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-Next Meeting-

August 16th @ 7pm - 8:30pm
Will Rogers Garden Center

We need volunteers to help!

We will have books for sale at the
August Workshop.

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President's Message

Wow! Summer is moving along! I really like when we get these rains that come through especially at night. My succulents I have outside especially like it. I saw some of them dancing around they like it so much!



Mr. Wil Oats, I want to say, 'Thank You' again for doing the COCSS Newsletter. I hope others will be encouraged to contribute photos, short articles, and news of any kind of plant related activities. Also, if you have anything to sell or give away definitely let Wil know so he can put that information in the newsletter.

The first phase of the new cold-hardy Cactus & Succulent bed at Will Rogers Park was planted June 28, 2018. I ordered the club three large *Yucca rostratas*. They have been delivered to the park's greenhouse. Robert will be looking for some helpers to get them planted. They'll be a great addition.

Please say a big THANK YOU to Robert Millison, Matthew Baginski, and Wil Oats for all of their hard work! When you have the opportunity, stop by the park and check it out. The cactus and succulent bed is located outside the south end of the Conservatory. Let us know what you think. If you have anything you want to donate like cactus, succulent, or decorative rocks, please contact Robert Millison at robert.millison@yahoo.com

On August 16, 2018, we will be having our 'Build Your Own Dish Garden Workshop' instead of our regular club meeting and program. Currently, 40 people have signed up! This is a club activity and we will need your help with set-up and helping the participants construct their dish gardens. **I'll need two people at the door to check the people in. I will be bringing the cactus, succulents, soil, gravel, cash box, and the list of those people who have pre-registered.**

Remember, we are having our annual club picnic at the Will Rogers Garden center on Thursday September 20. The festivities will begin at 7pm. We will be having the indoor picnic catered. All you need to bring is your appetite. We need a head count as soon as possible to order the food for the picnic. You can email Joyce at cactibud@cox.net or call at (405) 737-1831.

Joyce Hochtritt, President, Central Oklahoma Cactus and Succulent Society

COCSS Meeting Minutes - 7.19.18, Secretary Robert Millison

Business meeting called to order at 7:05pm with 15 present. Peggy reported that she has sent out 28 emails to persons who have not yet paid their yearly membership dues.



Board Meeting held on 7-14-18 (minutes available in the July 2018 newsletter). Joyce has volunteered to be the President through the end of 2018, and Wil has volunteered to do the monthly newsletter.

Members attending the 7-19-18 meeting shared what a great job Sarah did with the raffle/announcements at the show/sale. Great Job Sarah!!

COCSS will no longer have a "Refreshment Schedule"; rather, at each monthly meeting, a member will be asked to volunteer to bring cold bottled water to the next scheduled meeting. If any member wishes to bring other snacks/refreshments, they are more than welcome to do so. The club will reimburse the members who bring bottled water to the meetings (please forward receipts to Gayle for reimbursement).

A brief discussion was held regarding the cold-hardy cactus/succulent bed at WREC. Robert will be getting with Jim Woolly to discuss possible plant-name plates as well as some kind of sign indicating that the bed is the work of the COCSS. Roberta has offered to use her engraver to help make the plant name-plates (dependent of what type of plates WREC can come up with).

ExoticPlantBooks.com will give COCSS "credits" towards book purchases when members place an order on-line and indicate they are affiliated with the COCSS. Credits earned may be used to make future book purchases at discounts (or even free if we have enough credits). Please check out their selection of books and be sure to designate COCSS if you decide to place an order.

The Dish Garden Workshop is scheduled for August 16th. If you are planning on doing your own dish garden at the workshop, please RSVP to Joyce. We ask that members be sure to attend the workshop to help attendees with putting their dish gardens together.

Joyce is having a "Tea in the Garden" at her greenhouse on September 8th.

The COCSS Picnic is scheduled for September 20th in our regular meeting room. We have the room reserved from 5pm-10pm and plan to be set up & start the picnic by 7pm. Catering the picnic has been discussed; more info forthcoming.

Matt will be meeting with a few COCSS members to go through the library and remove old/outdated books. These books will be made available for purchase at future meetings. Any books not purchased by club members will be made available for sale to the public at the 2019 show/sale.

COCSS Meeting Minutes - 7.19.18, Secretary Robert Millison - Continued...

