



CACTUS CHRONICLE



MISSION STATEMENT

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

Monthly Meeting Program : October

A DREAM COME TRUE

Rare Succulents Nursery

I am very pleased to have convinced Ms. Petra Crist to speak at our Meeting. She is a well-known and respected enthusiast within our hobby. Petra is sensitive about her noticeable German accent, and expressed a little concern that our members will have difficulty understanding her. I find it endearing when I have spoken with her. Her presentation subject will be "How to Develop and Build a Nursery". Petra operates a remarkable one, and her story of how it came to be will be the subject of her presentation. I believe this will be a nice complement to last month's program, presented by Mr. Keith Taylor on Staging - A unique approach.

Ron Behar
V.P. Programs



**REFRESHMENTS FOR
OCTOBER!**

**LAST NAMES STARTING
WITH: **E-H****

PETRA CRIST



IN EARLY 1994, I came from Germany to California. Back in Germany I already had a few Cacti and Succulents which I was growing on my window sills. I, of course, had no idea about the difference between the two of them at the time. I was a dressage rider and heavily involved in dressage circles in Germany and beyond. That, besides my job as a lab tech in Pathology, kept me quite busy.

Shortly after moving here, one of my husbands' friends brought up the upcoming Inter-City Show and Sale and we went to have a look - well, what can I say? They had to push me into the building, as I was utterly overwhelmed trying to take it all in at the same time. My collection started right there with the first 10 plants. It got the proverbial ball rolling. I found plants all over the place and eventually joined the San Gabriel club - which made things "worse". The plant addiction had taken hold of me. It changed my life and my interests. We also started traveling to some of the habitats and my desire to grow my plants to the potential that I saw in habitat increased as well. So, I started playing around with what I could do, taking advantage of Southern California weather.

Besides collecting more and more plants, I also started growing from seed and that soon filled up our little back-yard in Whittier. I took over some neighbors' yards as well. Eventually we started looking for property where I could grow and in 2009 we found "The Farm". It felt like "A Dream Come True" and little did I know or realize that I was becoming "The Slave of my Own Dreams".

The funniest occurrence I had after collecting for a year or two was when I proudly told a lady at one of the shows that I had about a hundred plants. She just looked at me and told me to wait till I had a thousand. I thought she was utterly crazy. Needless to mention that as time went on, I became the crazy one exceeding a thousand plants. The lady at the show was Norma Lewis.

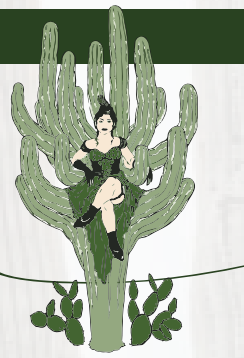
Looking forward to share some of my "craziness" - the development of the nursery = The Farm we bought in early 2009 and that is now the home of Rare Succulents Nursery with you on Thursday, Oct. 04, 2018. It is Called "A Dream Come True".

See you there.

Petra Crist



A Word From Our President



The Fall Sale was a huge success again this year!

I would like to thank all of the volunteers; we could not have done it without you. Kal and Sandy did an amazing job chairing this event. If anyone has any input please feel free to send me your comments and I will bring them up at our wrap up meeting. There are a few changes that the committee is already talking about for next year.

Please make sure you have marked your calendars for the Holiday Awards Banquet this December 8th, 2018. Debi Heaps is a creative and fun party planner. You won't want to miss this event. I am so excited!

September has been a very busy month for the club and I hope everyone is taking advantage of all the great events from the Garden Tours, workshop at Steve Frieze's house, and the Fall Sale. If there is an event you would like us to consider, please send an email, or come up and talk to any of the Board members. The list is in your newsletter.

If anyone is having any difficulty getting the newsletter, please email me directly at kimokakes1@yahoo.com so I can fix the issues.

So the season is winding down but there are 2 shows this month: Bakersfield and Palomar. Check the calendar on the website for more information, www.lacactus.com

It is really crazy how fast the year flies by and I did not do secret words the last couple of months so I think I am going to give you a new word for October and it is 'Photorespiration.' Look it up. I look forward to seeing all our new members that signed up at the Fall Sale. I would like to remind everyone to wear their name badges and make a point to say Hi to all the new members.

