



ON THE DRY SIDE



**The next meeting is
Sunday December
11 in the Odd
Fellows Hall, Come
at 12:30 to Set-up**

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**Business Members,
Board Members**

Hi All,

As you all know the December meeting is our annual Holiday potluck. I still have some room for additional members and family. Please contact me at hupt74@yahoo.com or call 805-710-4957 as soon as possible.

Some things to remember:

- * We will start setting up between 12 & 12:30.
- * The meat will arrive at 1:30
- * No regular business will be done.
- * Live auction will be held after dinner.
- * Silent auction will start before dinner.
- * Do Not bring anything you don't want to lose.
- * Label if the item you bring if it has nuts or seafood, is gluten free or vegetarian etc.

Let's have fun...Pat





President's message December 2022

It is December and this year we will resume having our Holiday Banquet December 11th and start setting up at 12:30 pm. Please sign up with Pat Gilson immediately if you have not already done so. The Silent auction will be on-going throughout the dinner. After eating we will have the live auction organized by Bill Findley and the winners will be declared for the silent auction.

BOD members attended a brief photo opportunity at the SLO Botanical Garden on Nov 22 to thank our Club for providing the funds to purchase 150 Aloe ferox plants for the new expansion area of the Garden. There is a lot of energy and planning going on out there. They have extensive lighting installed for their "Nature Nights" event. We were gifted 10 complimentary admissions for the event, and we will have a drawing for them at the Holiday Banquet.

The Board also voted to give \$1000 to CSSA's Conservation Fund. A worthy endeavor to help combat poaching of plants in habitat.

We continue to work on our "Youth Award" category for next year's S&S. We are hopeful that this will be a new exciting way to foster interest in our hobby with High School and younger folks. Final details will be worked out by the S&S committee.

Hope to see you at the Holiday Party. Happy Holidays and a Merry Season to all...Harry



CCCSS Meeting minutes summaries November 13 2022

Regular Meeting: 75 attendees

- President's remarks:
 - Our guest speaker will be our own Bill Findley and Loring Manley to discuss plant propagation. Our scheduled speaker, Ernesto Sandoval is ill and will reschedule.
 - The BOD will be considering the following proposal:
 - Susan Chandler's daughter, Maggie, has offered to fund a project for CCCSS. The proposal being worked on is a "Youth Award" to be given out at our S&S. The details will be worked out by the BOD and the S&S Committee. The purpose of the award would be to encourage young people to get involved in our Club by entering plants in our S&S. There would be a small cash prize to encourage participation. Details to follow...
 - Parents and grandparents are encouraged to assist the young folks in your life to get involved with growing cactus and succulents.
 - The BOD will also be considering donating to two worthy causes:
 - The Botanical Garden has requested help with the purchase of Aloe ferox for a large planting at the Garden.
 - Also under consideration is a contribution to CSSA for their Conservation or Research funds.
 - Please remember that all CCCSS members are welcome to attend and participate in the BOD meetings which are held directly after the regular meeting is cleaned up.
 - Maggie Wagner encouraged folks to attend the "Nature Nights" display at the SLO Botanical Garden. It's an evening event being held now through Jan 8th. Tickets are \$17-\$19.

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- Kathie Matsuyama has arranged 2 garden gatherings. Contact her to sign up.
 - Sat. Nov 19th at Charles Varni's house in Oceano. (10am & 1pm)
 - Sat. Dec 17th at Gene Schroeder's house in Nipomo. (10am & 1pm)
- Mary Peracca announced that she will be selling pottery at a "Hands Across Nepal" event in Santa Margarita on Sat. Nov 19th in Santa Margarita. 14 vendors will be present.
- Mike Bush announced that Los Osos group of potters/growers will be having a Holiday Gift Sale at their 9th street location in Los Osos on Dec 3rd & 4th.
- Holiday Party: Our Holiday potluck will be December 11th at the Odd Fellows Hall. The Club will provide the ham and turkey. Please sign up with Pat to bring additional potluck items.
 - There will also be a silent and a live auction. The silent auction items can be anything cactus/succulent related. Including plants/pots, books, gift items. For live auction plants please contact Bill Findley. He would like to see a picture and he can help you set a price. Silent auction items are 100% donation to the Club. Live auction plants are 75%/25% split, with 25% to the Club.
- Plants were distributed to folks who brought refreshments, helped with clean up and also to those who were attending our meeting for the first time.
- The Show & Sale Committee will be having their first planning meeting on Feb 5th. Please let Harry know if you are interested in being on the committee.
- Bill Findley & Loring Manley presented a well done review of propagation techniques. Bill reviewed types of propagation: sexual (pollination/seed production), leaf cuttings, and asexual (cloning). Loring emphasized the



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importance of sanitation, warmth and lighting to encourage seed growth. Bill and Loring would like to start up a propagation group to work together on these techniques to grow your plants from seeds. Anyone interested in participating in this group, please contact Bill or Loring.

