

CACTUS CHRONICLE

Mission Statement:

The Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society (LACSS) cultivates the study and enjoyment of cacti and succulent plants through educational programs and activities that promote the hobby within a community of fellow enthusiasts and among the greater public.

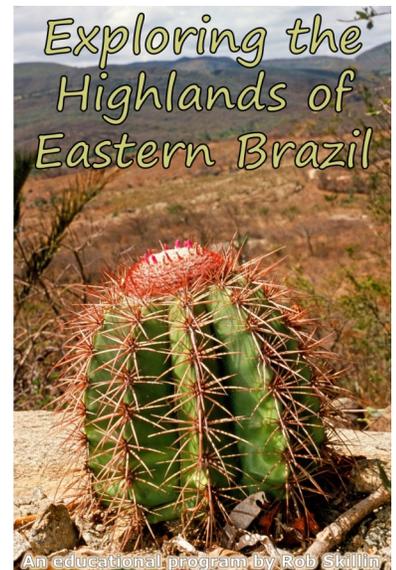
April 2018 Guest Speaker: Robert Skillin Topic: "Exploring the Highlands of Eastern Brazil"

I have been growing cacti and succulents for 40 years, and have been involved in various local societies for most of that time, starting with the San Diego C&SS in the 1970's, then to Santa Barbara and Bakersfield clubs. I currently belong to the Central Coast C&SS of which I was a founding member, first President and first Show and Sale Chairman. I have also been involved with the CSSA as a member of its Board of Directors, and as a CSSA certified Judge.

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 U.S., Mexico, 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 will be bringing plants for the raffle.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.



This month's program will be presented by Rob Skillin and features the cacti and some of the other succulents that occur in the Brazilian Highlands. The area of interest lies in the states of Bahia and Minas Gerais, which are in the far eastern portion of the country. Many very interesting cacti come from this area, including some with cephaliums, such as Melo-cactus, Discocactus, and some of the columnar cacti such as Micranthocereus and Coleocephalocereus.

Uebelmannia is a unique genus of cacti which is endemic to this area. There are some giant succulents in the genera Ceiba and Cavanillesia which are reminiscent of the baobabs of Madagascar. The program will discuss all these plants, and more – so come and enjoy!

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A word from our President

by Kim Thorpe Chavez

Wow! The weather has been so crazy this past month. We have had a few casualties, even taking a lot of extra care using more frost cloth than ever this year. Wet, then cold, is just a bad combination for succulents. I find it interesting that with only a few miles between our house and the nursery, the difference in microclimates really affects how the plants are doing. It seems to be much colder in Canoga Park, or maybe it just stays colder longer. My Adeniums at the house really took a beating.

On to a happier note, I am very that excited Steve Frieze has agreed to start a series of workshops for our members titled "Getting to Know Your Succulents and Cacti; Four Training Events Designed to Enhance Your Plant IQ." The first of the series will be 10AM Sepulveda Garden Center April 14. Please read the newsletter for more information. This series is great for all levels of collectors and growers, and will help you get ready to prepare your plants for the Festival, too.

Unfortunately, I won't be at the meeting in April. Ron Behar will be filling in for me. Hopefully when I get back, we will have a full list of people signed up to participate at the June Festival. There are just so many opportunities; I believe there is a place for all of us to share our passion and knowledge. We are so lucky to have such a diverse group of people in our club, united by our fascination with these incredible plants.

We are having Rob Skillin as our great speaker this month, and he is bringing lots of plants. I hope you will all come to the meeting to meet Rob and hear his program, "Exploring the Highlands of Brazil." I am so sorry I have to miss it.

I hope to see you all on April 14, at 10a.m to participate in Steve Frieze's workshop.

Kim Chavez**UPDATE!!**
 LACSS Special Events 
Adventure Tour in the Anza Borrego Desert

HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PLEASE CONTINUE TO READ OUR LACSS CHRONICLE FOR UPDATES ON A NEW DATE FOR THIS EVENT.

**Plant of the Month
2018**

April
Lobivia
Gasteria

May
Small cactus
staged as miniature
Small Succulent
staged as miniature

June
Favorite for both

July
Matucana, Oroya
Echeveria

August
Thelocactus, Hamatocactus
Adenia

September
Mammillaria "Black Spines"
Bursera

October
Espostoa,
Oreocereus
Jatropha, Monadenium,
Pedilanthus

November
Crest, Monstrose
Crest, Monstrose

December
Holiday Party!