With enormous gratitude,

Kim Chavez

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PHOTOS FROM OUR LAST MEETING!

THANK YOU NICOLE ALTER & FAMILY!



PLANT OF THE MONTH



PLANT OF THE MONTH 2018

OCTOBER
 Espostoa, Oreocereus
 Jatropha, Monadenium, Pedilanthus

NOVEMBER
 Crest, Monstrose
 Crest, Monstrose

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY!

PLANT OF THE MONTH 2019

JANUARY
 Epiphytic Cacti
 Dudleya

FEBRUARY
 Echinocactus
 Sarcocaulon

MARCH
 Epithelantha, Encephalocarpus
 Pelecypora, Aloe Hybrid

APRIL
 Gymnocalycium
 Haworthia

MAY
 Small cacti & succulent staged as
 miniature

JUNE
 Favorites

JULY
 Mammillaria with hooked spines
 Lithops

AUGUST
 Rebutia
 Commiphora

SEPTEMBER
 Astrophytum
 Euphorbia from Madagascar

OCTOBER
 Opuntiod from South America
 Adromischus

NOVEMBER
 Variegated
 Variegated

PLANT OF THE MONTH ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO 3 SUCCULENT PLANTS AND 3 CACTUS PLANTS FOR EACH MEMBER. THIS APPLIES EVEN WHEN THERE IS MORE THAN ONE GENUS OF SUCCULENT OR CACTUS. THE THEORY IS THERE WILL BE SPACE FOR EVERYONE.



PLANT OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER RESULTS

SUCCULENT - BURSERA

ROOKIE

FIRST	BURSERA FAGAROIDES	DANIEL PIO
SECOND	BURSERA SP.	ILONA BURATTI
THIRD	BURSERA FAGAROIDES	DEBI HEAPS

NOVICE

FIRST	BURSERA FAGAROIDES	RON BEHAR
SECOND	BURSERA BIG MOMA	AL MINDEL
THIRD	BURSERA HINDSIANA	RON BEHAR

ADVANCED

FIRST	BURSERA FAGAROIDES	ROXIE ESTERLE
SECOND	BURSERA FAGAROIDES	NILS SCHIRRMACHER
THIRD	BURSERA BIPINADA	ROXIE ESTERLE

OPEN

FIRST	BURSERA SP.	MANNY RIVERA
SECOND	BURSERA SILVIAE	MANNY RIVERA



CACTUS - MAMMILLARIA W/ COLORED SPINES

ROOKIE

FIRST	MAMMILLARIA PACHYCYLINDRICA	AMANDA ERLANSON
SECOND	MAMMILLARIA SCRIPPSIANA	NICK STEINHARDT
THIRD	MAMMILLARIA MAGNIFICA	NICK STEINHARDT
THIRD	MAMMILLARIA MUEHLENPFORDII	RON COOPER

NOVICE

FIRST	MAMMILLARIA SPINOSSIMA	GRETCHEN DAVIS
SECOND	MAMMILLARIA ZEILMANNIANA	RON BEHAR
THIRD	MAMMILLARIA SPINOSSIMA	AL MINDEL
THIRD	MAMMILLARIA CHIONOCEPHALA	RON BEHAR

ADVANCED

FIRST	MAMMILLARIA SPINOSSIMA	KATHRYN BOORER
SECOND	MAMMILLARIA SONORENSIS	KATHRYN BOORER
THIRD	MAMMILLARIA PERBELLA	KATHRYN BOORER

OPEN

FIRST	MAMMILLARIA LLOYDII	KAREN OSTLER
SECOND	MAMMILLARIA KARWINSKIANA	KAREN OSTLER
THIRD	MAMMILLARIA REKOI	KAREN OSTLER



TOTAL ENTRIES = (22) ROOKIE, (16) NOVICE, (10) ADVANCED, (5) MASTERS/OPEN = 53 OVERALL

OCTOBER PLANT OF THE MONTH

ESPOSTOA & OREOCEREUS

BY KYLE WILLIAMS

Photo Credits: Kyle Williams & Luis Sanchez



Oreocereus celsianus

Espostoa and Oreocereus are two genera of cacti that share a remarkable number of similarities. Both are small to mid-size columnar cacti that (in most species) are covered in white hair, giving them the common name "Old Man Cactus". They both have around 15 species each and originate in the Andes Mountains. A major difference between the genera is that mature specimens of Espostoa can develop cephalia along part of the stems while Oreocereus cannot. A cephalium is a specialized structure in a small number of cacti genera (most famously Melocactus) where some or all of the stem becomes a dense flower producing structure instead of a standard green stem.

