

THE CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

ON THE DRY SIDE

The next meeting is Sunday August 14 at 2 PM in the SLO Odd Fellows Hall In This Issue: Program: The Miniature Jewels of Mexico Plant of the Month Stenocactus

Announcements Message from the President Meeting Minute CCCSS Ask Us Garden Gatherings & other Business and Board Members

Wendell S. (Woody) Minnich

Woody, as he is commonly known, grew up in the Mojave Desert and has had an attraction to desert plants and animals since the early 1950's. He has been involved with the cactus and succulent world for over 52 years, as a grower, field explorer, club and organization leader, writer, photographer, lecturer and presenter.

Having been a speaker all over the world, Woody is most often associated with giving presentations on his field work from the places he has traveled, such as: Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Madagascar, Mexico, Namibia, New Zealand, Peru, Socotra, South Africa, the

United States and Yemen. To date, this makes 128 major trips. He is also recognized for having operated the nursery Cactus Data Plants since 1975. Woody's show quality plants were often considered one of the standards for staging and horticultural achievement. His favorite genera include: Adenium, Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Copiapoa, Cyphostemma, Fouquieria, Gymnocalycium, Lithops, Mammillaria, Melocactus, Pachypodium, Turbinicarpus, Uebelmannia, and Pachycauls in general.

He has published numerous articles and reviews in various journals (CSSA) and his photography is featured in many books including; "The Copiapoa" by Schulz, "The Mammillaria Handbook" by Pilbeam, "The Cactus Lexicon" By Hunt and Charles, as well as many others. As of November 2017, he is featured as the primary photographer in the sold out book "The Xerophile." This book specializes in what the authors call, The Obsessed Field workers from around the world. He is also featured in electronic articles about conservation from "MNN Mother Nature Network" and "The Guardian Newspaper."



August 2022

Woody and his wife, Kathy, live in Cedar Grove, New Mexico. He is a retired secondary school teacher of 32 years where he taught Graphics, Art and Architecture. In the cactus and succulent hobby, Woody is recognized for his high energy and creative spirit. As an educator, he has become an important part of the hobby and thus is an honorary life member of thirteen C&S societies across the country. He has been president, show and sale chair, newsletter editor, program chair, and plant of the month coordinator. Woody has also served on the CSSA board and numerous societies in many other leadership positions. He is a co-creator, and currently the president, of the Santa Fe Cactus and Succulent Club. With 52 years in the hobby and 64 years in the field (old fart), he has many experiences to share and thousands of photos to show.



The Miniature Jewels of Mexico By Wendell S. (Woody) Minnich

The Miniature Jewels of Mexico presentation features the often rare, but always tiny, species of cacti and other succulents that are found in the vast country of Mexico. This presentation includes Woody's photos and experiences covering 45 years of exploring almost all of this, the most cactus rich country in the world. We will see *Mammillarias, Ariocarpus, Turbinicarpus, Thelocactus, Strombocactus, Aztekiums, Gymnocactus, Astrophytums, Escobarias,*



Coryphanthas, Geohintonias, Echeverias, Sedums etc., etc., etc., etc. We will encounter miniature plants from such states as; Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas, San Lois Potosi, Sonora, Sinaloa, Queretaro, Oaxaca, Puebla and many more. Within these states we will find ourselves traveling through such famous regions as the Sonoran Desert, the Chihuahuan desert, the Sierra Madre Occidental and the Sierra Madre Oriental.

Program for August - The Miniature Jewels of Mexico

Many of these miniature plants are the most beautiful an intriguing of all the cacti and succulents in the world. Their geometric patterns and their sculptural shapes, often adorned by intense colors, make most of them real collector items. Some of these



miniature species are considered real stinkers when it comes to successful cultivation. Thus, we will visit the habitats where these plants grow and its relevance to their successful cultivation. This talk will also address the uniqueness of each species and their historical background from their original discovery to their relationships with field workers from the past to the present.

Many of the miniature jewels in this presentation will be plants that most of us have had or have admired for all the years we have enjoyed this special hobby. An added bonus from this program is, for those of us with limited growing space, learning just how many species we can keep in an area the size of a coffee table! Hopefully you will learn some of the secrets for growing these miniature plants, as well as, be introduced to





some potential new acquisitions for your collection.