**Plant of the Month
2019**

January
To be Announced

February
To be Announced

March
To be Announced

April
To be Announced

Plant of the Month – March 2018

Cactus – Discocactus

Rookie

First	Debi Heaps	Discocactus cristalophilus
Second	Amanda Erlanson	Discocactus zehntneri
Third	Amanda Erlanson	Discocactus cristalophilus

Novice

First	Al Mindel	Discocactus araneispinus
Second	José J. Villarroel	Discocactus boliviensis
Third	Ron Behar	Discocactus buenekeri

Advanced --- none ---

Open

First	Kim & Artie Chavez	Discocactus araneispinus
Second	Kim & Artie Chavez	Discocactus cristalophilus
Third	---	

Succulent – Fouquieria

Rookie

First	Ron Cooper	Fouquieria diguetii ? ocotillo
Second	---	---
Third	---	---

Novice

First	José J. Villarroel	Fouquieria purpusii
Second	Al Mindel	Fouquieria macdougallii
Third	Al Mindel	Fouquieria splendens

Advanced

First	Nils Schirmmacher	Fouquieria diguetii
Second	---	
Third	---	

Open

First	Kim & Artie Chavez	Fouquieria purpusii
Second	Kim & Artie Chavez	Fouquieria macdougallii
Third	Kim & Artie Chavez	Fouquieria leonilae



K. Misko
Discocactus Travoltii



D. Heaps
Discocactus cristalophilus



Al Mindel
Discocactus araneispinus



K & A Chavez
Discocactus araneispinus

Plant of the Month : Echinopsis including Lobivia

by Kyle Williams

Most cacti have attractive flowers, but in general we grow them for the look of the plant itself. *Echinopsis* are an exception to this. It is a genus of nearly 200 species and hundreds more cultivars. Most plants are small to medium columnar cacti that are green and fairly nondescript, although some species can reach 15 feet or more in height. They are generally ignored when made available for sale if they aren't in flower. However, come bloom time they produce some of the most stunning flowers of any cacti. This is enhanced by the extensive breeding that has been done among this genus. Modern taxonomic research has found that several genera of cacti belong in *Echinopsis*, most notably *Lobivia* and *Trichocereus*.



Echinopsis (Lobivia) arachnacantha



Echinopsis (Lobivia) famatimensis

The standard *Echinopsis* flower is a few inches across and born on a long tube, giving it a trumpet like appearance. Many of the wild species have white flowers and bloom at night, but breeding has produced an array of colors that include red, yellow, orange, pink, and every color in between (as well as multicolor flowers). Some modern hybrids have been bred to produce flowers eight inches or more in diameter! An especially nice feature of these plants is they often produce flowers in large clusters which produce an amazing display.

Not all species and cultivars have plain plants. Most of the *Lobivia* group are small and distinctive even without flowers. Plants like *Echinopsis* 'Fuzzy Navel' and 'Haku Jo' have attractive spines and tufts of white hair. This gives you a handsome looking plant even in times when it isn't flowering. The San Pedro Cactus, *E. pachanoi*, is a great choice for a large columnar cactus for the landscape which requires little to no special care. This cactus is also famous as a source of mescaline, the same halogenic chemical found in Peyote (*Lophophora spp.*). While I don't advocate drug use, if people who used Peyote switched to San Pedro cactus it would be beneficial on an ecological level as San Pedro is fast growing and the same plant can be harvested over and over. By contrast, Peyote species are being decimated in the wild as they are a small, slow growing, endangered cactus that is completely destroyed when harvested.

The best way to buy a hybrid *Echinopsis* is of course to see it in bloom. That's not always possible, but most of the nicest hybrids are named. So do some research online and write down the name of the types you like then take the time to check tags at a cactus sale. Alternatively, look for sellers who provide pictures at their sales table. Plants are easy to grow and most can live happily in a pot or in your landscape with standard cactus care.



Echinopsis (Lobivia) tiegeliana

Photo credits: Kyle Williams.

Plant of the Month : Gasteria

by Kyle Williams

Gasteria is a popular and easily grown genus that has been collected since the 17th century. Some species look very similar to *Aloe* while others resemble *Haworthia*. This is not surprising as these three genera are very closely related. So close in fact that recent evolutionary studies are causing some confusion about where one genus ends and the other begins. That being said, *Gasteria* can be differentiated morphologically from *Aloe* and *Haworthia* by examining the flowers. *Gasteria* flowers have a distinctive narrow upper portion that expands out to a fat base that resembles a stomach. Sure enough, *Gasteria* is derived from "gaster" which means "stomach" in Latin. Interestingly the common name for the species is Ox Tongue, another "digestive" reference!



