



On the Dry Side

November 2013



Meeting – Jeff Brooks, Hands-on with Starter Plants

November 17, 2013

Potluck: 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM

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

Meeting: 1:00 PM

Jeff's program will be *great*, with comprehensive discussion of soil components used to create various soil mixes and what these different components contribute to the soil mix. There will be samples of these different components to touch.

We also we will have a planting demonstration. After the demonstration each member will have the opportunity to plant up a pot of their very own.

Please bring your own pot(s). The club will provide soil, cuttings, and Jeff's extensive knowledge. You are also encourage to bring any succulent or cactus of your own to use in your creation.

Mini Show Plants

Succulents:

Tylecodons, Cotelydons. and hybrid Aloes.

Cactus:

Ariocarpus, any Cereus (Tall candle-like cactus)

We will have a Raffle this month!



Welcome to new members!

Kristen Kolbeck of La Selva Beach, and Justin and Rita Scurich, also of La Selva Beach, 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.

October Meeting – Naomi Bloss on Succulent Wreath Making

Karl and I were out of town back east to Washington, D.C. during our club's last meeting, and I learned from a few little birds that Naomi's program on wreath making was absolutely *wonderful*. Everyone loved making their lovely creations, and Naomi was so helpful and very informative, generously sharing her expertise with succulents, as usual. So many of the wreaths turned out to be stunning, so I will share a photo, courtesy of Sharon Lucchesi, of her beautiful wreath.

Thank you, Naomi, for such a great program. Everyone enjoyed this hands-on program immensely, and you helped participants create some succulent wreath treasures that they will be able to enjoy in the future!



Wreath and photo by Sharon Lucchesi

Letter from the Editor

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, but did not have enough room to explain completely, I need to resign as newsletter editor, starting at the first of the new year. Next month will be my last newsletter. I have enjoyed my time as newsletter editor, and hope to have helped to bring the club along with an informative newsletter, a Facebook Page, and a few other efforts. It has all been my pleasure.

We really do need someone who is willing to take over as newsletter editor, as it is a *vital* role in keeping members informed. It is a lot of fun, with many opportunities to connect with the membership, and much more. The newsletter could easily be edited in a common program, such as Microsoft Word, for example.

We are new grand parents, and I am now helping to watch the baby, and that, along with my graphic design and fine art/illustration work, is keeping me flat out busy. I cannot keep it up with the newsletter, too. I can remain available to help the next newsletter editor by answering questions, and could also set up a Word template for the newsletter, if needed.

If anyone could please step up to the plate and help, I and the club will shower you with rose petals, well, so to speak. If you have any questions, please contact me directly (831-663-6303, or email: editor@mbsucculent.org). If you are interested in being the newsletter editor, please contact me or Manson Waters (831-663-3355). *Thank you.*

~Trudy Karl, Newsletter Editor

Letter From the President

Hello club members. I hope you all come to Jeff's Program this coming Sunday. It will be a great chance to get some free rooted cuttings and some expert input on soils from Jeff.

The year-end party is next month and we are already getting plans in place. Lynda and I are going north to the Petaluma Desert Nursery tomorrow (Saturday, November 9) to purchase gift and auction plants. Jerry, the owner is having a sale. We will try to get further north to Lone Pine Nursery if time permits.

~Manson Waters, President

From our Friends at UCSC Arboretum



**Arboretum
Holiday Gift &
Wreath Sale,
including
Norrie's Gift &
Garden Shop
Open House**

**Saturday, November 23, 2013, 10AM-4PM
Sunday, November 24, 2013, 10AM-4PM**

Featuring beautiful art pieces/holiday wreaths from natural materials.

There will also be succulent planted art pieces and wreaths, dried flower wreaths, potted succulents, landscaping plants, jewelry, scarves, and hand-crafted gift items by local artists.

Our Future Programs

December 15: ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Holiday Party will include our larger Plant Auction, member gift plants give away, and *great food* will be available.

New this year... a band and dancing!

There will be dancing to the group *The 5 Bent Spines*, a polka band from the Mojave. They do not have a Polish person in the group. The band consists of a drummer and 5 ukulele players, according to the band's promotion page. They are very affordable, and we are fortunate to have them! This will be a LOT of fun. More information will be in next month's newsletter.