BOD Meeting:

- Treasurer's Report: All taxes and fees have been paid.
 - The need for a budget plan was discussed. Kathy will research and return to the BOD with a proposed budget.
- Funding proposals:
 - Maggie made a proposal to fund the planting of the Aloe ferox plants at the SLOBG. Her request was granted.
 - Rob proposed that we send a donation to CSSA for their Conservation Fund. This proposal was granted.
- As mentioned at the General Meeting the gift from Susan Chandler's estate was discussed. Karen and Pat presented a framework for the Youth Award at the Show & Sale. These ideas will be presented to the S&S Committee for discussion, approval, and implementation.
- Peggy reported that the CCCSS information table at the October SLOBG event was successful. She had adequate help from member volunteers.
- Laura mentioned that some of the vendors that advertise in the Newsletter have not paid their dues. She will send them reminders.
- Loring and Bill mentioned their desire to start up a "propagation group". The Standing Rules will be reviewed to see if there are any protocols that need to be followed by this group.
- Feb 5th was set as the date for the first meeting of the S&S committee to start planning our 2023 show & sale.
- Pat has ordered the meat for the Dec potluck.
- Bill mentioned that the document camera which the Club recently purchased worked well for today's presentation.

Submitted by Mary Harlow, Secretary



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Our December Live Auction is on!

Would you like to sell an item?

The auction is open to all club members to sell a cactus/succulent plant, artwork including pottery at this auction. You must be a member to sell.

To have an item added to the auction please send an email to Bill (coolcactuskid805@gmail.com) with recent good photo of your entry. The entry must be disease and insect free, as well as have a retail value of at least \$50. The auction committee will contact you if your entry is accepted for the auction. Please include your full name, mailing address and phone number with your entry.

The auction will take place at our December Holiday Potluck.

The member putting an item up for auction receives 75% of the sale of the plant the other 25% goes to the club as a donation.

Submit auction plant information via email to Bill at:
coolcactuskid805@gmail.com

Think about bringing a silent auction item (a plant or something cactus/succulent related). Money raised from these items will be a 100% donation to the Club. Just contribute your plant on the tables and tell us what it is.



CCCSS ASK US: WE WILL TRY TO HELP!!

GENE SCHROEDER & KATHIE MATSUYAMA ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

The CCCSS ASK US TABLE will not be available at the December CCCSS meeting due to the planned Holiday festivities.

However, the online ASK US service will still be available. It is for Active CCCSS members only.

We will try to help with:

- Plant ID (Provide photos of the plant: 1) close-up of leaves, flowers, spines; 2) plant photo with a ruler, soda can or credit card for scale; and 3) plant photo showing where its grown (full sun, shade, in the ground?)
- Cultural Requirements (water, light, fertilizer, soil type)
- Pests & Other Problems
- Propagation

Please provide as much information as you can to help us answer your question. Microclimates matter, be sure to tell us where you live!

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

Happy and Healthy Growing! And Happy Holidays to Everyone!

