



ON THE DRY SIDE

CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

JUNE 2019

GALLERY OF WINNING SHOW ENTRIES INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE!

OUR JUNE GUEST SPEAKER: KAREN ZIMMERMAN



ALOES ON MY MIND: EXPLORING ALOE HYBRIDS, ONE GENERATION AT A TIME

We will start with an overview of the genus aloe; the distribution and diversity of the species and talk a little about the work of hybridizers up to the present, with a special mention about Kelly Griffin, my inspiration.

I show parent plants and offspring, some that became good enough to name and distribute, and others that became disappointments. Then I will show some promising offspring and future possibilities.

If you love Aloes, don't miss this meeting! After the presentation, professional growers and members will stay to answer your questions about growing all your succulents. Karen will have plants for sale at the meeting.

ABOUT KAREN:

I am the succulent propagator for the Huntington Botanical Gardens' Desert Collections, a huge potted collection outside of the public gardens. I have worked at the Huntington for nearly 20 years. I've always been drawn to growing plants. The first plants I grew from seed were pine trees. A small local nursery gave my best friend and me an envelope of pine seeds, and I can still remember the deep excitement and awe when they germinated! We jumped into the pool with our clothes on. We were 10 years old. I still get that same "Christmas morning" excitement when a batch of new aloe hybrid babies germinate. It's even better when they start to develop some character, often very early with the first true leaf. Despite careful breeding for specific traits such as color, size or toothiness, unexpected anomalies can appear in any breeding, especially given how complicated these aloe hybrids have become with generations of species and crosses in the mix. The stand-outs are, of course, the ones I crave!



Photography is another great love of mine, and I find photography pairs well with horticulture. It is easy to overlook small details, and you can really see them through a lens up close. I love to share tiny wonders.

Our next meeting is Sunday, June 9th at 2pm

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



Clockwise from top:

1. **Nick Wilkinson:** Best Baja Native, *Dudleya pachyphytum* (Open)
2. **Linda Drake:** Best Crested Entry, *Echeveria agavoides* (Advanced)
3. **Peter Walkowiak:** Best Collection, *Euphorbia mini-medusas* (Open)
4. **Snake:** Best Miniature, *Copiapoa hypogaea* (Open)
5. **Peter Walkowiak:** Best Madagascan Plant, *Euphorbia platyclada* (Open)
6. **Rob Skillin:** Best Chihuahuan, *Thelocactus lloydii* (Open)
7. **Rob Skillin:** Best Caudiciform, *Sesamothamnus lugardii* (Open)
8. **Rob Skillin:** Best Euphorbiaceae, *Euphorbia gymnocalycioides* (Open)

2019 GALLERY OF SHOW WINNERS – CONTINUED



Clockwise from top:

1. **Jan Moon:** Best Mesemb, *Conophytum* Sp. (Advanced)
2. **Snake:** Best Aloiaceae, *Gasteria maculata* (Open)
3. **Rob Skillin:** Best Crassulaceae, *Adromischus marianiae* 'Bryan Makin' (Open)
4. **Nick Wilkinson:** Best Agavaceae, *Agave albopilosa* (Open)
5. **Gage Willey:** Best Dish Garden, Mixed (Rookie)
6. **Laura Oliver:** Best Staged Novice, *Aloe castillonae* (Rookie)
7. **Laura Oliver:** Best Rookie Cactus, *Tephrocactus geometricus* (Rookie)
8. **JD Maynard:** Best Rookie Succulent, *Fockea edulis* (Rookie)

2019 GALLERY OF SHOW WINNERS – CONTINUED



Clockwise from top:

1. **Jan Moon:** Best Staged Advanced, *Euphorbia hedyotoides* (Advanced)
2. **Nick Wilkinson:** Best Staged Open, *Coreopsis gigantea* (Open)
3. **Rob Skillin:** Rarest Plant in Show, *Pseudolithos miguirtinus* (Open)
4. **Gin & Chao Pang:** Best Succulent Novice, *Dioscorea elephantipes* (Novice)
5. **Gary & Ellen Stubblefield:** Best Succulent Advanced, *Pelargonium dasyphyllum* (Advanced)
6. **Linda Hicks:** Best Cactus Advanced, *Ariocarpus fissuratus* 'Godzilla' (Advanced)
7. **Rob Skillin:** Best Succulent Open, *Gonolobus cyclophyllus* (Open)
8. **Jan Plested:** Best Cactus Novice, *Echinocereus englemannii* (Novice)

2019 GALLERY OF SHOW WINNERS – CONTINUED



Clockwise from top:

