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On the Dry Side

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Graptopetalum
by Gary Stubblefield
2019 Show Winner in
Division III, Class 8.10

President's Message

Early reports indicate that our 2019 Spring Show was a great success. We will have more information on this experience during our April meeting, and will express thanks to the several people who provided leadership and willing hands for this important event.

Our Show & Sale provides great opportunities for our members to sell their plants and display their exceptional specimens.

This activity also enables our society to serve the growing number of succulent gardeners and raise funds to support services to members throughout the year.

You have undoubtedly noticed that this issue of On the Dry Side is both later than usual and different in appearance. Also, due to technical issues, this issue does not include March Mini-show Winners. These changes have resulted from the hassle of working with a recent update of computer software. Microsoft Office 365 appears to provide many desirable new capabilities, and definitely requires time on the learning curve.

Our April meeting will feature Stan Verkler's talk about his recent visit to South Africa. This will be another interesting and informative presentation that adds substantial value to our monthly meetings, along with the enjoyment of getting together with friends and growers of succulent plants.

Save the Date

MBACSS Meets

April 21, 2019
Gathering @ 12:00

Plant Sale @ 12:15
Potluck @ 12:30

Board Meets

April 21, 2019
Board @ 11:00

Members welcome

Future Meetings

Third Sundays
Veterans of Foreign
Wars, Post 1716
1960 Freedom Blvd.
Watsonville, CA

Minutes—March Board Meeting

Present: Tom Karwin, Jorge Quiñonez, Lidia Hernandez, Sharon Lucchesi, Sarah Martin, Naomi Bloss, Gary Stubblefield

Absent: Stan Verkler, Mary Cross

Meeting called to order by Tom Karwin

Minutes of February 17, 2019 were approved as posted in March newsletter

Guest: Jeff Brooks

Chairpersons' Reports

Treasurer

Lidia Hernandez

-New Tax Rates for 2019. Must ensure the new rates are reflected in cash registers for Spring Show & Sale

-Data for plant raffle gain or loss to be discussed at April meeting

Membership

Mary Cross

-No new **information**, Mary Cross on vacation.

Sunshine Committee

Sharon Lucchesi

Happily, nothing to report

Programs

Sarah Martin

-April Meeting: Stan Verkler. Discussing his trip to South Africa (not Namibia as previously reported)

-Speaker for July will be Woody Minnich

CSSA

Jorge Quiñonez

-Jorge brought brochures for the CSAA 2019 Convention, made available to membership.

Old Business

-Proposed budget for 2019 discussed, ongoing review will be done.

-Still looking for Show Chairperson

New Business

-Proposal to discuss "Business Cards" with club information on them

-Budget 2019, increases in fees for post cards and stamps. Line items will be more succinct under each item to reflect more detail in expenses.

-Education donation: Projection Screen. Further discussion at future meetings to determine recipient of this donation.

-Register fees have increased to \$50. each

-Sales Chairperson still needed

-Vendors: There is a waiting list. It was discussed that vendors whom do not attend a sale will not be guaranteed a spot in the forthcoming sale

Gary Stubblefield is to manage vendor assignments

-Sarah Martin will continue to refine new show tags.

- Jeff Brooks presented the new show schedule, reflecting plant family revisions

-PSA's out to various TV, Radio, Newspapers & Radio Stations

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Lucchesi

Preview of the April Program

Trip to South Africa

by Stan Verkler

MBACSS Members and Past President Stan Verkler will tell us about his recent botanical visit to South Africa. We do not have his preview of his presentation, but we are well aware of Stan's extensive knowledge of cacti and succulents, and can anticipate gaining interesting information about the plants of this country, and particularly the extraordinary Cape Floristic Region (illustrated by the smaller map).