Gene and Kathie

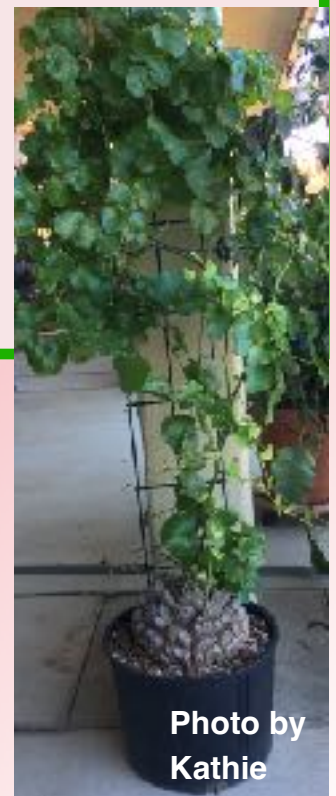


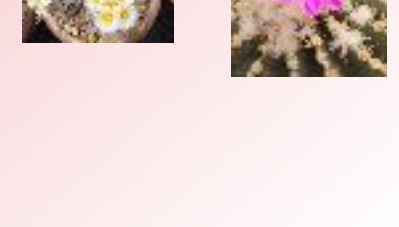
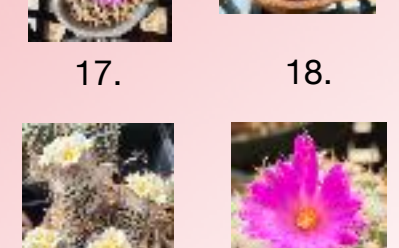
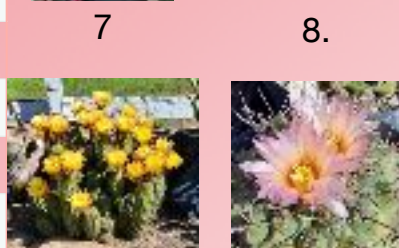
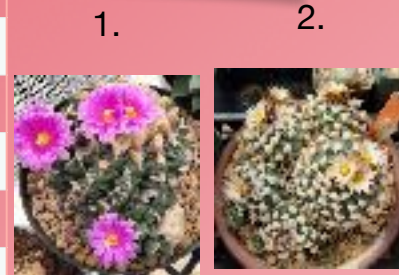
Photo by
Kathie



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Here are answers to plant ID challenge ... (note that there is NO #16 image).
 A free plant will be awarded for the most complete list of plant IDs sent to [AskMe](#)
 by end of November!! Cheers ... Gene

P#	Genera	species	ssp/var
1	Ariocarpus	fissuratus	
2	Turbincarpus	schmiedickeanus	klinkerianus
3	Turbincarpus	loui	
4	Strombocactus	disciformis	
5	Pachypodium	succulentum	
6	Turbincarpus	polaskii	
7	Trichocereus X	Mark Dimmit Hyb	
8	Thelocactus	rinconensis	freudenbergeri
9	Ariocarpus	kotschoubeyanus	
10	Ariocarpus	agavoides	
11	Ariocarpus	scapharostrus	
12	Echinopsis	pachanoi	
13	Espostoa	unnamed	Cajamarca, Peru
14	Parodia	subterranea	
15	Trichocereus X	Mark Dimmit Hyb	
16	??? No image		
17	Turbincarpus	schmiedickeanus	dickisoniae
18	Geohintonia	mexicana	
19	Thelocactus	rinconensis	nidulans
20	Faucaria	sp Ex Tim Vaughn coll.	



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GARDEN GATHERING RE-CAPS HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED!!

GARDEN GATHERING WITH CHARLES VARNI

On a beautiful warm day on November 19th, 27 CCCSS members met at the Oceano home of past Club President Charles Varni. It was a wonderful afternoon for strolling through this amazing garden while soaking up the warm late fall sunshine, enjoying a slice of delicious pizza, and talking with old and new Club friends. Our experience was further enhanced by the opportunity to shop for gorgeous pots in all sizes handmade by our host. Some pots were even pre-planted by Charles with lovely Echeverias and other lovely succulents.

Charles started his garden talk with the interesting history of his property and his adjacent neighbors in the Halcyon community who live in an unusual residential housing collective. We were fascinated to learn that Charles had built everything on his property from the ground up, including his pottery studio! Very Impressive!

Charles has a fantastic collection of aloes, many of which were blooming in gorgeous shades of yellow, orange, red, or bicolor. We also saw a broad

selection of cactus including the Mexican

Cardon or *Pachycereus pringlei* and *Echinopsis pachanoi* or San Pedro Cactus.

Charles has a fabulous garden; one you could revisit in each season! And with each new visit, you would undoubtedly see something exciting and new. **Thank you, Charles, for hosting a super fun Garden Gathering!**



Varni Pots



Charles Varni Aloe Bicolor



Gathering Group

Photos by
Kathie

GARDEN GATHERING WITH JEANNE MILLER & MIKE BUSH

OVERDUE RE-CAP PART 2

On Saturday September 17th, two separate small groups of CCCSS members gathered at Jeanne Miller and Mike Bush's great garden and nursery in Los Osos for an extra special Garden Gathering.

This re-cap is long overdue! The deadline for providing a Garden Gathering re-cap in the October Newsletter was too short to provide any copy. And a long October vacation caused Kathie to miss the November Newsletter deadline. My apologies to Jeanne and Mike for the tardiness of this review. They were fantastic hosts and we all certainly enjoyed our day and their generous hospitality at their home and nursery.

