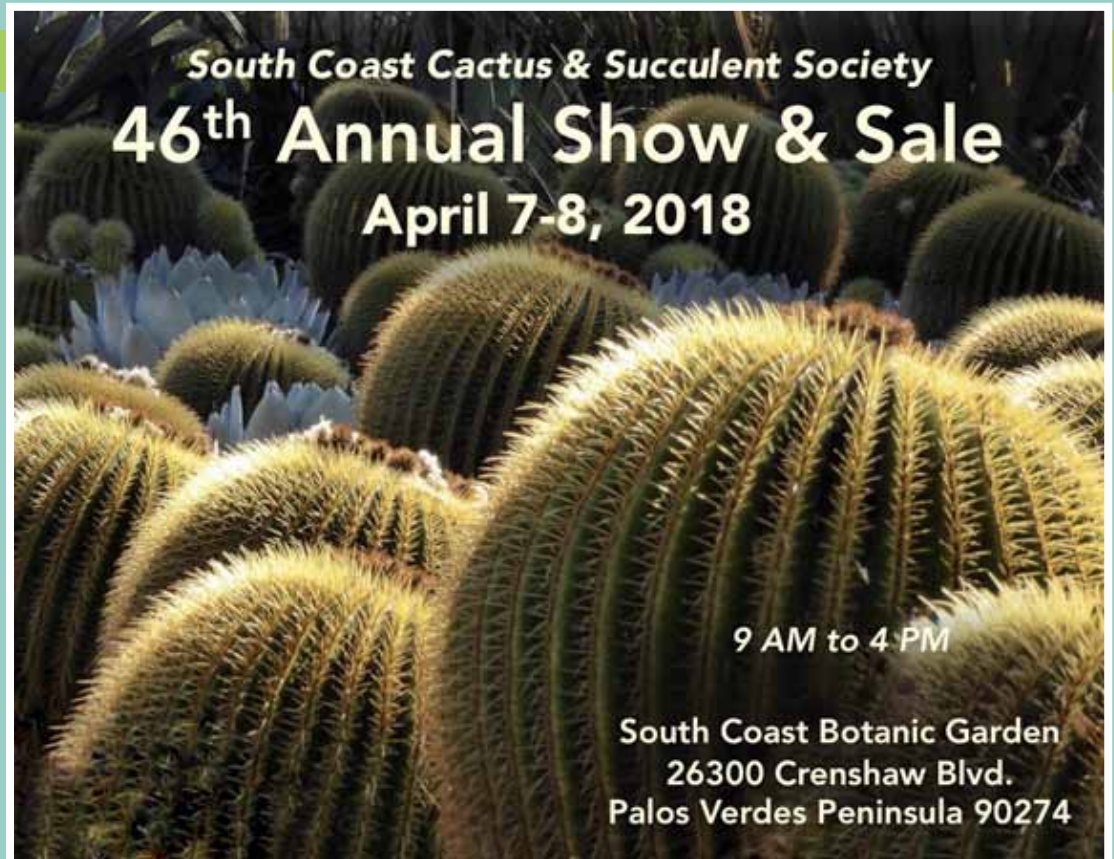


## A CALL FOR AUCTION PLANTS!

Once again this year we will be having an auction during the Memorial Day weekend Show and Sale. Our vendors will provide some of these plants and some will be provided by club members like you. If you have a nice show-worthy specimen that has a retail value of \$50 or more and would like to sell it at the auction, please send an email to Bill Findley at [coolcactuskid805@gmail.com](mailto:coolcactuskid805@gmail.com). In your email, include at least 2 photos (one that includes something to show size, maybe a soda can, or a pencil), the plant name (if you don't know we will help), and a reserve price (the lowest you would be willing to sell it for). The auction will be Sunday, May 27th, at 1pm. The club retains 25% of the sale price. **Please email your submissions by May 18th.** The auction committee will contact you by May 20th to let you know if your plants are accepted for the auction. If you have any questions please contact Bill!