Gasteria Hybrid

Gasteria come in a much greater diversity of sizes than *Haworthia*, though they are smaller on average than most *Aloe*. *Gasteria* ranges in size from about an inch to several feet in diameter. Almost all plants start out with the leaves in two rows (distichous), although most eventually begin to spiral. *Gasteria* are quite variable in appearance. Collectors need to be cautioned that they have definite juvenile and adult forms, have local variations in appearance, and have form and growth habits that are dependent on the soil type and amount of sunlight. Not realizing this runs you the risk of buying the same species twice!



Gasteria bicolor

This genus contains approximately 20-25 species, nearly all native to South Africa (one species ranges into Namibia). Typical natural habitats are humus rich, sandy soils. They grow on dry rocky hillsides and generally grow under larger shrubs particularly when young. They also can be found in rock fissures or in the shade of large rocks. The roots are shallow and thick which helps the plants obtain moisture from barely wet soils, and nourishment from decaying leaves and debris from larger shrubs.

Gasteria cultivation is easy and is nearly identical to that of *Haworthia* and winter growing *Aloe*. They are mostly winter and spring growers, but exhibit some growth all year except for the hottest part of the summer. They do well in a range of soil mixes and are more tolerant of organic matter than some succulents. They prefer partial shade, particularly in the afternoon; however the best color is obtained by giving them as much light and sun, short of sunburn, as possible.

Gasteria are generally free from most pests. The one difficulty is 'black spot', a fungus that attacks many *Gasteria*. The fungus is rarely fatal, but causes large unsightly black spots on the leaves. Since the spots are actual damage to the leaves, there is no way to remove the spots. The fungus can be minimized by keeping the leaves dry, and particularly keeping dew off the leaves. Fungicides can be used to prevent this disease, but probably aren't worth the hassle unless you have show quality plants you are concerned about.

Gasteria are readily propagated from offsets at the base or on flower stalks, which can be simply pulled off and planted. Leaf cuttings will also root easily. *Gasteria* flowers are often visited by hummingbirds, and these visits often result in pollination. Seed can be collected as soon as the fruits start to dry. Cross pollination can produce interesting plants and many hybrids are available, as are several variegated cultivars. Intergeneric hybrids with *Aloe* (called X *Gasteraloe*) and *Haworthia* (X *Gasterhaworthia*) are commonly seen.



Stomach shaped flowers

From the stacks of the Library - April 2018

by Joyce Schumann

Hi to everyone,

I'm still working on the Library inventory. Several books that were in the general use tubs have been reassigned to our "Reference Section" of the cabinet in the northeast corner of the Garden Center. They are still available for a look-see but not for check out. Most of them have great historical value – authors who wrote the original books relating their original field work, e.g. Some are authors who are no longer with us. Some books are volumes that are classical text writing – far from the conversational books we have today. When you have a spare moment, take a peek through the glass doors. If you would like to look at any of the books, feel free to ask Susan or me. We will be glad to help you. Also, stored in the same cabinet is our full collection of the CSSA Journals from the 80's till now. The more recent journals are available at the library table during the meeting. All of these are available to be perused and checked out.

In the past, a few CSSA "Special Edition" Journals have been dedicated to a particular topic. These are also available to be checked out.

In addition to our regular books, we have several duplicate books that will be for sale at our Festival. This will be a chance for you to purchase a fantastic volume for a reasonable price.

As for the bulk of our library collection, you may check out 2 books per month. Bring them back the following month and check out two more. That's the rules.....

Due to the generosity of our members, we have on hand enough new books (to our collection) in the wings that there will be new books featured every month for the rest of the year.

So, stay tuned, step right up, and

CHECK THEM OUT!!!

See you soon,
Joyce

Membership Report

by Illona Buratti



It has been a challenge for me, but with a little luck the Roster will be at our next meeting. Next year I plan on getting all that over with and distribute the Roster at the January meeting. Most of you were really great in paying your dues before the end of December. With my computer, the cloud and gosh knows what other problems it was frustrating.

I plan to bring a computer into the meeting that connects to the internet, so issues with newsletters or address information can be fixed with your eagle eyes watching.

Sign in Sheets:

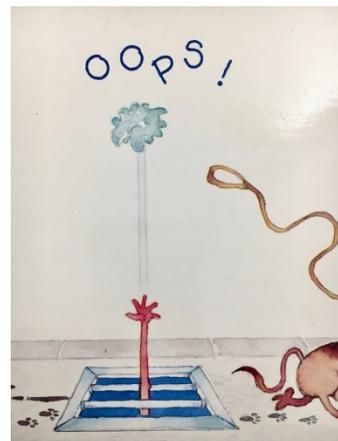
We keep track, it helps us get a feel for the activity of our club, plan refreshments, set up the room and keep it interesting. It's my job to keep track, and *your job to sign in*.