January 19: Brian Kemble—*Jalisco, Mexico*

February 16: Rob Skillin—*Madagascar*



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Calendar of Events

The Ruth Bancroft Gardens

Docent Training Lectures now open to the public
Succulent-oriented are below; more on their website:
<http://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/rbgarden/pages/programs.html>

Agavaceae and Asphodelaceae Lecture
Saturday, November 23, 2013, 10AM – 12PM

Plant Families Bromeliaceae & Aizoaceae
Saturday, February 22, 2014, 10AM – 12PM

Plant Family Crassulaceae
Saturday, March 8, 2014, 10AM – 12PM

Plant Family Cactaceae and Euphorbiaceae
Saturday, March 22, 2014, 10AM – 12PM
\$20 General Admission, \$12 Members Price

Ruth Bancroft Members-Only Education (Free with Ruth Bancroft membership) Plant Identification Lectures

Hypertufa
Saturday, November 23, 2013, 1:00–2:00PM
Materials Fee of \$5.

Create a Gift Workshop
Saturday, December 7, 2013, 10AM
Varying material fees apply.

More events will be posted when available.

MBACSS Membership Application

To join the Monterey Bay Area Cactus and Succulent Society (MBACSS), fill out this form and mail it with your check to:

Ruth Pantry
37 Young Drive
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 758-6645

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Check type of membership:

Single — \$15 per year _____

Couple — \$20 per year _____

For any additional information contact:

Linda McNally at (831) 247-4382

or

Lynda Waters at (831) 663-3355

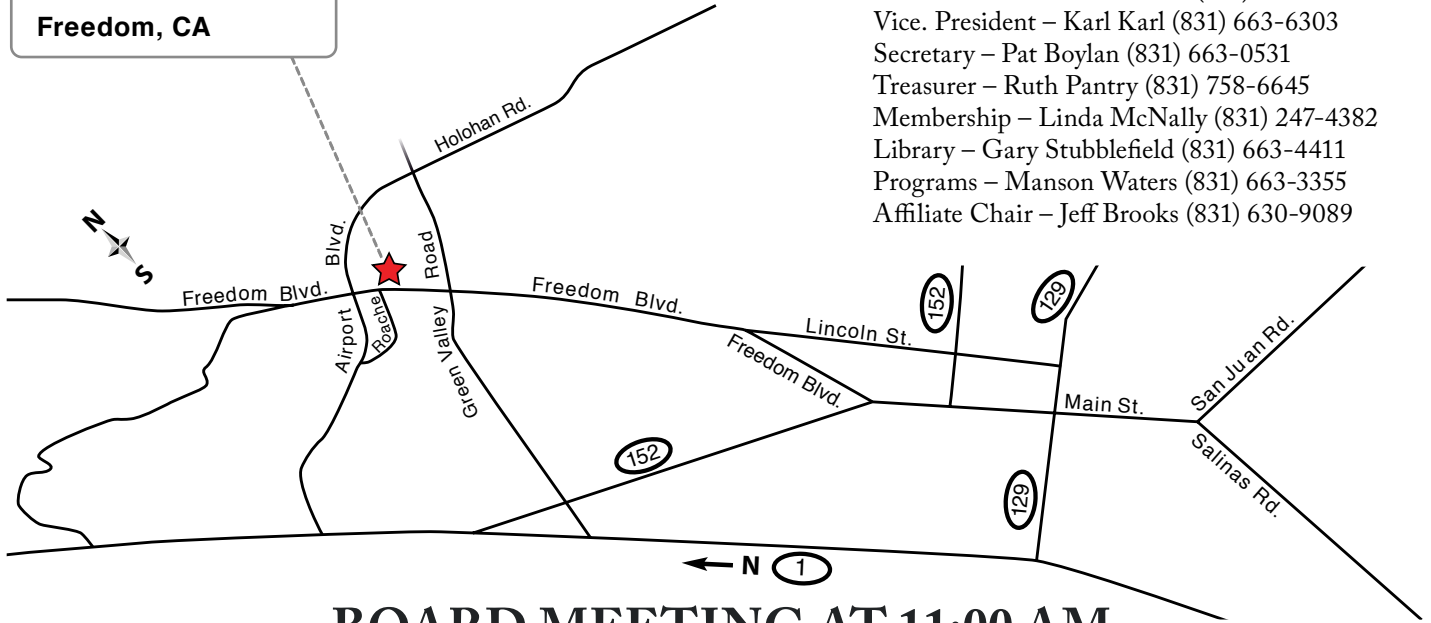
or

Naomi Bloss at (831) 722-1446

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Freedom, CA

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BOARD MEETING AT 11:00 AM

Last Minute Additions

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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