## UPCOMING EVENTS



## COFFEE CUP PLANTER WORKSHOP -- 5 SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!

Do you have:

- a coffee cup that you love, but can't see yourself ever drinking coffee out of?
- a special small succulent that needs a more interesting home?
- a place for a small succulent in an off-beat planter?

Failing all that, would you just like to learn how to drill a hole in the bottom of a coffee cup? Well, this may be the workshop for you.

**Saturday, April 14th, 2018, 1:00pm-4:30pm**

**Loring Manley's house:**  
4326 Meadow Dr  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

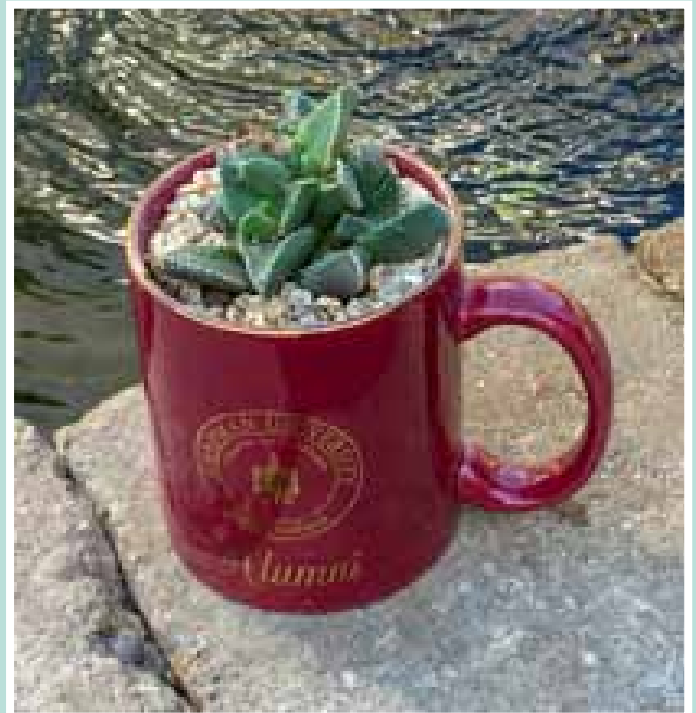
**What you should bring:**

- A coffee cup you would like to irrevocably convert into a planter
- A small succulent in a 2"-3" pot

Some cups and a selection of small plants will be provided to cover logistical anomalies.

