



ON THE DRY SIDE

CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

APRIL 2019

APRIL SPEAKER OF THE MONTH: KAREN OSTLER

Karen will Present 'Staging' at the April Meeting.

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, and involves using both Bonsai and naturalistic styling.

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 a member of CSSA, and Los Angeles, San Gabriel and Sunset Cactus and Succulent Societies. Twelve years ago she moved from the San Fernando Valley to the Mojave Desert, where she lives at an elevation of 4100 feet.

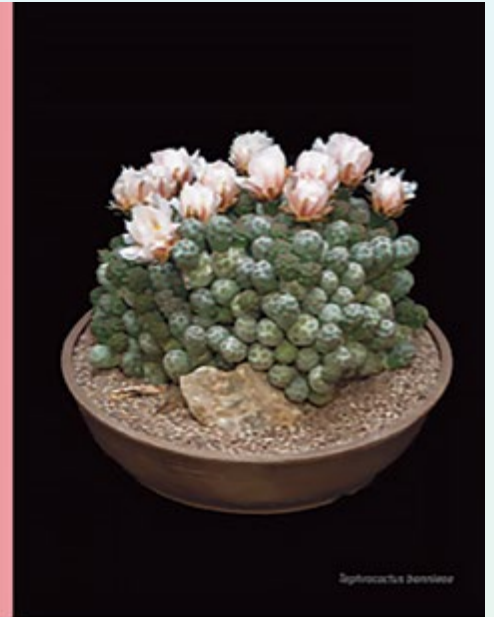


*It's that time again—
save the date!*

CENTRAL COAST CACTUS
& SUCCULENT SOCIETY

2019
SHOW
& SALE

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25&26



13TH ANNUAL CACTUS & SUCCULENT SHOW & SALE **Free Admission**

Ludwick Center
864 Santa Rosa Street
San Luis Obispo, CA (corner of Mill St.)

Saturday, May 25th, 2019 — 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, May 26th, 2019 — 10 am to 4 pm

Experts will be on hand to answer your questions.
Rare plants and handmade pottery for sale.

CASH, CHECK & ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

For more information log on to www.CentralCoastCactus.org
Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT MEETING! SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2PM

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

APRIL PLANT OF THE MONTH: FOCKEA EDULIS



*Jan Moon's winning Fockea edulis
from the 2011 show*

Fockea edulis (Hottentot Bread) is a thin vining semi-evergreen plant of the Apocynacea family (Oleander) that can grow climbing stems 10 feet long or more arising from large (up to two feet wide) succulent tuberous roots that are twisted, gray colored with wart-like bumps called tubercles. The stems, leafy with one-half to one inch long gray-green oval leaves, will climb up any available support. Some leaves are shed in winter but the plant rarely goes completely leafless. This plant is dioecious with male and female flowers on separate plants. The flowers usually appear in the summer, having thick narrow green calyces (sepals) and white petals and appendages with two inch long gray-green fruit forming on pollinated female plants.

Grow in full sun (when caudex is buried) to light shade and in well-drained soil, irrigate occasionally. Can be grown in the ground but this plant is usually seen as an attractive potted specimen that is quite tolerant of going very dry between watering but watch that the base does not shrivel and keep the elevated caudex partially shaded in summer. Hardy in light frost and short-duration temperatures down to around 25°F. This is a great caudiciform forming plant to elevate for display in a nice shallow pot. Succulent growers will often keep their plant buried deep in plastic pots until the roots deform or even split the pots letting the grower know it is time to repot or elevate the tuberous root(s) for display. Train the stems up on some framework or trim to keep from growing over other nearby plants.



*Kathie Matsuyama's winning
Fockea edulis from the 2016 show*

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FOCKEA EDULIS – CONTINUED

Fockea edulis is listed as *protected* as under Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). It grows naturally in the warm dry succulent scrub community and dry savannah of the Western Cape through Eastern Cape of South Africa north into Swaziland. The name for the genus honors the Dutch botanist Charles Focke (1802-1856) and the specific epithet, meaning edible, is a reference to the use of the fleshy tuber as food and for moisture in dry parts of Southern Africa. The common name, Hottentot Bread, is also a reference to this use but this practice is not recommended for the inexperienced as an elaborate cooking procedure is required to rid it of dangerous poisonous alkaloids.