Jeanne treated the guests to a tour of their unique log cabin home. She even gave us a peak into her art studio where she creates stunning silk and oil artworks of the landscape, animals, and plants of the American West. Jeanne's interpretation of Western experiences in vibrant colors will remind you of what you love about the Western landscape! Thanks for adding this extra special element to our already wonderful day, Jeanne!

The highlight of the Garden Gathering for the participants was undoubtedly the shopping opportunity since the Miller-Bush home doubles as the growing ground for their succulent nursery

business, CalCoast Succulents. They are well known for their pop-up mobile trailer, The Succ Shack. Their nursery sells unique, well-grown succulent plants at not to be missed super cool events in Los Osos in collaboration with other CCCSS club members. The Garden Gatherers had a lot of fun choosing many the varieties of gorgeous, healthy, expertly grown, succulents for sale!

We are very appreciative of Jeanne and Mike for inviting us into their home and for hosting this great event. **Thank you, Jeanne and Mike!**



CalCoast Succulents in Bush-Miller Garden



Bush-Miller Garden



Miller-Bush Garden Gatherers

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GARDEN GATHERINGS GALORE!!!

We have two Garden Gatherings coming up in the next six weeks! If you haven't already attended one, please take this opportunity to participate and enjoy the delightful company of a small group of CCCSS members in a couple of very different, delightful gardens. Sign-ups for both events will occur at the December Holiday Party/Meeting or contact Paul and Kathie at luvbigdogs@earthlink.net

**First event will be:
SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH AT 10:00am OR
1:00pm IN NIPOMO @
GENE SCHROEDER'S PREMIER CACTUS &
ALOE GARDEN**

****This event is almost full! Please let us know
ASAP if you are interested in attending or
would like to be placed on the waiting list.**



Gene Inside Greenhouse



Gene Schroeder Yard.



Gene Shade Structure



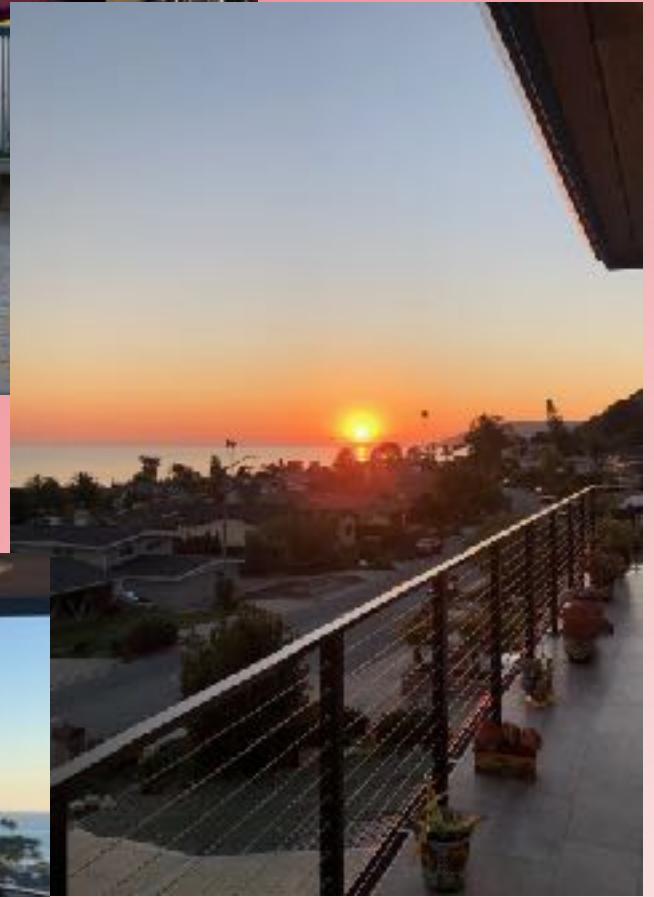
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Second event will be:

**SATURDAY JANUARY 14TH AT 1:00pm IN PISMO BEACH @
JOSÈ TOLL'S GREAT GARDEN WITH STUNNING OCEAN VIEWS**



Jose Yard Full of Plants



Jose Front Deck



Jose Front Deck



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Photo op to say thank you to CCCSS for their contribution to the South African Garden at the SLO Botanical Garden."

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*AND a handcrafted gift market featuring Wanderlust Jewelry (Cindy Rivera),
silk scarves (Jeanne Miller), wooden spoons and keepsake boxes (Jean Obermeier),
and wire-wrapped pendants, rings and more (Reyna Super).*



A portion of proceeds benefits SLO NODD Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that provides free medical, dental and vision care to uninsured adults in San Luis Obispo county and northern Santa Barbara county regardless of race, ethnicity, immigration status, religion, sexual orientation, or gender.



