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South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter

March 2019

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NEXT MEETING

Rob Skillin:

"Kenya, Land of Tropical Succulents"

Sunday March 10, at 1:00 pm

(Program starts at 1:30pm)

REFRESHMENTS FOR MARCH

Thanks to those who helped in February.

If you would like to bring something to the next meeting please do so - thanks!

Volunteers: Please report to the kitchen after the meeting if you are able to help with cleanup.



Aeonium 'Sunburst'

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to Guillermo Rivera for a wonderful presentation in February on Argentina and Chile. He was also great at judging the Mini Show plants with great pointers on growing and staging our plants.

Our Show and Sale on April 6-7, still needs volunteers. At the March meeting, Nancy Jengo, show volunteer coordinator, will continue recruiting members for various positions. Take a look at the volunteer jobs listed in this Newsletter to see what suits you and how you may contribute. Please sign up to spend some time in the kitchen helping serve, organize or clean up after the meals.

Finally, we need your help in promoting the show and sale by distributing postcards and informing friends and neighbors. We have corrected postcards available and will be distributing more at the next meeting. If you have any ideas for publicity, let Anita Caplan know.

I hope all your plants survived the rain. Weeds need to be removed and waterlogged plants removed from their dishes if not already done. Check for rot early, for some plants might recover in pumice medium if placed immediately.

The CSSA Convention will be held in San Luis Obispo July 17-20. <http://cssaconvention.com/> is the website to register for the convention and the link for hotel reservation.

Our next speaker, Rob Skillin is a Central Coast Californian and will be speaking on Kenya's Tropical Succulents. Please come and give him a warm welcome.

Maria Capaldo, President

PRESENTER FOR MARCH: Rob Skillin "Kenya, Land of Tropical Succulents"

Kenya is a small country in tropical east Africa bisected by the equator. Weather conditions are uniformly warm (70°-90°) and humid along the sandy plains bordering the Indian Ocean. Temperatures are cooler on the higher elevation savannas in the central area (55°-77°), and hot (75°-95°) on the arid northern plains.

In these warm areas there is a great abundance of succulents, many of which are common in enthusiasts' collections – and the weather conditions found here give an important insight into their successful cultivation.

The Great Rift Valley cuts through the country north to south, with many major volcanic features associated with it –

these areas can have a much higher elevation (Mt Kenya is 17,057') and range from temperate to very cold.

There are two well-defined wet (monsoon) seasons; October through late November, and late March to early June.

Along with Tanzania to the south, Kenya is well known

for its many world-class wildlife reserves and national parks, but wild animals are not limited to these areas and can often be seen throughout the country.

This month's program will be presented by Rob Skillin and feature habitat photos of the succulents of Kenya from a wide variety of plant families..



Rob Skillin by a *Pyrenacantha malvifolia*

I have been growing cacti and succulents for 40 years, and have been involved in various local societies for most of that time. The first office I held was Show and Sale Chairman for the Santa Barbara C&SS, during the late 1980's. After moving to California's Central Valley, I became a founding member, and later, President of the Bakersfield C&SS. In 2005, after another move, I was a

founder of the Central Coast C&SS and became its first President. This society now boasts 260+ enthusiastic members, and held its very successful twelfth annual show and sale in May of 2018. I have also been involved with the CSSA as a member of its Board of Directors.

My first interest, which continues today, was cacti of the Chihuahuan desert, especially those unique genera such as *Ariocarpus*, *Aztekium*, and *Strombocactus*, etc. Gradually, I diversified my collection to include Mesembs, Haworthias, and other succulents, particularly caudiciforms. I've spent many years studying the cacti of the US, particularly *Sclerocacti* and *Pediocacti*. I am an avid grower of plants from seed, and now have a number of seed-grown specimens in my collection dating back to 1982. As an acknowledgment of my expertise with these plants, I have been asked to judge numerous shows throughout California, including the CSSA, Intercity, NORCAL, LA, Fresno and San Diego shows.