April's Mini-Show Plants

Selections by Jeff Brooks, Information from Wikipedia

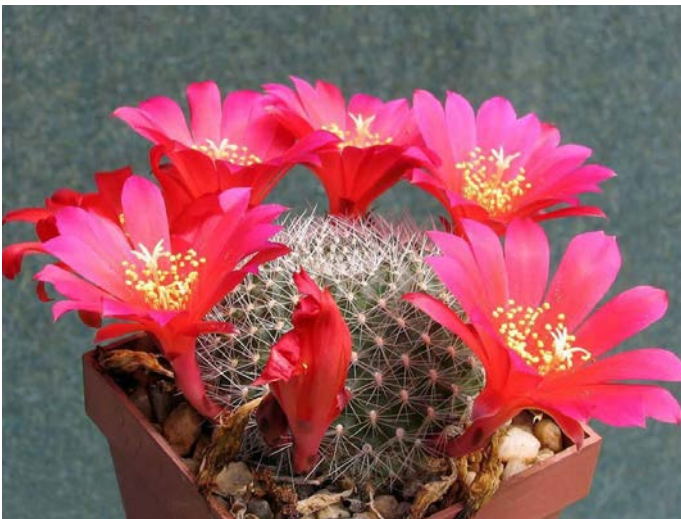
Cactus

Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Sclerocactus

Rebutia is a genus in the family Cactaceae, native to Bolivia and Argentina. They are generally small, colorful cacti, globular in form, which freely produce flowers that are relatively large in relation to the body. They have no distinctive ribs, but do have regularly arranged small tubercles. They are considered fairly easy to grow and they may produce large quantities of seeds that germinate freely around the parent plant.

The limits of the genus are currently uncertain –whether or not it includes species formerly or currently placed in the genera *Aylostera*, *Cintia*, ***Sulcorebutia*** and *Weingartia*. The number of species included varies widely from source to source. A very large number of plants that have been treated in cultivation as species of *Rebutia* are now generally regarded as varieties, forms or synonyms of a much smaller number of species.

Sclerocactus ("hard cactus", from Greek; refers to the hard, dry fruit) is a genus of cacti. It comprises about 15 species. These species are very xerophytic. They are sometimes called 'fishhook cactus' or 'little barrels.' *Sclerocactus* are ovoid to elongate cylindrical, have rigid stems with tubercles that are generally coalesced into ribs, and are covered with spines that come out of the areoles. Most species have at least one hooked spine at each areole. The Little barrel cactus typically grows in areas where water flows irregularly or depressions where water can accumulate for short periods of time.



Rebutia wessneriana

Succulents

Echeveria, Pachyphytum, Pachyveria, Graptoveria, Graptophytum

Echeveria is a large genus of flowering plants in the stonecrop family Crassulaceae, native to semi-desert areas of Central America, Mexico and northwestern South America.

Plants may be evergreen or deciduous. Flowers on short stalks (cymes) arise from compact rosettes of succulent fleshy, often brightly coloured leaves.[2] Species are polycarpic, meaning that they may flower and set seed many times over the course of their lifetimes. Often numerous offsets are produced, and are commonly known as "hen and chicks", which can also refer to other genera, such as *Sempervivum*, that are significantly different from *Echeveria*.

Echeveria hybrids and relatives.

Pachyphytum is a genus native to Mexico and a close relative of *Echeveria* and *Sedum*.

Pachyveria is a hybrid of *Echeveria* and *Pachyphytum*.

Graptoveria is a hybrid of *Echeveria* and *Graptopetalum*.

Graptophytum is a hybrid genus produced from crosses involving the genera *Graptopetalum* and *Pachyphytum*.

Sedeveria is a hybrid of *Echeveria* and *Sedum*



Echeveria elegans

March Mini-Show Winners

Due to technical issues, we can't show photos of these winners, but we're pleased to list their names.

Dish Garden

1. Cheryl Albert
2. Cheryl Albert

Novice Succulent

1. Joe Truskot — Aeonium 'Kiwi'

Novice Cactus

(no entry)

Intermediate Succulent

1. Suzy Brooks — Aeonium 'Garnet'

Intermediate Cactus

1. Suzy Brooks — Echinocactus grusonii

Advanced Succulent

1. Annie Wolf — Aeonium tablifforme crest
2. Gary Stubblefield — Aeonium 'Mardi Gras'
3. Ellen Stubblefield — Aeonium 'Mardi Gras'

Advanced Cactus

1. Sarah Martin — Ferocactus macrodiscus
2. Naomi Bloss — Echinocactus grusonii
3. Annie Wolf — Ferocactus latispinus varigate

CSSA Show & Sale

54th ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA HUNTINGTON LIBRARY & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Dates: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 28-30, 2019

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

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

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

Show Set-up: Thurs. June 27th 9am-1pm

Enter Plants: Thurs., June 27th 1pm-8pm & Friday, June 28, 10:00am-4:00pm. Judging starts at 5:00pm Friday

Auction: Saturday, June 29 at 7:00PM. Items need to be registered by 3PM

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: Saturday, June 29 at 6PM \$15.00 Menu: Chili Buffet.