Keep your eyes open, as this presentation will show taxa that you will not see in any other presentations, many species brand new to the cactus world!



PLANT OF THE MONTH

Stenocactus / Echinofossulocactus

tenocactus and Echinofossulocactus are now considered to refer to the same genus. The original name, Echinofossulocactus, proposed in 1841, consisted of 26 species, many of which are now considered to belong to several different genera. The genus Stenocactus was later independently proposed for the plants considered here, and as the various Echinofossulocactus species were sorted into their correct genera the plants left as Echinofossulocactus generally correspond to those of Stenocactus, thus we are left with two names for the same plants. The correct name for the plants has been the subject of controversy for many years. The name Stenocactus is preferred by many because it is much simpler, but Echinofossulocactus is preferred by others because of its precedence. Stenocactus derives from the Greek word, stenos, for narrow, in reference to the many narrow ribs which characterize almost all of the species. Echinofossulocactus is derived from the latin word, echinus, for hedgehog, a

latin word, echinus, for hedgehog, a spiny rodent or also a spiny sea urchin, in reference to the spiny nature of the plants. The similarity in reproductive structures suggest to many botanists a strong relationship between <u>Stenocactus</u> and <u>Ferocactus</u>.



Most of the members of <u>Stenocactus</u> are relatively small spiny plants and nearly all have many wonderfully curved ribs. Many remain single, but some will form clusters with age. Most remain small, flowering at an early age. They have attractive flowers, but the multiple ribs are their most attractive feature.

<u>Stenocactus</u> are native to the grasslands of central to northern Mexico. They are easy to grow, putting on most of their growth and flowering during the early spring to summer. They should be lightly shaded in hot summer climates and kept dry during the winter months. The narrow ribs, wooly areoles, and dense spines are an ideal habitat for mealy bugs, requiring frequent inspection to prevent spreading. Identification of <u>Stenocactus</u> species is difficult because of the extreme variability in vegetative features.

Currently the International Cactaceae Systematics Group recognizes only 10 distinct species, but each of these may show extensive variability; many of these variants have been given their own species names, thus a search in many older references or on the internet may list dozens of names.

PLANT OF THE MONTH - Cont'd Stenocactus / Echinofossulocactus

Some of the most desirable species include:

<u>Stenocactus crispatus</u>. 26-35 ribs, up to 8 radial spines, up to 3.5 cm long, the topmost spine flattened. Flowers violet with a darker central stripe. Includes <u>S. lamellosus</u>.



Stenocactus crispatus 'lamellosus'

<u>Stenocactus phyllacanthus</u>, 30-35 ribs, 2-7 radial spines, upper 3 all flat and very long. Flowers yellowish-whitish with a reddish center. Includes <u>S.</u> <u>tricuspidatus</u>, a variant of markedly different morphology.



Old Stenocactus phyllacanthus

<u>Stenocactus multicostatus</u>. 80-120 thin finlike ribs, 3 spines of varying length. Flowers white or yellowish with purple-violet center.



Juvenile Stenocactus multicostatus

PLANT OF THE MONTH - Cont'd Stenocactus / Echinofossulocactus

Stenocactus vaupelianus. 30-40 ribs, dense yellow needle-shaped spines around 10-25, wooly apex. Includes <u>S. ochoteraneus</u>.



Group of Stenocactus vaupelianus

Stenocactus coptonogonus. 10-15 stout ribs, areoles widely spaced with 3-7 stout whitish spines, the uppermost up to 35 mm (1.4 inches) long. Flowers white with violet mid-veins. The rib structure of this species is unlike other members of Stenocactus.



Stenocactus coptonogonus in habitat

Thank you, Charles Spotts for your article and photos Thank you, Markus for contributing this article



CCCSS President's Message August 2022

Several good things are in store for us. Since we missed two December Holiday meetings, we are planning a make-up event for our September meeting. We're planning a BBQ-type meal plus side dishes provided by our members. Be sure to see Pat to sign up for a side dish and to RSVP for the meeting. One of the things I miss most is the opportunity to socialize and chat leisurely with our friends and this meeting will be a great time to catch up with everyone.