Along with my interest in cacti and succulents, I enjoy photography and travel. These interests have come together in a wonderful way during my botanical explorations of the western US and Mexico, and portions of South America, Africa, Madagascar and the Middle East. I have several programs based on these trips, and I speak regularly to clubs in northern and southern California. Many of my photographs have been published as illustrations for articles and covers of the *Journal* and *Haseltonia*, as well as the *Timber Press Book of Succulents of the World*.

Rob Skillin

CACTUS OF THE MONTH: *Thelocactus*

Submitted by Jim Tanner

Thelocactus are spectacularly beautiful cacti with dense multicolor spination, well shaped tubercles, and large colorful flowers. They have been a favorite with collectors since they were first discovered.

Thelocactus is a small genus in the cactus family, with only 11 or 12 species. In addition to the species, there are also half a dozen legitimate varieties, and a large number of less legitimate varieties that can be found in reference books and collections. The larger number of questionable varieties is due to variability of some of the species

between populations from isolated locations.

Thelocactus are found from Southern Texas through central Mexico, mostly in the Chihuahuan Desert, but extending into brushland and thorn scrub in the western parts of its range, and into the Rio Grande Plains region in Texas. *Thelocactus bicolor* has the largest range, extending from central Chihuahua in the west into Texas in the north, and as far south as San Luis Potosi.

Thelocactus are easily grown, tolerant of heat and moisture, but not cold and moisture. They benefit from protection from being cold and wet, although plants left



Thelocactus bicolor



Thelocactus hexaedrophorus



Thelocactus hastifer

unprotected during the last several winters survived in good shape. Some species develop fairly large tap roots, and should be planted in deep enough pots to give them room to grow. They are easily propagated from seed, and this is the best way to develop a good collection from different populations. They can also be propagated from offsets, with a cutting allowed to dry, and then replanted. They are sensitive to mealy bug infestations and spider mites, in the same way that all cacti are, but in general are fairly rugged plants.

Although all the species and all the varieties of this wonderful genus are worth growing, a few stand out. *Thelocactus hexaedrophorus* has the best tubercles of any of the *Thelocactus*, and is a must for any collection. *Thelocactus rinconensis* has the largest body of all the species, getting to 8 inches in diameter in cultivation and habitat.



Thelocactus setispinus

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SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH: *Aeonium*, *Greenovia* Submitted by *Jim Tanner*

Aeonium originate from northern Africa and islands close by. They produce succulent rosettes of waxy leaves, generally at the end of naked stems. Depending on the plant, and the species, the leaves can have attractive variegations.

Each rosette die after blooming and setting seeds. In some species, since the plants do not produce any offsets or side rosettes, it will die completely after blooming. These species are propagated by seeds.

Most species are fall and spring growers, and should be watered and fed regularly at these periods. Fall is also a good time for rooting cuttings. When the plants are getting older, it is often a good idea to cut and replant the terminal rosettes to prevent legginess. This has the added benefit of preventing the plant from reaching the size at which it will bloom.



Aeonium spathulatum



Aeonium tabuliforme



Aeonium arboreum



Aeonium haworthii f. *variegata*



Aeonium 'Zwartkop'

Greenovia is a small genus very closely related to Aeonium. Greenovias are native from the Canary Islands where they grow in the hills between 500 and 7500 feet elevation (150 to 2300 m). They grow on dry volcanic slopes, sometimes in the shade. Their leaves form succulent rosettes that close during periods of drought. They occasionally have a short stem.

The greenovias bloom in the spring. They have yellow flowers and most species die after blooming.

Propagation is by seeds, offset for the plants that produce them, or leaf cuttings that are supposed to be tricky.



