



On the Dry Side

September 2013

No Meeting – It's Our Show & Sale! September 14 & 15, 2013



**Saturday, September 14, 9 AM to 5 PM,
Sunday, September 15, 9 AM to 4 PM
Jardines Restaurant Garden
115 Third Street, San Juan Bautista, CA**

Club members, we have a short time until the Show and Sale, so get your plants ready that you will want to display at the September Show and Sale. This will *not* be a judged show, so the pressure is off. We encourage more new people to bring out your plants to share. Questions? Please call one of the individuals listed in the Board on the last page.

Attn. Vendors

Vendors may bring only five (5) plants to show, if they so choose, for the fall show only. Non-vendors do not have a minimum.

Volunteers Needed!

Please remember...

Your volunteering to help run the Show & Sale will be much appreciated with hugs, big smiles of THANK YOU, and also Show Bucks, \$5 per 2 hours, *up to* \$20/day for non-vendors. We need people to help with:

- Sales receipt checks at exits
- Watching over the show area
- Packing plants into boxes as we ring up the sales.

These all help immen\$ely with the support of our club functions, by paying for our rent, our programs, our Christmas plants, and our birthday bash, for example. The workers for Saturday and Sunday receive doughnuts and coffee! Please call Karl (831-596-1809) or Lynda (831-663-3355) and let them know if you can help Friday, Saturday or Sunday (see below for Friday's schedule). Or just show up for some fun in the sun and enjoy the Show and maybe find a new plant for your collection.

Special Note on Set-Up:

We will really need the help of volunteers, every member possible, to help us set up! We do not have set-up available for Thursday, and Jardines is having a wedding on the premises on Friday. We need volunteers to help us set up the tarps on Friday at 11:00AM, then we must vacate the premises at 2:30PM, and resume set-up at 4:30PM. The tables will be delivered around noon time, and we'll set some of those up when they arrive. The back patio area has lights so we can continue to set up after it is dark on Friday. Help will be so appreciated and necessary during this challenge.

Saturday, September 14, 6:30 AM Vendor's can finish setting up plants and also bring in five (5) show plants for the Non-Juried judged Show. All set-up must be completed by 8:30 AM.

Jardine's Restaurant is donating their beautiful garden courtyard for us to enjoy one last time for our bi-annual Show & Sale, so come and ENJOY!

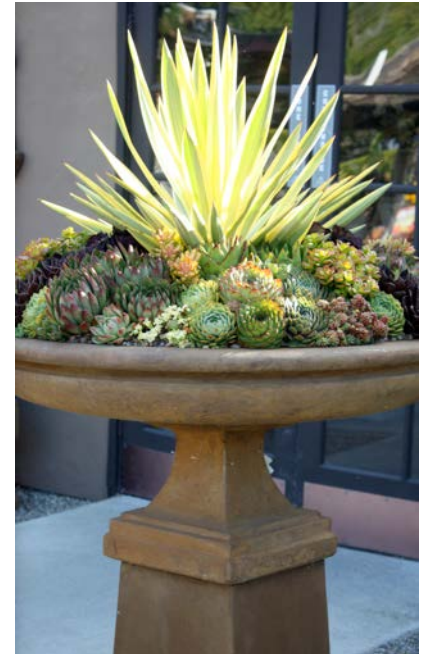
How to Make a Mounded Succulent Arrangement, Step-by-Step

One secret to a lush and lovely succulent container is to mound the plants. Succulents lend themselves to mounding because they tolerate having their root balls exposed to air. And should the soil go dry, succulents will continue to look good, subsisting on moisture in their leaves.

These steps summarize a technique shown in three of my newly released videos (links with * above) as well as these earlier ones: Create a Hanging Basket of Succulents and How to Make a Quick Succulent Color Bowl.

- Fill the pot with soil to within an inch of the rim.
- Select a succulent that is at least as tall as the height of the pot. Place the plant in the center, atop the soil, with its root ball intact. Bury it just enough to stabilize it.
- Slide smaller succulents out of their nursery pots and lay their root balls atop the soil, slightly buried, with the rosettes facing outward and resting on the rim.
- Fill gaps between root balls with soil. Pat it down firmly until it's more or less level.
- Add another ring of small succulents, stair-stepped back and resting on the first layer. Add more soil, again pressing down firmly.
- Add a third, final ring. The plants will be nearly upright; the angle gets closer to 90 degrees as you work toward the center.
- Fill gaps with soil and/or tuck in cuttings.

