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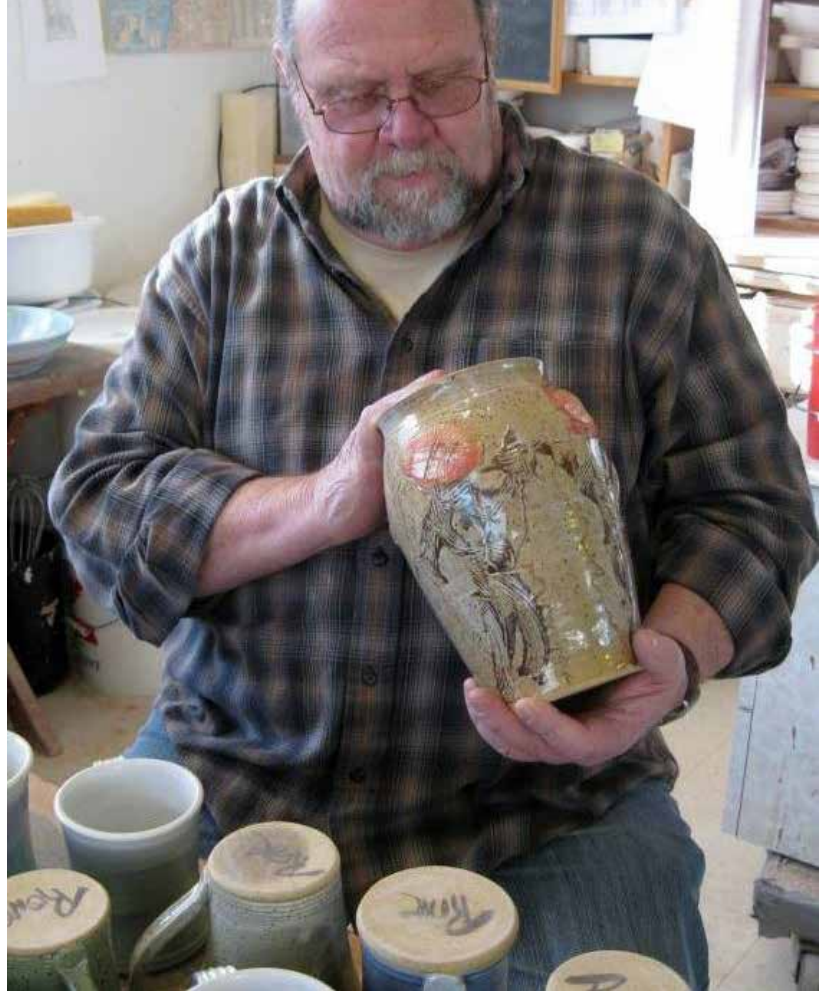
CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 2018

## NOVEMBER SPEAKER OF THE MONTH RICHARD ROWE

I've been collecting Tillandsias since 1995. I was fascinated by their appearance and ease of care. They were an important part of my sales at Cayucos ClayWorks. As I became more involved with succulents I decided to retreat from selling them so I could keep them for myself! They have now become an increasing presence on the back of my house. Once again I find myself giving them a place at my economic table.

My presentation, "Up in the Air with Tillandsias," will cover subjects such as Bromeliad family ties, where they are found, care, where to obtain them, how to display them, and resources for further study.



**DON'T MISS OUR NEXT MEETING! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2PM**

Oddfellows Hall, 520 Dana Street, San Luis Obispo | Parking is limited — please consider carpooling!



# NOVEMBER PLANT OF THE MONTH

## MESEMBS



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Mesembryanthemaceae: Or 'mesembs' for short, are succulent plants also known as ice plants or living stones. They store water in their leaves using water from their old leaves to make new leaves. They have woody capsules that are normally closed but open in the rain exposing the seeds.

**Distribution:** Southwestern Africa, Angola to the Cape; **Conditions:** Most grow in winter with fogs and rainfall and with cool short days. Dry, hot summers are the dormant time with little growth; **Soil:** As usual, grow in a well-drained sandy, gritty loam with no wood or bark pieces.

### FOUR MAJOR TYPES:

**Fat-leaved Spring Growers (Lithops, Faucaria, Titanopsis, Nananthus, Stomatiums, Aloinopsis):** **Spring:** Active fast growth, new leaves form using old leaves, some can be watered freely; **Summer:** Protect from heat and bright sun while they rest, mist in the evening to cool them; **Fall:** Many will flower, start watering; **Winter:** when cold they go dormant, most can take subfreezing temps, little water needed. **Tip:** Do not water when the old leaves start shriveling up to form new leaves, they are self-sufficient at this time.