Business meeting ended at 7:34pm.

Nadine Varner with the Oklahoma Ornithological Society presented a program: "Attracting Birds to Your Back Yard." She provided a list of commonly seen birds in Oklahoma, showed numerous pics and shared some audio recordings of various bird songs. A very informative program. Thank you Nadine!

Other:

Saturday July 28th, Robert, Matt, and Wil worked their tails off getting the new cold-hard cactus/succulent bed planted at WREC. (THANKS Guys!! Could not have done it without your help!!!!). We ran out of pea gravel, but Jim has more ordered. We are still awaiting the delivery of at least one plant that will be added once it arrives. If you have a chance, stop by and check out the new beds. We will be scheduling some work days this fall to work on the indoor cactus bed in the conservatory.

Getting To Know You

Name:

Matthew Baginski
Club Librarian

Occupation:

Electrician

How long have you been a collector:

14 years

What's your favorite plant:

Stapelia Gigantea

Something you wouldn't know about me:

I served in the Oklahoma Air National Guard



2018 TACSS Fall Seminar Information

The Texas Association of Cactus & Succulent Societies (TACSS) have a Fall seminar that will take place October 13th at the Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Rd, Dallas TX 75218. If you have any questions or problems you can call Irwin Lightstone at (214) 529-7046.

They will have speakers and vendors as well as a club plant sale. (that is normally their plant auction).

The host hotel is Holiday Inn Express & Suites, NE Arboretum at 11331 W. Kingsley Rd., Dallas TX 75238. They have blocked off courtesy rooms at the rate of \$98 standard king, \$108 standard double, \$118 King Suite. They have a buffet style breakfast, free parking, Wi-Fi, microwave and refrigerator. They also have coffee available in the lobby. Rooms can be booked until September 10th at (214) 340-0003. To obtain your room discount please refer to their group Texas Association of Cactus & Succulent Societies (TACSS).

Friday night they have a welcoming dinner at Irwin's house at 9048 Royal Crown Drive, Dallas TX 75238. Please RSVP at (214) 529-7046.

There should be follow up information provided but this might be something to watch out for. It's close enough that you could make a weekend trip without breaking the bank.

They also have a judged show similar to the one we had. I'll get more details on that as well.

If you have any further information for them you can call or text at (214) 529-7046 or email at radiantimages@sbcglobal.net.

Talinum calycinum
blooming in Rosario
& Michael Douglas'
yard.

It's winter hardy
here in Oklahoma
and the flowers look
so beautiful!





A. Larryleachia sp. (Apocynaceae, South Africa)

B. Huernia keniensis (Apocynaceae greenhouse photo)

C. the very large African baobab, *Adansonia digitata* (Malvaceae, Botswana)

D. Ariocarpus kotschubeyanus (Cactaceae, Mexico)

E. Portulacaria afra (Portulacaceae, South Africa)

F. Greenovia alba (Crassulaceae, Canary Islands, Spain)

G. *Melocactus bellavistensis* (Cactaceae, Peru)

H. *Euphorbia enopla* (Euphorbiaceae, South Africa)

I. *Lithops* sp. (Aizoaceae, South Africa)

J. *Euphorbia pseudoglobosa* (Euphorbiaceae, South Africa)

K. *Crassula barklyi* (Crassulaceae, South Africa)

L. *Yucca faxoniana* (Asparagaceae, Big Bend National Park, USA)

M. *Aloe dichotoma* (Asphodelaceae, South Africa)

All About Succulents

In case you missed it, last month we updated the club's webpage. One section where some changes were made is called, All About Succulents. To introduce this section I prepared a mosaic of different succulents from 6 different countries.



The 13 succulents in this mosaic represent 6 countries (USA, South Africa, Mexico, Peru, Canary Islands, Spain) and 9 plant families (Apocynaceae, Malvaceae, Cactaceae, Portulacaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Aizoaceae, Crassulaceae, Asparagaceae, Asphodelaceae). The collage highlights the fact that there are thousands of succulent plants distributed in about 25 plant families. These families are found on every continent but Antarctica. Succulents can live in very dry areas or in rain forests, some can tolerate freezing while others are restricted to areas with warmer winters. As you can see from the very modest selection shown above there is a tremendous variety of succulent plant sizes, shapes, habitat, flower and plant colors. Although many people are more familiar with cacti and may think that all succulents are cacti, you can see that only 2 of the plants shown above are cacti (family Cactaceae). Thus it is worth remembering the saying "all cactus are succulents but not all succulents are cacti". This section aims to educate the reader about the variety of succulents found in many different kinds of habitats in many different parts of the world.