Participation will be limited to 12 people

**Contact Loring at [loring.manley@gmail.com](mailto:loring.manley@gmail.com) to sign up.**







Fockea edulis  
Free Raffle Plant

Come and enjoy plants,  
food and friends  
at the Skillin  
Open Greenhouse Day



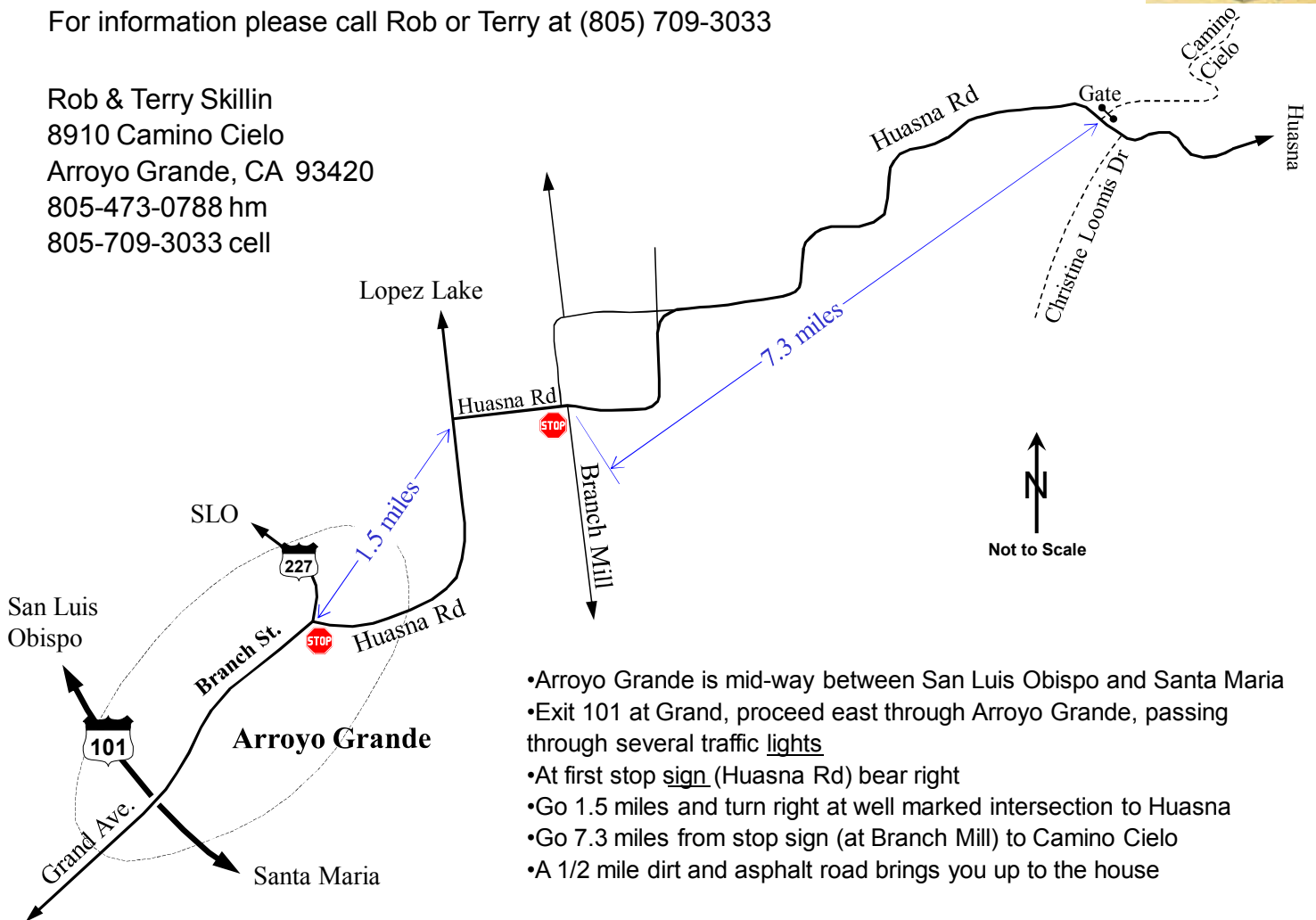
Saturday, April 21st, 2018, 10:00 to 3:00, Skillin Ranch, 8910 Camino Cielo, Arroyo Grande

Enjoy food and refreshments while touring Rob's personal collection of cacti and succulents, and viewing our recently planted private botanical garden. Of course we'll be selling plants; everything from smaller affordable collectables to larger show-ready specimens. This year we will also be raffling a beautiful Fockea edulis in an 11" pot at noon—a ticket is free to each attendee, no purchase necessary but must be present!



For information please call Rob or Terry at (805) 709-3033

Rob & Terry Skillin  
8910 Camino Cielo  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420  
805-473-0788 hm  
805-709-3033 cell



- Arroyo Grande is mid-way between San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria
- Exit 101 at Grand, proceed east through Arroyo Grande, passing through several traffic lights
- At first stop sign (Huasna Rd) bear right
- Go 1.5 miles and turn right at well marked intersection to Huasna
- Go 7.3 miles from stop sign (at Branch Mill) to Camino Cielo
- A 1/2 mile dirt and asphalt road brings you up to the house

# GARDEN GATHERING NEWS

Did you attend one of our CCCSS Garden Gatherings in 2017 and enjoy socializing with fellow CCCSS members in a gorgeous cactus and succulent garden? Are you thinking about hosting a Garden Gathering event? Join the fun! We're looking for folks with a desire to share their passion for their plants, their garden and a willingness to host. Sign-ups for 2018 are underway. Please let us know if you are interested! Please contact Susan Ross at [susanrosscra@yahoo.com](mailto:susanrosscra@yahoo.com), or Kathie Matsuyama at [luvbigdogs@earthlink.net](mailto:luvbigdogs@earthlink.net).