Plant of the Month article provided
by Markus Mumper.

Photos courtesy of Loring Manley,
Gene Shroeder and Kathie Matsuyama.



*A winning Fockea edulis from
Mark Winford at the 2017 show*



*Pictured at left are some of the many Fockea seedlings belonging to
Kathie Matsuyama*

CCCSS ANNUAL SHOW & SALE UPDATES

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR OUR SHOW & SALE!

Our volunteers are what make our Show & Sale the best, and volunteering at the S&S is lots of fun! You can still sign up for a volunteer shift with Pat Gilson at the next meeting. She will have a sign-up sheet at the back table.

Please note:

- 2-hour increments at least, more is always welcome.
- Remember, all volunteers receive 10 raffle tickets for each hour worked! This is an increase from last year.
- In addition to the raffle tickets, all volunteers are invited to come in, pre-sale, on Friday evening to shop ahead of the crowd. Pre-shopping runs from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. You must have a wristband to shop (handed out when you arrive), and you must pay for and take any purchases on Friday so the plant hotel doesn't become congested.
- While volunteering, please wear your name badge and a club T shirt. This year's shirts will be available for sale at the May meeting, and if you've lost your name badge, now is a good time to request a new one.
- Please pick up postcards to pass out and post around town, they are our best advertising besides word of mouth.

A CALL FOR AUCTION PLANTS

Once again this year we will have be having an auction during the Memorial Day weekend show and sale. Some of these plants will be provided by our vendors 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.

In your email, please include the following:

- At least two photos (one that includes something to show size, maybe a soda can, or a pencil)
- The plant name (if you don't know we can help)
- A reserve price (the lowest price you are willing to sell)

The auction will be Sunday afternoon at 1pm and the club retains 25% of the sale price. Please send your submissions in by May 20th. The auction committee will contact you by May 22nd to let you know if your plants are accepted for the auction.

Please bring the auction plant to the Show & Sale for display by Saturday morning. If you would like a photo of your plant for sale in the May Newsletter please send your submissions by April 24th. If you have any questions, please qcontact Bill!

SHOW & SALE T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST: DEADLINE FOR ENTRY EXTENDED!

Would you like to see your own original cactus or succulent design on the t-shirts for our Show & Sale? Voting on the designs will happen at the April 14th meeting and we will have the shirts for sale at the May 12th meeting.

You must email your design to Bill Findley (coolcactuskid805@gmail.com) by April 13, and bring a color printout to the next meeting on April 14, to be displayed and voted on. Artwork must be printed (on paper) large enough to be easily viewed during voting. All voting must be done in person, at the meeting. Votes may not be emailed or called in.

In your design, include the plant name(s), and the words "Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society, 2019, 13th Annual Show & Sale".

Try to keep it simple — details get lost in the printing process. Keep the color pallet simple for best printing. Hand-drawn designs can be entered but a scan needs to be sent to Bill and if the design wins, the original artwork will need to be provided right away for a high resolution scan.

The designs must all be entered in PDF format. If you are having trouble converting your design into a PDF format, please contact Bill BEFORE the April 13 deadline.

Shirt color will be picked by the board members after the winner has been chosen.

PLEASE don't wait until the last minute to e-mail Bill Findley if you have questions! Bill can be reached at: coolcactuskid805@gmail.com.

Contest is open to all CCCSS members.

CCCSS BULLETIN BOARD

2019 CSSA CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers need to go on-line to sign-up for their specific day/time slots!

Thank you to those volunteers who have already signed up for their day/time slots. For those who have not:

- You must go onto cssaconvention.com and click on the Schedule (from list across the top of the site). You will see each day's activities, and you can decide when you want to use your Day Pass (earned by working a 4-5 hour shift) to attend presentations.
- Then sign in to SignUp.com, fill in your name, e-mail and phone, and select the work day/shift/job you want to do at the Convention. *You should have received an invitation to the site two weeks ago.*
- Be aware that volunteers get to attend 1 day of presentations (a Day Pass) for each full 4-5 hour shift for which you are signed-up — to a maximum of (2) Day Passes.
- Also, all volunteers signed up get to attend the First-Night Plant Sale on Wednesday with the paid attendees. Volunteers do not get to eat the snacks, but DO GET to purchase great succulents, cacti, and pottery!