Cactus & Succulent bed @ Will Rogers Garden Center



Books for Sale - Will be available at the August Workshop

Hardcover:

1. Wild Flowers of the Pacific Coast – L. S. Haskin '70 - \$2
2. The Ill. Ref. on Cacti and other Succulents - Edgar and Brian Lamb Vol. 4. '78 - \$5
3. The Ill. Ref. on Cacti and other Succulents - Edgar Vol. 1. '63 - \$5
4. The Ill. Ref. on Cacti and other Succulents - Edgar and Brian Lamb Vol. 3. '71 - \$5
5. The Ill. Ref. on Cacti and other Succulents - Edgar Vol. 2. '78 - \$5
6. The Ill. Ref. on Cacti and other Succulents - Edgar and Brian Lamb Vol. 4. '79 - \$5
7. Gardening in the South & West - Gross R. Scruggs and Margaret Ann Scruggs '47 - \$4
8. Cacti of the Southwest - W. Hubert Earle '86 - \$6
9. Cacti: A Gardener's Handbook for the Identification and Cultivation of Cacti - J. Borg, '76 - \$8
10. CITES Cactaceae Checklist - David Hunt '92 - \$3
11. Cacti and their Cultivation - Margaret J. Martin, P.R. Chapman and H.A. Auger '71 - \$6
12. Cacti - Sir Oliver Leese '73 - \$10

Softcover:

13. Gardening in Dry Ortho Climates books '89 - \$5
14. The Cactus File: The Magazine for Growers of Cacti and other Succulent Plants
8 magazines 1992-96 - \$15
15. Cacti for the Connoisseur, a Guide for Growers & Collectors - John Pilbeam '87 - \$10
16. Flora of Southern Africa Edited by O. A. Leistner. Vol 27 part 4 '80 - \$5
17. The Enigma of the Origin of Monstrosity and Cristation in Succulent Plants - J.J. Wolthus '48 - \$2
18. An Account of the Genus *Astrophytum* (lemaire) - Molitane Megata
No. 56 Horticultural series No.2 '44 - \$3
19. Philippine Hoya Species - Dale Kloppenburg '91 - \$3
20. The Cyclopaedia of ISI Plants - Harry Mays '58-'96 - \$2
21. Arizona Handbook 1999, 613 pages \$1
- 3 VHS - \$1 each
Secret Gardens and Jardin Exotique
People and Their Prickly Plants
The Enchanted Island Madagascar

CALENDAR

August "Build Your Own Dish Garden" (*in lieu of the monthly meeting*)

NOTE: We need members to help!

When: Thursday August 16th @ 7-8:30pm

Where: Will Rogers Garden Center - 3400 NW 36th St, OKC

Fee: \$20

What to Bring: Your own dish, planter, or container. It is best to use a container that has drainage holes.

What the club brings: 3 cacti / succulents, potting soil, top dressing. There will be additional plants to purchase if you would like to add more plants to your dish garden.

Pre-Registration: Please pre-register by calling Joyce Hochtritt @ 405.737.1831 OR emailing her at cactibud@cox.net. Very important so we make sure we have enough plants on hand.

September Coffee & Tea in the Garden:

When: September 15th @ 9am - Noon

Where: 600 N Pine St, Midwest City

Details: Visitors are welcome to come, visit the greenhouse and check out the plants. We have hundreds of cactus and Succulents are available for purchase. Visitors will need to park in the circle drive under the shade trees so not to block the driveway to the back.

September Members Picnic

When: September 20th @ 7pm

Where: Will Rogers Garden Center - 3400 NW 36th St, OKC

Details: The annual member picnic! Please RSVP numbers through Joyce @ 405.737.183 or email cactibud@cox.net.

October Meeting

When: October 18th @ 7pm

Where: Will Rogers Garden Center - 3400 NW 36th St, OKC

Details: The Horticulture Curator from the Tulsa Zoo has installed a 'green roof' and planted it with succulents. He will be presenting on this project.