Greenovia aurea



Greenovia diplocycla



Greenovia dodrentalis

MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2019

	Cactus	Succulent
April	SHOW & SALE	SHOW & SALE
May	Cactus Dish Garden	Succulent Dish Garden
June	Rebutia, Aylostera, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia	Echeveria
July	Matucana, Oroya	Mesembs, NO Lithops or Conophytum
August	Epithelantha, Frailea, Aztekium	Dyckia, Hechtia, Puya
September	Variegated cactus	Variegated Succulent
October	Turbincarpus	Adromischus
November	South American columnar cactus (Espostoa, Oreocereus, Cleistocactus, etc.)	Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon, Tylecodon
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	HOLIDAY PARTY

Click to see complete lists on our website

MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2020

	Cactus	Succulent
January	Mammillaria straight spine (clumping)	Aloe
February	Epiphytic Cactus	Haworthia, Astroloba
March	Echinocactus	Agave, Manfreda, (inc. x Mangave)

MINI-SHOW RESULTS - February 10, 2019

Open Cactus	1st	Gary Duke	<i>Echinofossulocactus ochoterenanus</i>
	2nd	Maria Capaldo	<i>Stenocactus ochoterenanus</i>
	3rd	William Wilk	<i>Stenocactus phyllacanthus</i>
	3rd	Laurel Woodley	<i>Stenocactus ochoterenanus</i>
Open Succulent	1st	Jim Hanna	<i>Euphorbia cylindrifolia</i> var. <i>tubifera</i>
	2nd	Jim Hanna	<i>Euphorbia francoisii</i>
	3rd	Gary Duke	<i>Euphorbia saintemariensis</i>
Intermediate Cactus	1st	Coni Nettles	<i>Echinofossulocactus phyllacanthus</i>
	2nd	Mike Short	<i>Stenocactus multicosatus</i>
	3rd	Sally Fasteau	<i>Echinofossulocactus phyllacanthus</i> var. <i>violaciflorus</i>
Intermediate Succulent	1st	Carol Knight	<i>Euphorbia decaryi</i>
	2nd	Sally Fasteau	<i>Euphorbia milii</i> 'Lemon Drop'
	2nd	Sally Fasteau	<i>Euphorbia cylindrifolia</i>
	3rd	Anita Caplan	<i>Euphorbia hedyotoides</i>
	3rd	Mike Short	<i>Euphorbia milii</i>
Novice Cactus	1st	Martin Dorsey	<i>Stenocactus phyllacanthus</i>
	2nd	Martin Dorsey	<i>Stenocactus multicosatus</i>
	2nd	Terri Straub	<i>Stenocactus multicosatus</i>
	3rd	Terri Straub	<i>Stenocactus multicosatus</i>
	3rd	Martin Dorsey	<i>Stenocactus tricuspидatus</i>
Novice Succulent	1st	John Nisewanur	<i>Euphorbia decaryi</i>
	2nd	Nancy Mosher	<i>Euphorbia milii</i>
	2nd	Ted Johnson	<i>Euphorbia hedyotoides</i>
	3rd	Martin Dorsey	<i>Euphorbia platyclada</i>
	3rd	Jim Tanner	<i>Euphorbia decaryi</i> var. <i>spirosticha</i>

Click for photos of the winning plants on our website

SCSS MINI-SHOW STANDINGS (as of February 10, 2019)

Open Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Capaldo, Maria	7	14	21
DeCrescenzo, Phyllis	6	6	12
Duke, Gary	7	4	11
Gardner, Jim	2	3	5
Hanna, Jim		10	10
Wilk, William	14	3	17
Woodley, Laurel	2	5	7

Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Caplan, Anita	1	2	3
Fasteau, Sally	14	19	33
Johnson, Bernard	3		3
Knight, Carol		8	8
LaForest, Dale	3		3
Neely, Jade	3	3	6
Nettles, Coni	14	9	23
Short, Mike	6	3	9

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Bjerke, Martha		5	5
Cottrell, Diane	1		1
Dorsey, Martin	12	2	14
Johnson, Ted	5	4	9
Nancy Mosher	11	10	21
Nisewaner, John		10	10
Sover, Suzane	2		2
Stenson, Dean	2		2
Straub, Terri	6		6
Tanner, Jim	5	3	8

Click to see the standings on our website

INTRODUCTION TO THE CSSA - Submitted by William Wilk

If you are thinking of joining or are not sure what the CSSA does, then please read on ...

The Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) is an international educational organization with over 2,100 members. The Society publishes a detailed quarterly journal that contains many articles with photographs on cacti and succulents. It also includes book reviews and announcements for the CSSA Convention and other events.

The journal comes with membership. Members are also offered access to the CSSA's extensive seed bank, round robins, and biennial conventions. The CSSA also

supports scientific research and field work.

Individual Memberships dues are \$50.00 per year plus \$10.00 for each additional member of the household. Join CSSA online at <https://cssa.myshopify.com/collections/join-cssa> or mail your name(s) address, telephone and e-mail address with a check made payable to the CSSA for the correct amount to: CSSA, Inc., c/o Gunnar Eisel, P.O. Box 1000, Claremont, CA 91711-1000

Our own South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society is an affiliate of the CSSA. We often support the CSSA's activities using some of the profits from our annual show & sale.

CGCI LANDSCAPE AWARDS - Submitted by Lou Hagemeyer, CGCI Liason

The California Consultants Council of the California Garden Clubs, Inc.(CGCI) offers 4 awards.

1. Outstanding Private Garden. Awarded for an "outstanding" private garden.
2. Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture. In recognition of excellence in land use on a commercial, public or residential project.
3. Landscape Design Commendation. For good land use.
4. Landscape Design Certificate of Appreciation/Recognition/Achievement. Given to an individual or group who is neither a Landscape Design Consultant nor a landscape architect but has demonstrated

outstanding skill in managing land use or has enthusiastically supported the Landscape Design Program of CGCI/NGC.

Application forms are available from the California Consultants Council Chairman or can be downloaded from the website and should be submitted to Julie A. West, 850 Grandview Rd., Sebastopol, CA 95472-2930. In most instances, recommendations may be made by Council members or garden club members by submitting a recommendation including photographs, not to exceed 4-pages.

VOLUNTEER JOBS - 2019 SHOW AND SALE - Submitted by Nancy Jengo (repeat from last month)

Dear Society Members: This is a description of the available jobs for the upcoming Show and Sale April 6th and 7th. Please read it over before our next meeting, as we will spend much of the meeting getting volunteers assigned to the various jobs. For information or to sign up for a time slot contact: Nancy Jengo, 310-378-5523 or njjengo@gmail.com.

FRIDAY SETUP

Arrive Friday, April 5th at 1:00 to help arrange the tables and chairs. They will already be unfolded and out of the closet. Help put up signs and assist in the organization of show materials.

KITCHEN ORGANIZERS and SERVERS

There will be several shifts, Saturday and Sunday. Morning needs to keep the hot water and coffee flowing. Arrange the kitchen for breakfast bagels, etc. Put out snacks. Around 11:00 start arranging the lunch for volunteers and vendors. Put out utensils, plates, etc. Clean up after lunch. Late Saturday put leftovers in the refrigerator for Sunday.

TAG PULLERS

We need many people to help pull tags in different shifts. Tags are in the plants the buyers are purchasing. Pullers need to pull the tags, count them and make sure that number matches the number of plants to be purchased

HOSPITALITY/ T-SHIRTS

Volunteers will help with new memberships or sell T-shirts or help with ballots for favorite Show table. You also will answer general questions and direct the public to the Show plants in the classrooms.

SOCIETY SALE TABLE

This is our society's sale table. These are plants society members have donated. We need volunteers to help keep an eye on the plants. Answer general questions about the plants and keep table looking nice.

PRESALE PLANT HOLDING AREA

These volunteers will help watch that buyers only take their plants and not pick and choose from other people's plants in the holding area. This can be a sitting job.

SOCIETY SHOW PLANT TABLE

The table needs to be set up with tablecloths and plant tags by Friday afternoon. (All are provided by the society.) Members can bring in their plants starting Friday afternoon. Saturday morning help arrange the plants on the table and make sure they are pest free.

