

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

The Offset

January 2019

President's Message

2018 was a very good year for our Cactus and Succulent Society!

Our members put in the first phase of the new cold hardy cactus and succulent beds. We had a very successful show and sale. Some great programs at our monthly meetings. Lots of fun at our Picnic and Christmas Party!



I'm ready to make 2019 better for our club with your help! We've had our first Board meeting which we worked on getting some programs and fieldtrips set-up for 2019. If you know of any speakers that you think would be good for us to contact, please let us know.

I would like for us to set up another Board meeting in February. We can start working on the changes we need to make for our show and sale. Please look on your calendar. We need a day, place and time. We can go over this at the meeting.

Let's make this a great year!

Joyce Hochtritt, COCSS President

image by Wil Oats

Agave americana variegated

-Next Meeting-

January 17th @ 7pm

Will Rogers Garden Center

In Pots or In The Ground

Presented by:

Michael & Rosario Douglas

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Editor's Message

It's a new year folks! I hope everyone has a great 2018 and now we're off to 2019! The club has a full year of things coming up and I've attached a full year calendar to the end of the newsletter. I'll continue to update it as things come along. The November's meeting's minutes and the Dec. 29th board meeting's minutes are also at the end.

We're starting off the year with members Mike & Rosario Douglas bringing one of the most asked topics to the forefront here in Oklahoma. "What can we plant outside that won't die?!"

January



"In Pots or In The Ground"

"Join us to learn more about winter hardy succulents in general and in our area. The talk will discuss where winter hardy succulents live, how do they survive cold weather, which hardy succulents can thrive in our area, resources online and books to help you learn more about winter hardy succulents."

Presented by:

Mike & Rosario Douglas.

I'm really excited about this discussion. I have a spare bedroom devoted to my collection during the winter and finding out options that would allow me to keep them outside is going to be great!

Another exciting meeting this year will be our February meeting. Conceived by Secretary Robert Millison it's titled "I Love My...". Think of it like a Show n' Tale! Do you have a favorite pair of pruners or other garden tool? Maybe a favorite website or even one of your favorite plants. Just bring it to the February meeting and 'show and tale' us all about it.

March's meeting will be presented by our President (and owner of J&J Cactus & Succulents), Joyce Hochritt. How often have you googled or asked someone "What soil do you use?" Joyce is here to present not only options on soil mix but information on repotting and staging your plants.

April is a follow-up to March in that after you've staged your plants and presented them to others, now you get to be judged. Joyce will be going over judging techniques and a primer on 'how to'. We'll also be talking about the June Show n' Sale. It's a lot of work to pull together so getting early signups is a must.

May finds member Gayle Snider giving an informative talk, "For the Mammaries". An informative discussion about one of the more popular cacti groups, mammillarias. We'll also be finalizing details on the Show n' Sale.

June is... the show n' sale! Make sure your calendars are marked. June 7 (prepping the room) 8-9 the sale!

And all that is just the first half of the year!

Friendly reminder that dues are due! \$10 for single \$15 for family.



Getting To Know You



This month's 'Getting To Know You' is not only a newer member he's also one of the new vendors!

Occupation: Landscape contractor

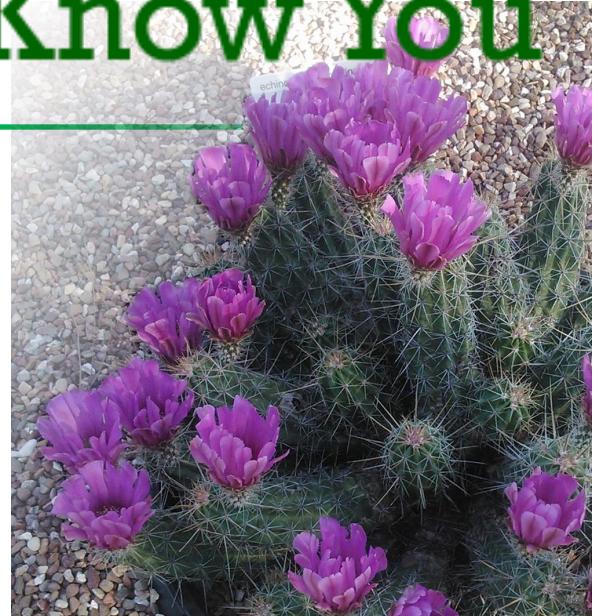
How long have you been a collector: 5yrs

What's your favorite plant: The whole echinocereus family!

Something we wouldn't know about you: He sent 103 semi loads of limestone boulders to Mercy Hospital in Edmond.

Mr. Harris joined the club last spring and had a small booth at our show n' sale where he presented some phenomenal plants. He's got 3 green houses (2 smaller and 1 nursery sized one) that he has plants in. The two smaller ones are heated but the large one is all cold hardy stuff!

Brad is open to the public but you need to make an appointment with him. He's in Coweta Ok, which is just a bit SE of Tulsa. You can make an appointment via text or call 918.857.3692. He's got an amazing outdoor cold hardy bed and I highly recommend it if you get up around that area.



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Meeting held at Peggy Anglin's (Thanks Peggy & Lee!!) with 8 members present (Joyce, Peggy A., Wil, Robert, Gayle, Jennifer, Mike, Rosario).