1. **Rob Skillin:** Best Cactus Open, *Aztekium ritteri* (Open)
2. **Linda Hicks:** Clerk Ribbon (Barbara Brooks' pick), *Theolocactus hastifer* (Advanced)
3. **Nick Wilkinson:** Clerk Ribbon (Natasha Erickson's pick), *Adenium arabicum* (Open)
4. **Paula Jaster:** Clerk Ribbon (Anne Marie Bergen's pick), *Echeveria setosa* 'deminuta' (Novice)
5. **Rob Skillin:** Clerk Ribbon (Jan Plested's pick), *Ariocarpus retusus* (Open)
6. **Jan Plested:** Clerk Ribbon (Georgina Plested's pick), *Cereus peruvianus monstrose* (Novice)
7. **Jeanne Miller:** Clerk Ribbon (Linda Hicks' pick), *Gasteria gracilis variegata* (Rookie)
8. **Peter Walkowiak:** Clerk Ribbon (Susan Fishman's pick), *Monadenium shubei* (Open)
9. **Mark Woods:** Clerk Ribbon (JD Maynard's pick), *Boophane disticha* (Rookie)
10. **Natasha Erickson:** Clerk Ribbon (Carol Mortensen's pick), *Opuntia macrocentra* (Novice)



Show photos courtesy of Loring Manley.



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.

SOME THANK-YOU'S FROM OUR RECENT SHOW & SALE

From Pat Gilson:

Thank You to all the volunteers who worked the Show & Sale, we could not have done it without you. I wish to offer a special thanks to the Cal Poly students from Alpha Phi Omega, they were so much help.

As all who volunteered know, food was supplied for those who wanted to eat, and I need to thank Popeye's on Foothill, El Pollo Loco on Los Osos Valley Road, and Fatte's pizza on Broad for donations to us. Please patronize these businesses if you can and when you do, mention our appreciation for their help.

Again, Thank You All!

From Kathie Matsuyama:

Thank you, awesome Pre-Check Team from the 13th Annual CCCSS Show & Sale:

Ann Byrne, Dianna Deem, Ann Erb, Tasha Erickson, Linda Hicks, Karen Kolba, Terrie Leivers, Jeanne Miller, Susan Ross, Mardi Schleigh, Garrett Silbar, Melany & Jon Shapiro, and Mike Bush for helping to make the pre-processing of Show & Sale plant sales run smoothly, efficiently, and accurately with your hard work, dedication, and amazing effort!

You are all rock stars – thank you!



CLUB BULLETIN BOARD

ANNUAL CCCSS MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW

Please make a note to submit your annual CCCSS Membership renewal dues for 2019–2020 at the next club meeting on June 9, 2019. Please see **Barbara Brooks** at the **Membership Table**.

Membership dues are to be paid by cash or check and are as follows:

Individual \$20 • Family (all under same roof) \$25 • Business \$40.

You can also mail your check, made payable to CCCSS, as follows:

c/o Barbara Brooks
441 Marsh St
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Thank you for supporting our extraordinary club!



CSSA CONVENTION STUFF

At our next meeting, there will be a box of Publicity Post Cards for the CSSA Convention in July. We would appreciate our club members' help in distributing these cards in your respective communities, such as friends, nurseries, libraries, coffee shops, etc.

Additionally, Kathy Goss will have Convention registration info that can be picked up from the back table as well.

We're excited about this convention being held right in our own backyard, and hope to see everyone there!

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 still 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.



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GARDEN GATHERING NEWS

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 hosted a wonderful Garden Gathering on a surprisingly sunny and warm Saturday May 4th in their garden in Pismo Beach. Their house is at the end of a street as steep as a roller coaster at Magic Mountain and sits high atop Price Canyon. They have a gorgeous view of the San Luis Bay coastline from the front deck and a pastoral hillside view of the oak studded canyon hillsides from the backyard. The views are extraordinarily stunning!

The two dozen attendees enjoyed time spent exploring this compact but intricate garden full of fascinating and unique cactus and succulent specimens. Maggie and Markus have a penchant for Haworthias including quite an extensive collection of rare and unusual plants large and small. Their interest has morphed, as these things do, into growing an incredible assortment of Haworthia seedlings at all stages of growth. And they raise many other plant species from seeds as well.

Garden Gatherers were awed to see planted in Maggie and Markus' front yard two very rare sights; one of the few Boojum trees you'll find in our County as well as a super tall *Pachyocereus pringlei*. In the backyard, in ground plantings of *Mammillarias* are a testament to the fantastic growth plants achieve when given root room in good soil and the right climate conditions. Unleash those potted plants people!! The *Mammillaria* mounds are stunning! Maggie's walk and talk did, however, include a cautionary tale about planning ahead for the ultimate size of plants. Her *Dasyliirion* turned into quite a huge plant next to a walkway. It's pokey sharp edges and pointy terminal spines are now an issue requiring some remedial action! Point taken—thanks for the lesson learned, Maggie!

One of the several pets at Maggie and Markus' home is a rescued desert tortoise, Ernie, who lives very comfortably in a raised planter bed enclosure with cactus, succulents and dandelion weeds (one of his preferred food choices!). Garden Gatherers had fun hand-feeding the dandelions to Ernie, who had recently come out of semi-hibernation with a voracious appetite. They had to be careful to keep their fingers out of the way of Ernie's beak!

Thank you, Maggie and Markus, for sharing your cool Garden (and Ernie) with our Club members. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves! And thanks also for all you both do for the Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society!