The most popular Espostoa and Oreocereus species, such as *E. melanostele* or *O. trollii*, are famous for their dense white hair surrounding the plant. For some species it can be so thick and tightly wrapped around the plant that it almost looks like they are in a cocoon or a spider's web! On others, the hair is looser and sticks out, giving it the old man (with bad hair) look. Be careful though, those long white hairs obscure sharp spines that also cover the plant. These hairs likely shade the plant from the intense sun they are exposed to in their native Andes.

In the wild these plants form multiple stems and range from a few feet tall to small tree like plants, but in cultivation they rarely get taller than a person. They make great larger potted plants or small to mid-size landscape plants. As with most cacti they will get larger in the ground. Growing them in the ground also gives you a good cactus for a full sun location that might burn the skin of more sensitive cacti.



Oreocereus trollii



Espostoa nanus

OCTOBER PLANT OF THE MONTH

MONADENIUM, JATROPHA & PEDILANTHUS

BY KYLE WILLIAMS

Photo Credits: Kyle Williams & les/Eu T1



Monadenium ritchei



Pedilanthus tithymaloides

This month's succulents are grouped by being members of the Euphorbia family (Euphorbiaceae) that aren't Euphorbia. There are other genera in the family of course, but these are the ones most commonly encountered by succulent growers outside of Euphorbia itself. It should be noted that some authors consider Pedilanthus & Monadenium to belong to Euphorbia itself, but we will consider them separate here. Of note is that Jatropha and Monadenium come from Mexico and Central America. While all cacti come from the Americas, relatively few of our succulents do (Crassulaceae and Bromeliaceae excepted).

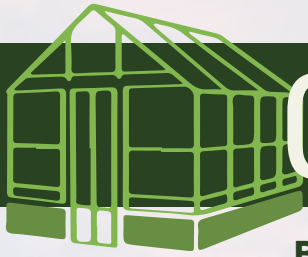
Monadenium consists of approximately 50 species of small fleshy stemmed plants from Africa that produce succulent leaves during the growing season that fall off during winter or times of drought. Some species have short stems a few inches tall while others can reach several feet tall. The stems can be fairly smooth or quite bumpy to nearly thorny depending on species. Flowers are small and white to pink and are produced during the warmer months. Most species are easy to grow and do well in our climate, though some (like *M. ritchei*) are very sensitive to being cold and wet in the winter. For those plants keep them cool and dry, or move them to a greenhouse or windowsill indoors.

Pedilanthus has approximately 15 species native to Mexico and Central America. Most species are woody shrubs or trees, but a few are fleshy succulents. These are the ones most commonly seen in the hobby, in particular *P. tithymaloides* which has distinctive zig-zag stems. The flowers in the genus are unusual and remind me of a pink or a red slipper.

Jatropha also comes from Mexico and Central America and is a large genus of around 170 species. They are all woody plants with large lobed leaves. Jatropha, unlike Euphorbia, Monadenium and Pedilanthus, has showy true flowers. In the other genera the actual flowers are tiny and nondescript and the part we call flowers are actually modified leaves called "bracts". These flowers are generally pink, red or orange and born on long stalks. Most species are large shrubs to small trees but the species most commonly cultivated in the succulent trade. The species commonly grown by succulent growers are small caudiciforms with a fat round base and interesting leaves. *Jatropha curcas* is a large shrub that has quite a bit of commercial potential as a source of biofuel due to the oil rich seeds.



Jatropha tithymaloides



GREENHOUSE NOTES

BY KAREN OSTLER

October is the perfect month to talk about science experiments, remember Frankenstein?