Do not wait too long to sign up, or the day/shift you want may not be available!

Please contact Ken Byrne at agaveken@msn.com if you have any questions.

CCCSS BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE APRIL MEETING

On April 14th, CCCSS will hold elections for Board positions the next fiscal year (July 2019 through June 2020). The Nominations Committee has recommended the current Board (listed below) be returned to office. In addition, any new nominations from the floor will be taken prior to voting.

Loring Manley, President	Pat Gilson, Hospitality
Carol Mortensen, Vice President	Ann Byrne, Secretary
Kathy Goss, Treasurer	Terry Skillin, Member At Large
Terri Leivers, Publicity	Natasha Erickson, Member At Large
Barbara Brooks, Membership	Bill Findley, Member At Large

CCCSS MEMBERS' PLANT 'WISHLIST'

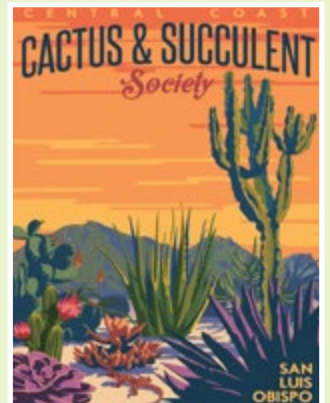
Is there a plant you'd like to find but haven't been able to, or do you have a plant or seeds you'd be willing to share? If so, there's a new signup available at our monthly meetings, wherein you can list what you have or what you are looking for, along with your contact info. That list will be published in the monthly newsletter for other members to see. Use of this feature authorizes CCCSS to publish your contact info in the newsletter.

BEAUTIFUL ART FOR SALE AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

This art was commissioned by Just Looking Gallery in San Luis Obispo. The artist of this wonderful work is **Steve Thomas**. He has a long history as a commercial artist, working with organizations such as America's National Park Service, Clif Bar and Disney. For 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 of California's Central Coast. We certainly LOVE the art he created especially for the our club!

The profit from every piece sold by CCCSS goes to CCCSS! Thank you, Ken McGavin and Ralph Gorton of **Just Looking Gallery**, for your generosity! Just Looking Gallery is located in downtown SLO.

Prices including tax: 12"x18" framed print = \$120; 24"x36" print on canvas = \$420. Orders are taken at monthly meetings (cash/checks only), and your print will be delivered to you at the next club meeting.



For more information, see Kathie Matsuyama at our meetings, or contact her at luvbigdogs@earthlink.net.

GARDEN GATHERING NEWS

WE HAVE SEVERAL GARDEN GATHERINGS COMING UP:

Sunday April 28th at 11:00am and 12:15pm for two small groups at CCCSS Club President Loring Manley's Garden in Santa Maria. The sign-ups for this Garden Gathering are currently full. But if you are interested, put your name on the waiting list. It is likely a few spots will open prior to the event.

Saturday May 4th at 11:00am at Maggie Wagner and Markus Mumper's Garden in Pismo Beach.

Saturday June 15th (time TBD) at Susan Fishman's Garden in Cayucos.

We are recruiting Garden Gathering Hosts for July through November of 2019! You don't want to miss out on the fun of hosting an event!

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 the focus of the events.

Who: Participants must be CCCSS members. The host decides the number of guests. Susan and Kathie take sign-ups at monthly club meetings.

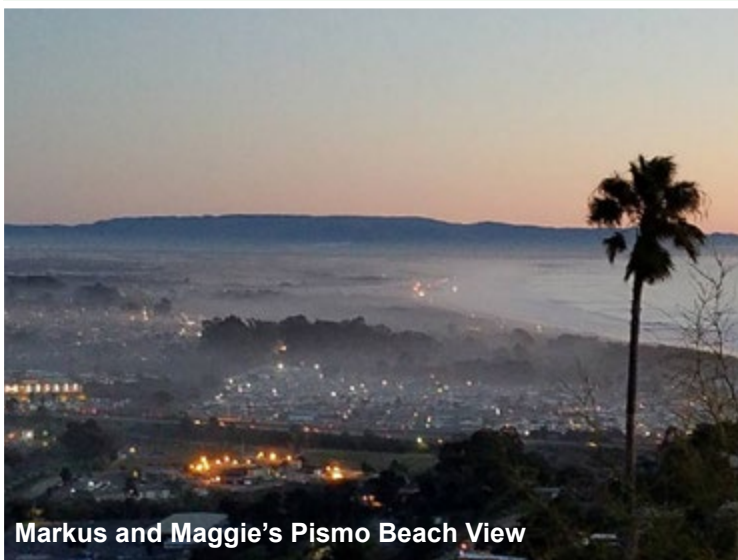
Where: Gatherings take place in a CCCSS member's garden.

