



# THE OFFSET

**JUNE 2015**

Webpage <https://sites.google.com/site/cocssok/>

*Echinocereus reichenbachii subsp. baileyi*  
in the Wichita Mountains NWR, Oklahoma.  
Mount Scott in the background. Photo by  
Michael Douglas

## NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

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**Meeting:** Third Thursday of the month at 7 pm. At the Will Rogers Garden Center at 3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup> in Oklahoma City (except for the month of our Show&Sale, picnic and Christmas party).

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## CLUB NEWS



### President's Message June, 2015

The 2015 Annual Show and Sale is over and with new records being made despite a soggy weekend, we can all be proud of what we accomplished during the weekend. For those members who stepped forward and helped with planning before the event, I can only say a huge Thank You and for all those members who helped during the weekend, your efforts were greatly appreciated.

I am not certain at the moment if Tony and I will be at the June meeting since we will be traveling to his Army Reunion the first of June and then on to Washington DC. We will be having a guest speaker in June and Rosario should be finalizing this soon. I will be working on surveys when I get home and hope to have some information available in the next month or two.

Happy June and let's hope the rain slows down!  
Niki Furrh



Robert Millison reported about his participation in the Will Rogers Garden Festival this past May 30. Not as many people as expected this year and due to possible rain the even was moved indoors. Robert along with members Fred and Peggy Hill had a booth advertising our Cactus Club.



Our treasurer Peggy Anglin reports we have a total of 37 members.



*In spite of breaking the rainfall record in Oklahoma (23.5 inches total) for the month of May, Echinocereus triglochidiatus was blooming in our garden.*

## *COCSS Program*

*21<sup>st</sup>*

### Succulent Plants of the Rainforest by Nate Tschaenn

It's a common misconception that succulent plants only grow in arid regions of the world. In fact, the tropical rainforests are full of succulent plants. In this presentation Nate will talk about how and why many rainforest plants have developed means for storing extra water and share some of his favorites.

Nate Tschaenn is the Conservatory Curator at Myriad Gardens. He is responsible for developing and maintaining the tropical plant collection of the 17,000 sq foot Crystal Bridge Conservatory. He is also the principal designer and interpretive specialist for the annual holiday and orchid show displays in the Conservatory.

*Refreshments by Rosario Douglas*

## CACTUS AND SUCCULENT HAPPENINGS IN THE REGION



**June 14 -20** **Cactus and Succulent Society of America Biannual Convention,** Pitzer College, Claremont, CA.

**June 18** Central Oklahoma Cactus and Succulent Society monthly meeting at 7:00 pm at the Will Rogers Garden Center. Open to the public/free admission.

Program: **Epiphytic succulents adapted to rainforests** by Natham Tschaenn, conservatory specialist at the Myriad Gardens. Open to the public free admission.  
Laptop instructions & surfing the net as time permits

*Refreshments:* Helen Hill

**July 16** Central Oklahoma Cactus and Succulent Society monthly meeting at 7:00 pm at the Will Rogers Garden Center. Open to the public/free admission.

Program: **Landscapes and Suculents of the Canary Islands by Mike and Rosario Douglas.**  
Open to the public/free admission.

*Refreshments:* Rosario Douglas

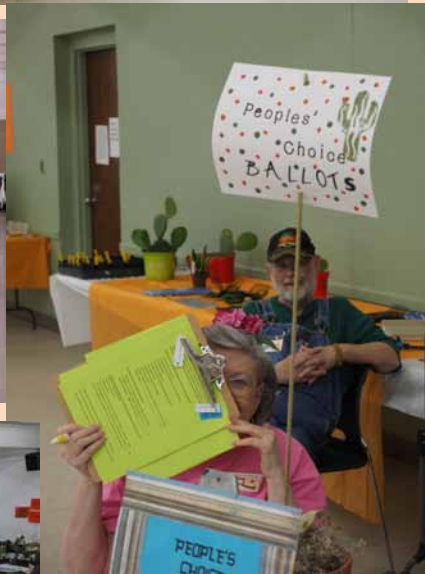
**July 18-19** Henry Shaw Cactus and Succulent Society's Annual Show & Sale, Missouri Botanical Garden St. Louis, MO.

