



THE OFFSET

Central Oklahoma Cactus and Succulent Society

April, 2018

Editor: Rosario Douglas



Meeting time: 7:00 pm Third Thursday of the month.

Location: Will Rogers Garden Center, Oklahoma City

Echinocereus reichenbachii subsp. baileyi in the Wichita Mountains NWR, Oklahoma. Photo by Mike Douglas.

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April 19 meeting



Exploring South Africa and its succulents

by Michael and Rosario Douglas

7:00 pm

Refreshments by: Deb Trimble

At the Will Rogers Exhibition Center 3400 NW 36, Oklahoma



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Dear members,

As you already know I stepped down from the President's office on April 5th. The main reason for this is my inability to be around as often as a fully participating officer should be. Mike and I have been members since 1992 and will continue to participate and help as much as we can when we are in town.

Our club needs your help to remain healthy, vibrant and "alive". It is our hope that special elections can be held at the April meeting if we have volunteers to fill the President's position. We also need a newsletter editor as I won't be able to continue to prepare the monthly newsletter. Check the Happenings posted in this newsletter and mark your calendars. If we do not have a newsletter editor you may receive reminders of some of the activities related to the club.

Rosario



Crassula columnaris. South Africa

Members who want to sell plants at the Show&Sale need to get a vendor contract. The closing date is May 15, 2018. Get them at the April meeting or contact Joyce at cactibud@cox.net



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Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the COC&SS March 15 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Rosario Douglas. There were 15 attendees.

Mr. Jim Woolly, horticulturalist at the Will Rogers Garden Center presented a short program about the changes taking place in the gardens and the new plans for a variety of areas around the gardens. He mentioned that the gardens have 32 acres and only 4 full-time employees so he made the case for needing help from volunteers from different clubs, including ours. He mentioned that there is a lot of support from the city to make some needed changes and improve the gardens in general.

Our club was offered one of the cabinets in the lobby so we can have displays/information about our club and miscellaneous club activities. This will probably have to be changed every 3 months or so.

Mr. Woolly also mentioned that our club continues to have space allocated in their main greenhouse. He also showed us an area near the greenhouse that he would like to convert to an outdoor succulent plant demonstration area. He stressed the need to have a work day very soon so our members can come out and help with the succulents that are currently in the greenhouse.

Other clubs such as the Oklahoma Ornithological Society have also been approached to help with some new landscaping plans. This should make the gardens more attractive to wildlife.

After his presentation Mr. Woolly took us behind the scenes and gave us a tour of the greenhouse and he also showed us the area that is available to create an outdoor succulent garden.

A bus trip to Bustani nursery where participants can purchase plants was also mentioned by Mr. Woolly. After the greenhouse tour our group returned to the room to continue the meeting.

New business: Our Vice-President Roberta Rowland mentioned that if we are not selling plants it is free to participate in the Myriad Gardens First Festival of lights. This will be taking place May 5. She encouraged our club to participate.

Announcements: It was announced that due to health reasons Mark Dittmar has resigned and he is no longer the Treasurer. It was announced that a replacement has been found and member Gayle Snider is our new Treasurer. Mark and Peggy Anglin will be helping Gayle during a transition period while she becomes familiar with her new duties.

Refreshments and the raffle took place before continuing with the program for the evening.

The video **Big Bend: life on the edge** was shown and after some brief commentary about the video and Big Bend National Park the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

These minutes were prepared by Rosario Douglas due to the absence of the Secretary Robert Millison.