When: Hosts pick the date and time for the event. Events average 1 to 1 ½ hours.

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



Loring Manley's greenhouse



Markus and Maggie's Pismo Beach View

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 weeds, especially this year with all the rain. We will all sympathize (and maybe pull a weed or two)! 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 perfect way to do exactly that!



Markus and Maggie's Garden

Please let us know if you are interested in hosting a Garden Gathering:

Susan Ross: susanrosscra@yahoo.com

Kathie Matsuyama: luvbigdogs@earthlink.net

You are invited to Open Greenhouse Day

A day of fun, food, friends and PLANTS!
At the Skillin Ranch in Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo Co.
Saturday, April 20, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

- Greenhouse tours
- Terry's famous taco bar
- Refreshments
- Sales Plants- everything from starters to show stoppers
- Free raffle at Noon – two plants - free ticket to each attendee – no purchase necessary, but must be present

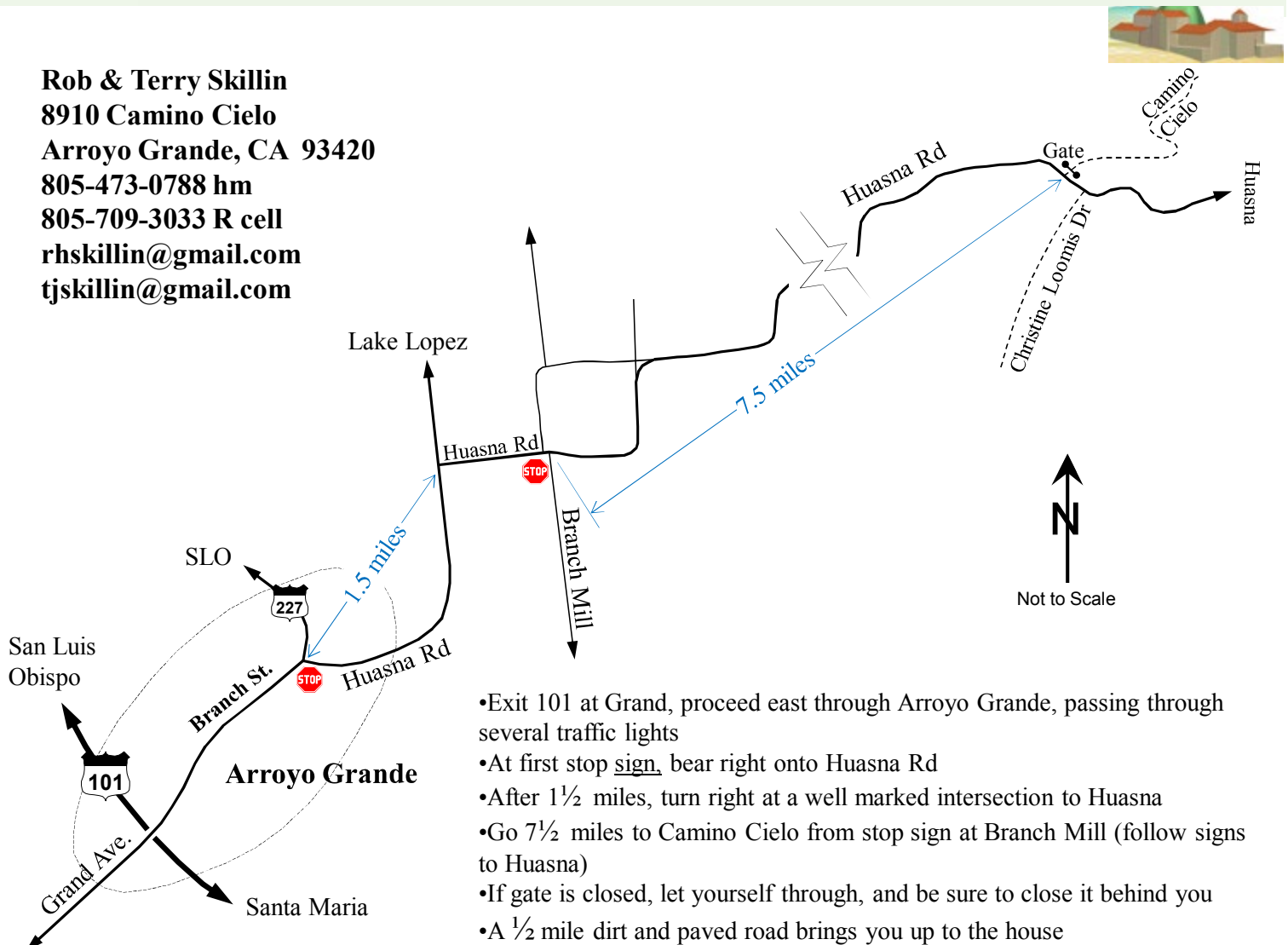


Aloe ramosissima
2 gallon pot

Pachypodium fihersenense
2 gallon pot

Call Rob or Terry at 805-709-3033 for information

Rob & Terry Skillin
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- Exit 101 at Grand, proceed east through Arroyo Grande, passing through several traffic lights
- At first stop sign, bear right onto Huasna Rd
- After 1½ miles, turn right at a well marked intersection to Huasna
- Go 7½ miles to Camino Cielo from stop sign at Branch Mill (follow signs to Huasna)
- If gate is closed, let yourself through, and be sure to close it behind you
- A ½ mile dirt and paved road brings you up to the house

THE 14TH ANNUAL CAMBRIA
wildflower show

**Saturday April 13th, 12-5
Sunday April 14th 10-4**

**Cambria Veteran's Memorial Building
1000 Main Street**

Early Spring Treasures

This year's show is our first to put the spotlight on the remarkable display of Central Coast wildflowers and other flora that present themselves earlier than our traditional late April show....so come!

- Hundreds of Central Coast wildflowers and other flora will be presented and described. All freshly collected.
- Edible, Medicinal, Rare, Invasive and Poisonous plants will be identified.
 - Botanists will be on hand to answer your questions
- Often antique and sometimes rare bottles will display the specimens.
 - A+ Treats from the Wildflower Café.
 - Helpful books, Seeds and T-shirts, etc.

