

# CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

## The Offset

November 2018

### President's Message

As I'm writing this President's Message I can see through the front windows and the wind is helping the oak trees in the front yard drop their leaves. Now we wait for the winter wind to help us with the cleanup.

For our November program we will have a great presentation by Michael & Rosario Douglas called *Natural History and Cultivation of Succulent Plants*. I hope you can join us for this program!

This month we will have our program first and our business meeting afterwards.

Election of club offices will be held at this meeting.

Nominees are:

President - Joyce Hochtritt

Vice-President – Vacant

Secretary – Robert Millison

Treasurer – Gayle Snider

We still need to set a date, time and place for a board meeting soon! All members are welcome to come to these meetings and participate.

We still have one event ahead of us. Mark your calendar! It will be our Annual Christmas Party, Thursday, December 6, 2018, dinner will start at 7:00 pm in our regular meeting room at the Will Rogers Exhibition Center. There will be some good eats for everyone. The club will provide all the food and other stuff. If you have a favorite drink, please bring it.

This year we will be have our Dirty Santa Gift Exchange. If you would like to participate bring a plant, plant/garden related, or something else wrapped gift. There will be some extra gifts to make sure everyone gets to participate.

This is also the time of the year to pay your 2019 club dues. Please be prepared to do so at the Christmas Party.

Hope to see everyone at the November meeting!

Joyce Hochtritt

### -Next Meeting-

November 15th @ 7pm

Will Rogers Garden Center

"Natural History & Cultivation of  
Succulent Plants"

*Michael & Rosario Douglas*

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On a gray, cool morning in early November, Mike and Rosario Douglas, members of COCSS, gave a 45-minute presentation to second graders at South Lake Elementary School in Moore, Oklahoma. Twenty students listened with interest and asked lots of questions before, during and after the presentation. Plants were brought in so

students could get a closer look at the great diversity of succulent plants. Some were inspired and drew a favorite succulent.



Their teacher is a succulent plant enthusiast who found out about COCSS last year during the annual Show and Sale. She loves succulents and has decorated the classroom with a multitude of succulent plants (plastic ones for safety), drawings and even a lamp! Perhaps some of these curious kids will become tomorrow's succulent plant growers and collectors.



*Pictures courtesy Mike & Rosario Douglas*

## Getting To Know You

**Name:** Peggy (aka Margaret) Anglin

**Occupation:** Retired Southwestern Bell Accounting Manager

**How long have you been a collector:** I started collecting in 1992 after coming to the COC&SS Show and Sale and meeting a wonderfully enthusiastic little Frenchman named Maurice who urged me to "Join the club and make new friends!" So I joined. At that time the only house plant I had managed to keep alive was a Sanseveria, and it is still my favorite, especially Masonia because sometimes bigger is better. I like them because they don't shed, go dormant, or prick you. They can be depended upon to fill up a pot and cheerfully tolerate serious neglect and even low light. I grow mostly in clay pots because I am sometimes and over-waterer - not good.



**Something you wouldn't know about me:** I think the most amazing thing about being in the club is that only Joyce, and maybe the Keelings from Tulsa have been members longer than I have. It's a great group and I have, indeed, made friends!

# ROCKULENTS!

We were contacted by a wonderful gentleman, Jim Williams, that was going to be having surgery and would be unable to move and care for his collection in the winter. He was looking for a new home for them and gave COCSS a shout. Robert, Joyce, and Wil headed up to meet him and his wife in October.

He had several beautiful plants as well as some trying to escape their containers. An *Aloe maculata* that had pups popping out the bottom, a variety of *mammillaria* and a pair of saguaros that gave Robert and Wil a work out trying to move.

What we didn't know is that he was an avid rock collector sporting rocks from across the United States. He told us he had been selling them off and this what was left... which was 24 palettes worth! There was lots of spectacular rocks left so it's hard to believe what else he had already let go of. They also allowed us to take several larger pieces for the Will Roger's Gardens and some for our personal gardens.

Your donations are greatly appreciated and will go to loving homes.



*Pictures courtesy Wil Oats*

# CACTUS & SUCCULENT BED UPDATE

Take a short jaunt with me back to the board meeting in July. At that meeting the club okayed Joyce to find and purchase a few larger specimens for the cactus and succulent bed at the Will Roger's Garden Center.



