



ON THE DRY SIDE

CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

MAY 2019

MAY SPEAKER OF THE MONTH: STEVE FRIEZE

OAXACA

When I think of Mexico, I imagine dry sandy desert-like conditions. I also think of a drug-infested country rife with violence that spills out into the streets making it dangerous for residents and visitors alike. Much to my surprise and delight, Oaxaca was none of the above. It is an area filled with extraordinary bio-diversity and with residents who are warm and welcoming.

Our travel group was able to find numerous botanical niches that contained a large number of different and distinctive cacti and succulents. We will take a tour of these areas and investigate the plant life that exists in each of them. We also had the opportunity to enjoy some of the local culture and visit some of the wonderful artisans and the local mescal breweries.

I will also supplement our look at the botanical wonders of Oaxaca, by visiting some select sites in Brazil which also support an incredible amount of bio-diversity.



ABOUT STEVE

Steve Frieze has been involved with collection, sales and propagation of cacti and succulents for over thirty years. He is a lifetime member of the Los Angeles Cacti and Succulent Society where he served as the President of this club for a number of years and as its newsletter editor for several more. He was a co-managing partner of Desert Creations, an exotic cactus and succulent plant store and is currently one of three partners in Floratopia, in a new exotic plant venture.

Steve and his wife Phyllis have made several plant related expeditions to exotic locals such as Chile, East Africa, South Africa, Oaxaca Mexico, Cost Rica, and Brazil. Prior to his retirement, he was an Administrator for the California State University system, serving in a variety of capacities in the area of institutional research. Subsequent to his retirement he has joined the Psychology Department at California State University, Dominguez Hills as an adjunct faculty member.

OUR ANNUAL SHOW & SALE IS THIS MONTH! UPDATES ENCLOSED...

Don't miss our next monthly meeting: Sunday, May 12th at 2pm

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

THE SHOW AND SALE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

A message from Rob Skillin, Show Co-Chair

Calling All Rookies! If you have shown a cumulative total of less than 8 plants in shows before, you qualify as a rookie, and we need your participation. Starting to show plants seems like a big step, but actually, it's fun! To encourage you to take that first step, there are two special rosettes which are dedicated to rookies: Best Rookie Cactus and Best Rookie Succulent. Rookies are also considered for the Best Staged Novice rosette, Best Novice Cactus and Best Novice Succulent plaques, as well as all the Sponsored Awards and the Outstanding Specimen awards given out by the clerks.

Everybody has a favorite plant, and I want to encourage each member to bring at least that 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!

Give some consideration to entering **an educational exhibit**. There is a special award plaque donated by the CSSA, and it's a good way to interest the public in our hobby and share your knowledge.

Remember, our **Volunteer Appreciation award** this year is 10 free raffle tickets for each hour you sign up for. Tickets will be handed out at the June meeting, and can be used at any monthly membership meeting in the future. Contact Pat at the meeting to sign up. There will also be a Pre-Sale on Friday from 5-7pm. Open to volunteers, exhibitors and vendors only!

There will be a **Saturday evening dinner** at AJ Spurs – lots of fun! – sign up with Terry Skillin at the meeting.

Exhibitors: Remember that plastic pots are OK – but clean them up (mineral oil), remove plant tags, don't water a week before the show, check for pests

Volunteers: Please wear a club T-shirt and name badge, and remember there is no parking on-site on Saturday or Sunday (the McKiernan building kitty-corner to the Ludwick Center is ok).

Everybody: We need boxes! It's best to bring them on Friday.

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

Rob Skillin, Show Co-Chair
(805) 709-3033



For inspiration:
2018 winner for Best Cactus – Novice:
Melocactus, from Gin & Chao Pang

IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER INFO FOR THE SHOW & SALE

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, and she especially needs people for the afternoon shifts on Saturday and Sunday.

- 2-hour increments preferred, more is always welcome! All volunteers receive 10 raffle tickets for each hour worked!
- If you have signed up for the Show & Sale and don't know what time to be there, please contact **Pat Gilson: 805-710-4957** or hupt74@yahoo.com. There are too many volunteers for her to call. She will also have the schedule at our next meeting.
- All volunteers are invited to the Pre-Sale Friday evening, 5-7pm to shop ahead of the crowd. A wristband is required and provided upon arrival. You must pay for and take all purchases on Friday evening — you will not be able to leave items in the plant hotel overnight.
- 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.