**If you're not familiar with the CCCSS Garden Gatherings, here are the FAQs:**

- **Why:** CCCSS club is large; it's hard to connect with other cactophiles at our huge meetings.
- **What:** "Garden Gatherings" are a chance to meet club members in a fun, casual garden setting. Food and a tour of the member's garden are included.
- **Where:** Gatherings take place in a CCCSS member's garden.
- **Who:** Garden Gathering participants must be CCCSS members. The host decides the number of guests. Sign-ups are taken at monthly club meetings.
- **When:** Hosts pick the date and time for the event.

The process of pre-planning, event organization, sign-up sheets, emailing your guests, etc., will be capably coordinated by Susan and Kathie! Please don't hesitate to sign up because you have a weed or two in your garden, we all do! And don't worry if your garden is not all cacti or succulent-related. The intent of Garden Gatherings is to get to know other members of CCCSS. This is a delightful way to do just that!

**At the April CCCSS meeting, sign-ups will be taken for upcoming Garden Gathering events in San Luis Obispo April 28th and May 5th. See Susan and Kathie for more information at the meeting.**





The Morro Bay Branch of American Association of University Women  
invites you to attend their

# 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual AAUW Garden Tour



**GARDENS IN CONTRAST... LARGE AND SMALL**

*Discover five charming gardens in Los Osos, Morro Bay, Cayucos*

*Sunday, April 29, 2018*  
*Noon to 5 pm*

**\$15 per person (no pets)**

Proceeds benefit community educational projects

**Tickets available starting April 1<sup>st</sup> at:**



San Luis Obispo,  
Arroyo Grande, Paso Robles

*coalesce*  
**Bookstore**  
& *More*

Morro Bay

*Volumes*  
*of*  
*Pleasure*  
**Bookshop**

Los Osos

or from any AAUW Morro Bay Branch Member

**For more information: [morrobayauw.org](http://morrobayauw.org) or (805) 528-2593**





# Succulent & Cactus Plant Sale

## Saturday May 19, 2018

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Elks Lodge

158 N. Conejo School Road  
Thousand Oaks, CA, 91362

**Plant Vendors &  
Potters**

will be featured

**along with Experts**

to give you tips on growing and cultivation of cactus & succulents.

Please bring boxes or bags to carry home your purchases.

For more information email : [Conejocss@hotmail.com](mailto:Conejocss@hotmail.com)

Our Sale is in conjunction with the Elks Lodge weekly BBQ.

# 53rd ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA HUNTINGTON LIBRARY & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Dates: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 29, 30 & July 1, 2018

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 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm

Enter Plants: Thurs., June 28<sup>th</sup> 1pm-8pm & Friday, June 29, 10:00am-4:00pm.

Judging starts at 5:00pm Friday

Auction: Items need to be registered by 3pm, Saturday, June 30

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 (70/30)

Dinner: \$15.00 Menu: Chili Buffet. 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](mailto:bikemura@hotmail.com). Reservations must be made by June 25, 2018

Teardown: Sunday, July 1, 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

Email: [lbcjhall@aol.com](mailto:lbcjhall@aol.com) Phone: 818-368-6914



# 2018 REGIONAL SHOW AND SALE CALENDAR

## **APRIL 29:** Huntington Plant Sale

Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino | [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org) | 626.405.3504