Mail checks, made out to CSSA, to Bonnie Ikemura – 8400 Bleriot Ave. Los Angeles, CA, 90045; Reserve spot by Phone: 213-305-1421 or email Bonnie at bikemura@hotmail.com. Reservations must be made by June 26, 2019

Teardown: Sunday, June 30, 5:00pm

Be sure to pick up a Show Schedule, Index and entry tags from your CSSA Club Affiliate at your May & June club meetings, 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.



You are invited to Open Greenhouse Day

A day of fun, food, friends and PLANTS!
At the Skillin Ranch in Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo Co.
Saturday, April 20, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

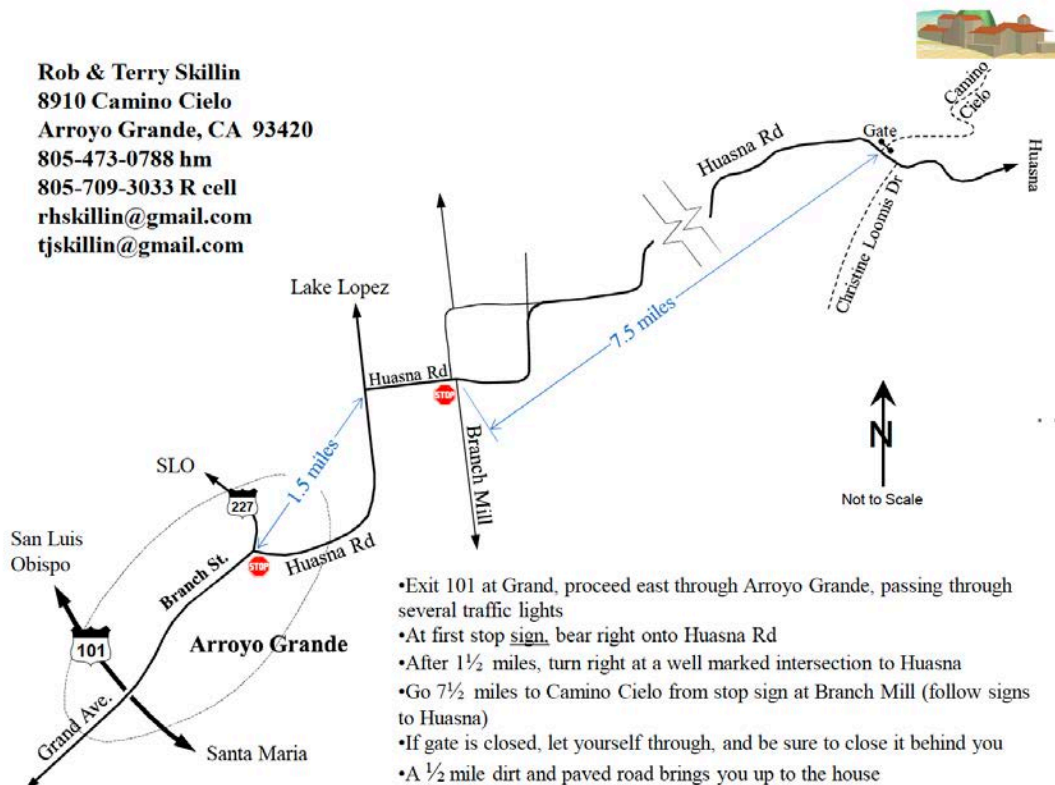
- Greenhouse tours
- Terry's famous taco bar
- Refreshments
- Sales Plants- everything from starters to show stoppers
- Free raffle at Noon – two plants - free ticket to each attendee – no purchase necessary, but must be present



Free Raffle Plants
Aloe ramosissima
2 gallon pot

Pachypodium fihersense
2 gallon pot

Call Rob or Terry at 805-709-3033 for information



- Exit 101 at Grand, proceed east through Arroyo Grande, passing through several traffic lights
- At first stop sign, bear right onto Huasna Rd
- After 1½ miles, turn right at a well marked intersection to Huasna
- Go 7½ miles to Camino Cielo from stop sign at Branch Mill (follow signs to Huasna)
- If gate is closed, let yourself through, and be sure to close it behind you
- A ½ mile dirt and paved road brings you up to the house

2019 Spring Show's Winners—Congratulations

At the MBACSS Spring or Fall Show, plants compete within similar plants, as defined by the show's schedule, which organizes the world of succulent plants by Division and Class. This page lists our recent show winners, who demonstrate excellence! We will present Paul Albert's photos of these impressive plants in the future, either in this newsletter or on mbsucculent.org.