CLEAN UP

At 4 PM Sunday we close the show/sale. We need volunteers to help take down signs, clean off tables, sweep and general clean up. Tables and chairs will be left in place. Garden personnel will take care of those.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019

Mar 21-23

Orange County C&SS Spring Show & Sale
Thurs. 21st 6-9pm, Fri. 22nd 9-7pm, Sat. 23rd 9-5pm.
Anaheim United Methodist Church,
1000 State College Bl., Anaheim, CA.
INFO: 562-587-3357

Apr 13

Conejo C&SS Plant Sale
9am to 3pm, Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Road,
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362, conejocss@hotmail.com

Apr. 6-7

South Coast C&SS Show & Sale
9am-4pm, South Coast Botanic Garden,
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes, CA.
<http://www.southcoastcss.org>,
INFO: cknighthgardens@yahoo.com, setup Friday 5th.

Apr. 28

Huntington Plant Sale
10am-5pm, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151
Oxford Road, San Marino, 626-405-3504

May 4-5

Sunset C&SS Show & Sale
Veterans Memorial Center, Multi-Purpose Room, 4117
Overland Ave., Culver City, CA. 310-822-1783

May 5

South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale
9am-4pm, South Coast Botanic Garden, 310-833-6823

May 10-11

Gates C&SS Show & Sale
Fri & Sat 9am-4pm, Redlands Church of Nazarene,
1307 E. Citrus Ave., Redlands, CA.
INFO: 909-910-9195 or www.gatescss.com

May ??

Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale
INFO: 310-647-7300

May 25-26

Central Coast C&SS Annual Show & Sale
Sat 10-5pm, Sun 10-4pm, Ludwick Center, 864 Santa
Rosa, San Luis Obispo, CA.
INFO: 805-237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org

CALENDAR continued

Jun 1-2

San Diego C&SS Summer Show & Sale
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA.
INFO: 858-382-1797

Jun 8-9

Los Angeles C&SS- Drought Tolerant Plant Festival Show & Sale
June 8th 9-4pm, June 9th 9-3pm, Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA.
INFO: www.lacactus.com

Jun 28-30

CSSA Annual Show & Sale
Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA.
Plants Sales Start Jun 28th Thru Jun 30th, 10am - 5pm
Show Opens June 29th Thur June, 30th 10am-5pm
INFO: 626-405-3504

*Click to see the calendar
(with flyers) on our website*

Jul 17-20

CSSA Convention
INFO: gunnar.eisel@gmail.com,
http://www.cssaconvention.com/

Jul 26-27

Orange County C&SS Summer Show & Sale
Fri. July 26th Noon-8pm, Sat. 27th 9-7pm,
Anaheim United Methodist Church
1000 S. State College Bl., Anaheim, CA.
INFO: Call 949-212-8417

Aug 10-11

34th Annual Intercity Show & Sale
9am-5pm Daily. LA County Arboretum,
301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA.
INFO: Call Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 or John
Martinez 805-390-2139 or www.intercityshow.com

Aug 31

Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium
All day at The Huntington 626-405-3504

Sep 14

Los Angeles C&SS Fall Sale
9-4pm, Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA. INFO: www.lacactus.com

Sep 15

Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction
11-1pm, Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA. 90615. INFO: 562-631-5876

Oct 12-13

Bakersfield C&SS, Show & Sale
Sat. 10-5pm, Sun. 11-3pm, St. Paul's Church, 2216 17th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304.
Free Admission & Parking, INFO: 661-831-8488

Oct 25-27

Huntington Fall Plant Sale
Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. INFO: 626-405-3504

Oct 26-27

Palomar C&SS Fall Show & Sale
Sat. 9-5, Sun 10-3, San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA. INFO: Brita Miller –
eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org

THE GROWING CACTUS BLACK MARKET

Check out the alarming story in the Pacific Standard "INSIDE THE FIGHT AGAINST THE GROWING CACTUS BLACK MARKET" by Annette McGivney. Perhaps we, as a cactus society, can help by learning to recognize and avoid illegally harvested cacti.

Click to read the article

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