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March meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2017
7:30 pm

Burton W. Chace County Park
13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey

PROGRAM

The Secrets of Growing Quality Cacti and Succulents
Woody Minnich

PLANT OF THE MONTH

CACTUS:
Mammillaria (hooked spine)

SUCCULENT:
Aloe hybrids



How do you find out what the secrets are? They are important strategies about how to grow plants well and they can be accomplished by doing five easy things: visiting habitats, traveling from garden to garden the world over, participating in shows, accessing numerous cactus and succulents books, and most importantly, talking with the growers of these wonderful plants. It is your awesome opportunity to learn from these various experiences!

With these experiences, it doesn't take long to learn the many different approaches on how to grow quality cacti and succulents. Like most things, years of experience help, but seeing cacti and succulents in the field (their natural habitat) gives one incredibly valuable insight. Also, visiting numerous collections and gardens around the world helps add an even greater dimension to the understanding of cultivation in various environments. Participating in cactus and succulent shows is another great way to give one a full perspective on how to present and grow quality plants. Last, but not least, read the books! Don't hesitate to use all of these available means to add to your information bank, and mostly, **don't be afraid to ask questions. "Why" is the biggest word in the world!** Many of the factors for growing quality plants aren't really secrets, but often, only the stories not shared or observed!

Woody, as he is commonly known, has been in the cactus hobby for some 47 years and has become well known for his participation and contributions. He has been awarded honorary life membership to ten clubs, as well as, a life member and Friend award with the CSSA (Cactus & Succulent Society of America.) His many leadership roles include: National Show Chairman, Convention Sales Chairman, Convention Speaker coordinator, 2016 Mid-States Conference Co-chair, accredited C & S judge and writer -photographer. He has also served in almost all positions of leadership for many regional clubs and is currently the president of the new Santa Fe C & S club.

Woody has also authored a number of articles for various newsletters and journals including the CSSA journal and his photographs are also well published. His work is featured in many books including: "The New Cactus Lexicon" *Hunt and Charles*, "Mammillaria" *Pilbeam*, and "Echeveria Cultivars" *Schulz & Kapitany*. Woody is the creator-originator of the first color version of the CSSA journal article "Cacti and Succulents for the Amateur" featuring show plants, shows, and the growers of the pictured plants. He is also often called upon to do new book reviews for the CSSA journal

In February Panayoti Kelaidis of the Denver Botanical Garden presented a beautiful program on succulents in Asia, South Africa and North America.

** If your last name begins with **R-Z** please bring in goodies for the refreshment table.

February 2017 Plant of the Month Winners

Junior Cactus

1 st Place	David Limburger	<i>Espostoa guentheri</i>
2 nd Place	Gretchen Davis	<i>Pilosocereus pachycladus</i>
3 rd Place	William Wilk	<i>Stenocereus marginata</i>
	William Wilk	<i>Echinopsis 'Flying Saucer'</i>

Senior Cactus

1 st Place	Karen Ostler	<i>Oreocereus celsianus</i>
2 nd Place	Brian Gold	<i>Oreocereus trollii</i>
	Brian Gold	<i>Pseudoespostoa melanostele</i>
	Karen Ostler	<i>Haageocereus pseudomelanostele ancanthocladus</i>
3 rd Place	Karen Ostler	<i>Oreocereus doelzianus</i>

Junior Succulent

1 st Place	William Wilk	<i>Crassula ovata 'Hummel's Sunset'</i>
2 nd Place	William Wilk	<i>Ficus palmeri</i>
	Christine Kaunitz	<i>Ficus sp.</i>
3 rd Place	William Wilk	<i>Portulacaria afra</i>
	William Wilk	<i>Adenium obesum</i>

Senior Succulent

1 st Place	Jim Hanna	<i>Trichodiadema bulbosum</i>
2 nd Place	Jim Hanna	<i>Bursera simplicifolia</i>
	Rosalie Gorchoff	<i>Euphorbia francoisii</i>

3 rd Place	Karen Ostler	<i>Cereria pygmaea</i>
	Jim Hanna	<i>Opercularia decaryi</i>
HM	Karen Ostler	<i>Rhombophyllum neelii</i>
	Brian Gold	<i>Cissus tuberosa</i>
	Brian Gold	<i>Ipomaea platense</i>
	Laurel Woodley	<i>Fouquieria diguetii</i>

The February POM judges were Coni Nettles and Lee Freehling accompanied by Panayoti Kelaidis

Plant of the Month, Cactus: *Mammillaria* (hooked spine):

Mammillaria is one of the larger genera in the *Cactus* family, and one of the most variable, with some members remaining as solitary columns for their entire lives, some remaining as fingernail size solitary globulars, some straight spined, and some clumped and heavily spined with hooks. Although the hooked spined species give the genus one of its common names, “fishhook cactus”, they are not as often grown as the straight spined species. They are not as friendly either, with the hooks catching on skin and clothes, and pieces of stem coming off when least expected. By Tom Glavich.



Mammillaria duwei



Mammillaria bombycina, photos by N. Christianson

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAR. 23-25 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE THURS. 23RD 6PM-8PM --
 FRI. MAR. 24TH 9-7PM---SAT. MAR. 25TH 9-5
 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA INFORMATION CALL
 562-587-3357
- APR. 8-9 SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL
 GARDENS, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD.,
 PALOS VERDES, CA INFO: 310-378-1953 <http://www.southcoastcss.org>
- APR. 29 HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 1 TO 5 PM HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151
 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-3504
- MAY 6-7 SUNSET SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN
 ROOM, 4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 7 SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm
 SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS, INFO. 310-833-6823
- MAY 12-13 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 35TH SHOW AND SALE
 FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm, at LAND SCAPES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STYLE 450 E. ALESSANDRO BLVD.,
 RIVERSIDE, CA INFO. 951-360-8802
- MAY 20-21 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 27-28 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 3-4 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY-- SUMMERSHOW & SALE

BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA INFO. 858-382-1797

- JUNE 10-11 LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY PLANT SHOW AND SALE
 JUNE 10 9-4—11th 9-3
 SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD., ENCINO, CA.
 INFO. www.lacss-show.com
- JUN 30-JUL 2 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
 626-405-3504 PLANTS SALES START JUNE 30TH THRU JULY 2ND
 SHOW OPENS JULY 1ST THUR JULY 2ND
- JULY 20-22 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE. THURS. 20TH 6-8pm, FRI. JULY 21ST 9am-7pm, SAT. 22ND 9-5pm
 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- JULY 26-31 CSSA CONVENTION, TEMPE, AZ.
- AUG. 12-13 32ND ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE AT THE LA COUNTY ARBORETUM, 9am-5pm daily, 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA.
 INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 or ARTIE CHAVEZ 818-482-8795



Aloe 'Viper'



Aloe 'Red Ridge'

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