



Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter

On the Dry Side



APRIL 2015

MARCH MEETING RECAP

We had Gasterias 101! Such simply put, so many a-ha moments. We toured the 'smile' of South Africa and the Gasterias that grew there. Brian Kemble, curator of the Ruth Bancroft Garden since 1980, with his great slides, kept us spellbound. Large, tiny, rosette or growing in a line, with the flowers that go upright or sideways, bumpy or smooth, such a great group of plants. And the colors of the hybrids! Always a pleasure, thanks Brian!

Also, our meeting was well attended by members of the Aptos Garden Club, we welcome you to the MBAC&SS.

APRIL SHOW & SALE

Our Show and Sale is always so much fun. With so many varieties of cactus and succulents to see, many rare specimens as well. We invite you to show your plants, enjoy the vendors, find new plants for your collection AND volunteer. If you are entering plants, bring them Friday at approx. 5pm, or by 9am on Saturday. Judging begins Saturday morning at 9am. Please tell your family, friends, neighbors about the show. Set up is April 17th, breakdown is Sunday afternoon 4pm. If you have boxes to spare, we can always use them as well. **NO MONTHLY MEETING! NO BOARD MEETING THIS MONTH!**

PINTEREST, Tom Karwin says:

Pinterest has been called an "eponymous photo sharing website."

I learned that "eponymous" means "of, relating to, or being the person or thing for whom or which something is named" which refers to the fact that people posting Pinterest include a link to their name or website. There are many, many photos on Pinterest, which is searchable by keyword. To see what photos of succulents are available, one needs only to browse to Pinterest, and search for "Succulents." This will bring up a menu of more specific searches: DIY, Indoor, Garden, Bathroom, Wedding, Types of, Terrarium, In Containers, Care, Propagating, Colorful, Bouquet, Centerpiece, Planter, Growing, How to Plan, How, Wreath, Landscaping, Plants, Rare, Potted, Hanging, Wall, In Glass, Boutonniere, Outdoor, Ideas, In Mason Jars, Container, Arrangements, Tattoo, Propagation, Where to Buy, Types, Favors. I haven't explored the results of all of these searches, but I expect that they vary in size and that all the photos are included in the primary search for "Succulents."

These searches show a wide range of creative ideas for the display of succulent plants. If you are seeking inspiration, Pinterest could be helpful!

MINI SHOW WINNERS/MARCH

Novice: Dish Garden:

1st Pat Livensparger

Succulent:

1st Haworthia sp Yolanda Borges

2nd Bill Asher ? name of plant

3rd Gasteria maculata Alan Neymark

Cactus:

1st Copiapoa Cindy Trousdale

2nd Tie: Gymnoclaicium & Rebutia perplexia
Sarah Martin

3rd Echinocereus vifidiflorus Alan Neymark

Intermediate:

Succulents:

1st: Gasteria baylissiana Carla Chenelle

2nd Gasteria acinacifolia Suzy Brooks

3rd: Haworthia sp. Pat Boylan

Cactus:

1st: Mammalaria ritterii Suzy Brooks

2nd: Echinopsis sp. Pat Boylan

Upcoming Show & Sale

April 18 & 19 Show & Sale: Please save small boxes for customers shopping use and newspapers for packing sale boxes. GREAT FUN! Come join us one and all! Set up will be Friday April 17th starts around noon.

Look at Book!

Pachyforms, volume two, Bonsai Succulents' by Philippe de Vosjolia and Rudy Lime, is filled with beautiful, color pictures of plants growing in small pots. So many swollen bases, pots, and plants you may be familiar with in positions that are awesome. Includes choosing a pot, staging, plants, and maintenance. Makes you want to try it!

NEW MEMBERS

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MBAC&SS WEB PAGE LIVE!

And we are LIVE! Check out: <http://www.mbsucculent.org/>

The website includes information about our club, CSSA, and local affiliate clubs. We are also building links to external general resources about succulent and cactus care, cultivation, design and suppliers. We are making an attempt to aggregate specific resources about succulent genera and families.

The website is a work in progress. Please be part of this initiative by providing feedback for improvements and additional resources that will enhance the experience for our internal and external audiences. Once the website is launched, we encourage you to send all suggestions to Anita at acrawley@comcast.net

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 247-4382 or Club President: Stan Verkler (805) 550-8393 always welcome. For more information call Membership Chair: Linda McNally (831)

ROSTERS & CARDS

Don't forget to pick up your copy of your Membership Roster for 2015, as well as your Membership Card! They are on the front table near the entryway at our meetings!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