Only 68 of you signed in, and there were 89 members and guests present. I would appreciate your taking a moment sometime during the meeting to do that, **sign in**. Please **wear your name badge**, if you forgot yours...take another minute and write your name on a sticky one and apply.

I am beyond thrilled that Steve Frieze is starting his workshops again. Watch the newsletter.

Thanks to those of you who picked up your name badges, let's get them off the frequent flyer plan and on your shirts.

A FYI, the gates should open by 6:00pm, and vendors and Hospitality go to work setting up.



Takes the coffee pot 30 minutes to finish. So, bring your goodies, and help set them up...don't forget to help clean up after the meeting.

Introducing New Members: Dan Curran, Joanna Watkyns, Kimberly Tong, and Collin O'Callaghan – Please welcome them! Let's see if we can get them to volunteer for our upcoming events and Show.

We have "Guest Introduction Cards," at the Registration Desk for you, come take a few.

And if I missed something, let me know...we can fix it.

Greenhouse Notes - April

by Karen Ostler



Environment. No, not the environment of the greater World; that matters; but the environment where you are growing your plants. It matters as much as how you are watering and feeding them. Oh, you're not feeding them? Well, we'll get to that in a future column.

You say you want to grow *Ariocarpus*, but you live in a third floor condo with a north facing balcony? You have two choices because of the environment; move or grow something else. You can grow lots of different genera in that environment; *Gasterias*, *Hoyas*, *Sansevierias*, even a few cactus; but not *Ariocarpus*.

How can you know what you can grow where? If you're like most of us you have a typical suburban yard. A little sun, a little shade, a couple of places that make the Sahara look hospitable; like that spot next to the garage; and a couple of sunny windows. The first thing you need to do is get a good mini-max temperature recording thermometer. You really need to know if that sunny spot by the back porch hits 100 degrees as a daylong regular temp or if it's only at noon for an hour or so. This also takes observation; go out and check a couple of times of day on the weekend.

The second thing you need to do? Know where your plants come from. Do they grow in scattered forest sunlight as do some of the *Gymnocalyciums*? Or are they *Ferocactus* that are native to full sunlight in Arizona or Northern Mexico? I like books; a good one will give you location data; but I'm a dinosaur. There is that wonderful thing out there called the internet, but no matter which you prefer; USE IT. Knowledge is power, and the more you know about your plants the better you can care for them.

The next thing you need to know is that you can alter your environment. That spot next to the garage, for instance. It doesn't have to fry your plants; get them up a foot or so off of the pavement. A simple cinder block and board arrangement helps so the bottom of the pot isn't in direct contact with the heat building up in the cement. Make a shade out of PVC piping and window screen, it's cheap and easy, no complex cutting required...bam! You have a simple screen house and those poor *Mammillarias* will thank you.

Observation of your immediate environment and the knowledge of where your plants are from will go a very long way towards making you a better grower.

This month is when I begin fertilizing all of my plants; with the exception of *Lithops* and a few other members of the *Aizoaceae*, which are going dormant. Because of the extraordinarily odd warm weather this winter, I continued to water as the plants required it. Now that spring has arrived, I will go on a regular schedule of food and water.

There are three events in the plant world this month: the South Coast Show and Sale, April 7 & 8; the bus trip to Anza-Borrego, April 21 and the Huntington Plant Sale, April 29.

Karen Ostler

Announcements

by Roxie Esterle and Debi Heaps

LACSS MEMBERS' HOME-GROWN SALE TABLE AT THE 2018 PLANT FESTIVAL

This year, the LACSS Member Sales Table is going to feature YOUR garden treasures – those that you have worked hard to grow and that might be of special value to other cactus and succulent collectors. In addition to those plants donated to the club for the sale table, we are inviting members to sell up to two flats of plants on the club table.

Many members want to sell good plants, but don't have enough inventory to fill a booth at the show. Here's the solution: sell your plants at the club table and share 30% of your profits with the club. As evidenced during the Fall sale, members enjoyed the satisfaction of seeing their plants admired by others, and then could rationalize spending their earnings on new specimens!

Here's how it will work: Prior to the show, you need to "double tag" each of your plants, with one tag for the buyer and one for the cashier to keep track of the sales of each vendor. Minimum plant value must be \$5.00 per plant. After the sale, the club retains 30% of the proceeds and 70% goes to the grower. We will continue to submit the most desirable plants into silent auctions, where the seller determines the minimum bid.