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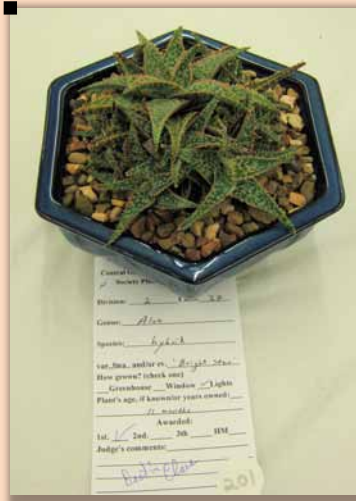
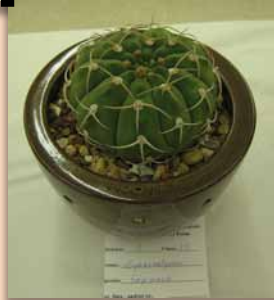


Early this spring we installed our first blue bird nesting box. Within a week we had the pair shown above nesting. We were able to see the baby blue birds come out of the box. On the right is the nest, which we took out to clean the bird house and get it ready for another nesting couple.

# Show & Sale 2015



## Photos of the Show plants by Joyce Hochtritt



Show plants photos by Mark Ditmar



Here is a nice blog about our 2012 Show&Sale. It makes interesting reading and it show some of the winners of the Show section.

[http://zachandchristie.com/new\\_plant\\_blog/tag/dyckia/](http://zachandchristie.com/new_plant_blog/tag/dyckia/)

## The Variegated Thumb

a weblog for all things plants

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### Tag Archives: Dyckia

#### CACTI

## OKC CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SHOW

🕒 JUNE 21, 2012 🧑 ZACH 💬 1 COMMENT

Before diving in, I must confess that cacti and succulents are not my passion. There are a couple of groups that interest me, like *Stapelia* and related genera. I decided to stop by the show and sale of the [Central Oklahoma Cactus and Succulent Society](#) last weekend because I figured it would be interesting to see, take photos and learn more about these plants.



*Rhytidocaulon macrolobum*

Affiliate Chair Chris Miller requested that newsletter editors include the information below in their club's newsletters if possible.

## **50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CSSA SHOW & SALE AT THE HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS**

**Dates:** Friday, June 26 to Sunday, June 28, 2015

**Location:** HBG 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA, in the Botanical Center

**Show Setup:** Thurs. June 25, 9am-1pm

**Enter Plants:** Thurs. 1pm-6pm and Friday 10:30am 4:00pm. Judging starts at 5:00pm on Friday

**Sale Hours:** Friday thru Sunday 10:30am to 4:30pm

**Show Hours:** Sat. 10:30am-4:30pm, Sun. 10:30am-4:00pm

**Auction:** items need to be registered by 12pm Sat. June 27; There will be a Live Auction (30 items max.) after dinner and a Silent Auction during dinner. Auctioneers will decide placement of items. 2 items max per person/business marked as donation or split.

**Dinner:** Dearmore BBQ: \$25 per person. Contact: Kathleen Misko. Reservations must be made by 12Noon, Sat. June 27

**Tear down:** Sunday, June 28, at 4pm

There are many opportunities to participate in this year's Show & Sale. Be sure to pick up a Show Schedule & Index at the your next meeting. All Cactus & Succulent Club members, a CSSA members, vendors, and volunteers or show participants need to wear their club badges AND a special CSSA/HBG pass that reads "Annual CSSA Show Participant" to enter for free. Please contact Barbara Hall, Show Chair, or your CSSA Affiliate, to obtain a pass before the event. We cannot give out these passes at the HBG entry gate.