April 11, Spring Spectacular GROW Nursery, 2024 Main St Cambria CA; hours,10-5

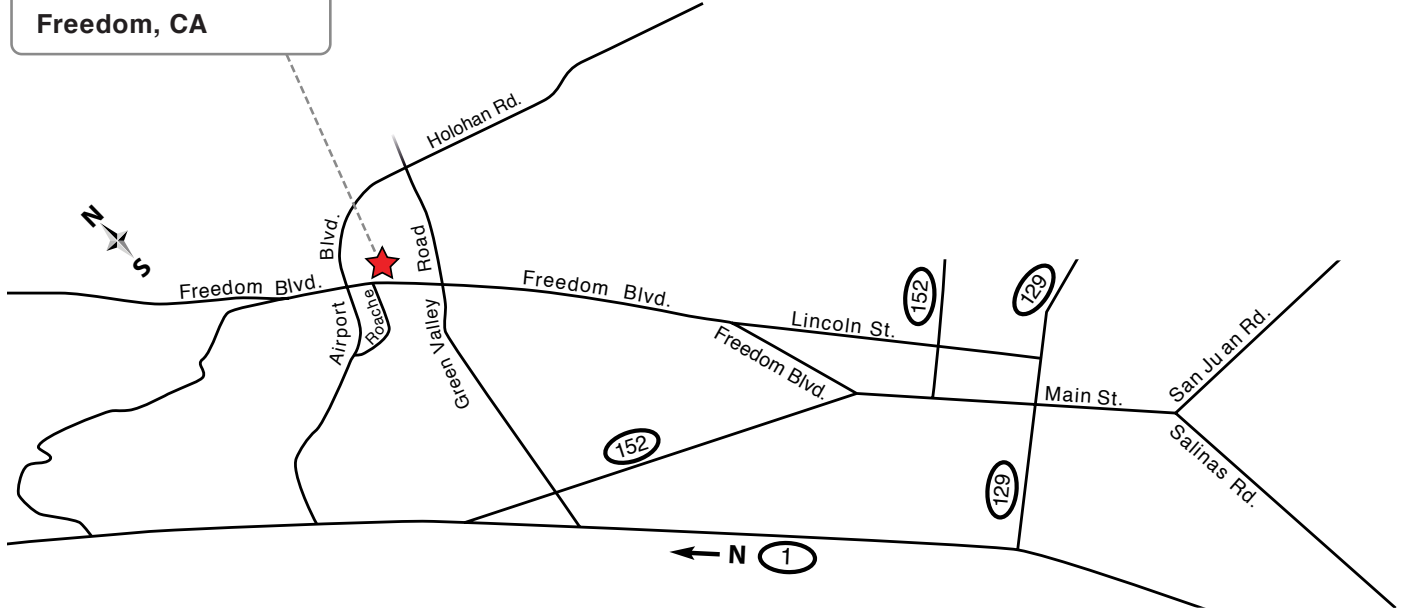
Monterey Bay Area C&SS Show & Sale

April 18-19 San Juan Bautista Community Hall. 10 San Jose St. (No monthly meeting)

May 2-3 Sacramento C&SS Show & Sale
Shepherd Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd.,
Sacramento Sat 9-5
Sunday 9-4



VFW Hall
1960 Freedom Blvd.
Freedom, CA



BOARD MEETING AT 11:00 AM Cancelled for 4/19/15

Last Minute
Additions



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Cacti & Other Succulents Sites on the World Wide Web, Bob Stewart

The Cactus and Succulent Plant Mall

<http://www.cactus-mall.com/>

This is perhaps the "clearing house" for all things spiny and succulent.

It lists clubs, societies, plant nurseries, individual home web pages, all dealing with succulent plants.

It

also has several education sections dealing with pests, propagation, and general growing. This is a

good

starting point to learn more about cacti and other succulents.

The Sedum Society

<http://www.cactus-mall.com/sedum/>

I thought it was apropos to mention the sedum society's web page since sedums are the subject of our next

two monthly programs.

The Stonecrop Page

<http://succulent-plant.com/families/crassulaceae/sedum.html>

This site is an off shoot from the Succulent Plant Page web site (<http://succulent-plant.com/home.html>).

It has many lovely photos of sedums and sedum relatives along with a brief commentary for each photo.

The Mammillarias Net

<http://www.mammillarias.net/>

Of all the cactus web sites on the web, and there are quite a few, this is one of the most complete.

The

Picture Gallery is large (showing both potted and habitat plants) and the photos are very nice. The photos

are arranged via a menu of the letter of the specific epithet (that's the second part of the plant's species

name). For example, the species *Mammillaria hahniana* (the old lady cactus) is made up of two parts

Mammillaria (the genus name) and *hahniana* (the specific epithet name). When looking this plant's photos on the Mammillarias Net web site, you would go to the "H" (for *hahniana*) menu selection.

Bihrmann's Caudiciforms

<http://www.bihrmann.com/caudiciforms/>

This is a large site with many beautiful photographs of both potted plants and plants in their natural habitat. The web address above takes you to the caudiciform part of the web site, which is great. If you want to see what else the site offers, go here: <http://www.bihrmann.com//>