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April 19 Program

EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA AND ITS SUCCULENTS

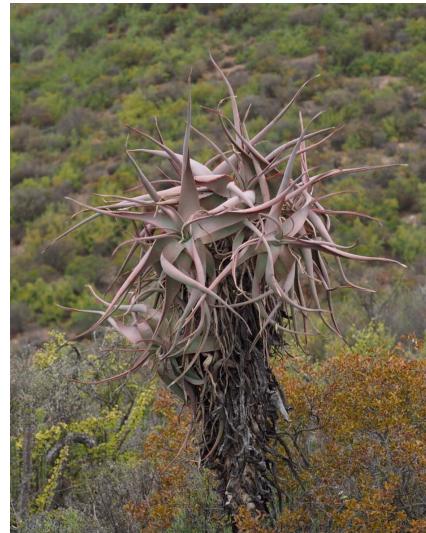
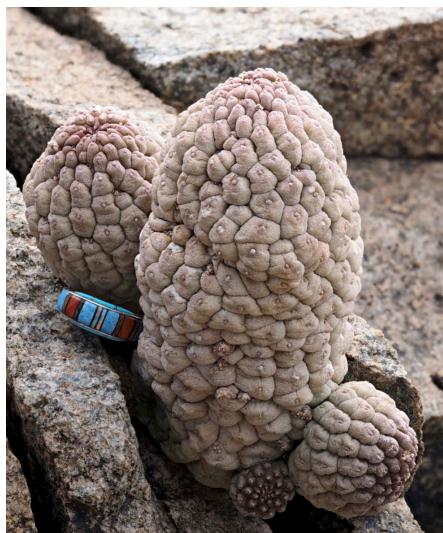
April 19th at 7:00

By Michael and Rosario Douglas

The Republic of South Africa is home to an unsurpassed variety of succulent plants (not to mention well-known plants such as Geraniums, Gladiolus and Tulips). Smaller succulents that are especially suitable for cultivation include many stone plants such as Lithops, Fenestraria, Conophytum, and Titanopsis. Many other well-known genera like Senecio, Crassula, Huernia, Stapelia, are well represented. South Africa has over 100 species of Aloe, of all sizes. The diversity of succulents is related to the great variety of geological and climate variations found across southern Africa.

Join us on April 19th at 7:00 pm for a virtual tour of South Africa, its landscapes and its succulent plants. We will discuss practical aspects of travel to South Africa and a few of its other well-known attractions such as the mammals.

Mike and Rosario Douglas have recently returned from a 45-day trip to South Africa - their 7th in the last 15 years. Their interests cover a wide range of natural history subjects. You can see more about their interests on their website: <https://thetravelingnaturalist.org>





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New treasurer: Mark Dittmar has stepped down for health reasons. Welcome our new treasurer Gayle Snider.

New flyers for our 2018 Show&Sale are available for you to download in our [webpage](#). [webpage](#). [Events- 2018](#). Go to EVENTS 2018 or click on the blue link above. We will have some copies at the April meeting.

Talks: Mike and Rosario Douglas will be giving a talk at the April meeting of the Cleveland County Master Gardener's club on April 14th at 10 am.

April 14 Coffe/Tea in the garden At the Stillwater Nursery. Time 10 am-noon. Please let Janete know if you are planning to attend.

Cabinets at the Will Roger's Exhibition Center. On April 10th we set up one of the cabinets in the lobby with information about the club. Check it out next time you come to the gardens.

April 21 Garden Council Plant sale. Plants, yard art or garden books (in good condition) for the sale. We need items there by 8 am. The sale starts at 10 am. If you are interested in participating contact: **Sharon Beasley, sale chairman** [phone: 405 990 6069](#) or [email: gardener@pldi.net](#)

Festivals:

May 5 The club will have a table at the Myriad Gardens Festival of Lights on May 5th. Rosario and Mike will set up a table and any other members that want to participate are welcome. Festival is from 9-4 pm.

May 19 The club will have a table under the canopy at the Festival in the Park at Will Roger Gardens on May 19th. All materials needed to set up a table will be available at the April meeting. It may be nice to have some plants as displays as well. Volunteer is needed to coordinate this event.

June 23 The club will have a table at the first Herb and succulent plant festival in Stillwater. Location is the botanic gardens. Mike and Rosario will participate and any other members that want to help are welcome.

New business cards for the club and a handout about growing succulents will be available at the April meeting.