## **MAY 5-6:** Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, Veterans Memorial Center

4117 Overland Ave, Culver City | [www.sunsetsucculentsociety.org](http://www.sunsetsucculentsociety.org) | 310.822.1783

## **MAY 6:** South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale

South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes | 310.833.6823

## **MAY 12-13:** Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 35th Annual Show & Sale

450 E Alessandro Blvd, Riverside | [www.gatescss.com](http://www.gatescss.com) | 909.626.4197

## **May 19-20:** Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale

Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd, Long Beach | [www.longbeachcactusclub.org](http://www.longbeachcactusclub.org) | 310.922.6090

## **MAY 26-27:** Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society 12th Annual Show & Sale

Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa St, San Luis Obispo | [www.centralcoastcactus.org](http://www.centralcoastcactus.org) | 805.237.2054

*Save the date!*

## **JUNE 2-3:** Fresno Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale

Clovis Veterans Memorial District, 808 Fourth St, Clovis | [www.fresnocss.com](http://www.fresnocss.com)

## **JUNE 2-3:** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 101, San Diego | [www.sdcss.net](http://www.sdcss.net)

## **JUNE 9-10:** San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society Annual Show & Sale

San Francisco County Fair Building at 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, San Francisco | [www.sfsucculent.org](http://www.sfsucculent.org)

## **JUNE 9-10:** Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale

Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd, Encino | [www.lacactus.com](http://www.lacactus.com)

## **JUNE 29-30, July 1:** CSSA Annual Show & Sale

Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino | [www.cssainc.org](http://www.cssainc.org)

## **AUGUST 11-12:** Annual Intercity Show & Sale, LA County Arboretum, 301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia

Info: Tom Glavich 626 798-2430 or Artie Chavez 818-482-8795 | [www.sgvcss.com](http://www.sgvcss.com)

## **SEPTEMBER 1:** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium

Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino | [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org) | 626.405.3504

## **SEPTEMBER 15:** Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale

Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd, Long Beach | [www.longbeachcactusclub.org](http://www.longbeachcactusclub.org) | 310.922.6090

## **SEPTEMBER 28-29:** Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society Fall Show & Sale

Location TBD | [www.mbsucculent.org](http://www.mbsucculent.org)

## **OCTOBER 13-14:** Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale

St. Paul's Church, 2216 17th St, Bakersfield | [www.bakersfieldcactus.org](http://www.bakersfieldcactus.org) | 661.831.8488