The SLO Botanical Garden is looking for some specific plants. Please let us know if you can help locating these.

Echinopsis Chiloensis

Trichocereus chiloensis

Aloe Ferox

Euphorbia Canariensis.

Peggy Heaney

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CSSA YouTube channel: **NEW!** *Karel Du Toit* webinar: [The Beauty of Namaqualand](#)

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



Program: Huntington Happenings

This program will bring you up to date on new developments at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, notably the upper Desert Garden renovation. This includes new, accessible paths opening another half-acre of garden to the public. Also, the Desert Garden Conservatory renovation will have been completed in late 2022. Plants will be moving back in before winter after their summer vacation back in the nursery. Meanwhile, the collections have been carrying on with their usual, and some not-so-usual, activities. This program documents some highlights of all this activity with fascinating flowers and forms of some of your favorite plants as well as some that may be new to you. I look forward to taking you on the tour.



Biography: John Trager is the Bernie and Miyako Storch Curator of Desert Collections at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California where he has worked since 1983. Prior to that he worked with master propagator Frank Horwood at Abbey Garden Nursery when it was in Carpinteria. Trager's horticultural writings have appeared in the *Cactus and Succulent Journal*, the *Euphorbia Journal*, and various other horticultural publications. He is also known for his photography -- over 3000 of his images have been published in numerous textbooks and horticultural journals. Book projects include co-authorship and photography for *Dry Climate Gardening with Succulents* produced by the Huntington (1995), principal photographer for *The Genus Conophytum* (1993) and a contributor to other works by Steven Hammer: *Lithops, Treasures of the Veld* (1999) and *Dumpling and His Wife* (2002, a revision of the *The Genus Conophytum*) and *Mesemb of the World* (1998, Smith, Hammer et al.). He has also contributed photographs to works by Gordon Rowley: *The Succulent Compositae* (1994), *Anacampseros, Avonia, Grahamia: a Grower's Handbook* (1995), *Crassula, A Grower's Guide* (2003), as well as the multi-authored six-volume reference *The Illustrated Handbook of Succulents* (2001-2003). He continues to contribute images for new editions and new publications as opportunity and demands arise. The annual ISI introductions published in the *CSSA Journal* also provide a venue for his writing and photography. John has traveled widely in search of plants (and insects) including China, Costa Rica, Israel, Mexico, Namibia, South Africa, Thailand, and Venezuela. He holds a bachelor's degree in Horticulture from Cal Poly Pomona (1992) and earlier studied Botany at Santa Barbara City College and UCSB.



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The CSSA Board, Executive Director and the volunteers from the Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society invite you to visit Colorado Springs for the 2023 CSSA Convention.

As always, the convention program will include national and international renowned speakers on cactus and succulent topics of interest to all attendees. Comradery with old and new friends, field trips to visit remarkable gardens along the Front Range, visits to wild cactus populations and trips **and of course world class vendors with both common and rare cacti and succulents for sale.**

All of us look forward to seeing you in Colorado Springs from July 12th to the 16th, 2023.

This is a convention not to missed, a total vacation experience in one of the most beautiful regions in the world.



Looking for a Cactus and Succulent Event? Check out the [CSSA Events Calendar](#).

CSSA Members: If you have not yet done so, please renew you membership now.

Not a member? Join now! CSSA membership

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Access and purchase rare C&S seeds at our CSSA Seed Depot.

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!

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Please join us for a Holiday Orchid Social at the Women's Club, 211 Vernon Ave, Arroyo Grande at 5:30 pm, Friday, December 9th, 2022.



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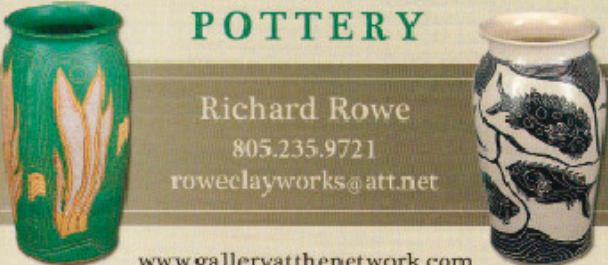
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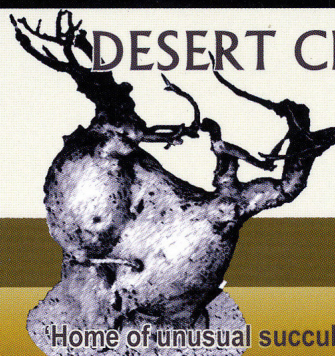
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