Because we do not know how many members will want to take advantage of this opportunity, we will initially limit the sale to two flats of plants (regardless of sizes) per member. If we don't attract enough member sellers or if we sell out, we will raise the number of flats. Members will be asked to sign up to sell at the April and May meetings. If you will not be at the meetings, please email Roxie (Roxie.esterle@gmail.com) or Debi (heapsgasgirl@gmail.com) with your intention to sell.

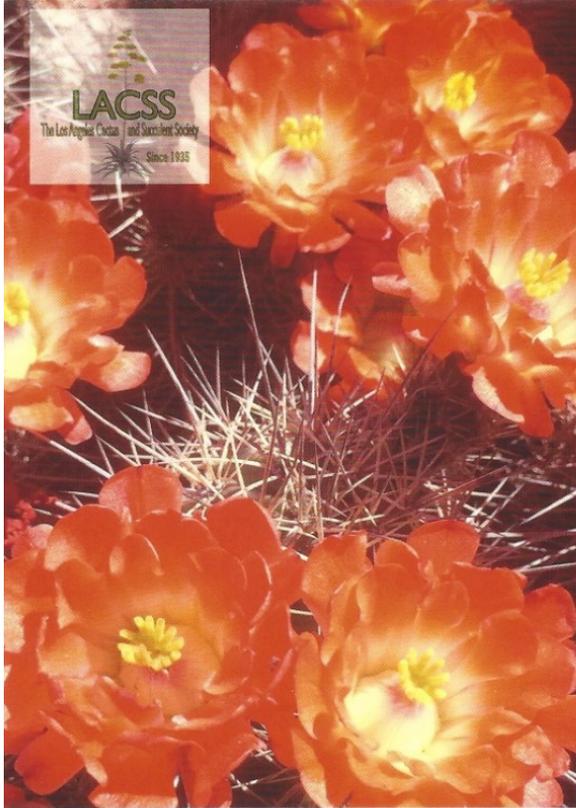
Of course, plant donations for the sale and silent auctions are also strongly encouraged. We will especially be looking for plants in the \$1 to \$5 range which are always popular.

So start getting your plants ready! All plants should be rooted and clean. We are looking forward to another great year. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to speak to us during the Social Hour or contact us by phone or email.

Roxie Esterle and Debi Heaps,
Member Plant Sales Table Chairs

Announcements

by LACSS Special Events



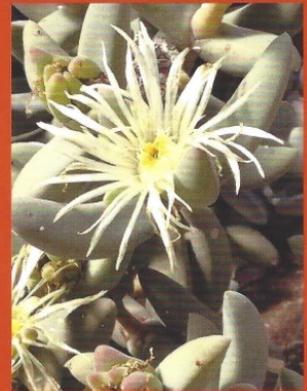
LACSS Drought Tolerant Plant Festival

Saturday, June 9, 2018, 9:00 to 4:00
Sunday, June 10, 2018, 9:00 to 3:00

Sepulveda Garden Center
16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino 91316

Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- NEW! More hands-on workshops in potting, transplanting, and creating succulent gardens
- NEW! Kids' Activities on BOTH Saturday and Sunday from 11AM - 2PM, with games, crafts, plant-potting, and educational hands-on activities
- Great speakers Saturday and Sunday
- Exhibit hall featuring competition of cacti and succulents, plus imaginative, prize-winning displays
- SALE of cacti, succulents, California natives, and drought-tolerant landscape plants
- SALE of rare and collectible drought-tolerant plants from around the world
- SALE of crafts, pottery, books, and supplies
- Silent auctions
- NEW! Additional free parking



For more information and updates

Show website:

www.lacss-show.com

General information about club:

www.lacactus.com

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Los-Angeles-Cactus-and-Succulent-Society-official-FB-Site->
Or call (818)749-5346

Announcements

by Steven Frieze

LACSS Presents Getting to Know Your Succulents and Cacti; Four Training Events Designed to Enhance Your Plant IQ By Steven Frieze

April 14, 2018 at Sepulveda Garden Center 10AM

How to Exhibit My Collection I-A Primer in Preparing for a Show

The event will concentrate on those steps necessary for getting your plants ready for an exhibit. Participants will be taught how to identify potential display plants and what steps are necessary to prepare them for exhibit. Information on the tools and materials necessary/advisable to have available and the types of pots that will improve the look of the plants will be discussed. This training will be especially helpful for individuals relatively new to the hobby as they prepare for the June Festival.