**Fat-leaved Fall & Winter Growers (Conophytum, Cheiridopsis, Oophytum):** Grown with cooler nights and shorter days. They love fog and mist. **Fall:** New heads appear from old dried leaves, mist often in the evening, flowering calls for more watering; **Winter:** Flowering continues, mist often, evening watering is good, if leaves split, water less; **Spring:** With longer days they go dormant, the outer layer of the leaves turns color and later dries to a papery covering; **Summer:** Protect from heat and bright light with an occasional evening misting. **Tip:** The paper sheath protects the dormant plant from the hot summer sun.

Photos: (top) *Phyllobolus prasinus*; (center) *Aloinopsis spatulata*;  
(bottom) *Cheiridopsis peculiaris*



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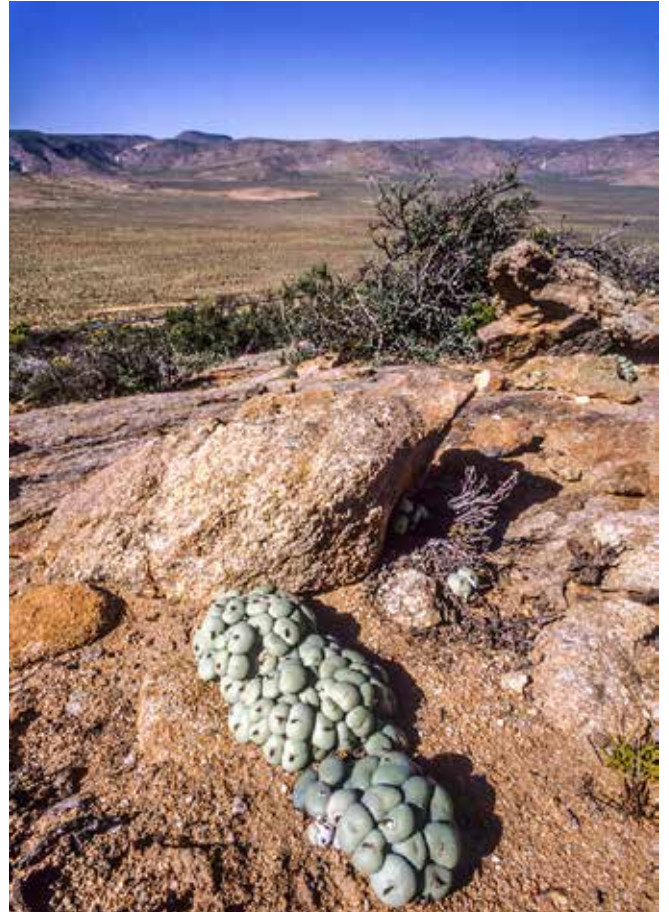
## MAJOR TYPES (continued)

**Shrubs (Ruschia, Lampranthus, Drosanthemum, Delosperma, Trichodiadema):** Grown for the huge flower show in spring. **Spring:** Ample water and sun, soaking leads to more flowers; **Summer:** Heat causes them to stop growing, water a bit less often. **Tip:** Save cuttings in fall to grow for next year; also easy to grow from seed.

**Annuals (Dorotheanthus is the most common):** Grown in cool of Spring (like sweet peas), then die. Start from seed in early spring when cool. Keep moist and cool with plenty of sunlight. They will flower in 2-3 months, then flower profusely until it turns hot. They usually die when hot weather appears. **Tip:** Save seeds to start over again next spring.



Dactyloopsis digitatus



Conophytum wettsteinii



Pleiospilos nelii



Ihlenfeldtia excavata subsp. vanbredai

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## MESEMBS — CONTINUED



*Diplosoma luckhofii*



*Fenestraria rhopalophylla*



*Meyerophytum globosum*



*Oophytum nanum*



*Lapidaria margaretae*



# CCCSS ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK COMING UP, DECEMBER 9TH!



**Hi All!**

I know thinking about the Holidays is the last thing you want to do right now but we now only have the November meeting before our December 9th potluck. As you know we have limited seating. I have to follow a first come, first served basis, but I try to accommodate all who wish to attend. Please complete and return the potluck sign up sheet (below) to me as soon as possible. I also need to know how much meat to get.

We have a lot of fun every year—the potluck gives us an opportunity to socialize with each other that we don't always have time to do the rest of the year. If you are unable to attend the November meeting but wish to attend the potluck, please email me at [hupt74@yahoo.com](mailto:hupt74@yahoo.com) or call me at 805-710-4957.

