



Happy Belated
Independence Day!

Meeting – July 21, 2013
Speaker: Don Cravalho,
Epiphyllums

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: Epiphyllums

Don's talk will be introducing you to Epiphyllums, the beautiful and spectacular flowering Orchid Cactus. He will be showing you some of the nicest flowers as well as talking about growing and caring for them. He will also be bringing cuttings for sale.

Plants of the Month

Succulents

Any succulent plant in Flower, Any succulent plant that is 'Monstrous' or 'Crested'

Cactus

Epiphyllums, Gymnocactus and Echinocactus

Novice only – Dish Gardens

Any Small Dish Garden up to 4" x 7" (or any combination that is 30 square inches or less.)

Be sure to bring in Show and Tell Plants! Club members are interested in hearing about your plants.



Future Plants of the Month

August

No mini show. We are having the Country Store

September

No mini show. We are having our fall sale...

September Show & Sale

We will need *every member* to help us September 13 to 15 at the sale. More info' will be announced at the meeting and will come in the August newsletter.



Welcome to new member!

Dianne Field 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.

July Speaker's Bio'

Don Cravalho

Don Cravalho is a horticulturist, who started in the nursery industry while still in high school. His love for Epiphyllums started while working for Altman Plants, where he started collecting and propagating them. This was just before we had one of our last major freezes and only a few of his plants survived.

Don started Epiphyllum World 13 years ago when his friend Jim Pence decided to move to Nevada. Jim had run a small speciality nursery in Don's local area, specializing in Epiphyllums. Don was interested in specializing in a business that could be retail and mail order, and serve as a retirement business for when he grew older.

Don always enjoyed visiting Jim's place and seeing the spectacular blooms that these plants produce. Jim had about 75 mother plants left that he hadn't sold and with this, Don started his own growing of the Epiphyllums.

Don was able to use space at Regan Nursery where he had been working to grow Epiphyllums. This expanded into his setting up a large greenhouse in the back to hold the mother stock, with an area up front for propagation, shipping and retail display. Don always wished he had more room and more greenhouse space, as well as his own property to operate this venture on. Several years ago his friend Robin, at Succulent Gardens in Castroville, allowed Don to use some of his greenhouse space to grow his plants, as well.

Today, Don has close to 6000 plants in two greenhouse locations, Fremont and Castroville, California. He has over 600 different varieties of Epiphyllum hybrid, as well as species Epiphyllum and related genera. Most of Epiphyllum World's business comes in from E-Bay, with Society Shows and Sales still as part of the business. Epiphyllum World is open most Sundays and Mondays for walk-in retail customers at the Regan Nursery greenhouse in Fremont. The other 5 days a week you can find Don at East Bay Nursery in Berkeley where he works as one of the horticulturists.

June Meeting

Richard Bernard

Richard's talk on wild flowers was inspirational, to the say the least, to get out and see what we have available to us rather close by.

Did you know within hours of where we live there is a unique experience filled with awe and wonderment that you don't need a passport or thousands of dollars to enjoy? Get back to nature, listen to the quiet, see the bugs, butterflies, critters, birds, and endless wildflowers of the Southwest desert. You may even get chased by a badger!

Make sure your vehicle is in good running order, pack an ice chest, bring water, first aid kit, and a map and head out to the Carrizo Plain National Monument. At the base of the Temblor mountains it is the largest grassland in California. You can see the San Andreas Fault, Soda Lake, antelope, lizards, and the wildflowers go as far as your eyes can see!

Make hotel reservations or get out the camping stuff for a longer journey to Death Valley and find the elusive Panamint daisy. Or to the Spring mountains, 30 minutes from downtown Las Vegas, to see the piercing long spines of *Agave utahensis nevadensis*. Joshua Tree National Monument offers amazing rocks, desert tortoises, and all the flowers of the Mojave desert. In Antelope Valley, near Gorman (rest stop in Tejon Pass as Interstate 5 goes over the mountains) there are miles of poppies.