May 19, 2018 at Sepulveda Garden Center 10AM

How to Exhibit My Collection II-A Staging Workshop

Participants will have the opportunity to bring plants that they would like to display in the June Festival and stage them with the assistance of experienced growers. A variety of display pots, top dressing, and staging rocks will be available for purchase to enable participants to maximize the look of their plants.

June 16, 2018 At Steve's House in North Hills 10 AM

Cacti and Succulent Basics: Tips for Ensuring Success with you Collection

This workshop will focus on getting back to basics. We will discuss everything from soil composition, watering schedules, sun and heat issues, insect solutions, landscaping challenges, places to make collection purchases and equipment/tool resources.

August 18, 2018 at Sepulveda Garden Center at 10AM

Getting Ready for Winter: Anticipating the Unhospitable Conditions of Cooler Temperatures

This workshop will focus on preparing for those months when your collection, if not properly protected could be jeopardized by the harsh condition of fall and winter. The types of preparation necessary for anticipating unhospitable conditions and the types of actions helpful to ensure that your plants survive the winter months will be discussed.



53rd ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA HUNTINGTON LIBRARY & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Dates: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 29, 30 & July 1, 2018

Location: The Huntington: 1151 Oxford Drive, San Marino, CA
The Botanical Center. Contact 626-405-3504

Show & Sale Hours: **Sale:** Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

Show: Saturday & Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

Show Set-up: Thurs. June 28th, 9am-1pm

Enter Plants: Thurs., June 28th 1pm-8pm & Friday, June 29, 10:00am-4:00pm. Judging starts at 5:00pm Friday

Auction: Items need to be registered by 3pm, Saturday, June 30

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: \$15.00 Menu: Chili Buffet. Mail checks, made out to CSSA, to Bonnie Ikemura – 8400 Bleriot Ave. Los Angeles, CA, 90045; Reserve a spot by Phone: 213-305-1421 or email Bonnie at bikemura@hotmail.com.

Reservations must be made by June 25, 2018

Teardown: Sunday, July 1, 5:00pm

Be sure to pick up a Show Schedule, Index and entry tags from your CSSA Club Affiliate at your next club meeting 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 Affiliate 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

Email: lbcjhall@aol.com Phone: 818-368-6914

Announcements

by SCCSS, Rob Skillin



Fockea edulis
 Free Raffle Plant

**Come and enjoy plants,
 food and friends
 at the Skillin
 Open Greenhouse Day**



Saturday, April 21st, 2018, 10:00 to 3:00
 Skillin Ranch, 8910 Camino Cielo, Arroyo Grande

Enjoy food and refreshments while touring Rob's personal collection of cacti and succulents, and viewing our recently planted private botanical garden. Of course we'll be selling plants; everything from smaller affordable collectables to larger show-ready specimens. This year we will also be raffling a beautiful *Fockea edulis* in an 11" pot at noon – a ticket is free to each attendee – no purchase necessary, but must be present!