## **OCTOBER 27-28:** Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, San Diego Botanic Garden

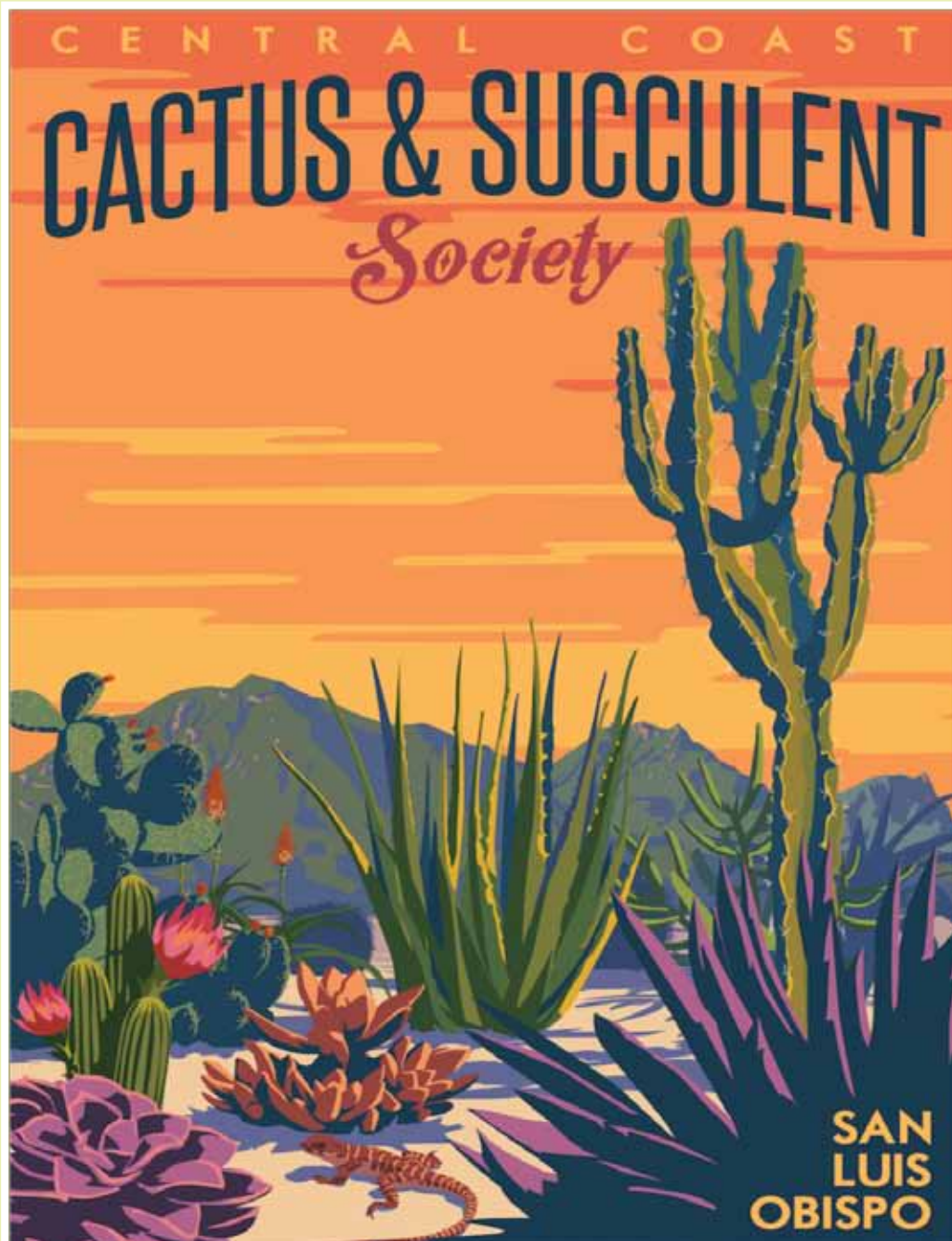
230 Quail Gardens Rd, Encinitas | [www.palomarcactus.org](http://www.palomarcactus.org) | 858.776.7216 | [britamiller1@gmail.com](mailto:britamiller1@gmail.com)

## **NOVEMBER 3-4:** San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society Winter Show & Sale

LA County Arboretum, 301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia | [www.sgvcss.com](http://www.sgvcss.com)

# BEAUTIFUL ART FOR SALE!

Available at every meeting, we will have two sizes of this gorgeous print for you to purchase. The art was done by Steve Thomas for the Just Looking Gallery at 746 Higuera Street, Ste 1, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 (805.541.6663). The amazing and wonderful folks there have offered the art to CCCSS as a fundraiser. The profit from every piece of art sold by CCCSS goes to CCCSS!! Thank you Ken McGavin and Ralph Gorton for your kindness and generosity!



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## Prices including tax:

12" x 18"

Framed Print:  
\$120

24" x 36"

Print on Canvas:  
\$420

Orders will be taken at the club meetings; cash and checks only please.

Your print will be ordered from Just Looking Gallery and delivered to you at the following club meeting.

For more information, contact **Kathie Matsuyama:**  
[luvbigdogs@earthlink.net](mailto:luvbigdogs@earthlink.net)



# CSSA 2019 CONVENTION PLANNING

## PLANNING THE 2019 CSSA CONVENTION IN SLO—HOSTED BY OUR OWN CCCSS!

The following list shows the CSSA- and CCCSS-led Committees which will be supporting next year's 38th CSSA Biennial Convention here in San Luis Obispo. We (CCCSS) will begin filling Committee leadership positions and Committee volunteers soon—especially in June, immediately following our Show-and-Sale!

