



## On the Dry Side

February 2013

### Meeting February 17, 2013

#### Two Programs:

- *Enlarged Mini Show*
- *Waking Up Your Plants in Spring*  
by Jeff Brooks

#### Potluck: 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM

Please bring a dish to share, either an appetizer, main course, side dish, or dessert. Thank you!

#### Meeting: 1:00 PM

For more information on the programs, please see Manson's *Letter From Our President*, page 3.

#### Plants of the Month

##### Your Favorite 3 Plants

Please see Manson's *Letter From Our President*, page 3, for more information.

##### No Dish Gardens or Show & Tell

Due to the nature of our Enlarged Mini Show, there will be no Show & Tell or Dish Gardens this month.



*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!*

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I do hope this helps!

~Trudy Karl, Editor

#### Membership Dues!

You should have received your club dues reminder, sent by our beloved Ruth Pantry, Treasurer. Club dues are due in January of every year. If you haven't paid for 2013, please do so now. If you do not pay your dues, you will be removed from our newsletter list. Please mail your check (\$15 for individuals or \$20 for family) to Ruth Pantry, 37 Young Drive, Salinas, CA 93901. Thank you. We do hope you stay with us!

# January Meeting

## Echeverias

By Stephen McCabe

Director of Development and Research,  
Curator of Succulents at UCSC Arboretum

Stephen's talk on Echeverias was wonderful and thorough, covering the beautiful and amazing waxes on some species, and the more tender curly species, as well. It was also very interesting to learn more about the collections at the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum, and what great care is taken to keep the collections of Echeverias going that have been donated by Bob Grim, Frank Reinelt and others, as well as Aeoniums from my uncle, Jack Catlin. They have many other collections, including an impressive array of Dudleyas, Stephen's favorite. His photos included the hard-to-find Echeveria Ebony, E. Pulidonis, with its pretty dark and slightly twisted tip, E. Celadon, with its lovely light green color and beautiful flower, and so many more.

### Care and propagation...

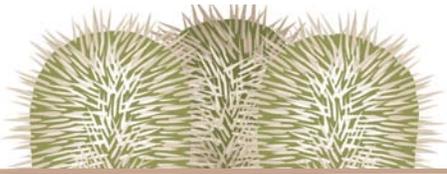
Watering from above leaves marks on the waxes (and the damage is there until it grows out), so it is better to use a can to water around the edges or dunk the plant in a shallow pool of water and soak it. Do not water a lot in winter; the plants can tend to rot. Water after the last frost. You can propagate in the growing season of summer. E. Amoena is easy to propagate, where some others are difficult. Put leaves in a cardboard egg carton to send the message to the plant to send out roots. Use moderation in all things—temperatures, not too hot, if you want the red in the leaves. Balance this so they do not burn. Provide gradual changes to temperatures and light.

### Be careful of mold and pests...

With any waxy plant (including Dudleyas), don't let the flower grow out too long, or the sugar will drop onto a neighbor and produce mold. If your plants develop pests, *you need to quarantine them*. He shared that John Trager uses an air compressor to blow off bugs. You can use a bit of Clorox on clippers or can use heat from a little torch to sterilize clippers so you do not contaminate other plants.

There was so much good information, it was an absolutely marvelous presentation.

*Thank you, Stephen!*



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## Calendar of Events

### UC Santa Cruz Arboretum

**California Naturalist Program**, Thurs., Mar. 28, 2013  
10 week certificate program begins. See website.

### Hummingbird Days

Saturday, March 2, 2013—10am–4pm

Sunday, March 3, 2013—10am–4pm

### California Naturalist Program

Thursday, March 28, 2013, 10 week certificate program begins. Check website for details.

### Native Plant Tour — Sun., April 14, 2013, 10am

Tour of the native plant garden, emphasis on plants that may be available at Spring Plant Sale. Led by Rick Flores, Curator of Native Plants.

### Spring Plant Sale — Saturday, April 20, 2013

10:00-noon, Arboretum/CNPS members only.