Spend a few days in the Anza Borrego. There is so much to see, the Kelso Dunes, Amboy crater, ocotillo, tons of flowers, animals, and look for the 'Pride of California, the Campo Pea, a big red sweet pea, up to six inches!

Check out the wildflower reports before you go, every year is not a banner year, depending on rainfall and other environmental factors. But as my grandmother would say, 'Get out and get the beer stink off!'

~Suzy Brooks



Richard Bernard

June Mini Show Winners

Dish Gardens (Novice)

1st Place: Dot Hurley

2nd Place: Dot Hurley

3rd Place: Dave Haro



Novice Succulent

1st Place: Karl Karl, Bouea volubilis 'Sea Onion'

2nd Place: Dot Hurley, Monadenium ritchiei

Novice Cactus

1st Place: Dot Hurley, Ledebouria socialis

2nd Place: Dot Hurley, Ledebouria socialis

Intermediate Succulent

1st Place: Ruth Pantry, Gerrardanthus macrorhizus

2nd Place: Pat Boylan, Fockea crispa

Intermediate Cactus

1st Place: Pat Boylan, Scilla

Advanced Succulent

1st Place: Manson and Lynda Waters,

Pseudobombax elipticum

2nd Place: Manson and Lynda Waters, Fouquieria columnaris

Advanced Cactus

(no entries)

Note: The announced Cactus category was "Bulbs of any kind in flower." *My mistake.* The Cactus winners were literally accurate, even if the entries weren't really cactus. Well done!

We encourage everyone to enter their plants into the mini show. You get more chances at the raffle as you get extra tickets just for entering the show. It's a lot of fun, and although we cannot promise you win more in the raffle, it sure does seem like it!

Hero of the Month of May

Karl Karl

Karl Karl saved the day with his perseverance with the cash registers at our Show and Sale. *Thank you, Karl.*

~Manson, President MBACSS

Due to space constraints, I could not fit this in for June, and Manson requested it to be included in the next newsletter.



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Calendar of Events

See our listing of CSS Shows on the back page.

The Ruth Bancroft Gardens

Propagation Workshop (Popular—April's sold out!)

Saturday, July 27, 2013, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

\$20 General; \$12 Members

Container Gardening with Succulents

Saturday, August 10, 2013, 10:00–11:30 AM

\$25 General Admission; \$20 Members

Register for above: <http://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/rbgarden/pages/GardenWorkshop.html>

Succulent Extravaganza

Friday & Saturday, September 27 & 28, Succulent Gardens Nursery, 2133 Elkhorn Rd., Castroville, CA. Succulent Gardens is holding their annual Succulent Extravaganza again. Our information table was a hit, and we are welcome back again! It's two weekends after our Show & Sale; we'll need volunteers willing to sit at the table. Sign up sheets will be at the next two meetings. It's a lot of fun, and we gain members! <http://sgplants.com/>

UC Santa Cruz Arboretum

Memorial Service, Kathy Cairns

Saturday, Aug. 3, 2:00 PM

Fall Plant Sale

October 12, 2013, Members: 10 AM–NOON,

Public: NOON – 4 PM

Huntington Botanical Gardens

Succulent Symposium

Sat. August 31 (corrected date), 9am–5pm

Gideon Smith of the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) discusses aloes of southern Africa. Other speakers include Root Gorelick of Carleton University, Ottawa, and Panayoti Kelaidis of the Denver Botanic Garden. \$75 including lunch. (Optional dinner an additional \$25.) Registration: 626-405-3504. Botanical Center, Ahmanson Room.

See CSS Show & Sale Dates — Last page!

Our own Show & Sale is September 14 & 15; plan for it!