I am talking of course, about experimenting with your plants. I am currently running an experiment with five similar cactus plants; *Turbinicarpus horripilus*. Each of these plants started out exactly the same; 1 ½ inches across and 1 ½ inches high, each in a decent seedling mix in a 2 inch pot.

#1 has had the top ½ inch cut off, after allowing it to rest for two days it was transplanted into a 4 inch pot with my typical potting mix; 1/3 native soil (mostly decomposed granite,) 1/3 pumice and 1/3 a commercial soil mix available from Home Depot. Included in this mix is a granular azalea fertilizer which will feed for 3-4 months at 70 degrees soil temperature.

#2 was center punched 1 inch with a hot nail and again two days later was transplanted in a manner similar to #1.

#3 was abused even more; cut in half from roots to growth point. The roots remaining on #3a were cut away and it was grafted to an available stock planted in the same mix in a 4 inch pot. At this point I should be honest and say I have had very poor luck grafting plants, so I have little hope for #3a. #3b was left to callus over for only two days (it has been hot and these are seedlings) then repotted into a 4 inch pot with my mix.

#4 has gotten a very different treatment. I have been doing a lot of reading; as always; and the mention of gypsum kept coming up in all discussions of habitat. So #4 has been repotted into a 4 inch pot with a new mix; ½ native soil, ½ pumice, an appropriate amount of agricultural gypsum and granular azalea fertilizer.

#5 is my control; it received a new 4 inch pot and my typical soil mix.

I'm looking forward to whatever happens; I may have a new potting mix, I'll certainly get offsets from a couple of the plants. But, how many from each plant, and how healthy each plant is will be is what I'm looking forward to seeing.

On another subject, I hope all of you were able to attend our Fall Sale. As always; fabulous plants were available to purchase from not only regular vendors but member growers as well; who grow different types of plants not normally available during regular sales. The money from the Fall Sale will go towards much needed maintenance and landscaping for our Cactus Garden at the Sepulveda Garden Center; which is a learning experience for the public, a part of the mission statement for our Society.

Happy growing!

Karen Ostler

MEMBERSHIP PAGE



BY ILONA BURATTI

DUES ARE DUE! on December 1st and delinquent on December 31st, per our bylaws.

So, It's that time...again, Membership Renewal for 2019!

We need to 'crisp up' our records, and you can help...by filling out the form on the next page and paying your 2019 dues. We will also be collecting dues at the October meeting.

Because I love contests, there will be a drawing, at the Awards Party, three gifts to members who have paid their dues by the Party.

So, if you think this too early, you are wrong...this is October. Next month is November, no meeting in December, because we Party! Please fill out the form, with accurate and current information.

We had 103 attending last meeting, 13 guests and 7 new members joining our club at the September meeting. 96 signed in at the Membership table. An additional 24 new members joined at the LACSS "Fall Sale".

Please,

- 1) Wear your name badge, or put your name on a sticky BEFORE you buy plants or get a cup of coffee.. PLEASE
- 2) SIGN IN
- 3) Fill out the **MEMBERSHIP FORM**
- 4) Pay your 2019 dues
- 5) If you are having a problem, see us during the break or write it in the SILVER BOOK
- 6) New members, please pick up your Membership Card & Roster, if you haven't done so already. Sorry if you haven't gotten your Welcome Plant, it will be waiting for you at the next meeting!

Ilona Buratti

WELCOME!

SEPTEMBER'S NEW MEMBERS:

FREDDIE & JONICE ANDERSON
 MARTHA AYON
 PENNY BONDY
 MING-HUI CHEN
 EVELYN COOK
 RENEE COOPERMAN
 SANDRA DAHLGREN
 JILL & CARL DAVIDSON
 SILVIA DELEON
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 FRANCISCO LEON
 JONATHAN & AURORA LUBAG
 SCOTT NEWMAN
 CRAIG PAISLEY
 ANDREW RAPOSA
 TERRI ROBB
 MAGGIE SHIFFRAR
 JUDY STANKO
 AMANDA STORY
 JENNIFER STUSSE
 ANGELE THOMPSON
 ANDRE TREJO
 CHRISTOPHER YOUNG

**BE SURE TO BRING
 A FLAT BOX FOR YOUR
 GOODIES, PICK UP YOUR
 NAME BADGE
 (IF ORDERED),
 YOUR ROSTER,
 MEMBERSHIP CARD &
 WELCOME PLANT.**

MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: **BIRTHDATE M/D:**

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

FAMILY MEMBER: **BIRTHDATE M/D:**
(WHO ATTENDS)

ADDRESS:

CITY: **ZIP:**

HOUSE PHONE: **CELL PHONE:**

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:

Your family and guests are always welcome.