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2018 Show&Sale Updates

As our Show&Sale draws near I want to remind all members that we need as much participation and help from all of you to make this another successful club event.

Check out the sign in sheets at our meetings. Contact Joyce (cactibud@cox.net) or Robert at robert.millison@yahoo.com if you want to volunteer.

2018 Show & Sale Volunteers needed for:

Welcome table A very important table. Volunteers are needed for both days.

Food/refreshments etc. We need a food coordinator. The club will provide a main dish plus ice, drink and all utensils. Side dishes (main, dessert, salad or other) will be provided by members. Breakfast for the judges is also provided by the club on Saturday.

Check out table **3 or more** volunteers are needed to help with cashier duties. Volunteers are also needed to help get the prices of plants on plastic sheets so people are ready to pay when they get to the cashier.

Boxes Start saving boxes and volunteer to help Mark tape boxes as needed at the Show

People's choice awards 'People's Choice Award' – forms for voting – putting numbers of the entries for voting - prize for winning the 'People's Choice for Cactus' and 'People's Choice for Succulents' **Need at least one person**

Donations for door prizes/ Raffle **Volunteer is needed.** Will do raffle every 30 minutes. The club will buy some items but donations are always welcome.

Set up and clean up crew Volunteers are needed to help with the set up on Friday and the clean up on Sunday. Robert Millison is the Plant Show Chairman and is helping coordinate table set up etc.

Show We are having a judged show so consider entering as many plants as possible. All the forms are available in the webpage. Will have some at the May but you can also download them from webpage. Go to EVENTS, 2018 – Rules - forms



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Participating in the 16th Mid-States Cactus and Succulent Convention

June 21-24, 2018

The **Mid-States Cactus and Succulent Convention** is happening June 21- 24th, 2018. See the following pages for a poster about this Convention. Interesting programs about cactus and succulents, plants to purchase and a chance to visit St. Louis and the beautiful botanical gardens near where the Convention is taking place are but some of the reasons to consider attending. If we have a group of members going we may discuss the options of carpooling as the date approaches.

This year our club will cover the cost of registration (~\$85) for up to 6 members in good standing. A member in **good standing** means: The member has: paid their dues and has participated in at least a couple of events in the last year. By events we mean: attending meetings, going to the picnic or Christmas party, participating in the Show & Sale by either helping or entering show plants, hosting a garden tour or attending a garden tour, attending or helping with the dish garden set-up, chair a committee, work at the gardens, written a newsletter article, organized a field trip, has given a talk at our meeting or another organization, or has brought refreshments.

If you are interested fill out the application on the next page and send it to me **NO LATER THAN APRIL 20th**, or you can turn it in at the April 19th meeting. You can send this form via email, can give it to me at the April meeting, or can mail it to me (1501 Goldfinch Ct. Norman, Ok 73071). If you are mailing your form it must be received by April 20th. The recipients will be announced in May.

As a recipient of this award you will be expected to share with our club members your experience at one of our programs. No need to prepare a presentation unless you wish to do so. A verbal summary of your experience should be enough. If you want to share some pictures with the members when you give us your verbal summary that is fine too.

If you have any questions contact Joyce at cactibud@cox.net



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16th Mid-States Cactus and Succulent Convention

June 21- 24, 2018

Name: _____

Member since: _____

Have you attended a CSSA convention or Mid-states Conference in the past?

Yes _____ if yes when and where? _____

No _____

If selected are you willing to share your experience with our members ideally with some photos? A 15 minute presentation will do and if you need help with this we can provide it.

Yes _____

No _____

Send this form to: Rosario Douglas, 1501 Goldfinch Ct. Norman, Ok 73071 or turn it in at our February, March or April meetings. You can also fill this form out and send it in an email. Forms must be received by **April 20th, 2018**.



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Mid-States Cactus & Succulent CONFERENCE



June 21-24,
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St. Louis,
Missouri



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JOIN US IN ST. LOUIS!

