



ON THE DRY SIDE

CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 2019

NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER: JEFF MOORE

Jeff Moore has owned and operated Solana Succulents retail nursery in Solana Beach since 1992. He grew up in Southern California, is married with two grown sons, one still at Cal Poly, the other a recent Cal Poly graduate working in San Francisco. He met his wife Lori at Cal Poly in the early 80s, so he has a connection to and loves visiting SLO. Jeff has written 4 books on succulents (working on a few more), and he is an accomplished and well-known speaker on cultivated succulents.

Jeff's presentation will highlight his most recent book, *Spiny Succulents*. He has spent most of his adult life negotiating this spiny landscape and takes you herein on a tour of these remarkable plants in cultivation. This book explores some of the truly extraordinary succulents in cultivation: cacti, euphorbias, fouquierias, alluaudias, and a host of other dry-climate and often spiny architectural wonders.



Spiny Succulents

Euphorbias, cacti, and other sculptural succulents and (mostly) spiny xerophytic plants



Jeff will bring lots of books and plants to sell and will be equipped with Square for credit cards!

Don't forget, our annual Holiday Potluck is coming up in December!

*See page 3 for information and signup sheet.
Hope to see you there!*

OUR NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH AT 2PM

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

PLANT OF THE MONTH: HAWORTHIA

HAWORTHIAS AS HOUSE PLANTS

Haworthias are small, popular succulents from southern Africa. They are generally of easy culture, of small size, more tolerant of modest lighting than many succulent plants and come in many variations on a common theme. Though the small white-ish flowers are less than spectacular they are rewarding and very willing to come forth under diverse conditions. The real glory is in the succulent leaves which, depending on species and growing conditions, can be variously colored in greens, reds, and browns to near-black. Some have leaves that are thin and bristly, others thick and fat. Some are plain, others are marked with lines, bumps, stripes or dots. All these factors point to why Haworthias are popular houseplants capable of being grown successfully indoors in all areas of the world and outdoors where frosts are infrequent and of short duration. Many Haworthias readily offset and therefore are easily passed along.

The first written references to Haworthias go back as far as the early 1600's when European colonists were discovering the botanical riches of southern Africa. Early explorers took Haworthias back to Europe and they have probably been in cultivation there for nearly 400 years. They are readily available from home stores, garden centers, even the floral section of grocery stores; rare and unusual oddities are available from succulent plant nurseries. In Japan, where horticultural uniqueness commands high prices, Haworthias with special markings, forms or colors can sell for hundreds of dollars. More common but equally appealing forms usually cost just a few dollars.

Haworthias are native primarily to the country of South Africa. They are closely related to Aloes and are in the Aloe family: Aloaceae. At one time, up to not too long ago, Aloes, Haworthias and their relatives were considered part of a very large lily family (Liliaceae) which has rightly been broken up into more meaningful units. Two other related smaller genera are Gasteria, with red to orange flowers and about 15 species, and Astroloba, with about 10 species that have an elongated, columnar form.

The stereotypical image of cacti and other succulent plants is of desert inhabitants living fully exposed in hot, bright sun. Whereas large plants can survive such harsh conditions many smaller succulents actually are found in the shade of rocks or shrubs. Although some Haworthia species can be found in full, bright sun most live in more protected spots and therefore are adapted to thrive in partial shade, this makes Haworthias well adapted to lower light conditions found in homes.



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



Top right: Haworthia pumila
Bottom right: Haworthia limifolia
At left: Haworthia turgida var suberecta

CLUB BULLETIN BOARD

THE HOLIDAY POTLUCK IS COMING UP!

We only have the November meeting before our **December 8th 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. This event is open to **current CCCSS members and their guests.**

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 or call me at 805-710-4957.

Thank you,

Pat Gilson, Hospitality Chairperson

HOLIDAY POTLUCK SIGNUP ~ DECEMBER 8, 2019

Required personal info:

Member Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of People Attending: _____

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

Appetizer Main Dish

Salad Side Dish

Bread/Butter Dessert

Beverage

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

CCCSS MEMBERS' PLANT WISH LIST

The following members either have plants available or they are looking for something. Note: use of this feature authorizes CCCSS to publish your contact info in the newsletter. If you have plants to share, or are looking for something yourself, you can sign up at the next meeting. The Wish List is at the back table at monthly meetings.