Care: Move the finished composition gingerly so plants don't fall out. Keep it in bright shade or dappled sun. Water lightly to clean the rosettes and settle the soil. Within a few weeks, roots will have knitted together and stabilized the composition. Then, if you wish, you can move it into greater sunlight. If it is on a covered deck or patio, rotate it every couple of weeks so plant growth is balanced. Water once a week or so. Pinch back any new growth to keep the arrangement tight. Add cuttings or offsets to gaps or use to create a new composition.



How Roger's Does It

There's as much soil above the rim of the pot as inside the pot. Root balls stack atop each other, and each layer of rosettes is recessed.

Note the subtle repetition of forms. What's above the rim has the same outline as what's below, in reverse.

Design by Roger's Nursery

Courtesy of Debra Lee Baldwin, Fall 2013 Newsletter — <http://www.debraleebaldwin.com/SucculentNews.htm>

Succulent Extravaganza 2013, September 27–28

The annual Succulent Gardens' 2013 Extravaganza is this month, on Friday, September 27 and Saturday, September 28 at Succulent Gardens Nursery, 2133 Elkhorn Road, Castroville. This year's line up of speakers is great. The event is a lot of fun, the lectures are very interesting, displays are beautiful, the food is great, and Robin Stockwell, the owner of Succulent Gardens, is a very gracious host.

Last year, our membership and information table was a hit, so Robin Stockwell, owner of Succulent Gardens, is welcoming us back! It's fun, and also can be a great draw for our club. We will *really appreciate* willing members to volunteer to sit at our club's table at the event, maybe in one to two-hour stints. With enough helping out, we could have two people at a time, and would make it fun. Sign up sheets will be at the Show and Sale and/or you can contact Linda McNally, Membership Chair, at 831-247-4382. This is an opportunity to reach out and share what our club is all about, while also attending a great event. It's a lot of fun, and an opportunity to meet wonderful people of like mind, who are crazy about succulents, *and* we gain members!



Robin Stockwell, Linda McNally and Ernest Franco



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Calendar of Events

See our listing of CSS Shows on the back page.

The Ruth Bancroft Gardens

Succulent Care and Maintenance (Basics)

Saturday, September 14, 2013, 10AM – 11:30AM

General: \$20; Members: \$12

More events on the website:

<http://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/rbgarden/pages/events.html>

Succulent Extravaganza

Friday & Saturday, September 27 & 28, Succulent Gardens Nursery, 2133 Elkhorn Rd., Castroville, CA.

See article page 2.

<http://sgplants.com/>

UC Santa Cruz Arboretum

Fall Plant Sale

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

Public: noon – 4 PM

See CSS Show & Sale Dates — Last page!

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

Special Note: San Jose CSS Show & Sale

October 12–13, 2013

Saturday 9AM–5PM, Sunday 10AM–4PM

Peterson Middle School, 1380 Rosalia Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA

MBACSS Future Programs (Our Own)

October 20 — Naomi Bloss: Making A Wreath for the Holidays

November 17 — Jeff Brooks: A hands-on program with starter plants (more complete information to come)

December 15 — Holiday Party!

I know the calendar is light this month; I need help!



Welcome to new members!

Anita Crawley of Carmel, 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.

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

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Naomi Bloss at (831) 722-1446

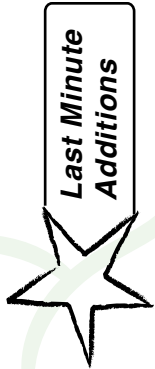
Jardines Restaurant
115 Third Street San
Juan Bautista, CA



Special map for this month

BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- President – Manson Waters (831) 663-3355
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- Programs – Manson Waters (831) 663-3355
- Affiliate Chair – Jeff Brooks (831) 630-9089



Remaining CSS Shows & Sales
for 2013

Date	Society	Location
Sept. 14-15 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 9-4	Monterey Bay Area CSS	Jardines Restaurant Garden 115 Third St. San Juan Bautista
New Listing... (Sorry, San Jose!)		
Oct. 12-13 Sat., 9-5 Sun. 10-4	San Jose CSS	Peterson Middle School 1380 Rosalia Avenue Sunnyvale, CA
Nov. 2-3 Sat., Sun. 9-4	San Gabriel CSS	LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA

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