Henry Shaw Cactus & Succulent Society invites you to attend the 16th Biennial Mid-States Cactus & Succulent Conference in St. Louis. Expect diverse presentations, plenty of plants and a bit of local flavor.

SPEAKERS

The Mid-States Conference will feature an entertaining and informative mix of program content featuring:

• Chuck Hanson	• Neal Bohlman
• Dan Mahr	• Joe Merkelbach
• Woody Minnich	• Pam Schnebelen
• Judy Pigue	• Tracy Vymola
• Rob Wallace	

FIELD TRIPS

Tour Missouri Botanical Garden's famous herbarium, library and select research greenhouses in several rotating groups. Plan to visit some of St. Louis' other exciting attractions, too.

VENDORS

Enjoy a wide selection of plants, pots and more from:

- Cactus Data Plants – New Mexico
- Chaos Cactus – Oklahoma
- J & J Cactus and Succulents – Oklahoma
- Drummond Nursery – Missouri
- Carol Wichern Ceramics – Missouri

CONFERENCE HOTEL

The conference will be held at the Drury Inn & Suites near world-famous Forest Park. Special conference rates include free hot breakfast, 5:30 Kickback® and Wi-Fi. Use conference code #2299339 and save when you contact Drury Inn at www.druryhotels.com or 800-325-0720.

REGISTER NOW

Visit www.hscactus.org/mid-states or contact HSCSS President Mike Hellmann at 618-444-7860 or cactus1803@yahoo.com for further information.



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Happenings

April 14 **Coffee/tea in the garden. Succulent Plant nursery 3023 N Jardot, Stillwater, OK**

April 14-15 Austin Cactus & Succulent Society's Spring Show&Sale

New Mexico Cactus and Succulent Society's Annual Show & Sale, Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

April 19 COCSS Meeting & Program – 7:00 pm – Will Rogers Exhibition Center
Program: **Exploring South Africa and its succulents** by Mike and Rosario Douglas
Refreshments: *Deb Trimble*

April 26-28 San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society Show&Sale

May 5 Myriad Gardens Festival of Light. 8-noon, OKC

May 12 Ft. Worth Cactus & Succulent Society Field trip to J&J nursery. All are welcome to attend.

J & J Open House

May 14 **Coffee/tea in the garden at Fred Hill's house in Moore.**

May 17 COCSS Meeting & Program – 7:00 pm – Will Rogers Exhibition Center

Program: **Using Succulents in Oklahoma and Getting ready for the Show & Sale by Fred Hill**

Refreshments:

May 19 Festival in the Park. 9-4 pm at Will Roger Gardens, OKC

June 16-17- **Central Oklahoma Cactus and Succulent Society's Annual Show & Sale, Will Rogers Exhibition Center, Oklahoma City, OK.**

June 23 1st Herb and Succulent plant festival in Stillwater, Oklahoma. 8-noon.

June 21-24 Mid-States Cactus & Succulent Conference hosted by the Henry Shaw Cactus& Succulent Society, St. Louis, MO. For more information



Succulent Plants

Rosario Douglas

The Genus *Crassula*



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This genus, with about 280 succulent members, is in the Crassulaceae family. Found in many parts of the world, the better-known succulent crassula in cultivation come mainly from South Africa. Crassula are leaf succulents and are often propagated through cuttings of their leaves or stems. The popular Jade plant (*Crassula ovata*) is a crassula.

The name crassula comes from the Latin “Thick” which refers to the thick leaves of most succulent crassula.



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- A. *Crassula capitella* by Eric Hunt. Wikipedia Creative Commons.
- B. *Crassula barklyi* at Lankverwatch farm, South Africa. Photo by Mike Douglas



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Crassula come in many sizes and shapes, but most have thick leaves. Full to partial sun is required but they do not need too much water. As with most succulents well-drained soils are an important requirement.

