



On the Dry Side

January 2013

Happy 2013!



Meeting

Program: *Echeveria* hybrids, Old and New, Stephen McCabe

January 20, 2013

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

Program: *Echeveria* hybrids, Old and New by Stephen McCabe

Stephen McCabe will talk about *Echeveria* and other members of the Crassulaceae family and some of the hybrids that have been created by Victor Reiter Jr., Bob Grim, and Frank Reinelt. He will also show a few photos of new hybrids being developed at the Arboretum at UC Santa Cruz. There will be some discussion about how to grow the difficult ones and what goes into making novel hybrids.

Stephen will also be bringing plants to sell.

Plants of the Month for Mini Show

Miniatures, for Both Cactus & Succulents

Miniature single heads

The pot must no wider than 4 inches.

Miniature clumps

The pot must be no wider than 5 inches.

Novice only

Planters must have only miniature plants.

Be sure to bring in Show and Tell Plants! The plants may not look their best because of the time of the year, but all of the club members will still be interested in your plant.



Welcome to new members!

Phil & Henry Muller of Mountain View, Nhut Minh Nguyen of Santa Cruz, and Carol Green of Los Gatos, 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.

Program Speaker Auto-Biography

Stephen McCabe — Director of Development and Research, Curator of Succulents

I have enjoyed sharing my enthusiasm for plants starting at a young age, then through work as a naturalist in Pinnacles, Año Nuevo, and Yosemite, and since 1985 here at the Arboretum. Part of the satisfaction I get from work here are the successes achieved by the wonderful community of volunteers, students, and staff working towards a common goal. We work on tours, signs, the website, educational events, the library, native plants, and succulents. We raise money through plant sales and the Dried Flower and Succulent Wreath Sale.

I coordinate Arboretum research done by students and professors from UCSC and other institutions. I help TAs and professors use the garden for classes. I write grants, press releases, and for publications. My horticultural and conservation research is on California natives and succulents, and my botanical research is on the genus *Dudleya*. I have been hybridizing *Dudleya*, *Echeveria*, and *Gasteria* to develop horticultural forms and I enjoy growing *Haworthia* plants and cacti. I have taught UCSC courses and at San Francisco State.

December Holiday Party

December 16, 2012

The holiday party was a special treat! We had a lively and fun time for all succulent and cactus lovers, both with the live and silent auctions, and the delicious food that everyone prepared.

Thanks to the following who donated plants for the Christmas auction: Jeff Brooks, Marie Devery, David Haro, Joseph Hidalgo and Steve McCabe. Financial donations were received from Stan Vekler and new member Carol Green.

Thank you, also, to *everyone* who helped at the Christmas party. A special thanks to Lynda Waters, who made all of the gift/prize purchases, plus a lot more.



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Calendar of Events

UC Santa Cruz Arboretum Volunteer Training & Orientation

Tuesdays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 12, 2013, 9:30am – noon
Horticulture Building, UCSC Arboretum
May attend even if you miss the first sessions.
<http://arboretum.ucsc.edu/get-involved/vol-classes/>

The Ruth Bancroft Gardens Lovers Day Aloe Tour

Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013 (rain or shine), 10am–3pm
Docent-led tours, Members-only birds and bees tour, hot drinks and delectable goodies.
Individual: \$15, Couple: \$20. See website...
<http://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/rbgarden/pages/themetours.html#AloeTour>

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>

Our Next Year's 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

Digital Newsletter

Who would be interested in receiving the newsletter *only* in digital format, saved as PDF and e-mailed out to you? This saves paper, and saves money for the Club.

Please contact me, Trudy Karl, at my new e-mail, editor@mbsucculent.org, or call me at 831-663-6303, if you are interested. Thank you.

Letter From Our President

Happy New Year!!!!

I hope everyone's New Year wishes do come true with good health for your future.

Today is Friday the 11th and after a few hours of running around the yard yesterday putting cover on Boojums, Ferroactus, and other succulents, I am glad to report that my thermometer read 29 degrees, not the 22 degrees that was promised by our local meteorologists. Although the 29 degrees is only 7 above the expected 22 degrees, in my yard, it meant the well would keep on working and the other people on the well would be able to shower. The typical stop point is 25 degrees.

I had the kettle on the stove and was ready to take warm water down to the well and thaw out the riser to the sensor. Tomorrow and Sunday are to have low temps also, soooo I will leave the kettle ready on the stove. I made room for more plants in the heated area of the greenhouse and carried 20 or so more into the area from the benches. I hope all of you were able to get your plants covered or brought into the house.

We will need help with the Mini-Show set up a tabulating. Dian, our Mini Show Chair, has an important guest for the weekend of the meeting and can't be there to help.

A reminder for the board members: the BOD will finalize and pass the Budget. So be prepared.