For information please call Rob or Terry at (805)709-3033

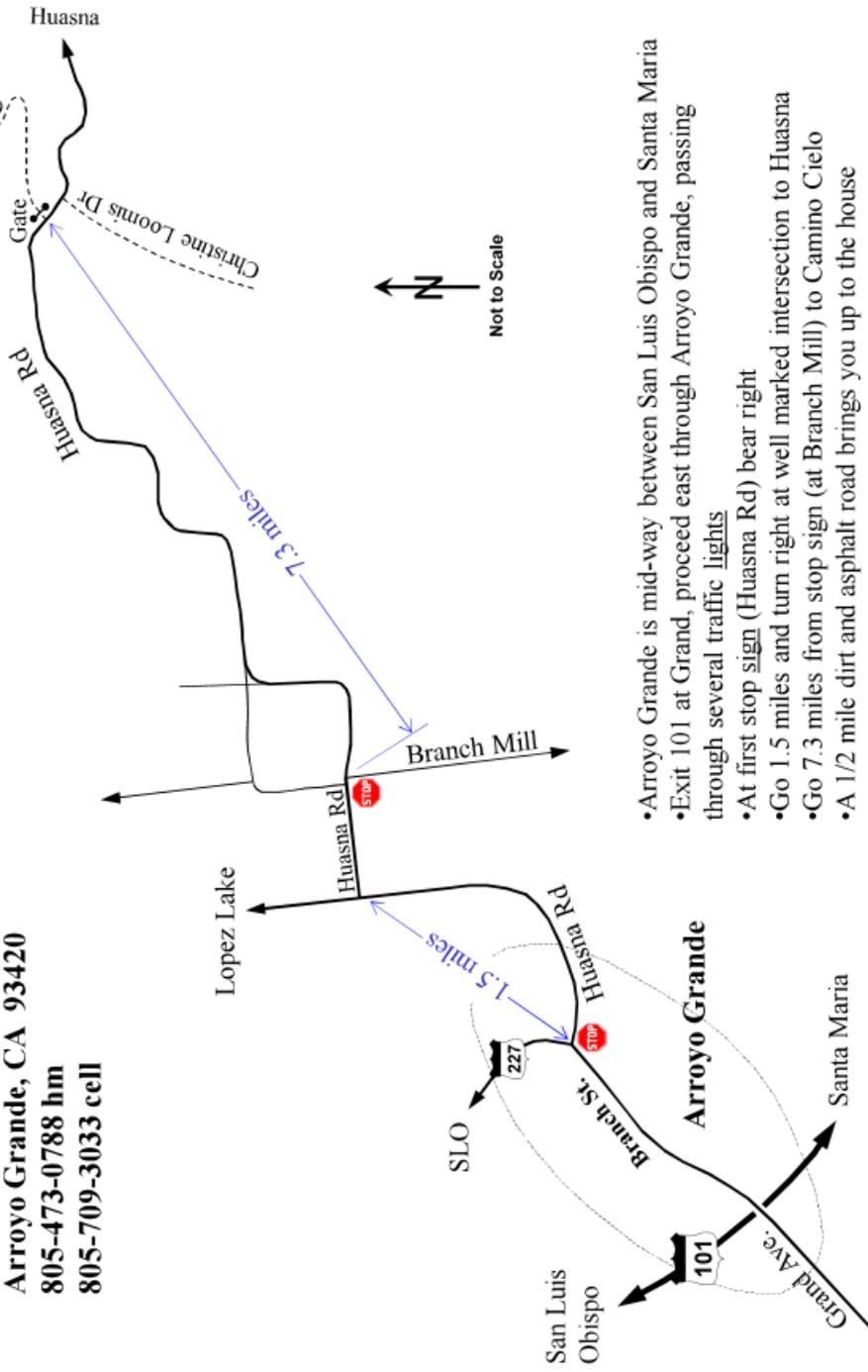
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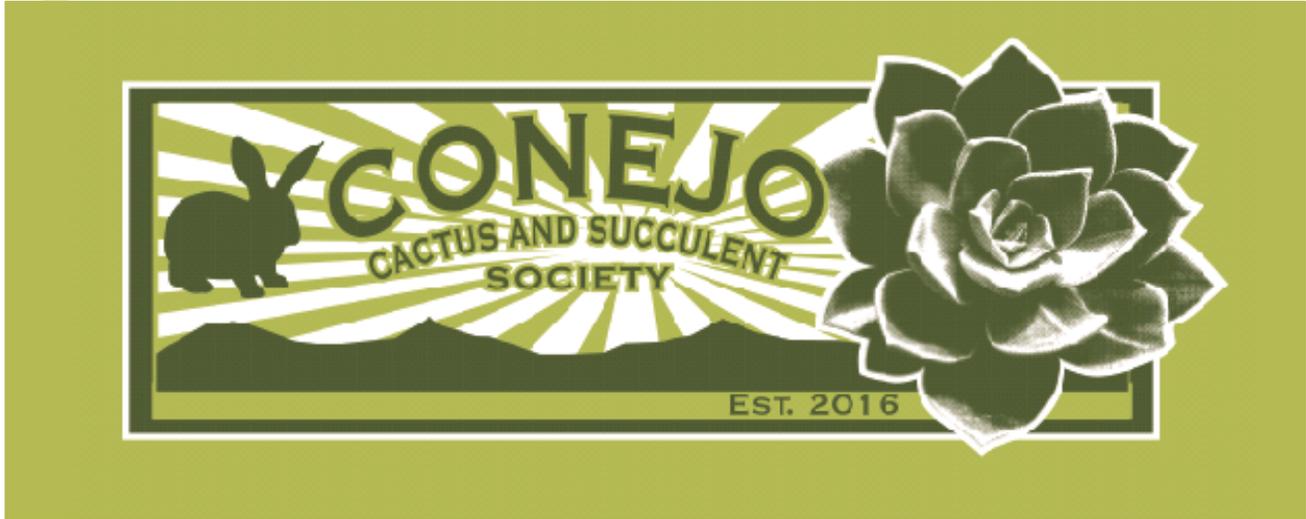
Rob & Terry Skillin
 8910 Camino Cielo
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- Arroyo Grande is mid-way between San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria
- Exit 101 at Grand, proceed east through Arroyo Grande, passing through several traffic lights
- At first stop sign (Huasna Rd) bear right
- Go 1.5 miles and turn right at well marked intersection to Huasna
- Go 7.3 miles from stop sign (at Branch Mill) to Camino Cielo
- A 1/2 mile dirt and asphalt road brings you up to the house