Thank you,

Pat Gilson, Hospitality Chairperson

## HOLIDAY POTLUCK SIGNUP ~ DECEMBER 9, 2018

### Required personal info:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

### The Club will supply ham & turkey ~ What will you bring?

\_\_\_\_\_ Appetizer

\_\_\_\_\_ Salad

\_\_\_\_\_ Bread/Butter

\_\_\_\_\_ Beverage

\_\_\_\_\_ Main Dish

\_\_\_\_\_ Side Dish

\_\_\_\_\_ Dessert

Would you like to volunteer for set-up and/or cleanup? \_\_\_\_\_

# GARDEN GATHERING NEWS

## Thank you Bill Findley!

Bill Findley hosted a spectacular Garden Gathering on a sunny, warm Saturday, October 20th, in his gorgeous garden in Arroyo Grande. Bill's lovely friend Vernanne cooked up a scrumptious selection of delectable goodies for the crowd of 33 Garden Gatherers to enjoy. The participants were wowed by the number of changes Bill has made in the 20 months since his first Garden Gathering. Particularly inspiring were Bill's stories of how fast plants have grown after being released from container bondage and planted into the ground. Bill's unusual specimen Aloe trees were perfectly set off by his use of repetition in understory plants, providing harmony and calm as you wander through the garden. His backyard contains an elaborate collection of special potted plants, including some very rare and unusual specimens. A lot of time was spent among those gathered chatting about various species on Bill's shelves. His photo of the "before" and "after" of his garden was unbelievable. It almost didn't look like the same house! Bill's evolving garden includes a greenhouse under construction along his south side. We look forward to seeing that project completed at Bill's next Garden Gathering!

Thanks again Bill and Vernanne for being excellent hosts for yet another wonderful Garden Gathering!



**Sign-ups for Garden Gathering Hosts for 2019 are underway! Volunteer early—choose your favorite month in your garden!**

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

**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.

**Why:** CCCSS club is large; it's hard to connect with other cactophiles at our huge meetings.

**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.



(One of Bill's show-worthy plants)

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 very delightful way to do exactly that!

Garden Gatherings are also planned in gardens in Los Osos and San Luis Obispo. See the Ask Me Table for sign-up information. Announcements will be made at the October CCCSS meeting or you can email Susan or Kathie for more information.

**We are always looking for folks with a desire to share their passion for their plants, their garden and a willingness to host. Please let us know if you are interested!**

Contact **Susan Ross** at [susanrosscra@yahoo.com](mailto:susanrosscra@yahoo.com), or **Kathie Matsuyama** at [luvbigdogs@earthlink.net](mailto:luvbigdogs@earthlink.net).



# BULLETIN BOARD

## Membership Announcement Regarding New Pet Policy

It has recently come to our attention that a number of club members are uncomfortable around other people's pets. CCCSS understands your beloved pets are important members of your family, but they are not invited to attend club meetings for numerous reasons. Please do not bring your pets into the Odd Fellows Hall.

Thanks for understanding and thank you for cooperating with this club policy.



## ASK ME TABLE

**WHO:** The *ASK ME TABLE* is staffed by our venerable expert Cactophile, Gene Schroeder and Succulentophile Kathie Matsuyama.

**WHAT:** Bring your questions about cactus and succulents to the *ASK ME TABLE*. Please do not bring any diseased plants to the meeting! Instead, bring a good photo of the offending plant and/or bugs.