- **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**.

ART SHOW AND FUNDRAISER AT SLO BOTANICAL GARDEN

Friday November 15, 4:30-8pm, Saturday and Sunday 16-17, 10am-5pm

Join artists on Friday at 4:30pm for a ribbon cutting ceremony followed at 5pm by a wine and appetizer reception and shopping until 8pm. Fifteen amazing local artists displaying and selling handmade items to benefit the SLO Botanical Garden. Get your holiday shopping done in one spot, there'll be something for everyone.

More info at slobg.org.

Location: San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, 3450 Dairy Creek Rd

Cost: FREE to attend.

Event contact phone number: 805-541-1400 x 304

GARDEN GATHERING NEWS

Thank you, **Harry and Mary Harlow**, for hosting a **SECOND** fabulous Garden Gathering on October 5th! Harry and Mary were also hosts in July of 2017 during the inaugural year of Garden Gatherings.

On October 5th, with exceptionally warm temperatures, most of the several dozen attendees met at a park and ride lot and carpooled to the Harlow's rural homestead in Santa Margarita. The Garden Gathering started with a walk and talk by Harry who discussed new planting areas along the long driveway. These included lots of cactus, some agaves, and chollas. The rural location of the Harlows' garden has special problem pests including lots of deer who rub their budding antlers on agave leaves mutilating the plants. And of course, they have the ubiquitous gopher pests to deal with as well!

The tour continued into the Harlow's multiple greenhouses where tender and specimen plants are grown. The winter temperatures and predators require that these plants be grown under cover!

From the greenhouses, the Garden Gatherers enjoyed the incredible hillside plantings of cactus, succulents and beautiful unique art pieces. The hillside has expanded and improved exponentially in the two years since the last Garden Gathering—what a tremendous amount of work has gone into creating the rock walls and walkways for these slopes—just incredible!

The Garden Gathererers trekked on up to the Harlows' Home where a delicious social hour was enjoyed by the participants. Mary and Harry provided a delectable array of goodies for all to enjoy! But, without a doubt, the runaway favorite item was Mary's incredibly delicious pumpkin nut bread...yummy!

The social hour on the Harlow's patio was completely delightful. The participants had such a wonderful time getting to know each other. There was lots of discussion about individual gorgeous specimens on the patio. And many folks marveled at how many improvements the Harlows had made in two short years!

We are looking for Garden hosts for 2020! Let us know if you are interested! Contact Susan Ross at susanrosscra@yahoo.com, or Kathie Matsuyama at luvbigdogs@earthlink.net

Event pre-planning, organization, sign-up and email coordination with your guests is all capably managed by Susan and Kathie!



CCCSS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society would not be possible without the people who volunteer at our meetings, events, and on our Board. If you enjoy our club, community, and shared passion for cacti and succulents, it is because of those people behind the scenes making it happen. If you have thought about doing more to support the club, or to contribute your particular talents, or if you just want more involvement with our community, then you are in luck!

Our fiscal year will begin on July 1st, and with that, we will need several Officer positions filled. Yes it is only October, but it's not too early to begin thinking about increasing your involvement, or perhaps trying out a different role, if you are already serving CCCSS in some capacity. The following is a list of positions and their requisite duties. Please give some serious thought to raising your hand for one of these positions. The eligibility requirement to serve as an officer is 6 months membership with CCCSS. Thorough training will be provided for all positions.

CLUB PRESIDENT

The President shall be the principal executive officer of the organization and shall, in general, supervise and control all of the Society's affairs, preside at monthly membership meetings and chair the Board of Directors meetings.

VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform all duties incidental to the office of President. They are also responsible for arranging programs for the Monthly Membership Meetings. Programs may consist of a speaker, a demonstration, or a discussion on any topic that promotes the objectives of the club. A list of 50 previous and potential speakers with their contact information is available which makes this position so much easier.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The Membership Officer shall maintain a list of the Society's current members, including membership date, type and status. Also, from this, to produce a roster of member contact information that can be distributed monthly to the Board for distribution of the club newsletter, and as needed.