**Admission is free for students, otherwise it's a \$3 donation
to this worthy cause.**

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and many, many volunteers!

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MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Club President Loring Manley called the meeting to order at 2pm on March 10, 2019 and welcomed approximately 100 members and guests to the meeting.

Loring thanked members who brought refreshments and invited them to select a customary free plant. He reminded the group that refreshment volunteers for the next meeting could sign-up at the back of the room with Pat Gilson.

Loring also thanked all the club members that volunteer at each meeting and he reminded everyone to visit the various club tables, such as the raffle table, brag plants, library, sales (art, hats, books, tees), etc.

Ten first-time visitors were invited to come up, introduce themselves to the group, and select a free plant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Show & Sale (Loring)

- Show & Sale is Memorial Day weekend, May 24,25,26. Fri: Setup; Sat: Show & Sale; Sun: Show, Sale & Auction.
- Show and Sale Ad cards are available for members to pick-up from Pat Gilson and distribute.
- Volunteers are needed for the Show & Sale,sign-up sheets are in the back with Pat.
- Reward for volunteering is 10 raffle tickets for each hour worked.
- Pre-Sale is Friday, May 24 **for volunteers and exhibitors only** (wristband required) Items must be paid for and taken home Friday night (cannot leave in plant hotel overnight).
- T-Shirt Contest (Bill Findley): Please e-mail your entries to Bill. Printed copies of each design will be posted at the April 14th meeting for voting. T-shirts with the winning design will be available for sale at the May meeting.
- Show & Sale Auction (Bill Findley): Live plant auction will be on Sunday, May 26 and the entry deadline is late April.
- Sponsor Awards: Jan Moon discussed the specifics of the Sponsor Awards for the Show & Sale.
- Hats/CCCSS Stickers (Terrie Leivers): New hats are available: \$12 at our membership meetings; \$15 at the Show & Sale and CCCSS Convention. Also available: CCCSS Stickers, at \$2.
- Officer Election (Ken Byrne): Election has been moved up to April. Same slate, but nominations will be taken from the floor at the April meeting.
- Garden Gatherings (Kathie Matsuyama & Susan Ross) – Upcoming Garden Gatherings:
 1. Loring Manley – Sunday, April 28th – 11am & 12:15pm – Santa Maria
 2. Maggie & Markus – May 4th - Pismo Beach
 3. Susan Fishman – June (date to be determined) – Cayucos