Now we move forward in time to the August newsletter where an update on that bed was done. If you don't remember (even I had to go and look it up) then here's a [link to that newsletter](#) (page 7) and I definitely encourage you to peruse the [website](#). Robert did a huge part of laying the groundwork by handling the dirt work and rock positioning. Matt & Wil helped in August with the planting and top dressing.

A short bit ago the plants that Joyce found had arrived. Robert, Matt and Wil planted up a giant 6 ft. Yucca rostrata, tied it off to help the roots settle in. There are two other very mature yuccas that were also potted up for overwintering. They will be going into next years expansions for the bed.

Wil however forgot to take pictures that day since it was a thousand degrees outside but I finally got some updated pictures for you this past weekend. Everythings looking great!



*Pictures courtesy Wil Oats*



Program began about 7:10pm (late start due to technical difficulties). Jay Ross, Horticulture Curator at the Tulsa Zoo, presented a talk on "green roofs". The Tulsa Zoo has installed a large green roof on the Rhino Barn, as well as a smaller green roof located elsewhere on the zoo grounds. Jay has also put in a green roof in his home garden. His presentation included discussing the benefits of a green roof, how to install a green roof, plants used, and things to consider when putting in a green roof, such as ease of access and providing sufficient support to carry the weight. He shared that he puts down a water-proof liner, padding fabric, drainage tiles, another layer of padding fabric, and then the growing medium. Plants used include sedums, sempervivums, talinums, and native grasses/perennials; plants chosen should be able to handle extreme heat/cold/winds. Jay noted that sedums have performed particularly well (for the most part). Thank you Jay for coming & sharing your knowledge with us!

Business meeting called to order at 8pm with 20 people present, including 3 guests. July meeting minutes were approved as printed in the August newsletter.

As Gayle was ill and unable to attend, Peggy Anglin shared the Treasurer's Report:

Club bank balance: \$14,014.78.

Amount spent on September club picnic: \$1666.53.

Club profit from show/sale: \$9,845.87 after total sales of over \$41,000.

Currently we have 44 paid club members.

Joyce shared about attending the Garden Club Council Meeting on September 14th during which they made "seed envelopes" to hold collected seed. The up-dated Garden Council books were also distributed with information about all the OKC garden clubs.

Joyce, Robert, & Wil made a trip to Coyle, OK, to pick up a load of donated plants, including some cold hardy cacti. The couple donating the plants also let us choose decorative rock from their collection; several of the donated cacti and rocks will be used in the cold-hardy cactus & succulent bed.

On Sunday October 21st, Joyce, Robert, & Matt will meet at Will Rogers Park so we can go to Yukon to pick a load of donated plants. Anyone willing to help, feel free to join us!

We will be planning some work-days at Will Rogers so we can address some problems in the conservatory; there are a few plants that need to be removed, and there are some empty spots that need plants. We also have a few large cacti in the Will Rogers greenhouse that need to be re-potted; this will require some strong backs & thick gloves! Scheduled work-days will be announced once they have been scheduled.

Matt, Club Librarian, reports we have received the latest issue of the Cactus & Succulent Journal; he stated it included an article on cold-hard plants.

Wil continues to do a great job with the newsletter; he requests that we be sure to respond to his emails. Also, Wil has been permitted to take the club laptop home so he can "clean it up" & try to make it easier to use for programs/presentations; he has been asked to come up with some easy to follow guidelines on using the laptop & connecting it to the flat screen in the meeting room for programs.

Election of club officers will be held at the November meeting. So far, nominees include: Joyce for president; Roberta for vice-president, Robert for secretary, and Gayle for treasurer. Any club member interested in volunteering for any of these positions should contact Joyce so your name can be included in the election process at the November meeting.

A Board Meeting will be scheduled soon; once the day/time/place has been decided, it will be announced to club members; all club members are welcomed/encouraged to attend Board Meetings & provide input regarding up-coming activities.

Business meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

## CALENDAR

### November Meeting

**When:** November 15th @ 7pm

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

**Details:** "Natural History and Cultivation of Succulent Plants" by Michael & Rosario Douglas

### December Meeting

**When:** December 6th @ 7pm

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

**Details:** It will be catered by Johnny Cairo's Catering with 2 main dishes (1 no meat), salad, bread and dessert. Volunteers are needed to help with...

- Room setup starting @ 6pm

- DIRTY SANTA GIFTS!

- To participate bring a plant or garden related gift that's wrapped.



*Pictures courtesy Matthew Baginski*

**Orbea schinzii**



**Orbea variegata**



**Stapelia schinzii**

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