The December party was a big success. Everyone enjoyed the prizes and the special gifts that my wife had gathered up for the event. The auction had a very nice variety of plants to choose from.

The food was the best ever. A very loud and sincere, *thank you*, to all of the chefs. Everything tasted great.

See you at the meeting.

~Manson

Update

Our own dear Pat Boylan is doing better after her surgery before the holidays, thank goodness. We miss you, but first, please continue to get well, Pat!



November Program Re-cap

Combining Succulents & Flowers

by Shelly Trabucco

November 18, 2012

Last month was a scramble, and I missed covering the fun November program. I did not attend, unfortunately, but I understand everyone loved it, so this should be included here, even if it is late.



Shelly put on a fun and lively hands-on program. Attendees had the opportunity to create their own unique table succulent and flower centerpiece, with a wonderful array of colorful flowers, healthy succulents, and colorful leaves, provided by Shelly. Freshly cut stems of the flowers and succulents were stuck into pre-moistened florist foam, which worked very well to keep everything in place.



Karl came home with a beautiful arrangement of succulents and flowers, and it was gorgeous. He combined Protea flowers with some Aeoniums, plus other nice specimens.

As you can see from the photo, the arrangements were very colorful and beautiful. What is also

very nice about these arrangements is that you can recycle the succulents, returning them to your garden or their pots once the arrangements have had their time.

Everyone attending that day was very fortunate, indeed, with the great treat of such a wonderful hands-on activity.

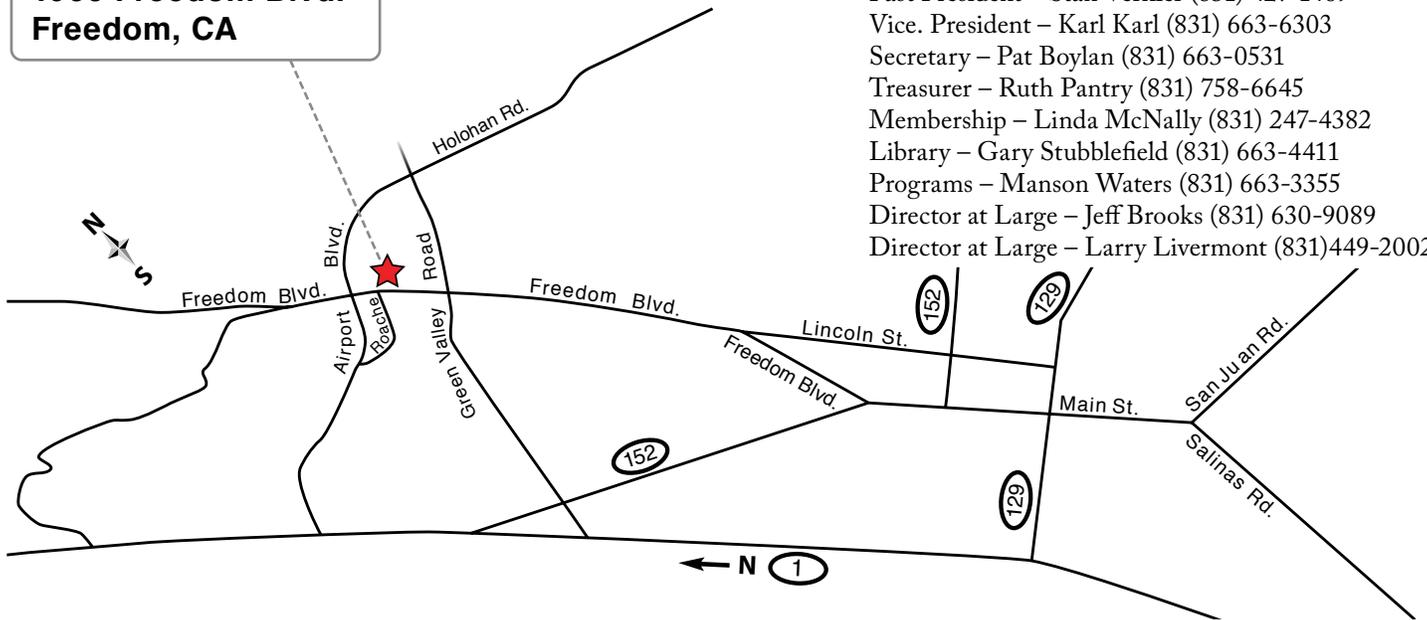
Thank you, Shelly!



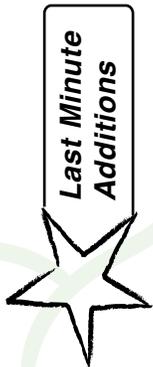
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BOARD MEETING AT 11:00 AM



**Please be thinking about
program topics you would
like to see covered at the
meetings and contact
Manson to let him know.**

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