Even though this is a one-class Show I would encourage everyone to enter a plant or two. Last year a few novices had plants on the trophy table. Please consider volunteering for a few hours in the showroom or sales area, cashiering, information table, hospitality area, welcome table at the HBG entrance, holding table, T-shirt distribution, showroom setup & teardown. We also need 12 clerks to help the Judges on Friday night. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer. All participants will receive a T-shirt as a thank you.

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**WHAT IS BLOOMING***Photos by Mike Douglas*

Our Yucca has bloomed again this year. It has been fun watching the development of the flowering stalk.

a. April 20,   b. April 28,   c. May 3,   d. May 10,   e. May 31,   f. June 3



## SUCCULENT PLANTS by *Rosario Douglas*



### The genus Kalanchoe



This genus belongs to the family Crassulaceae and they are primarily found in the Old World. There are about 125 species of the genus Kalanchoe. The Americas have only one species while places like Madagascar have a large number - 60 species. These plants are considered tropical succulents. Most species are less than 1 meter tall and many are shrubs or perennials.

Named by botanist Michael Adanson in 1763, the name comes from the Chinese "Kalanchauhuy" (Wikipedia).

Many species of Kalanchoes are cultivated as ornamentals. Many propagate easily and don't require too much water. The most popular species are asexually cultivated using cuttings.

Kalanchoes require good drainage and high light intensity. Auburn horticulture extension at:

<http://www.ag.auburn.edu/hort/landscape/Kalanchoe.htm>



For more information about growing Kalanchoes see:

<http://www.todayshomeowner.com/how-to-grow-flowering-kalanchoe/>

a. *Kalanchoe blossfeldiana*.  
Wikipedia commons

b. *Kalanchoe laetivirens*  
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c. *Kalanchoe marmorata* native to Central and West Africa. Wikipedia commons



## THE BOTANICAL CORNER

by Rosario Douglas



**Capitate** Head-like or head shaped

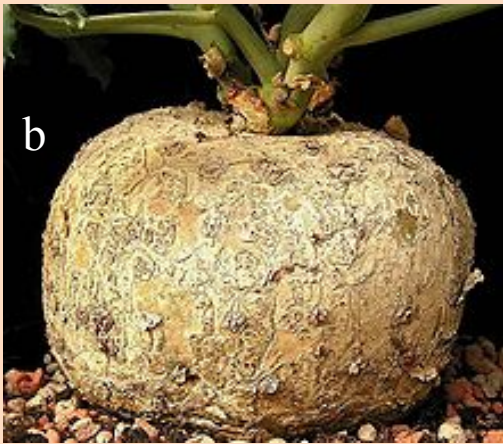
**Capricorne** Shaped like a head, somewhat globose

**Capsule** A dry dehiscent seed-vessel composed of two or more carpels.

**Caput-medusae** A head surrounded by snake-like branches

**Carpel** The modified leaf of which the ovary is formed

**Caudiciform** Stem like, sometimes used to mean thick-stemmed



**Caudex** The caudex (plural: caudices) of a plant is a stem, but the term is also used to mean a rootstock and particularly a basal stem structure from which new growth arises.

In the sense of the term, meaning a stem, "caudex" is most often used with plants that have a different stem morphology from the typical angiosperm dicotyledon stem. Source: Wikipedia.

a. The caudex of *Jathorpha cathartica* is a pachycaul, with thickening that provides water storage. Wikipedia. Source: Wikipedia commons.

b. *Jathorpha podagrica*. Source: Wikipedia commons.

c. *Euphorbia caput-medusae* from Eastern Cape, South Africa. Wikipedia commons.



Terms from a book by W. Taylor Marshall and R.S. Woods. The book is titled, **Glossary of succulent plant terms**, published in 1938., Wikipedia. Also terms from CactiGuide.com at <http://cactiguide.com/glossary/>.