Noon-4:00pm, everyone welcome.

MANY more. See: <http://arboretum.ucsc.edu/calendar/>

### The Ruth Bancroft Gardens

Spring Plant Sale: Sat., April 13, 2013

Members Only: 9am-10am / Public: 10am–3pm

### Propagation Workshop

Saturday, April 20, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

\$20 General; \$12 Members

### Succulent Garden Design

Saturday, July 6, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

\$20 General; \$12 Members

<http://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/rbgarden/pages/GardenWorkshop.html#hypertufa>

### San Francisco Flower and Garden Show

March 20 to 24, 10am – 7pm (10am–6pm Sun.)

San Mateo Event Center

Tickets available, day pass \$16 and up. See website...

<http://www.sfgardenshow.com>

### CSSA Annual Convention—Save the date

June 15 to 20--CSSA 35th Biennial Convention.

Austin, TX — <http://cssa2013.com>

### MBACSS 2013 Show & Sales Dates

Jardines Restaurant Garden, San Juan Bautista:

April 27 & 28, 2013, Sat. 9am–5pm, Sun. 9–4pm

Sept. 14 & 15, 2013, Sat. 9am–5pm, Sun. 9–4pm

### Our Future Programs

March 17 — *Haworthias Hands-On Program*

by John Matthews

# Letter From Our President

*Happy Valentine's Day everyone.*

I hope you have a great Valentine's Day. I am planning to have dinner up in the SF Bay area with Lynda. We will have a type of food that we don't have here in Prunedale, Korean or Vietnamese?

Our program for the February meeting will start with Jeff Brooks presenting a short talk about waking up your plants in spring time. (I am sure we will have a spring eventually. These cold nights have to end sometime.)

The main program will be an enlarged Mini-Show. The Plants will be 'Your Favorite 3 Plants'. The plan is to have the plant owner of the first, second and third place talk about why the plant has attracted the owners love of the plant and give some insight on the culture of the plant. We will not have dish gardens this month.

We will have a special award for the favorite plant chosen by the attending members. Dian and I will pick four or five of the plants that have the most votes. We will place them together and the members will vote by hand count for the overall favorite. The plants owner is not to vote for their own plant(s).

I know the plants are not looking their best at this time of the year. Sooooo (a hint is coming) staging of the plant could be a critical aspect.

We will have the plant raffle as usual. We also will have two or three special plants for a live auction. We had a great auction last month for the Ferocactus. Thank you, Richard, for really wanting to own that Ferocactus. I am sure this month's plants will be exciting, too.

See all of you Sunday.

~Manson



## Welcome to new members!

Irene Forsberg of Salinas, and Harriet Talan of Santa Cruz, welcome to our club! We hope you enjoy our club and we look forward to seeing you more and getting to know you at our future meetings.

# CSSA Corner

## By Buck Hemenway

The 35th Biennial Convention of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America will be held in Austin TX, from June 15 - 20, 2013. All members of the Society are invited to join in the gathering which will feature world renowned authors and experts in the field of Cacti & Succulents. The web site for the Convention is located at <http://cssa2013.com>.