We appreciate Jeff Brooks' update of the show schedule for the 2019 Spring Show to reflect ongoing changes of plant taxonomy. For more on this topic, search for "show schedule" on mbsucculent.org.

Division II – Succulent Monocotyledons (individually potted)	Division/Class
Haemanthus deformis - Peter Beiersdorfer	II/1.1
Sansevieria suffruticosa - Gary Stubblefield	II/2.1
Aloe castillione - Naomi Bloss	II/3.1
Aloe Hybrid (non-Madagascar) - Gary Stubblefield	II/3.2
Gasteria batesiana - Annie Wolf	II/3.5
Haworthia Jim Smith Hybrid - Stan Verkler	II/3.6
Haworthia truncatax - Gary Stubblefield	II/3.7
Dyckia hybrid (Bromeliaceae)- Richard Rowe	II/4.1
Division III – Succulents Dicotyledons (individually potted)	Division/Class
Faucaria tuberculosa - Annie Wolf	III/1.4
Trichoidiadema bulbosum - Annie Wolf	III/1.6
Gerardanthus macrovohizus – Annie Wolf	III/10.1
Euphorbia multiceps - Naomi Bloss	III/11.1
Euphorbia tridentata - Bud 'n Evs	III/11.2
Euphorbia polygona 'Snowflake' - Linda McNally	III/11.4
Euphorbia francoisii - Bud 'n Evs	III/11.5
Pachycormus discolor - Naomi Bloss	III/3.1
Pachypodium succulentum - Naomi Bloss	III/4.1
Graptopetalum - Gary Stubblefield	III/8.10
Crassula 'Buddha's Temple' - Linda McNally	III/8.5
Crassula tetragona - Sally Boden	III/8.5
Crassula obvata 'Blue Wave' - Richard Rowe	III/8.5
Dudleya species - Naomi Bloss	III/8.6
Echeveria hybrid - Joe Truskot	III/8.6
Echeveria elegans 'Mexican Snowball' - Joe Truskot	III/8.7
Echeveria pulvinata 'Ruby' - Linda McNally	III/8.8
Sedum hybrid - Joe Truskot	III/8.9
Division IV – CACTACEAE (individually potted)	Division/Class
Echinocereus pulchellus - Elton Roberts	IV/1.1
Sulcorebutia arenacea - Bill Munkacsy	IV/2.1
Neochilenia krausii - Bill Munkacsy	IV/4.3
Neoporteria multicolor - Sarah Segal	IV/4.3
Mammillaria theresae - Elton Roberts	IV/6.14
Thelocactus phymatothelos - Elton Roberts	IV/6.3
Peleciphora aselliformis - Elton Roberts	IV/6.6

Spring Sale Pictures — by Paul Albert



Officers and Chairpersons, 2019

CHAIRPERSONS

LIBRARIAN — Suzy Brooks
 MINI-SHOW — Jeff Brooks
 NEWSLETTER EDITOR— Tom Karwin
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 PROGRAMS — Sarah Martin
 PUBLICITY — Sarah Martin, Sharon Lucchesi
 RAFFLES — Gary Stubblefield
 SALE FLOOR MANAGER— Gary Stubblefield
 SALES LIAISON — Sarah Martin
 SHOW—Naomi Bloss & Janet Sparks
 WEBMASTER — Anita Crawley

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 VICE PRESIDENT — Naomi Bloss
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 TREASURER — Lidia Hernandez
 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR — Mary Cross
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 DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE
 — Gary Stubblefield
 — Sarah Martin
 — Sharon Lucchesi
 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT — Stan Verkler

Members Update

Congratulations to these winners at the 2019 Spring Show & Sale. More to come!



Echeveria elegans 'Mexican Snowball'
 by Joe Truskot
 Winner in Division III, Class 8.7



Haemanthus deformis
 by Peter Beiersdorfer
 Winner in Division II, Class 1.1



Thelocactus phymatobelos
 by Elton Roberts
 Winner in Division IV, Class 6.3

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