MORE SHOW & SALE UPDATES

AUCTION PLANTS STILL NEEDED!

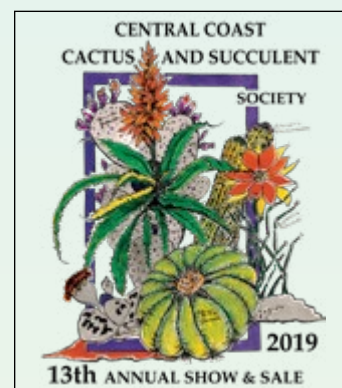
Once again this year we will have be having an auction during the Memorial Day weekend show and sale. Some of these plants will be provided by our vendors and some will be provided by club members, like you! If you have a nice show-worthy specimen that has a retail value of \$50 or more and would like 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.

SHOW & SALE T-SHIRTS

The 13th annual Show and Sale shirts are printed and will be available at the March 12th meeting. They will be \$15 for short sleeve and \$20 for pocket and long sleeve. This brightly colored design was submitted by one of our talented club members, Jackie Bradley. The voting for the winning design took place at our April 14th meeting. Wear your shirt to show your support for our club and the Show and Sale.



CSSA CONVENTION UPDATES

New 2019 CSSA Convention VOLUNTEERS need to go on-line to Sign-UP for their specific day/time spots!

THANK YOU to those who have already signed up for their volunteer slots!

We still need many "Cashiers" and "Cashier Assistants" – which are CSSA's names for what our CCCSS Show/Sale calls "Pre-Check"... count up the plants/pots, fill-out the forms, and that gets passed on to the Card-operators. (CSSA needs Card-Operators, too!)

- If you have not already volunteered, you should go to cssaconvention.com and click on DAILY SCHEDULE (from list across the top of the site) to see each day's activities, and can decide when you want to use your Day-Pass (earned by working a full 4-5 hour shift) to attend the presentations.
- Then use the LINK near the bottom of YOUR INVITATION to sign into signup.com, fill in your name, e-mail and phone, and select the work day/shift/job you want to do at the Convention (invitations were resent a couple weeks ago, plus new ones, as some had been lost).
- Be aware that volunteers GET TO ATTEND ONE-DAY of presentations (a Day Pass) for each full 4-5 hour shift for which are signed-up...to a maximum of two 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!!!

DON'T WAIT TOO LONG TO SIGN UP, or the day/hours/shift/spot you want may get taken by someone else!

ALSO: Please be aware that some sign-up jobs may need to be shifted depending on daily circumstances, but actual shifts/hours will be maintained in such cases.

If you have any question, please contact me, Ken Byrne at agaveken@msn.com or 805-406-2674.