**WHERE:** The *ASK ME TABLE* is located next to the Library Book Table.

**WHEN:** Ask Gene or Kathie your questions before the meeting starts or during the meeting break.

**WHY:** Gene and Kathie look forward to seeing you at the *ASK ME TABLE*!

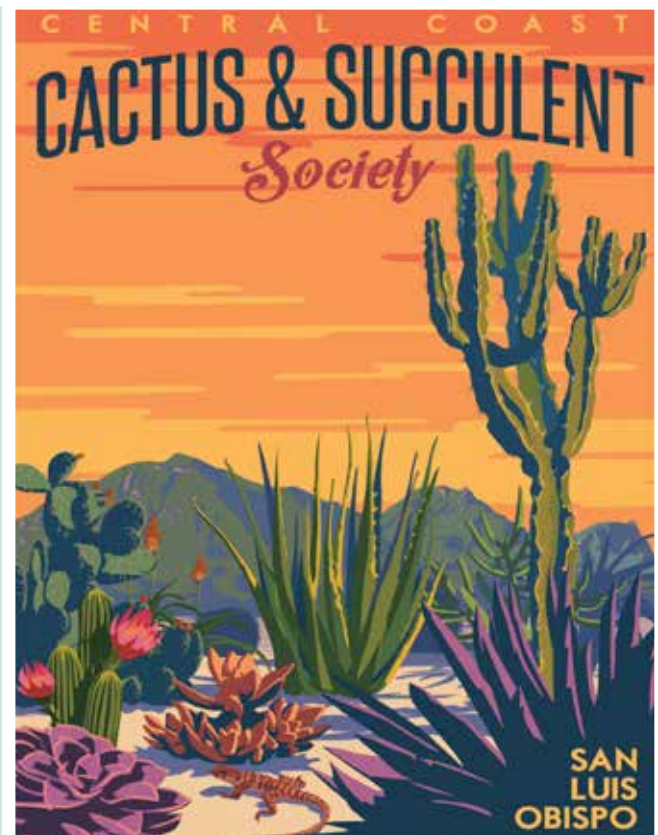
## BEAUTIFUL ART FOR SALE

Have you noticed the gorgeous cactus and succulent artwork available for sale at our meetings? This art was commissioned by Just Looking Gallery in San Luis Obispo. The artist of this wonderful work, **Steve Thomas**, was born in Canada and is based in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota. Thomas has a long history as a commercial artist, working with organizations such as America's National Park Service, Clif Bar and Disney. Currently he focuses on creating fine art paintings heavily influenced by the 1930s Art Deco movement. Over the past five years, working with Just Looking Gallery in San Luis Obispo, he has developed an extraordinary series of vintage style travel posters capturing the beauty and unique nature of California's Central Coast. We certainly LOVE the art he created especially for the CCCSS!

The profit from every piece of this beautiful cactus and succulent art sold by CCCSS goes to CCCSS! **Thank you, Ken McGavin and Ralph Gorton of Just Looking Gallery**, for your kindness and generosity! Just Looking Gallery is located at **746 Higuera Street in Suite 1, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, (805) 541-6663.**

### The art prices including tax:

12"x18" framed print: \$120, and 24"x36" print on canvas: \$420



Orders for art pieces 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, see Kathie Matsuyama at the Ask Me Table or contact her at [luvbigdogs@earthlink.net](mailto:luvbigdogs@earthlink.net).

# 2019 CSSA BIENNIAL CONVENTION

## Advertisers and Volunteers Needed

Our Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society (CCCSS) is hosting the Cactus and Succulent Society of America's 38th Biennial Convention, July 17-20, 2019 in San Luis Obispo at the Veterans Hall on Monterey St. CSSA will be distributing a 2019 CSSA Convention program which will be professionally designed with full color advertisement space available. We still need more advertisers, thus if you are interested in purchasing an ad space this year in support of the CSSA Convention, please contact Terrie Leivers at [terrieleivers@gmail.com](mailto:terrieleivers@gmail.com). Terrie is the 2019 CSSA Convention Host Co-Chairperson and our CCCSS Publicity Board Member.

Additionally, if you would like to get on the list to volunteer during the convention between the dates of July 18-20, 2019, you can email Terrie for that as well ([terrieleivers@gmail.com](mailto:terrieleivers@gmail.com)), and you will be added to the list for volunteer opportunities that may interest you. It looks like an approximate 5-hour shift will get you a 1-day pass to attend lectures (there are usually 6 lectures per day) with a max of two 1-day passes, depending upon the number of volunteers we get who are interested, or if you are interested in being a field trip host your trip will be covered by CSSA. Please note that the pass cannot be split among different days of the convention.

Thank you.



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## Enjoy the FREE 4th Holiday Gift Studio Tour with 4 talented artists in 2 festive studios!

11am-4pm, Sunday, December 2. Affordable, artful hand-crafted gifts for someone special...or YOU!

Enjoy a joyful day browsing local studios, hand-crafted gifts & light refreshments in  
Los Osos & Morro Bay, all for a great cause.

Explore **Rod Baker's** blown & fused glass home-garden décor & jewelry,  
with guest glassblowers doing live demos.

1279 2nd Street, Baywood Park-Los Osos, 93402, 805.551.6836.

And discover new treasures by **Richard Rowe Clayworks**. He's made new ceramics & planters for  
this holiday event, & features guest artists **Jayne Devencenzi's** jewelry & succulent wreaths, with  
**Steve Super Gardens'** collection of seasonal plants & garden gifts.

387 Quintana, Morro Bay, 93442, 805.235.9721.

A portion of all proceeds will benefit those served by local non-profit RISE:

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**QUESTIONS?** Please contact Richard Rowe Clayworks | 805.235.9721 | [roweclayworks@gmail.com](mailto:roweclayworks@gmail.com)

Please invite your friends & check for **DETAILS:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/192055095016834/>



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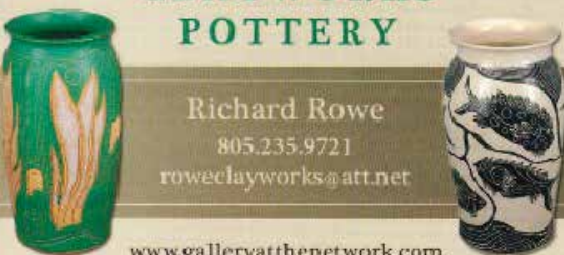
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