I am only interested in attending members from your family,

Dues: \$20 for individual \$25 for family (they can go to the tours and workshops)

Your cooperation will let me finish the yearbook by February, confirm and crisp up our existing records.

Here are some additional questions:

I WANT ADDRESSES IN THE ROSTER **YES** **NO** **EITHER WAY**

I WANT MY PHOTO IN THE ROSTER **YES** **NO** **EITHER WAY**

MEMBERSHIP PAGE

MEMBER VENDOR: KYLE WILLIAMS



My interest in plants started when I moved back to my hometown of Santa Rosa (Sonoma County) after spending much of my childhood in Colorado. The house we moved into had several rose bushes in the yard. I became so interested in them I joined the local rose society and eventually had 70 varieties in my yard. Soon after I started collecting all sorts of plants and had about 200 plants by the time I went to college.

Unsurprisingly, I decided to study plants and attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, to pursue a degree in horticulture. My coursework required that I take some botany classes in addition to horticulture ones. For those unfamiliar with the difference, botany is the science of plants while Horticulture is the study of plant cultivation, landscaping and nursery production. Most of my classmates dreaded botany classes but I was fascinated by them and found them more interesting than the horticulture courses. Although I finished my coursework and earned a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture, I decided that I would go on to pursue graduate study in Botany.

After Cal Poly I entered the Botany PhD program at Duke University in North Carolina. Specifically, I studied Plant Systematics and Taxonomy. That is the study of Plant Classification and Evolution. My research focused on *Globoa* a genus of tropical plants in the edible ginger family. They are native to Southeast Asia and have stunningly beautiful flowers. I spent a cumulative total of nearly two years collecting and studying these plants in their native habitat over course of my research. I had the good fortune to collect in China, Malaysia, Burma, India, Nepal and Thailand during this time. Thailand in particular became my home base during my time there.

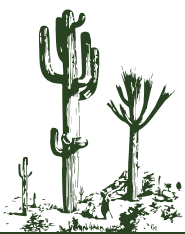
Once I finished my PhD I took a Post-Doctoral research position at Harvard University. I joined a project that studied the plants of southern Thailand (right up my alley!). That let me spend even more time working in that wonderful country. However, it was during this time that I discovered that while I loved field research I really wasn't interested in a career in academics. In short, I wasn't interested in teaching, didn't like writing grants which are necessary to fund research, and I really wanted to get home to California. In such a specialized field, only a few positions open up each year in the US and it could take many years to find any position in the state.

The Harvard postdoc was for a set three-year period. At that point I decided to leave botany and while determining my next move I took a part time job doing dog walking to earn money. While it seems strange to go from PhD scientist to dog walker, I never got into botany for the title. I liked plants so I studied them! Pet sitting turns out to be a very lucrative field with the false reputation of being low end job. I liked it and started up my own business after moving back to California. That went well, but plants have always been my true love so I looked for a way to get back into the field, especially after joining the LACSS in 2012. I started by selling some plants on eBay. That went well and before long I spent half my time on pet sitting and half on plants. Sales on eBay increased and local cactus & succulent sales went well enough that last year I transitioned out of pet sitting and into working on my nursery full time. It is hard work but I feel lucky to have been able to turn my love of plants into a business that supports me, in no small part thanks to my experiences with the LACSS!

PHOTOS FROM THE FALL SALE!

THANK YOU NICOLE ALTER & FAMILY!