PUBLICITY CHAIR

As the Publicity Officer you would be responsible for assuring that Society events, including Monthly Membership Meetings and the Show and Sale, are publicized to the public in such generally available forums as newspapers, magazines, social media, and radio as agreed upon by the Board.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The editor will collect submissions and content from members for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. This position includes considerable leeway and editorial freedom. Graphic design experience is helpful but not necessary. However, fluency with computers and basic software navigation is a must. This is a fun and important position for someone who would enjoy being a creative ambassador for the Club.

Questions or interest? See any of the current Board members and they'll be happy to provide more information. Or you can email us at info@centralcoastcactus.org.

CCCSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

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*Deadline is 2 weeks before
the next monthly meeting.

Treasurer: **Kathy Goss**

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Member At Large: **Terry Skillin**

Hospitality: **Pat Gilson**

Member At Large: **Natasha Erickson**

Librarian: **Ken Byrne**

Member At Large: **Bill Findley**



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OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

President Loring Manley began the meeting at 2pm on October 13, 2019. He welcomed approximately 97 members and guests to the meeting, thanked club members for bringing refreshments to the October meeting and for helping clean-up after the September meeting. All volunteers were invited to choose a free plant as a thank you. Volunteer sign-up sheets are located at the back of the room. Six first-time visitors were also invited to come up, introduce themselves to the group, and select a free plant.

Announcements

- Terrie Leivers asked members with Facebook accounts to visit and “like” the CCCSS Facebook page.
- Terrie also announced that CCCSS will have booth at the SLO Botanical Garden on Saturday, October 19th.
- Carol Mortensen announced a signup sheet at the back of the room for members who are interested in selling plants at our monthly meetings.
- Mike Bush announced that “Succulentopia” at Cal Poly is scheduled for the last Friday & Saturday in October.
- Garden Gatherings: Kathy Matsuyama thanked Linda Drake and Harry and Mary Harlow for opening their gardens for club members to see. She also encouraged other members to sign-up to show their gardens in 2020.

Plant of the Month – Sanseveria: Rob Skillin briefly discussed this genus...many species, similar cultivation for most. Please see Markus's more detailed description of the POM in the October Newsletter!

Rob also thanked everyone who brought a brag plant and invited them to come forward to talk about their plants. He then discussed some of the extra special plants on the raffle table.

After a short break, Michelle Cloud-Hughes presented a very informative program on a new cactus species from California: Cylindropuntia chuckwallensis. She even discussed statistical analysis of the new species and comparison with other species. (Frankly, a very interesting presentation in my opinion!)

The program was followed by the plant raffle. The meeting adjourned at 4:20pm, followed by the plant exchange and cleanup.

Submitted by: Ken Byrne, CCCSS Librarian & Past President

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by President Loring Manley, with the following quorum of Board Members present: Barbara Brooks, Ken Byrne, Natasha Erickson, Pat Gilson, Terrie Leivers, Loring Manley, Carol Mortensen, Rob Skillin and Terry Skillin.

Old Business:

- Approval of September Minutes (Ken Byrne)
- Pay website hosting (Rob Skillin)
- Pay Board of Director Insurance (Kathy Goss)
- Newsletter Announcements: Potluck and Auctions
- Potluck Sign-ups (Pat Gilson)
- Auction Announcements: (Bill Findley/Terry Skillin)
- Sales/Use Tax
- Possible club bus trip(s)

New/Other Business:

- Propagation Working Group
- Phishing activity reported
- Annual Membership Fees delinquent

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Submitted by Ken Byrne, CCCSS Librarian & Past President

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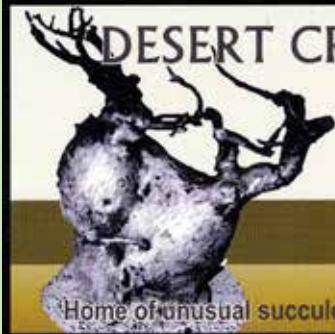
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