Flowers tend to be small and pink, white or sometimes scarlet, thus the plants rather than the flowers are what attracts succulent plant enthusiasts. Crassula are popular in container gardens.



C. *Crassula haemisphaerica*.

D. Flowers of *Crassula deceptor*.

E. *Crassula rupestris*

All photos taken by Mike Douglas at the Lankverwatch farm near Vanrhynsdorp in western South Africa.

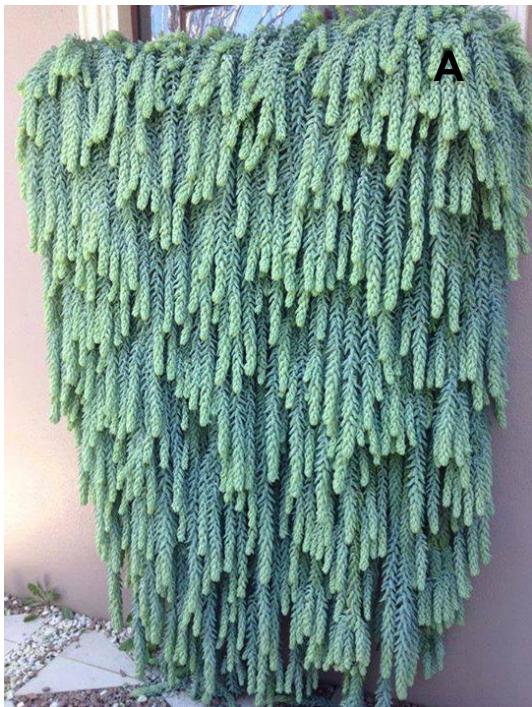


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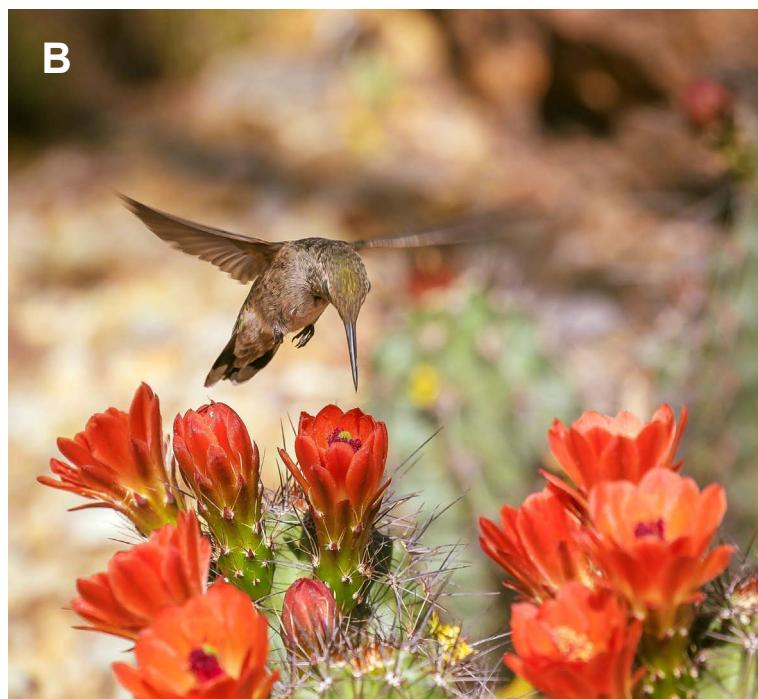
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From our Facebook page. Miscellaneous posts from the past 30 days. You can visit our by typing Oklahoma cactus on your Facebook page



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- A. An incredible example of *Sedum morganianum* often known as Donkey's Tail or Burro's Tail succulent. Photo from "a not so secret garden".
- B. Happy first day of Spring. From Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, Arizona.
- C. *Aloe glauca* This South African Aloe grows in the drier rocky hills in the Western Cape. It requires full sun in cultivation. It flowers from August-October. This illustration is from the Monickx atlas, vol.3:t.p (1682-1709).



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April 20th meeting

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