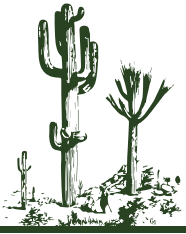
A DAY IN THE GARDENS

WOW! That was the overwhelming reaction to the garden tours on Saturday, September 22, 2018. About 30 members participated including quite a few new to LACSS. The morning started at Randee and Marty Leffler's home.

The yard is beautifully landscaped with artistically balanced succulents, cactus, fruit trees and an eye full of color from a variety of plants and flowers. A peaceful atmosphere surrounding the hillside and meandering rock river made you want to linger all day.



Our second stop was the remarkable garden of Tiffani and Steve Bresnick. The three-acre hillside garden is lush with palms, cycads, coastal live oaks and off course lots of cactus and succulents! The cactus garden is newly renovated and has big specimens such as *Aloe dichotoma*, *Aloe 'Hercules'*, *Pachocereus pringlei* and many more. After strolling the cactus garden, we cooled off by the trickling waterfall at the koi pond.



A DAY IN THE GARDENS



One of the best memories of the day was having the Lefflers and Bresnicks personally guide us through their gardens. Smiles were all around as we heard tales of the creation of their personal Shangri Las. Inspired by their pride and enthusiasm, many of us went home with visions of cactus and succulents dancing in our heads. Great Day!

Debi Heaps

LACSS

2018 HOLIDAY AWARDS DINNER

Cactus and succulents, we are always feeding.
And it has left us scratched and bleeding!
As our year's horticultural effort ends,
Let us all party with LACSS friends!

- WHEN:** Saturday, December 8, 2018
5:00-9:00- PARTYTIME
- WHERE:** Therapeutic Learning Center for the Blind
7915 Lindley Ave., Reseda CA 91335
- DINNER:** POTLUCK/BYOB
The club will cater the main meat dish, soft drinks, water, tea and coffee.
- Potluck sign up at meeting. Please be sure you make enough of your dish to serve 8 people. A couple needs to bring 16 servings. This ensures there is plenty for everyone.
- ACTIVITIES:** Raffle-Live Auction-Silent Auction,
Optional gift exchange- gift up to \$15
PLANT OF THE MONTH Total Points
Awards And more!
- RSVP:** NOW!!!
Too soon? OK then by December 1
- 12/8/18:** Bring a gift, if participating in gift exchange.
Please have all food and gifts at the center between 4:30-5:00.
- SIGN UP:** Debi Heaps (818) 207-0254 - cell
heapsgasgirl@gmail.com or see me at the meeting.



EVERYONE LOVES A PLANT AUCTION, ESPECIALLY IF YOU SCORE A PLANT! THE HOLIDAY PARTY ON DECEMBER 8TH WILL HAVE LIVE AND SILENT PLANT AUCTIONS. IN THE PAST, MANY OF OUR VENDORS AND MEMBERS HAVE DONATED PLANTS FOR THIS FUN EVENT. WE NEED YOUR GENEROSITY ONCE AGAIN. THE LIVE AUCTION WILL FEATURE THE MOST EXPENSIVE PLANTS AND SILENT AUCTION WILL HAVE PLANTS THAT ARE FOR EVERY COLLECTOR'S BUDGET. ALL VENDORS AND MEMBERS PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A PLANT OR TWO IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS.

INTERESTED IN HELPING?
PLEASE CONTACT
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HEAPSGASGIRL@GMAIL.COM
OR ON HER CELL
(818) 710 7487

THANKS!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Don't
forget!*

It's September - Last names starting with E - H

If your last name begins with the letters listed above, this means it's your turn to bring the goodies during our meeting on Thursday, October 4th. Please have snacks arrive by 6:30PM for Social Hour.

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

Some ideas: finger foods, fruit, veggies, chips & dip, cookies, brownies, burritos, pizza ... you name it, we will heat & serve it. We have a microwave available.

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



THE CSSA \$50,000 CHALLENGE

M.A. BJARKMAN

AS I ANNOUNCED AT OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING, AN ANONYMOUS PRIVATE DONOR WILL MATCH OUR DONATED FUNDS UP TO 50K, AND WE HAVE UNTIL DECEMBER TO REACH THAT GOAL.

WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO JERI HUGHES, & ILONA BURATTI FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO THE 50K CHALLENGE, GIVING US A HEAD START TOWARDS OUR CLUB'S GOAL OF \$3000.

LET'S ALL PITCH IN AND SUPPORT THE CSSA.

CALLING ALL CACTOPHILES!

(and succulent lovers, as well!)

LACSS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE 2019

If you like our programs, our shows, & our activities, you will enjoy them even more when you get INVOLVED. All of us began as novices & gained expertise by "hanging out" with the experts. We have instituted a method to guarantee that you will learn on the job. You can transition into these vital roles by being mentored through your first year.

Right now, we are forming next year's Festival Committee. Both the previous chair & the new volunteer will attend the planning meetings together to help you transition through the process. Here are some of the areas where we need help at this time:

- FESTIVAL CO-CHAIR** - Manages show infrastructure, security, transportation, park use permits, parking assistants (ROTC), lunch for volunteers, signage, & anything else that comes up. Jim Esterle will share all contacts and assist in these critical tasks.
- VENDOR CHAIR** - Communicates with vendors, establishes contracts, contracts with rental companies, creates the festival map. Cheryl White will walk you through these procedures.
- KIDS' DAZE CHAIR** - Determines & coordinates activities, purchases & assembles materials, recruits & trains volunteers, facilitates extra publicity. Kathleen Misko will continue to **help as much as possible**.
- PUBLICITY CHAIR** - Facilitates the design of the annual postcard, writes & sends out press releases, writes & constructs the show program, coordinates additional publicity opportunities. Roxie Esterle will help the new publicity chair.
- INTERIOR SHOW CHAIR** - Coordinates competitions for best educational exhibit & for mini-plant show, sets up the show, coordinates voting & judging, obtains prizes.
- VOLUNTEER CHAIR** - Establishes schedule, recruits & assigns volunteers, wristbands for volunteers, reminders & acknowledgments. Joyce Schumann seeks a partner to assist with these responsibilities

The Festival Committee meets about 4 times during the year & then each chair independently fulfills his/her responsibilities. Yes, the workload gets rather intense during the week leading up to & including the festival, but this work is extremely rewarding, full of camaraderie, & just plain fun. Please talk to us if you are interested in joining (or we will come after you!)

CHERYL WHITE

KAL KAMINER

RON BEHAR

KIM CHAVEZ

JIM ESTERLE

JOYCE SCHUMANN

DEBI HEAPS

ARTIE CHAVEZ

ROXIE ESTERLE

KATHLEEN MISKO

GRETCHEN DAVIS

MATTHEW GASKILL

CALL FOR OFFICE NOMINATIONS 2019

The Nominating Committee announces the following positions open for a two-year term beginning in January 2019:

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT, PROGRAMS

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT, PLANT OF THE MONTH

SECRETARY

DIRECTOR 1, MEMBERSHIP

Job descriptions will be available at the October meeting to anyone interested. Candidates must have been members of LACSS for at least one year. We are also seeking people who would like to serve on board committees, especially the Festival Committee.

A few officers have expressed a willingness to remain in their positions for another term. This gives us a terrific opportunity to bring new members into leadership positions in an "intern" capacity. Please let a member of the committee know if this possibility interests you!

If you are interested in serving or would like to recommend another person, please contact or email any Nominating Committee member. The slate of candidates will be announced in the November Cactus Chronicle. Voting will take place at the November meeting.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Diane Miller, Chair
Roxie Esterle
[3rd Committee Member - Open]

OCTOBER EVENTS

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BAKERSFIELD CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE
SATURDAY 10:00AM - 5:00PM, SUNDAY 11:00AM - 3:00PM
ST PAULS'S CHURCH, 2216 17TH ST, BAKERSFIELD CA 93304
FOR MORE INFO CALL (661) 831 8488

OCTOBER 27-28

PALOMAR SHOW & SALE
SATURDAY 9:00AM - 5:00PM, SUNDAY 10:00AM - 4:00PM
SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDENS
230 QUAIL GARDENS RD. ENCINITAS CA
FOR MORE INFO HCISERVICES@GMAIL.COM
CALL (858) 382 1797