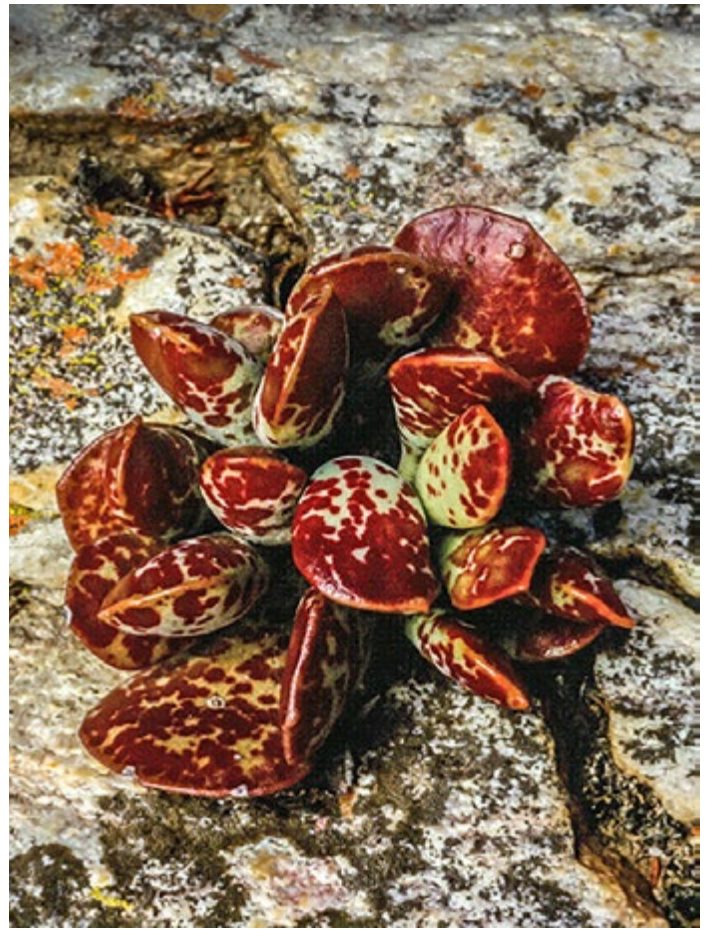
MAY PLANT OF THE MONTH: ADROMISCHUS

The genus *Adromischus* is endemic to South Africa and Namibia. The species from this genus are perennial, herbaceous, succulent plants that grow upright to down lying reaching a height of up to ten inches with short, thick, recumbent stems densely covered with rusty-red aerial roots that absorb moisture from the air and that support thick, fleshy leaves that grow in clumps arranging themselves in the shape of rosettes.

These succulents bloom in summer with generally small flowers with a greenish-white tube and pink or reddish corolla and produce sufficient nectar to start a fungal infection or attract aphids, especially towards the end of the growing season. As the flowers are not showy, many growers cut off the developing flower stems to avoid plant health issues. The only species worth growing for its flowers is *Adromischus phillipsii* which has relatively large showy orange tubular flowers reminiscent of those of *Cotyledons* to which *Adromischus* is closely related and with which it was once grouped.

Cultural information should only be used as a guide, and should be to be adapted to suit you; Your physical location, where you grow your plants, how much time you have to devote to their care and many other factors will need to be taken into account. Only then can you decide on the cultural methods that best suit you and your plants.

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Top right: *Adromischus triforis*

Left: *Adromischus marianiae*

Bottom right: *Adromischus montium-klinghardtii*



ADROMISCHUS – CONTINUED

Light: Adromischus like full sun to bring out their true colors. A location where the plant can receive a lot of light, but not necessarily full sun, is recommended. If you grow indoors you need to leave them near a sunny window. The direct sunlight could, however, wrinkle the leaves so it is important to check that the plant is not under the sun for many hours a day.

Temperature: Adromischus thrive in warm environments but they also grow well at moderate temperatures. Adromischus tolerate cool, frost-free conditions during the winter if kept dry. It is as well to keep water off the foliage during the winter.

Soil: As usual many species are easy to grow in any free-draining soil. Repotting is not necessary to increase the size of the plants (unless one wishes to develop in width) but it is useful to keep them in good health and to slow aging.

Watering: Regular watering in the summer (approximately every two weeks), scarce in winter (once per month). But if the plant is located indoors it will need to be watered more frequently to resist environmental dryness.

Fertilizer: Fertilizer can be limited to the growing season. They can be fed from spring to autumn once a month, in the autumn and winter do not feed the plants.

Rest period: The dormant period of the plant comes in the winter. At this time, it is recommended to place Adromischus in a bright, cool place and rarely water.

Propagation: Many species can be propagated from a single leaf which should be placed against the side of the pot so that the stem end is just touching the compost. Some species drop their leaves easily and although each leaf will form a new plant it can be a challenge to grow a large specimen. In other cases, leaves for propagation must be carefully detached with a sharp knife.



Above right: *Adromischus filicaulis*
Left: *Adromischus umbraticola* subsp. *ramosus*
Below: *Adromischus alstonii*



Plant of the Month provided by Markus Mumper
Photos courtesy of Rob Skillin

CLUB BULLETIN BOARD

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer needed to make CCCSS Membership Name Badges

If you have been thinking about becoming more involved with the Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society, this is the perfect time. The Board of Directors is actively looking for a dedicated club member with computer skills who can make Membership Name Badges. The badge template is already designed and you will be fully instructed on the process. CCCSS provides all the supplies — you provide your creativity.

For more information, please contact CCCSS Vice-President Carol Mortensen at carolmortensen0@gmail.com.

Thank you!



CCCSS MEMBERS' PLANT WISH LIST

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. Note that use of this feature authorizes CCCSS to publish your contact info in the newsletter.

Currently we have the following members looking for specimens:

- **Tim Dawson** is looking for an **Aloe castanea (plant or seed)**. Tim can be reached at **805-610-9533**.
- **Margaret Moreno** would like a **Tephrocactus geometricus (plant)**. She can be reached at **805-710-0213**.