Please think about what committees and functions you may wish to lead or help support. There will be more information about positions and volunteer “perks” in the next months’ meetings!

Any questions or volunteers? Please contact Terrie Leivers or Ken Byrne. (See our CCCSS website for contact info).


- **Sales Chair**  
Determine schedule for cashier and boxing volunteers needed for the sales activity.  
Provide volunteer requirements to volunteer coordinator—Provide volunteer training.  
Be on-site during sale hours.
- **Tour Chair**  
Coordinate local tours; Arrange buses and departure/return times  
Arrange box lunches and beverages, if appropriate for each tour.  
Recruit tour bus leaders; Get liability release forms for tours.  
Determine cost of each tour, and with CSSA representative, develop pricing for tours.  
Provide volunteer requirements to volunteer coordinator.
- **Vendor/Sales Area Chair**  
Assist CSSA site coordinator with set-up and tear down of vendor/sales area.  
Arrange boxes for the sale; Ensure phone lines are hooked up.  
Provide volunteer requirements to volunteer coordinator.
- **Convention Bag Chair**  
Design & acquire convention bags and contents.  
Provide volunteer requirements to coordinator.
- **(CSSA filled) Audio-Visual Chair – Eric Holst — [forex@cox.net](mailto:forex@cox.net)**  
Coordinate audio-visual requirements with CSSA and hotel.  
Be onsite for trouble shooting during convention.
- **Volunteer Chair**  
Provide overall volunteer coordination for all CCCSS volunteer positions required for the convention.
- **Auction Chair**  
With CSSA Auction Chair, decide area to display auction plants; Set up silent auction area.  
Determine volunteers needed and provide to coordinator.  
Be onsite during auction to assist.

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# CSSA 2019 CONVENTION PLANNING – CONTINUED

- **Security Chair**  
Determine security requirements for sales area, silent auction room, convention entry and lunch and dinner entry; Develop schedule.  
Recruit team leaders and provide volunteer requirements to volunteer coordinator.
- **(CSSA filled) Convention Program Chair—Nick Diomedede — [nick.diomedede@gmail.com](mailto:nick.diomedede@gmail.com)**  
Develop and print convention program.
- **Program Advertising Chair**  
Sell local advertising to pay for the program.
- **Publicity Chair**  
Ensure that the convention gets maximum media exposure the in local press,
- **Speaker Support Chair**  
Be available to greet and assist speakers during convention.  
Arrange speaker transportation to and from airport.  
Arrange pick-up, if necessary.
- **Plant Gift Chair**  
Provide coordination of a plant gift for attendees.
- **CCCSS Sales Chair**  
Determine what items CCCSS will sell.  
Develop cost and pricing.  
Get cash register and credit card machine.  
Coordinate sales area set-up and schedule cashiers.  
Provide volunteer requirements to volunteer coordinator
- **Packing and Shipping Chair**  
Arrange packing and shipping services with a local mail store.  
Set-up area.  
Supervise activity the last day of the convention.  
Provide volunteer coordinator with volunteer requirements.



 **Cactus & Succulent Society of America**

**JOIN THE CSSA**



# MARCH 11TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

President Loring Manley called the meeting to order at 2pm on Sunday, March 11, 2018. He thanked the members who contributed snacks and had them select a succulent. Our first-time visitors introduced themselves and also received a succulent.