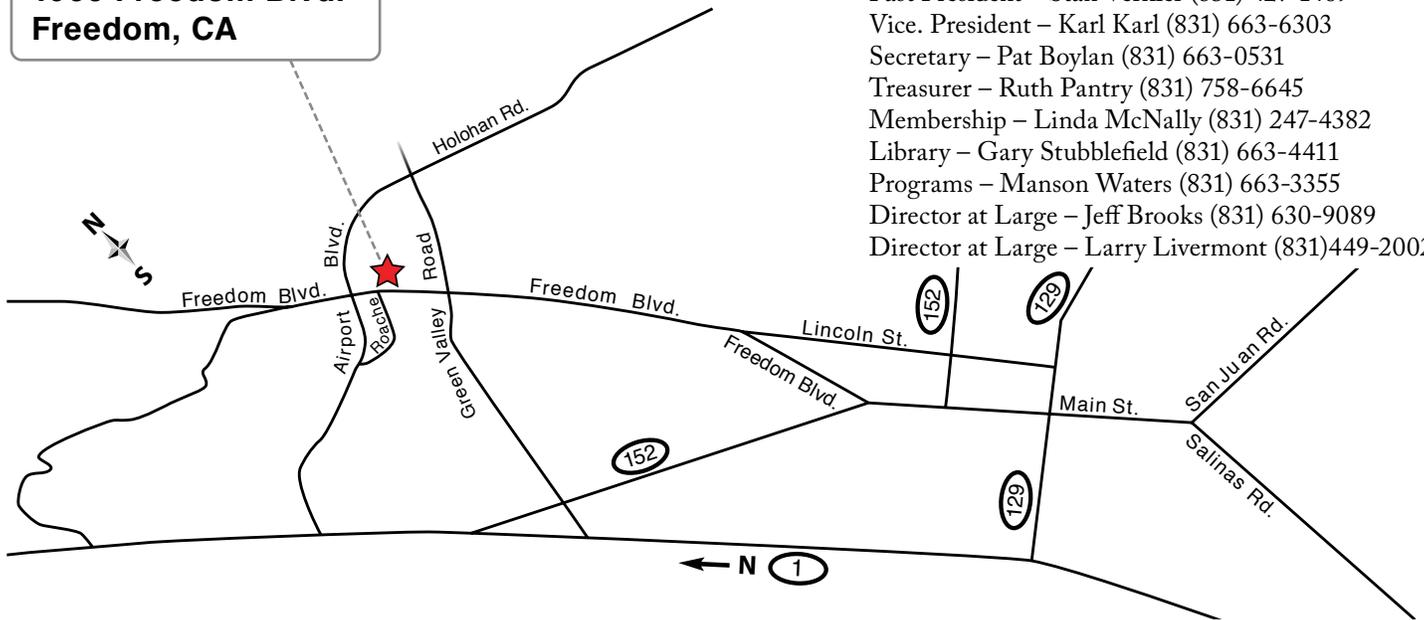
Following is a synopsis from editor Tim Harvey of the CSSA Journal which will be mailed in the next week. Remember, one of the main benefits of membership in the CSSA is the receipt of all members of this very professional journal 6 times per year.

Volume 85 begins with an account of exploration in Mexico by Julia Etter and Martin Kristen. So far, two new species (an Echeveria and a Sedum) have been described as a result of their work, named in honor of the authors in the recently-published *Haseltonia* 18. Here they tell us more about the extremely challenging terrain around the Rio Piaxtla as well as other plants seen in the area, several of which still await better understanding. Socotra is once again difficult to travel to, after a short period when tourists could visit relatively freely. Despite the current difficulties, the intrepid Alain Rzepecky managed to find a new arborescent Euphorbia species, described here and accompanied by spectacular habitat images. The second new species described in this issue is a member of the genus *Eriospermum* from near the Orange River area in Southern Africa. Graham Williamson provides some beautiful drawings to illustrate the finer points of this plant. Euphorbia schoenlandii and a Kelly Griffin hybrid Aloe 'Red Ridge' feature in Duke Benadom's *Superb Succulents* article. Jeff Chemnick provides an in-depth guide to the cycad genus *Dioon* as it occurs in Oaxaca, in an article held over from the Special Edition on the CSSA tour to that state, which came out in 2012. Finally, Elton Roberts' article on the genus *Micropuntia* is sure to be the first encounter for many with this fascinating group of plants, and again he provides an alternative and informed view of current taxonomy.

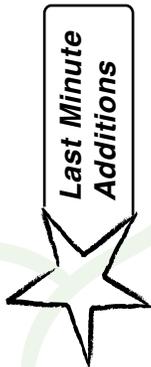
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**BOARD MEETING AT 11:00 AM**



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like to see covered at the  
meetings and contact  
Manson to let him know.**

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