Can you help these guys out? If so, give them a call! And remember, if you have something to share, or are looking for something yourself, be sure to sign up at the next meeting! The Wish List will be at one of the back tables.

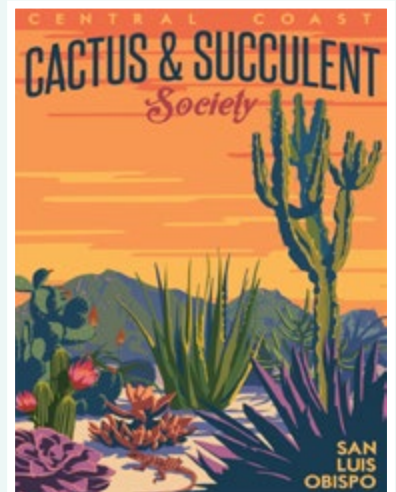
BEAUTIFUL ART FOR SALE AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

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.



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GARDEN GATHERING NEWS

Our Garden Gatherers have been very, very busy!

Thank you, Loring Manley, CCCSS Club President, who hosted a pair of Garden Gatherings Sunday April 28th. And thank you Maggie Wagner, former CCCSS Club Treasurer, and Markus Mumper, former CCCSS Club Vice-President, for hosting a Garden Gathering on Saturday May 4th. Maggie and Markus' Garden Event occurred after this newsletter went to print, so we will provide a review and photos in the June newsletter...stay tuned!

Loring hosted an intriguing Garden Gathering on an overcast (but not windy!) Sunday April 28th in his garden in Santa Maria. With the distinction of being the furthest south we have travelled for a Garden Gathering event, the two dozen attendees thoroughly enjoyed this varied and interesting landscape, greenhouse and cornucopia of fruit and vegetable plants! Not to be excluded from the party, Loring's very old, adorably personable Rasta-Cat made friends with everyone willing to pet her, while one of his two tortoises strutted around his enclosure in ultra-slow motion.

A new approach to Garden Gatherings was designed for Loring's event; attendees were invited to come in two shifts, at 11:00 am and 12:15 pm. This enabled the smaller sized groups to fit more comfortably into Loring's stunning greenhouse to discuss the super cool plants Loring is growing and propagating. Loring certainly has a green thumb for propagation, specifically with aloe species. Lucky Garden Gatherers were able to purchase a few of these offspring. And there were plenty of oohs and aahs about the huge papaya tree taking up a lot of real estate inside the greenhouse. It produces innumerable papayas bigger than footballs! What a tropical paradise.

Thank you, Loring, Maggie and Markus, for sharing your cool Gardens with our Club members, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Our next Garden Gathering will be June 15th at Susan Fishman's Garden in Cayucos.

We are recruiting Garden Gathering Hosts for September through November of 2019! You don't want to miss out on the fun of hosting an event! Please let us know if you are interested:

Susan Ross: susanrosscra@yahoo.com

Kathie Matsuyama: luvbigdogs@earthlink.net



Some of Loring's beautiful landscape design



Susan Ross with Loring in front of his greenhouse



The papaya tree in Loring's greenhouse



Succulentopia!

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54th ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA HUNTINGTON LIBRARY & BOTANICAL GARDENS

- **Dates:** Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 28-30, 2019.
- **Location:** The Huntington: 1151 Oxford Drive, San Marino, CA, (The Botanical Center 626-405-3504).
- **Sale Hours:** Sale: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10am - 5pm.
- **Show:** Saturday & Sunday 10am - 5pm.
- **Show Set-up:** Thursday, June 27th 9am - 1pm.
- **Enter Plants:** Thursday, June 27th, 1pm - 8pm & Friday, June 28th, 10am - 4pm. Judging starts at 5pm Friday.
- **Auction:** Saturday, June 29th, 7pm. Items need to be registered by 3pm. 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:** Saturday, June 29th, 6pm; Cost: \$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. Reservations must be made by June 26, 2019.
- **Teardown:** Sunday, June 30th, 5pm

Be sure to pick up a Show Schedule, Index and entry tags from your CSSA Club Afeiliate at your May & June club meetings, 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 Afeiliate 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
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APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