The majority of the meeting was focused on scheduling/planning the meetings for the next year.

Scheduled Programs for 2019 (subject to change):

January 17 Cold hardy plants (Mike & Rosario)

February 21 "I Love My..." Members will be encouraged to bring/discuss their favorite plants/tools/web-sites/books/etc.

March 21 Cactus/succulent soil mixes; re-potting; preparing show plants (Joyce)

April 18 Mini-judged show; show/sale assignments

May 16 Genus Mammillaria (Gayle); show/sale loose-ends; show/sale post-cards?

June 7-9 2019 COCSS Show & Sale

July 18 Cactus/succulent photography (Mike)

August 15 Dish Garden Workshop

September 19 COCSS Picnic

October 17 Out-of-state speaker?

November 21 Local Speaker

December COCSS Christmas party (date to be determined)

Joyce provided a list of possible speakers that we may contact for programs.

The possibility of a road trip was discussed (possibly to Tulsa & Coweta); Gayle & Rosario will be working on this.

Jennifer offered to serve as Chair-Person for planning the Picnic & Christmas Party.

Joyce shared that she had been up to the Will Rogers greenhouse working on cleaning/potting up donated plants (with some help from Matt); some plants will be used for club raffles and some will be included for sale at the show/sale. Due to issues at Will Rogers, Joyce plans to have a meeting with the Will Rogers staff to clarify what exactly Will Rogers expects from the club and determine precisely what are the clubs responsibilities regarding the plants in the conservatory and the outdoor cold-hardy bed.



Agave angustifolia variegated images by Wil Oats

President Joyce Hochtritt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Will Rogers Garden Center. There were 18 members and guests in attendance.

Mike and Rosario Douglas opened the meeting with a presentation that defined succulents and cacti, showed the many types of these plants and their geographical location and densities. They included maps showing global views accompanied by beautiful photographs they had taken on their many plant-seeking travels. They also discussed the proper care of potted and greenhouse grown plants. We very much appreciated the opportunity to share their knowledge and adventures.

Joyce then called the business part of the meeting to order and asked if there were any new members or guests; there were not. She asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the October meeting which were published in the newsletter. Upon motion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Joyce called for a report from Treasurer Gayle Snyder. Gayle stated that we have a balance of over \$14,000 in the bank. She and Peggy Anglin will be working on a formal income statement for the next meeting.

Secretary Robert Millison was not present to report on our activities in the Will Rogers greenhouse and other garden projects. It was noted that several large plants harvested from a Yukon residence need to be moved to our assigned space in the greenhouse. Arrangements were made to do so. Two residential donations were made in Yukon recently yielding some usable plants, and some that were too large to move and house.

Librarian Matt Baginski reported that he has a new Sanseveria Journal. Joyce said she borrowed a book that she will need to pay to replace due to unfortunate circumstances.

Newsletter Editor Wil Oats appreciates all contribution to the newsletter and will try to publish it a little earlier in the future. He plans to take part in moving the offending Euphorbias to their proper place in the greenhouse.

The Christmas Party will be held on December 6, 2018, at 7:00 PM in our usual meeting room. Each member may bring one guest. We expect about 20 people in attendance. We will have a Dirty Santa gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Gifts should be worth about \$10 or more; plants are always good. Gayle and Rosario will be setting up at 6:00 PM and would like only those who have volunteered to help them to show up early.

Election of 2019 Officers: President - Joyce Hochtritt,
Vice President - Open (Please volunteer to fill this position)
Secretary - Robers Millison,
Treasurer -Gayle Snyder.

A Board Meeting, which is open to all members who are interested in helping with club activities, is scheduled for December 29, 2018, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the home of Peggy Anglin and Lee Woodside. We need committee chairs, so please come ready to volunteer. We will meet at 6529 Chelsey Lane, OKC 73132. Directions: From NW Council go west on NW 63rd St, take the second right on Green Meadow and the first left on Chelsey to the 5th mailbox on the left. Call if lost, 405-371-9045. (Note: We are west of the airport and 63rd is not a thru street.)

Gloria Ross gave us her impressions of the donation of cacti from a house Yukon. Poor maintenance had rendered many of the plants too overgrown to salvage, but a van full of plants were saved, many of which are cold-hardy and may be added to our Will Rogers Cactus and Succulent Society Garden space.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Anglin - Membership Chair

Central Oklahoma Cactus & Succulent Society

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Mar 21 'Soils, Repotting & Staging' - Joyce Hochritt

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'How to: Plant Judging' - Joyce Hochritt

'Getting Ready for the Show n Sale' - Joyce Hochritt

May 16

'For The Mammarys' - Gayle Snider

'Getting Ready for the Show n Sale' - Joyce Hochritt

May 18 Open House @ J & J Cactus and Succulents 8am - 12pm

Jun 7 PreShow Setup for COCSS Show n Sale

8 Annual Show n Sale

9 Annual Show n Sale

Jul 18 'Photographing Your Plants' - TBD

Aug 15 Dish Garden Workshop

presented by: J & J Cactus & Succulents

Sep 19 Annual Picnic

Oct 17 Speaker (pending)

Nov 21 Speaker (pending)

Dec ? Club Xmas Party (date pending)

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