MBACSS Future Programs (Our Own)

August — Country Store

September — Fall Sale

October — Naomi Bloss: Making A Wreath for the Holidays

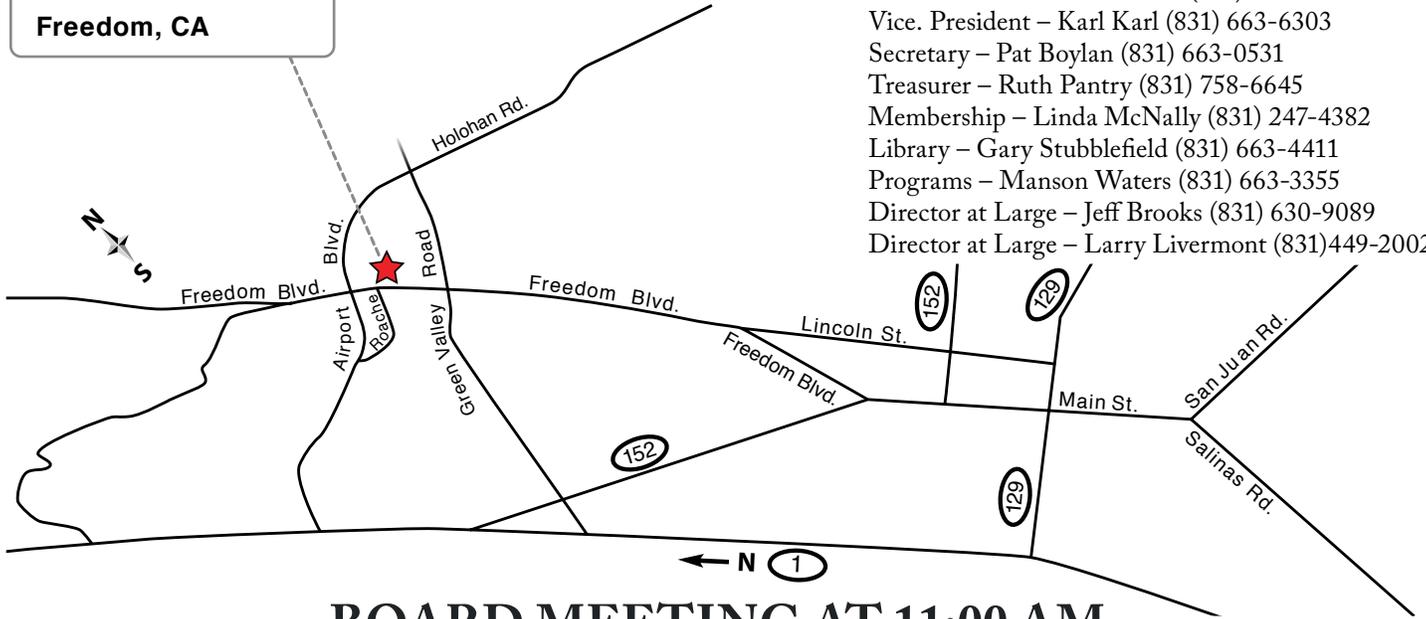
November — Jeff Brooks: A hands-on program with starter plants (more complete information to come)

December — Holiday Party!

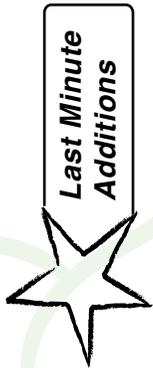
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BOARD MEETING AT 11:00 AM



**Remaining CSS Shows & Sales
 for 2013**

Date	Society	Location
July 26-28 Fri., Sat. 9-5 Sun. 12-4	Orange County CSS	Info: call 949-212-8417
Aug. 17-18 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 9-5	Inter-City CSS	LA County Arboretum 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, CA
Sept. 14-15 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 9-4	Monterey Bay Area CSS	Jardines Restaurant Garden 115 Third St. San Juan Bautista
New Listing...		
Nov. 2-3 Sat., Sun. 9-4	San Gabriel CSS	LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA

ON THE DRY SIDE

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