President Loring Manley called the meeting to order at 2pm on April 14, 2019 and welcomed around 101 members and guests to the meeting. He then thanked 10 club members for bringing refreshments to the meeting as well as all the club members that volunteer at each meeting. He reminded everyone to check out the different club tables, i.e. membership, raffle and brag plants, plant of the month, library, book & art sales, etc. He also mentioned that additional refreshment volunteers are needed for May's meeting. Loring also welcomed 1 new visitor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Loring reminded everyone that the Annual CCCSS Show will be May 24th thru May 26th.
- Show and Sale postcards have all been distributed.
- Volunteers are still needed for the Show and Sale. Pat has sign-up sheets are in the back.
- Reward for volunteering at the S&S is 10 raffle tickets for each hour worked.
- Pre-Sale is Friday, May 24th, 7pm for volunteers and exhibitors only (wrist band required) and Items must be paid for and taken home on Friday night (cannot leave in Plant Hotel overnight).
- The Live Plant Auction will be on Sunday, May 26th and Bill Findley is in charge of getting auction plants. He only had one so far and needs more.
- Barbara Brooks informed the members that if they are interested in clerking at the show, there is a sign-up sheet at the back table.
- Rob Skillin reminded everyone that it's never too early to start prepping plants for the show. Show flyers are available on the back table for those interested in entering plants. In past years, we have had over 500 entries making our show and sale one of the "Best in California".
- Bill Findley announced that the entries for the Show & Sale t-shirt design contest were displayed in the breakroom for voting and the winning design will be available for sale at the May meeting.
- Bill is still looking for someone to train to operate the Sound System at the monthly meetings.
- NextDoor Announcement: Terrie Leivers asked members to post the Show & Sale info on their NextDoor website.
- Club Hats/Decals/Shirts: Terrie announced that club hats are available for \$12 at membership meetings and \$15 at the Show and Sale and CSSA Convention. Loring announced that there are CCCSS decals for sale for \$2 as well as last year's show t-shirts for \$5 while they last.
- Rob Skillin announced his upcoming Open Greenhouse scheduled for April 20th, including a sale and raffle.
- Officer Election: Past President Ken Byrne presented the Election of Officers (all currently serving) to the members present for fiscal year (July 2019 – June 2020) for approval. A quorum was present and his motion passed unanimously with no new nominations from the floor.
- Kathie Matsuyama & Susan Ross announced upcoming Garden Gatherings with Loring Manley, April 28 in Santa Maria, Maggie Wagner & Markus Mumper, May 4 in Pismo Beach, and Susan Fishman, June 15 in Cayucos
- Loring reminded everyone of the Plant Wish List on the back table. Entries will be published in the Newsletter.

Plant of the Month, Brag Plants and Raffle Table: Rob Skillin discussed the POTM, "Fokea edulis" and encouraged members to read Marcus Mumper's more detailed article on this species in the current club newsletter. He also invited everyone who brought a plant to come forward and discuss it. He then reviewed the special plants on the raffle table.

PROGRAM:

Karen Ostler presented "Staging Plants," a slide show on best practices for show plants.

The program was followed by the raffle and plant exchange and the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Ann L. Byrne, CCCSS Secretary

APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

President Loring Manley began the meeting at 5:15pm, April 14th, with a quorum present, consisting of Ken Byrne, Ann Byrne, Natasha Erickson, Bill Findley, Pat Gilson, Kathy Goss, Loring Manley, Carol Mortensen, Barbara Brooks, Rob Skillin, and Terry Skillin.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Suggested changes to Standing Rules were approved.
- Treasurer Kathy Goss handed out the CCCSS March Balance Sheet.
- CSSA Convention Update
- Ken Byrne explained the CSSA volunteer signup process. Assignments are 56% filled.
- Discussion on Google Docs vs Drop Box for Club use.
- Ken sent out an outline for the Mini Show, the first of which is scheduled for the September General Meeting.