Out of respect for Covid precautions, we will plan to serve the food inside, but have dining tables widely spaced in the meeting hall as well as outside in the back parking area.

This brings us to the other good news as we are reaching an agreement with the Community Foundations (2 doors down on Dana Street) to use their 17 parking spaces during our meetings. This will allow us to remain at the OFH without undue parking hassles. We will have enough space to set up tables outside for our September meeting and still have enough parking spaces to accommodate our members.

This month's speaker is our well known, lifetime member, Woody Minnich. He will be presenting a program on the small, wonderful cactus of Mexico.

Please remember to see Laura (our Membership Chairperson) to renew your Membership for 2022/2023. Thank you!

Due to the prevalence of Covid 19 in our community and the vulnerability of our Club population, I encourage you to wear your mask indoors at the meeting.

See you on the 14th...Harry





CCCSS Meeting minutes summaries July 10,2022

Present: 70 attendees

General Meeting:

Harry made a few announcements:

- A long-time member of our Club, Susan Chandler, died recently. She was a volunteer at our past Show & Sales and she loved to bring plants to the Brag table to share. (Note: A celebration of life will be held August 27 at 11am at SLO United Church of Christ, 11245 Los Osos Valley Rd., SLO.)
- Rob Skillin will be our featured speaker today
- Mary Peracca informed us about the new Conservatory at Cal Poly. It houses tropical and cactus/succulent plants. It's located off of Poly Canyon Rd. (Google "Cal Poly Conservatory" for hours and parking instructions.) It will be fully open in the Fall. They have a beautiful succulent wall and Mary says that she will be able to get cuttings from it for the SLO Botanical Garden.
 - Mary also thanked Club members for bringing cuttings for the SLOBG.
- Free plants were distributed to the food, clean-up crew and first-time participants at the meeting.
- Members were encouraged to contact Kathie Matsuyama if they are interested in holding a Garden Gathering at their home. You set the date/time/number of people that you want to host. These are fun events!
- In response to Tanya's email to Club members regarding the integrity of the Board of Directors, Harry reminded all members that they are welcome to attend any BOD meeting. They are held in the Conference Room immediately after the regular meeting clean up has concluded. He encouraged anyone with questions about the email or concerns about the conduct of the BOD to attend today's meeting.

Rob Skillin gave an excellent presentation on the succulent plants that grow on the East & West sides of the Andes Mountains. The climate is extremely dry here with little or no rainfall. Moisture is provided primarily by fog. Thank you Rob!

BOD meeting summary:

- There was heated discussion over the issue of mask wearing. Should the BOD require masks (as we had done at the April & May meetings) or follow State and local Public Health Guidelines that currently call for a strong recommendation to wear masks at indoor public gatherings (as we had done at the June & July meetings)? The majority of the Board felt that we should follow our local Public Health Dept. guidelines as they pertain to mask wearing.
 - Six non-Board members attended the meeting. One individual was opposed to the board's decision on this matter.
- Treasurer Kathy Goss reported that our Show & Sale in May was a very successful event for both the Club and our vendors.
- Laura Oliver is working on getting name tags printed for new members.
- We are still trying to make contact with the Community Foundation about the use of their parking spaces for our meeting. Mary has left a message and Karen is going to follow up.
- Mary Peracca's garden was featured in an article in The Tribune. The City of SLO is holding a waterwise garden contest. A link to the article will be in the Newsletter and placed on our Facebook page.

Submitted by Mary Harlow, Secretary



I'm borrowing a piece of your page to see if people are paying attention, and need a little fun today . .

https://youtu.be/o80wjw--0kk



A FEW NOTES OF INTEREST

MEMBERSHIP:

https://centralcoastcactus.org/home/membership-information/



WATERWISE GARDENS

Here is the link to the waterwise garden contest & the little video about Mary Peracca's garden

https://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/environment/ article263261338.html?ac_cid=DM668748&ac_bid=403817587

Hi Everyone,

This is a bit short notice but we are going to do something different for the <u>September meeting</u>. A Potluck Bar-B-que. the club will supply the meat, the members all the other goodies. I need to know how many will be coming. <u>Please signup</u> at the August meeting or send me an email <u>hupt74@yahoo.com</u> you can call as well 805-710-4957. I need name,# of people, what you will bring and a phone number.

