



Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter

On the Dry Side

December 2014

2014 Holiday Extravaganza & Plant Auction!

December 21, 2014

11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Members should bring in appetizers or side dishes for this feast.

This year's Holiday Banquet will be held in our normal meeting location, at the VFW Hall in Watsonville. The set up will begin at 10:30 AM. Members are encouraged to help with the setup, more hands make light work. Appetizers will be served from 11:30-12:00 PM. Lunch will be served at 12:00 PM. The club is furnishing the Ham and the Turkey. Members should bring appetizers or side dishes for this feast. If you have questions on what to bring, contact Manson or Lynda Waters at 831-663-3355.

Following the lunch there will be a plant auction. There will be 2 types of auctions, a silent auction and a live auction. For the silent auction there will be no limit on the bids for the plant. There will be a card next to the plant in which people will bid on the plant. The live auction plants will start from the minimum bid. This will be explained in detail at the lunch. Members can bring in their own plants for the auction as a donation to the club or to receive the total bid less than 25% to the club. Do make sure the plants are of good quality and disease free. There is a maximum of 3 plants per member that you can bring to the auction. If you have any questions contact Manson or Lynda Waters at 831-663-3355.

There will be a special drawing after lunch.

Members who renew their membership on or before the December meeting will participate in a special plant raffle. Winners for the drawing must be present.

Lastly, when the auction has been completed there will be a plant giveaway to all members in attendance for the Holiday Extravaganza. Members will be given a ticket and their names will be drawn for that special gift plant from the club.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year. Look forward to seeing you all at the Holiday Extravaganza.

Manson

November Meeting Recap

Uganda, Duke Benadom November 2014

A unique presentation from Duke Benadom about Uganda last month, he stood in the middle of the room and spoke while the beautiful pictures he put together showed with videos imbedded. No need to click to the next slide and we were treated to moving panoramas of waterfalls and landscapes. Plenty of animals, baboons, wart hogs, tree climbing lions, and hippos. Some great shots of a tree filled with those round, hanging nests of the bright yellow weaver bird, storks, and the African Fish Eagle. If you live in Uganda you eat between 3-11 bananas a day! It was an interesting and well documented travelogue. Thanks, Duke!

~Suzy Brooks

MINI SHOW RESULTS

Dish Garden:

- 1) Suzy Brooks. Aeonium combo.

No other entries

Novice Cactus:

- 1) Mary Zabielski. Notocactus sp.

No other entries

Novice Succulent:

- 1) Suzy Brooks, Urginea maritima
- 2) Suzy Brooks, Delasperma sphalanthoides
- 3) No other entries

Intermediate Cactus:

- 1) Jaan Lepson, Notocactus lesinghausii

No other entries

Intermediate Succulent:

- 1) Joseph Hildago, Euphorbia crispum
- 2) Jaan Lepson, Oxalis luteola
- 3) Joseph Hildago, Othonne triplinervia

Advanced Cactus:

- 1) Gary Stubblefield, Notocactus lesinghausii

No other entries

Advanced Succulent:

- 1) Peter Beiersdorfer, Bulb Collection
- 2) Ellen Stubblefield, Tylecodon racemosus
- 3) Ellen Stubblefield, Huernia sp.

LOOK A BOOK~

We add to our library another book from author, Duke Benadom, full of glorious pictures, this one called 'Echinocereus'. A tribute to the diversity and amazing flowers of this genus along with some cultivation tips. A wonderful, big book, heavy with awesome photographs. ~Suzy Brooks

Changes for 2015

We wish a fond farewell to our current President Manson Waters as he steps down, and a hearty welcome to our new President Stan Verkler as he takes on the role for 2015. Stan is no stranger to the President's spot.

Manson will remain on the Board as Past President. We thank you both for your dedication!

A Web Site in the Works

Board Member Anita Crowley is currently creating a web site for the MBAC&SS. I have seen a sneak peak and it looks fantastic. This will be an important tool used to communicate our clubs activities, sales, meetings and the like. Stay tuned for more information, and thank you Anita!

We Have a FACEBOOK Page!

Please visit and "LIKE" our Facebook Page! {lease also encourage family and friends to "LIKE" the page. It is a lot of fun, people from all around the world visit and we can usually find unusual photos and such! A great way to connect with other societies as well! Have a look!

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TIDBIT ON TEMPERATURE

Most collectable succulents, which includes all the plants you will find on this web site, are not hardy. Although a few Agaves and Sedums might take a few degrees of frost, they will not tolerate freezing temperatures.

We maintain a minimum of 55° F year round for most plants while keeping our most sensitive species at 60° F.