SHOW AND SALE UPDATE:

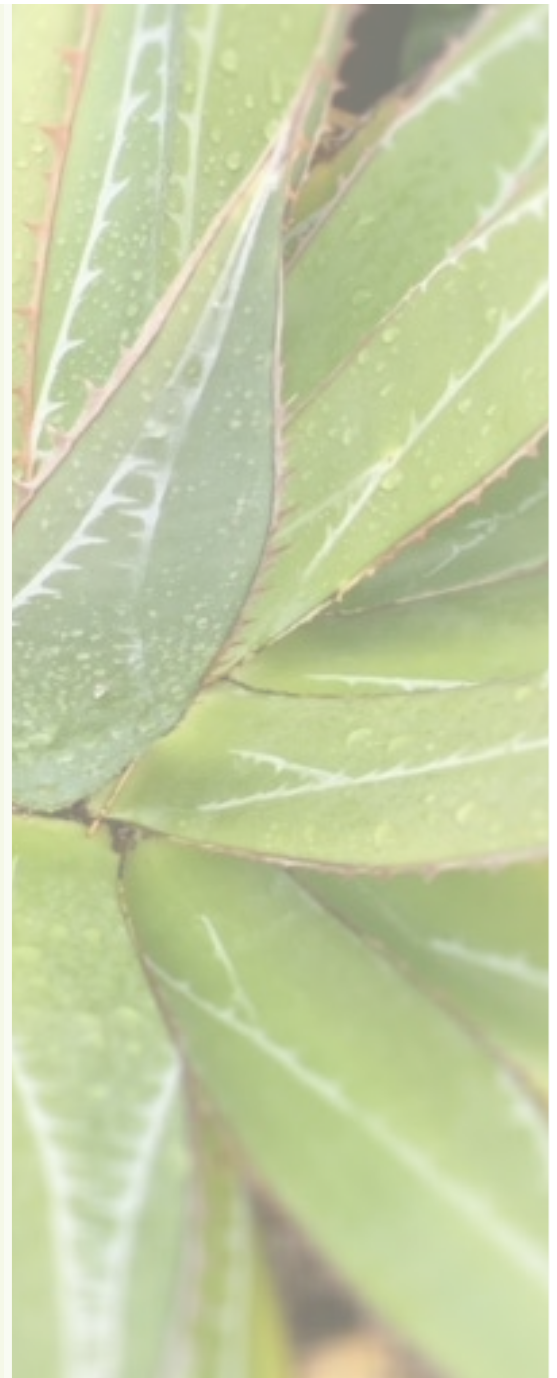
- Pat reported that Cal Poly Students are confirmed and she is just waiting for final headcount.
- Barbara reported that all Clerk positions are filled with backups.
- Kathy reported that all Cashier positions are filled.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

- General discussion on the S&S t-shirt colors and quantity to order.
- Ken prepared a check list that the clean-up crew can use.
- Garden Gatherings/Events (over 30 participants): Discussed refreshment cost for events with over 30 participants.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Ann L. Byrne, CCCSS Secretary



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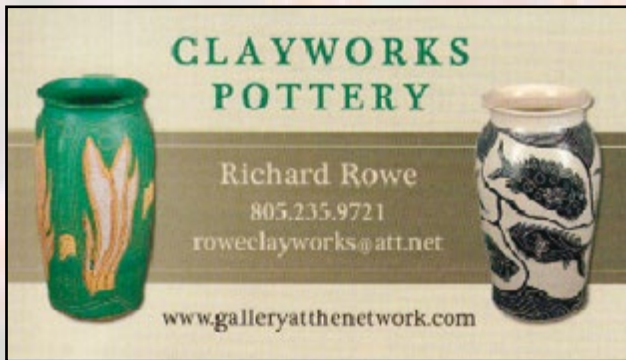


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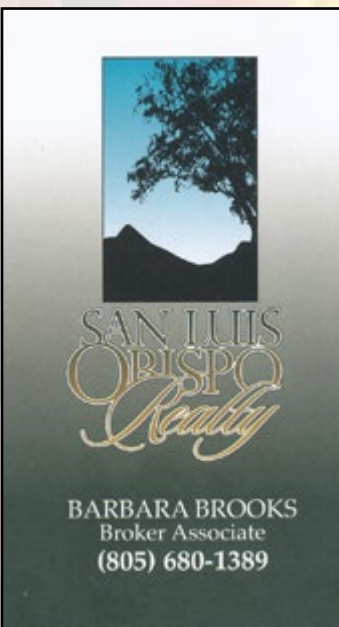
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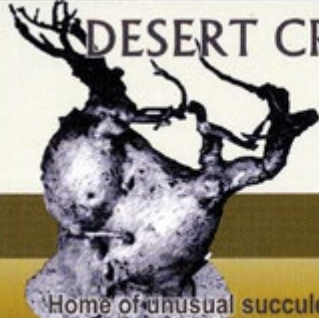
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