We don't plan an auction, just the opportunity table (raffle). Good company, good food and a fun day with our group. We are planning to set up tables inside and outside so we can spread out a bit.

Pat Gilson Hospitality Chairperson



ASK US



CCCSS ASK US: WE WILL TRY TO HELP!!

Do you have a prickly cactus question or an inscrutable succulent issue? The CCCSS ASK US TABLE can now be accessed at in person CCCSS meetings or VIRTUALLY. See our venerable expert Cactophile Gene Schroeder and Succulentophile Kathie Matsuyama at the ASK ME table at monthly meetings or send us your questions. The online ASK US service is for <u>Active CCCSS</u> <u>members</u> only.

Examples of issues we may be able to help with include:

• ID of Plants

Provide 3 photos of the plant: 1) close-up of leaves, flowers, spines; 2) general photo of the plant with something in the photo that indicates scale....a ruler, soda can or credit card; and 3) a photo of the plant in its environment (is the plant in full sun, under a porch, planted in the landscape?)

- Watering & Light Requirements
- Feeding & Fertilization
- Pests & Problems
- Soil & Amendments
- Propagation

Please email/provide good photos of your plant. Also provide all the background information you think necessary to help us answer your question. Tell us which city you live in; microclimates in our region provide vastly different growing conditions. We will email/provide you with our thoughts. Your plant question might be featured in a future CCCSS ASK US Newsletter column.







Vertical garden

Send your ASK US questions to Gene Schroeder and Kathie Matsuyama at: <u>AskMe@centralcoastcactus.org</u>

Photos by Kathie

GARDEN GATHERING HOSTS NEEDED!!

We are actively recruiting Garden Gathering hosts for this year. We currently have no future events scheduled. Let us know if you are interested in hosting. It's super fun!

New to CCCSS? Here are the FAQs about Garden Gatherings:

Health FIRST: We take the health and safety of our club members seriously. Our Garden Gathering hosts are inviting us into their homes and gardens. Therefore, all attendees are required to be fully vaccinated and to provide proof of vaccination to attend the events.

Why: Our CCCSS is large and growing; it's hard to connect with other cactophiles at our Zoom meetings and large in-person meetings. This is a great chance to meet people in small social group settings.

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.

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

Who: Participants must be CCCSS members. The host decides the number of guests.

When: Hosts pick the date and time for the event. Events average 1¹/₂ hours.

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

Interested in hosting a Garden Gathering in 2022? Contact Paul and Kathie Matsuyama at <u>luvbigdogs@earthlink.net</u>



Aloe ortholopha



Dudleya gatesii



Mini Garden

CalPoly's Plant Conservatory

From Mary Peracca:

This is the view of one side of the succulent wall. The other photos are of some of the plants in the desert greenhouse. There are also 2 tropical greenhouses. They are open Monday through Friday 8-5. FYI you must buy a parking pass at one of the kiosks. You can park for free on the weekends if you just want to see the succulent wall. It's very cool! They will have a grand opening in the Fall. I'll pass on the details when I get them.



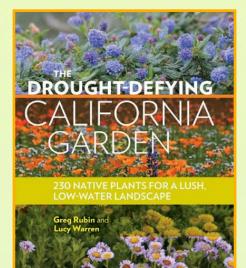


NOW GROWING!

Our very first **South America Area** planting; **Amaryllis Berlladonna**!

VOLUNTEER! The Garden needs your expertise! Contact: Cheryl Wakefield <u>cheryl@slobg.org</u>





Want to reduce your landscape water usage and still have a beautiful yard? The library has a number of books that can help you do that. According to authors Greg Rubin and Lucy Warren, a landscape of California native plants can reduce your water usage by 60-90 percent when compared to a more conventional landscape. But, not all native plants are the same.

In their book *The Drought-Defying California Garden; 230 Native Plants for a Lush Low-Water Landscape*, they discuss taking advantage of natural plant communities. As they describe over 230 California native plants (with colorful pictures of each), they also identify the plant communities of each.