Maximum temperatures are usually determined by weather conditions and succulents are well adapted to tolerate temperatures slightly over 100° F. Prolonged exposure to excessive heat usually prompts most plants to simply go dormant and wait it out.

Many plants can however be damaged by excessive heat and if you are growing in a greenhouse or any other type of solar structure, constant air movement is essential. Hot stagnant air will rapidly damage most succulents.

Making Changes - Timing

When to repot, prune excess growth, take cuttings, or in any way physically disturb your plants is closely related to dormancy. Succulents differ from many other types of plants when it comes to making changes and the last thing you want to do is disturb them when they are resting. Rare slow growing species are particularly sensitive and drastic changes can indeed be fatal.

When repotting, wait until you see signs of new growth. Shaping or trimming back excess growth is best done right before the growth period. For summer growers this would be March and for winter growers, it means August. Fast growing robust species can usually be repotted or pruned anytime.

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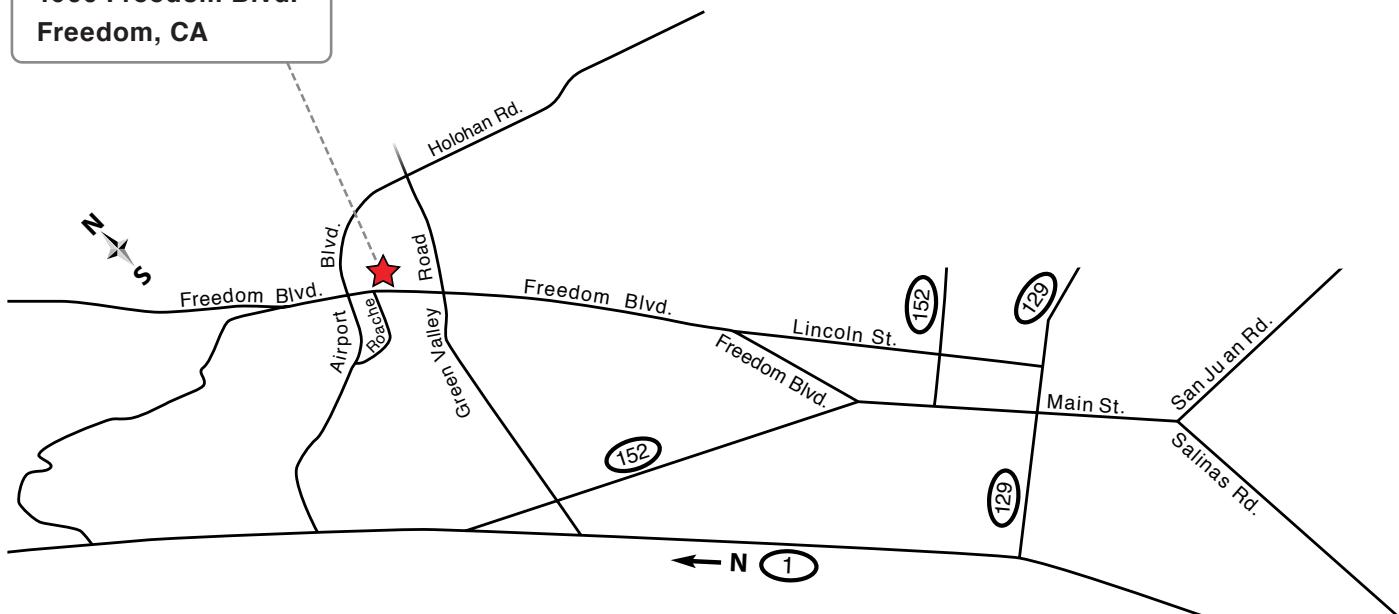
Please add to your rosters, and give a warm welcome!

On the Dry Side is the newsletter of the Monterey Bay Area Cactus Society. Club Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month in the VFW Bldg., 1960 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville, CA. A pot luck lunch starts at 12:30 p.m. followed by the program. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Membership Chair: Linda McNally (831) 247247-4382 or Club President: Manson Waters (831) 663-3355

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BOARD MEETING AT 11:00 AM

Last Minute
Additions

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Suzy Brooks brought a quilt that a friend made for her. The fabric was pretty botanically correct succulents, some nice echeverias. I'm attaching a picture of it. Folks wanted to know where to get the fabric. I did get the name of the designer and the manufacturer. It designed by Chong-A Hwang. It's called 'Oasis'. And was offered by Timeless Treasures Fabrics SoHo LLC.

I looked for it online but only found that it was sold out.