A special 'thank you' to Sarah Warisi for these garden photos at Maggie and Markus' event. This new CCCSS member took fantastic photos at the Garden Gathering and provided them for the newsletter. Thanks Sarah!



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
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MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Club President Loring Manley called the meeting to order at 2pm on May 12, 2019 and welcomed approximately 95 members and guests to the meeting. He thanked 11 club members for bringing refreshments to the meeting and invited them to choose a free plant as a thank you. He also thanked all the club members that volunteer at each meeting and he reminded everyone to check out the different club tables set-up around the meeting room during the break. Three first-time visitors were welcomed and invited to introduce themselves to the group and select a free plant.

Announcements:

- Loring Manley discussed Show & Sale updates regarding the schedule, presale, volunteering and exhibiting.
- Karen Iwrey announced that she is moving out of State and needs to find new homes for her cactus and succulents.
- Bill Findley announced that the new T-Shirts are on sale for \$15-\$20 and the design was submitted by Jackie Bradley.
- Bill Findley discussed the upcoming Live Auction at the Show & Sale, and announced he is still looking for someone to train to operate the Sound System at the monthly meetings.
- Terrie Leivers encouraged everyone to post Show & Sale announcements on NextDoor.com.
- Terrie Leivers announced that CCCSS logo hats are for sale for \$12 at our meetings and club will cover sales tax and \$15 Show and Sale plus tax. Logo stickers are also available for \$2.
- Kathie Matsuyama announced an upcoming Garden Gathering with Susan Fishman, June 15th in Cayucos.
- Loring Manley reminded everyone of the Wish List sign-up on the back table. Entries are posted in the Newsletter
- Reminder that members are needed for clean-up after our meetings. Volunteers get a free plant.

Plant of the Month, Brag Table and Raffle Table: Rob Skillin explained to the group that the POTM, "Adromischus," are native to the west coast of South Africa and are winter growers. They are trouble free and easy to propagate from leaf cuttings. He also thanked everyone who brought a brag plant and invited them to come forward to talk about their plants. Lastly, Rob described some of the extra special plants on the raffle table.

Guest Speaker: Steve Frieze treated the group to a slide show of his recent trip to Oaxaca, Mexico.

After that came the plant-opportunity/raffle and plant exchange. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Submitted by: Ann L. Byrne, CCCSS Secretary

MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Club President Loring Manley at 5pm on May 12, 2019, with the following members present: Ken Byrne, Ann Byrne, Natasha Erickson, Bill Findley, Pat Gilson, Terrie Leivers, Loring Manley, Carol Mortensen, Rob Skillin and Terry Skillin (a quorum was present).

Agenda Items:

- CSSA Convention Update
- Treasurer's Report
- Show and Sale Update
- Shared data repository (dropbox or other)
- T-Shirt Sales
- Mini Shows
- Clean-up Crew outline (Ken)
- June Meeting MC
- Odd Fellows Defibrillator
- CSSA Convention Speakers Contribution
- Sales Prices for Merchandise at Show and Sale

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Submitted by: Ann L. Byrne, CCCSS Secretary

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers needed for cleanup after monthly membership meetings.

If you have been thinking about becoming more involved with the Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society, we are currently looking for club members willing to stay for cleanup and organization of the meeting space after the monthly general membership meetings.

Signup sheets are on the back table during the meeting. Volunteers help/assist with the following and receive a free plant at the next meeting:

Main Hall:

- Before the Plant Exchange begins next door, all chairs must be returned to their cabinets or to the rolling rack in Break-Room.
- All tables should be returned/stored into the cabinets near the stage.
- Floor cleaned with wide floor-sweep (provided).
- Carpeted area beneath the fixed side-chairs needs to be checked and any gravel/dirt/snacks cleaned up.

Breakroom:

- After Plant Exchange and any Vendor/Speaker Sales are completed, wipe down tables and return to storage (except for 2 permanent tables which are left in the breakroom).
- Floor needs to be swept just as in the Main Hall.
- All windows to be checked and latched closed.

More details and instruction will be provided at the time of your service.

Our club relies heavily on volunteerism from our members, and we very much appreciate your willingness to help out, in whatever capacity!



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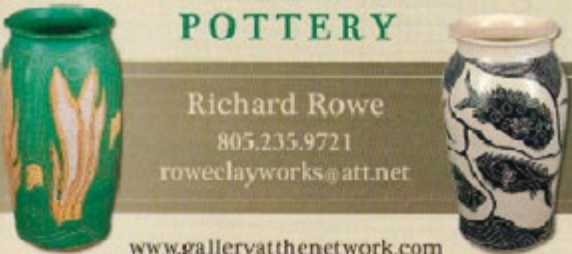


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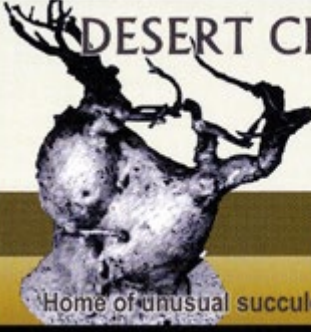
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