## Announcements:

- Member Sales – a survey was available for members to indicate interest in selling at a member sales event. Note, there was not enough interest shown to justify moving forward with this idea.
- T-shirt Design Contest – voting for the design on this year's Show & Sale Commemorative t-shirt will be held at the April meeting. See page 7 of this newsletter or contact Bill Findley for details.
- S&S Volunteers – people wishing to volunteer at the S&S were invited to sign up with Pat Gilson.
- Orchid Show – April 14 and 15.
- Barbara Brooks requested that members of the audience not chat during the meeting. It is not only rude to the speakers, but distracting to people who are trying to listen.
- For the May Show & Sale
  1. Please start saving boxes and newspapers and bring them to Ludwick Center on Friday, May 25th
  2. Please bring boxes of manageable size (imagine carrying it filled with plants).
  3. Barbara Brooks was taking signups for Clerks at the S&S. This is a particularly rewarding job, but requires stamina and a willingness to remain as late as it takes to complete.
  4. Sponsored Awards - signups for sponsoring a special ribbon were being taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Sponsorships are \$30 and sponsors will be listed in the official program.
- Elections – Several important Board positions need to be filled in the upcoming elections, including President and Newsletter Editor. Also leaving the Board is the Secretary, whose position will be filled by Ann Byrne, who has ably filled in as Secretary in the past. Please make suggestions to the committee for people to assume these responsibilities. There is also a committee that is looking at revisions to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Please feel free to contribute your thoughts and suggestions. Copies of these documents are on the club's website.
- Club Activities
  1. Loring Manley will hold a workshop at his garden in Orcutt on Saturday, April 14, that will teach people how to drill holes in a coffee mug to be used as a small planter.
  2. Kathie Matsuyama and Susan Ross announced that the Garden Gathering at Leslie and Skip's garden was fun. Mary Peracca will host a Garden Gathering and pottery sale on March 31, and Leisa Swanson has scheduled a Garden Gathering for April 28. Please sign up to show off your garden... Kathie and Susan do all the prep.

Rob Skillin discussed Othonna, the Plant of the Month, and thanked Markus Mumper for providing the newsletter articles for the POM. They do well outdoors in our area and like winter rain. They should be in shade during the hottest part of summer. Mary Peracca showed a hybrid Othonna, and Leisa Swanson and Markus also showed off their plants. Harry Harlow showed a Mammillaria in full bloom that he acquired from Charles Spotts. Raffle plants were discussed, including an aloe donated by our speakers, Nick and Brandon.

Following the break, we had an entertaining presentation from Nick Wilkinson and Brandon Nelson, CCCSS members and owners of Botanica Nova, a SLO-based landscape company. Nick and Brandon showed a number of their landscaping projects with before, during and after photographs. Two of their featured gardens were those of Mary Peracca and Rob and Terry Skillin.

The raffles were held, the room was cleared (thank you for helping!), Wayne Mills conducted the plant exchange and the Board of Directors met.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Harlow Moss, Secretary

# CCCSS FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The March 11th, 2018 Board of Directors meeting was attended by President Loring Manley; Vice President Carol Mortensen; Secretary Carol Moss; Treasurer Kathy Goss; Membership Chair Barbara Brooks; Hospitality Chair Pat Gilson; Librarian Ann Byrne; Past-President Ken Byrne; Publicity Terrie Leivers; CSSA Representative Rob Skillin; and Members at Large Terry Skillin, Natasha Erickson and Bill Findley. Club members are always welcome at the Board meetings.

The following items were discussed:

- Treasurer's Report.
- Penny Pines/ community support.
- Need volunteers to clean up after membership meeting so BOD members can meet.
- T-shirt contest.
- S&S volunteer reward.
- Survey results.
- Bylaws Committee.
- CSSA Convention update.
- Elections Committee.
- Name Tags.
- New email address: CenCalCactus@gmail.com.

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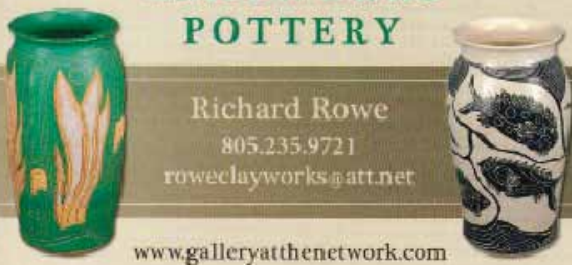

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