Plant of the Month: "Dudleyas" were discussed as being from the Crassulaceae family, native to California and Mexico, and threatened by poaching. Several specimens were shared by various members.

Brag Table: Those who brought brag plants were invited to come up and discuss their plants.

Raffle Table review: Some of the extra special plants on the raffle table were shared and discussed.

PROGRAM:

After a short break, guest speaker Petra Crist provided a slide show on how her Nursery "Rare Succulents" came to be. Petra also brought some rare cactus and succulents to sell.

The program was followed by the raffle, clean up and plant exchange.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Submitted by: Ann L. Byrne, CCCSS Secretary

MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Loring Manley at 5pm, with the following members and guests present: Ken Byrne, Ann Byrne, Natasha Erickson, Bill Findley, Pat Gilson, Kathy Goss, Terrie Leivers, Loring Manley and Carol Mortensen. A quorum of Board members were present. Absent: Rob and Terry Skillin.

Previous Business Discussed:

- Treasurer's Report – Kathy Goss.
- CSSA Convention Update Regarding Volunteer Assignments – Ken Byrne.
- New "Member Wish" List – Details/Specifics.

New/Other Business Discussed:

- Seller's Permit – Kathy Goss has sellers permit information for those who need it.
- Clean-up after General Meetings: General discussion regarding need for members to help with clean-up after the General meetings.
- Phishing E-mails – Loring Manley.
- Show and Sale Update: Volunteer reward raffle tickets are being increased to 10 for every hour worked, no limit.
- T-Shirt Contest Update – Bill Findley.
- Club Google Docs for Document Storage – Terrie Leivers.
- CCGGA Open House Booth: Board discussed, but no volunteers yet to set-up and staff booth.
- Mini Show Concept: Further discussion postponed until April BOD meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Submitted by: Ann L. Byrne, CCCSS Secretary



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CSSA UPDATES

CSSA JOURNAL NO. 3, Fall 2018: SYNOPSIS OF SELECTED ARTICLES

“John Jacob Lavranos” CSSA Journal Editor Tim S. Harvey offers a personal tribute to his good friend, the late John Lavranos, natural historian, linguist, plant discoverer and describer, Fellow of the CSSA (1977) and recipient of the CSSA's Myron Kinnach lifetime achievement award, 2013. Lavranos and collaborators described over forty Aloe species and fifteen species in other genera. Harvey notes: “One aspect that sets John aside from many of his peers was his tremendous generosity, his desire to share the plant material he found with other interested parties, institutional or otherwise.”

“The Echeverias Of The Chillón River Valley, Lima, Peru, Including Three New Taxa” It wasn't so many years ago that hobbyists were unaware of Echeverias south of Ecuador. This article by Guillermo Pino and Graciela Vilcapoma Segovia introduces the following Peruvian species: Echeveria deltoidea, E. fruticosa E. chilclensis var. chilclensis, E. chilclensis var. cantaensis and E. chilclensis var. backbergii. These are compared in a table with E. andicola, a similar appearing species.

“Saving The Queens” Bill Thornton describes the rescue efforts of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society to save as many Peniocereus greggii var. transmontanus as possible before the planned expansion of the National Gypsum Company mine north of Tucson. Most of the plants are replanted at Pima Prickly Park, a cooperative venture of the Tucson club and Pima County Parks Department.

“Curator's Notes On Growing Cacti, Part I, Soils And Containers” This article by Andrew Gdaniec and Olwen M. Grace is the first in a new series to be featured on cultivation. Here the authors discuss the use of four different sizes of lava rock as a substrate for cacti and succulents. Along with the lava rock in their tests, heavy duty plastic pots were ideal for the production of strong and healthy roots.