They give suggestions for landscape usage of each plant, then discuss planting, irrigating and controlling weeds, and much more. All in all, this is a very useful book for anyone ready to incorporate some California native plants into a landscape.

Stop by the library when a library volunteer is there to assist you:

Wednesdays 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Fridays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 2nd and 3rd Sunday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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A portion of proceeds benefits SLO Food Bank, a 501 (c)3 organization whose mission is to work **FOOD BANK** with a network of community partners to alleviate hunger in San Luis Obispo county and build a healthier community.

The Five Cities Orchid Society Presents: Paphiopedilums and Phragmepediums at the Huntington Botanicsal Gardens

- Orchid Talks on Zoom
- Thursday, August 11, 2022
- 7:00 PM 8:30 PM

As the Orchid Collection Specialist, Brandon curates one of the largest and most diverse orchid species collections in the world, including over 1500 unique species and 3,600 different varieties across 280 orchid genera. He oversees day-to-day horticultural operations, including acquisitions, propagation, conservation, and supervision of over 40 orchid volunteers. Under Brandon's stewardship, the Huntington has won over 100 awards from the American Orchid Society, including five First Class Certificates and three Certificates of Cultural Excellence. He supervises numerous public education events, such as orchid shows, judgings, and conferences. Additionally, Brandon co-curates the *Amorphophallus titanum* collection of 43 mature specimens and has exhibited over ten blooming specimens.

Brandon started as the Orchid Collection Specialist at The Huntington at age 16 while concurrently earning his bachelor's degree in plant science from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, which he completed in 2015.

Brandon is both a member of the conservation committee and associate judge of the American Orchid Society and has served as the society's trustee in the past. He is also on the Board of Directors and editorial committee for *Orchid Digest Publication*.

Brandon is a frequent contributing author to the American Orchid Society, Orchid Digest, and Cymbidium Society of America, and has presented with over 50 national and international orchid organizations.

Go to <u>www.fcos.org/subscribe</u> to get our free newsletter with Zoom link.

Join us Saturday, August 6th at 10:00 a.m. PDT for the next in our series of webinars featuring Cactus and Succulent experts from around the world.

Marcela Ferreyra: Plants in Arid Patagonia Registration link



Top: Marcela Ferreyra at Cathedral Mountain Middle left: *Calceolaria uniflora.* Middle right: *Anarthrophyllum strigulipetalum* Bottom left *Petunia patagonica.* Bottom right *Oreopolus glacialis*



Program: Patagonia is the southernmost region in Argentina. The most remarkable feature in this territory is the Andean range that runs all along the West side from the North to South. The mountains, under a humid and cold climate, have luxurious forests on the slopes and alpine vegetation on their tops. Far from the mountains, the Extra-Andean Patagonia extends itself till the seashore showing a contrasting landscape, very arid and warm. These changes in the environmental conditions produce a remarkable diversity of plants. Patagonia is home to a quarter of the species in all the country.

This lecture will present Patagonia in general, very briefly, and will focus on the Extra-Andean Patagonia plants displaying the most beautiful shrubs, perennial and cactus ordered by colors.

Short Bio: Marcela Ferreyra is a biologist, teacher, and botanical tour guide. Her activities have always been linked to the flora of Patagonia and to environmental education.

She was professor of Vascular Plant Systematics at the National University of Río Negro in Bariloche. She has taught Flora of Patagonia in Tourism and Mountain Guide training courses and Natural Sciences in the Institute of Teacher Training of Bariloche, among other institutions. Today she is retired from formal education.

For almost 20 years, she has worked as a botanical guide for groups of visitors who travel through Patagonia to photograph its flora.

She gave numerous training courses on the flora of Patagonia both in Bariloche and in other parts of Patagonia, an activity that she currently continues. She has carried out floristic surveys for the Administration of National Parks of Argentina and for protected areas of several provinces.

She has published scientific and outreach papers on high mountain flora and is the author of several field guides to identify the flora of different environments in Patagonia.