Announcements

by Conejo Cactus and Succulent Society



Succulent & Cactus Plant Sale

Saturday May 19, 2018

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Elks Lodge

158 N. Conejo School Road

Thousand Oaks, CA, 91362

Plant Vendors & Potters

will be featured

along with Experts

to give you tips on growing and cultivation of cactus & succulents.

Please bring boxes or bags to carry home your purchases.

For more information email: conejocss@hotmail.com

Our Sale is in conjunction with the Elks Lodge weekly BBQ.



Refreshments Reminder

Reminder, It's April – **A thru D**

If your last name begins with the letters listed above, this means **YOU**. It's your turn to bring the goodies that will sustain us during our meeting on Thursday, April 5th. Please have snacks arrive by 6:30PM for Social Hour.

Your help in setting up and breaking down is greatly appreciated.

Some ideas: finger foods, fruit, veggies, chips & dip, cookies, brownies, sandwiches, burritos, pizza...you name it, we will heat & serve it.

Yes, we have a microwave. It's nice to have real food at the start of the meeting, as well as treats during the break. Drinks are also welcome.

Thanks,
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- APR. 7-8** **SOUTH COAST CACTUS AN SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE**
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD., PALOS VERDES, CA
INFO: Website: <http://www.southcoastcss.org> // EMAIL: heidihusnak@gmail.com
- APR. 29** **HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10AM TO 5:00PM / HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS,**
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-3504
- MAY 5-6** **SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 6** **SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**
9am to 4pm SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS, INFO. 310-833-6823
- MAY 11-12** **GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**
FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm, FOR INFORMATION ON LOCATION PLEASE CALL: 909-910-9195
- MAY 19-20** **LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB PLANT SHOW AND SALE**
10-4 pm RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA
INFO. 562-631-5876
- MAY 26-27** **CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY**
ANNUAL SHOW & SALE (10-4PM), LUDWICK CENTER,
864 SANTA ROSA SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – INFO. 805-237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org
- JUNE 2-3** **SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY-- SUMMER SHOW & SALE**
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA INFO. 858-382-1797
- JUNE 9-10** **LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY PLANT SHOW AND SALE**
JUNE 9th 9AM – 4PM and JUNE 10th 9AM - 3PM
THE SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD., ENCINO, CA.
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| JULY 19-21 | <p>ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE</p> <p>THURS. 19TH 6-9pm, FRI. JULY 20TH 9am-7pm, SAT. 21ST 9-5pm</p> <p>1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA</p> <p>INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417</p> |
| AUG. 11-12 | <p>33RD ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE AT THE L.A. COUNTY ARBORETUM</p> <p>9am-5pm daily. 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA.</p> <p>INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 or JOHN MARTINEZ 805-390-2139</p> |
| SEPT. 1 | <p>HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM</p> <p>ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON. INFO: 626-405-3504</p> |
| SEPT. 15 | <p>LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION</p> <p>12-5PM RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615</p> <p>INFO. 562-631-5876</p> |
| SEPT. 15 | <p>LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY - FALL SALE</p> <p>THE SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD., ENCINO, CA.</p> <p>INFO. www.lacactus.com</p> |
| Oct. 6-7 | <p>BAKERSFIELD CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE</p> <p>SAT. 10AM - 5PM---SUN. 11AM - 3PM ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 2216 17th STREET</p> <p>BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304 FREE ADMISSION & PARKING, INFO 661-831-8488</p> |
| OCT. 27-28 | <p>PALOMAR SHOW AND SALE</p> <p>SAT 10-5, SUN 10-3, SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDENS</p> <p>230 QUAIL GARDENS ROAD, ENCINITAS, CA</p> <p>INFO: BritaMiller1@g-mail.com</p> |
| NOV. 10 - 11 | <p>SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE</p> <p>9am-4pm BOTH DAYS---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM 310 NO. BALDWIN, ARCADIA, CA</p> <p>INFO: MANNY RIVERA 626-780-6957 or JOHN MATTHEWS 661-714-1052</p> |



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