“Cacti Of Northwestern Peru: The Cssa Field Trip Of August 2016, Part II” James D. Mauseth chronicles a part of the CSSA field trip to Peru and highlights the following species along with habitat descriptions: Neoraimondia arequipensis, Armatocereus procerus, Trichocereus peruvianus, Espostoa nana, Mila pugionifera, Oroya borchersii, Austrocylindropuntia floccosa, Puya raimondii, Haagocereus repens, Tillandsia latifolia, T. purpurea and others.

Additionally, the following articles are included: **“A Monstrose Form Of Stapelia Engleriana”** by Joseph A. Rard, **“Pushing The Limits: Landscaping With Cacti And Succulents: Echinocereus”** by Leo Chance, **“An Illustrated Field Guide As A Tool For Conservation Of Cacti Species In The Brazilian Chaco”** by Vanessa Gabrielle Nóbrega Gomes, Wellington Santos Fava, Paulo Robson Souza, Daniela Zappi and Andréa Cardoso Araujo, **“Four Of The World's Tiniest Succulents Grow Together In Central Spain”** by Ray Stephenson, **“Chipping And Chemical Scarification Effects On Sclerocactus Glaucus Seed Germination”** by Nancy D. Riley and Terry Z. Riley, and **“Arecesocereus, A New Subgenus Of Cereus”** by Michael A. Wisnev.

JANUARY 20 MEETING SUMMARY FOR CSSA AFFILIATES

With the rise in cactus and succulent visibility and popularity, CSSA is increasingly significant and relevant. CSSA has committed to a 3-session strategic planning process to look at CSSA's mission, organization and structure, and future directions. The first of these productive sessions occurred at the January 20 board meeting.

Plans are well in place for the biennial convention in San Luis Obispo on July 17 – 20. As always, the show promises to provide education, inspiration, temptation, and warm camaraderie. Check out the website at www.cssaconvention.com, where you can see the speaker list, field trips, and make your reservations. There will also be a CSSA Affiliates Meeting during the convention. See you there!

The CSSA Annual Show and Sale is scheduled for June 29 and 30 at The Huntington. Plan to enter your plants in the competition, get some fabulous buying opportunities, and attend the dinner auction.



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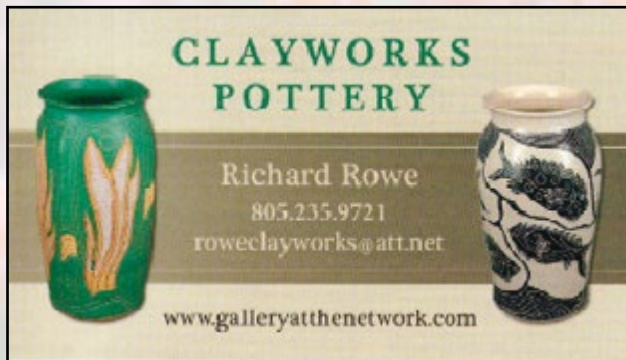
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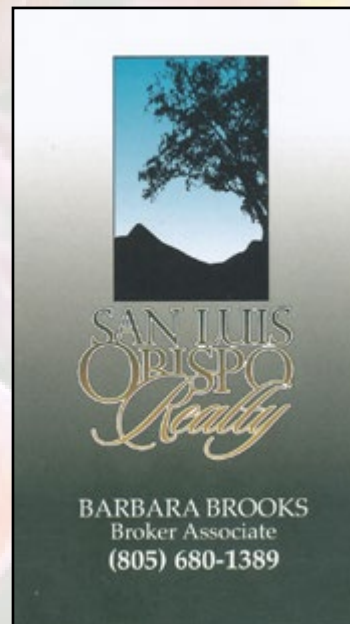
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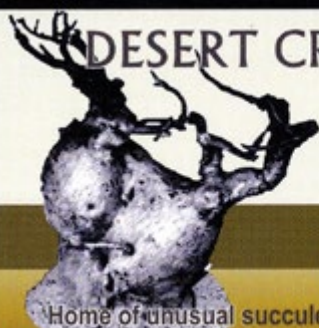
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