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- Participate in CSSA's bi-monthly Webinar Series featuring C&S experts from around the world.
- Access and purchase rare C&S seeds at our <u>CSSA Seed Depot</u>.
- Participate in CSSA's members-only field trips to native habitats of cacti and other succulents.
- Participate in the CSSA convention. The next convention will be in Colorado Springs in 2023. Stay tuned!
- Support CSSA's mission of conservation, research, outreach, and educational projects.



36th Annual Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show

Sale: August 5 ,6,& 7, 9 am to 5 pm Show: August 6-7, 9 am to 5 pm <u>The Los Angeles Arboretum</u>, 301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA <u>Tickets</u>

<u>The Los Angeles Times</u> has referred to the <u>Annual Inter-City Cactus and Succulent</u> <u>Show and Sale</u> as the

"the Comic-Con of the Cactus World". Hosted by the Long Beach Cactus Club, the Los Angeles C&S Society, and the San Gabriel Valley C&S Society, it is the largest show and sale in the U.S.

Inter-City Website I Instagram I Facebook Inter-City Newsletter Show Schedule, Classes, Rules, and Awards

With drought years becoming more common in California and the Southwest, this display of almost exclusively drought tolerant plants provides inspiration for gardeners, landscapers and patio designers and



denizens. Fantastic displays and color are possible with a selection of plants and pots.

It is impossible to come away from this show without ideas for your own home. Every year rarely exhibited succulent plants appear on the show tables. The Inter-City Show is unique – being a participant or a visitor is something no one ever forgets. Each year there are about 100 entrants and about 1500 plants.

The plant selection is never the same. Alongside the rarities are equally treasured specimens, more common now, but new and exotic 20, 50, or 100 years ago. The show is accompanied by a sale of cacti and succulent plants, as well as pots, books, and growing media. Many of the sellers make only one Southern California visit each year, making this an opportunity not to be missed.

Looking for a Cactus and Succulent Event? Check out the <u>CSSA Events Calendar</u>

BRAG PLANTS

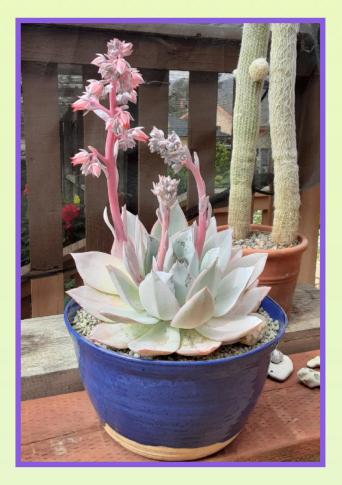
From the yard of Wayne Mills





From Laurel Carlisle

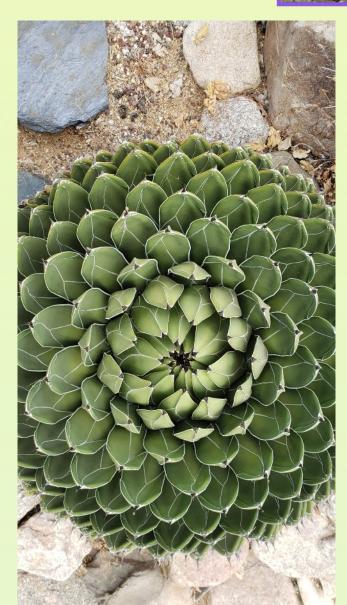
Attached is a photo of Echeveria Conte, which I won during one of the club meeting Zoom drawings. It lives on my deck in Los Osos and is in a 16 inch wide ceramic pot. I love how the humming birds frequent the flowers.



BRAG PLANTS

From Laura Oliver's collection





From Mary and Harry Harlow

Agave <u>victoriae-reginae</u> This large plant may bloom soon but no signs yet.

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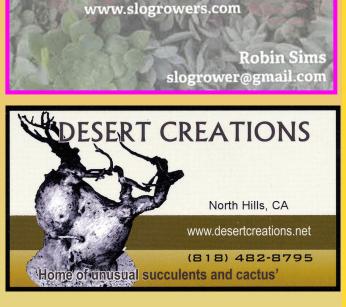
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August is the time to reap what you've sown, quite literally even, as most summer vegetables are ready to be harvested.

It goes without saying, that August then is a time to celebrate a good harvest and a good summer!