



## FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

Such wonderful information we received the talk by Peter Walkowiak on soils and fertilizer and it was delivered in such a lively manner! He offered his tried and true soil recipe and demonstrated the mixing of ingredients. Peat moss, sand, and coir (coconut husk) are to be avoided and for good reasons. He talked about staging plants for shows and did a few fine examples of good sized specimens, taking them out of their old pots and replanting in the new. How to pick the right top dressing and his method of acquiring unique ones. Adding rocks, where, and how many. And a reminder to water before transplanting, not after. Informative, hands-on, practical, inspiring, all questions answered. Wow!



Peter Walkowiak

## MARCH MEETING

The speaker for March will be Brian Kemble. Brian will give a talk on Gasterias. Brian is the top manager for the Ruth Bancroft Gardens in Walnut Creek. He is a well known speaker in the cactus and succulent field. He will be a speaker at this year's convention.  
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## MINI SHOW PLANTS FOR MARCH

Plant for February Mini Show.



Cactus: Open! Any type of cactus

Succulents: Gasteria, Gasteraloe hybrids & Haworthias

## MINI SHOW WINNERS/February

Oops, that information was lost.

## 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 More information as we get closer to the event.

## Look at Book!

You don't have to go far to use this book, 'Cacti, Agaves, and Yuccas of California and Nevada' by Stephen Ingram. Color photographs, watercolors, maps, and cultivation tips. Check it out at the next meeting!

## NEW MEMBERS

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Please add to your rosters and give a warm welcome!

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### C&SS of San Jose Show and Sale

March 14th from 9-5pm

March 15th from 10-4pm

Peterson Middle School 1380 Rosalia Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA

### South Coast C&SS Show & Sale

April 11&12 at the South Coast Botanical Garden. There is admission to the garden, show is free. Open from 9-4pm

26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Palos Verde Pen.

### Monterey Bay C&SS Show & Sale

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

### Cactus and Succulent Society of America – 2015 Biennial Convention

June 14 @ 8:00 am - June 19 @ 5:00 pm

Pitzer College

1050 North Mills Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711 United States





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](mailto:acrawley@comcast.net)

## **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!

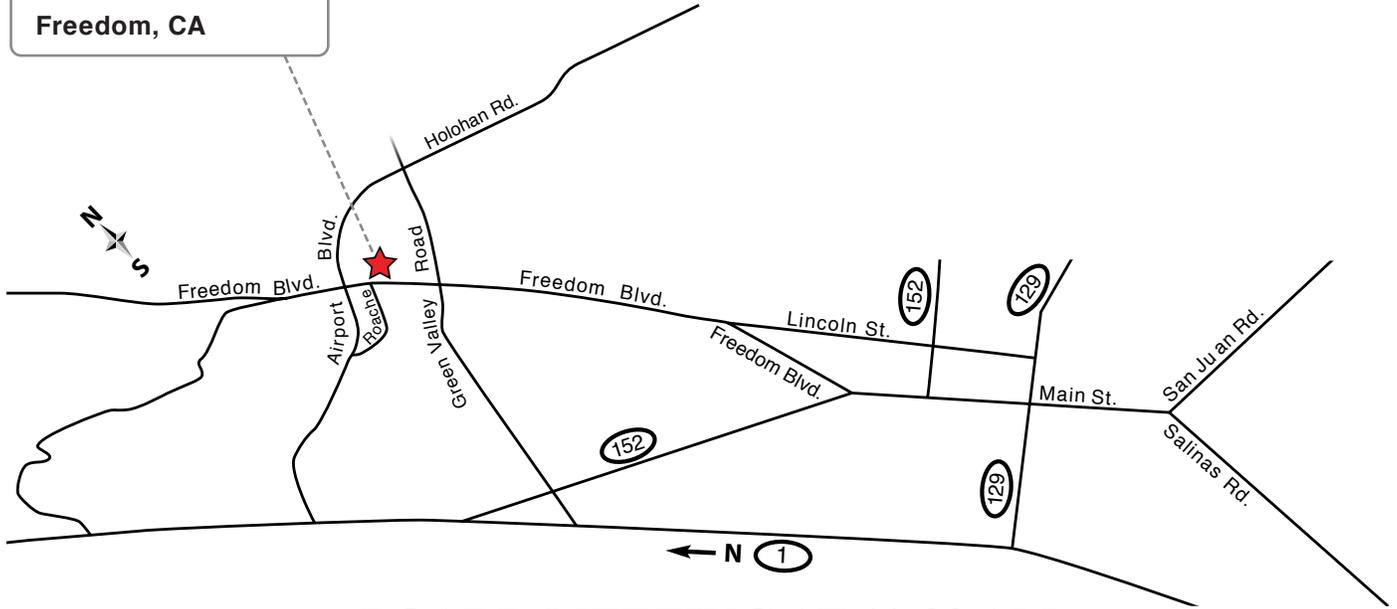
## **MBAC&SS WEB PAGE LIVE!**

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.



VFW Hall  
1960 Freedom Blvd.  
Freedom, CA



## BOARD MEETING AT 11:00 AM

Last Minute  
Additions



## ON THE DRY SIDE

Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society  
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## **A Simple Description of Haworthias ~ From [www.haworthia.org](http://www.haworthia.org)**

Family: Xanthorrhoeaceae

Subfamily: Asphodeloideae

Genus: Haworthia

Closely Related Plants: Aloe, Gasteria, Kniphofia, Poellnitzia and Astroloba

No of species: Aprox 60.

Native to: South Africa.

Haworthias are small succulent plants native to South Africa. They are related to Aloes and Gasterias. The Haworthia Society is concerned with their study, propagation and conservation.

Haworthias in the wild grow in Southern Africa. They are relatively small (pot sized) plants that are classified as succulent - which means that they can cope with relatively harsh waterless hot environments. Their leaves are swollen to store water and may be green or attractively coloured. They are however not frost hardy, which means that for cultivation they need either a sunny windowsill or preferably a greenhouse.

Haworthias are grown for their shape and markings. There are many different types (or species). Some collectors also grow hybrids, which are crosses between two or more plants and are selected for their attractiveness. In many cases they multiply by producing "pups" or offsets and may also be grown from seed. A seed distribution service is available to members of the Society.

Also within the scope of the Society are some other interesting and related plants. These are Aloes, Astrolobas, Gasterias and Bulbines. These plants are also natives of Southern Africa and have similar requirements for cultivation.

### **Gasteria**

Family: Xanthorrhoeaceae

Subfamily: Asphodeloideae

Genus: Gasteria

Closely Related Plants: Aloe, Haworthia, Kniphofia, Poellnitzia and Astroloba

No of Species: 25 (37 including sub-species and varieties)

Native to: South Africa (one species also in Namibia and another also in Swaziland).

Gasteria are named for the stomach-like flowers. A genus of slow growing, drought resistant, shade tolerant plants, first described as a genus by Duval in 1809. Grown primarily for their architectural leaves but the stomach-shaped flowers which are mainly hues of red/orange, often with yellow or green tips, are quite attractive in their own right.