

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

The Offset

President's Message

July 2019

Hi All,

Well summer is upon us! Hope y'all are keeping cool?

I want to Thank everyone that helped make our Show and Sale a big success. I thought the new floor plan worked out great. First, our visitors were greeted at our Host Table. Then they strolled through the Show plant area. We had a nice display of Show plants from both our Novice and Advanced Exhibitors. Then our visitors entered into the sales area. It made for a nice, organized flow.



A Big Thank you to our invited vendors and our member vendors for bringing some very nice sale plants. They were really going out the door. I especially liked the nice big poster boards that Mike and Rosario displayed around the room. I saw the visitors reading them as they went through the checkout line. The checkout appeared to be moving much faster than last year with our new scanner registers. We had a good supply of carry out boxes. Special Thanks to Wil, Tyson, and others who rounded up and donated boxes.

All in all, it was a smashing success. I can't wait to see the report from our Treasurer.

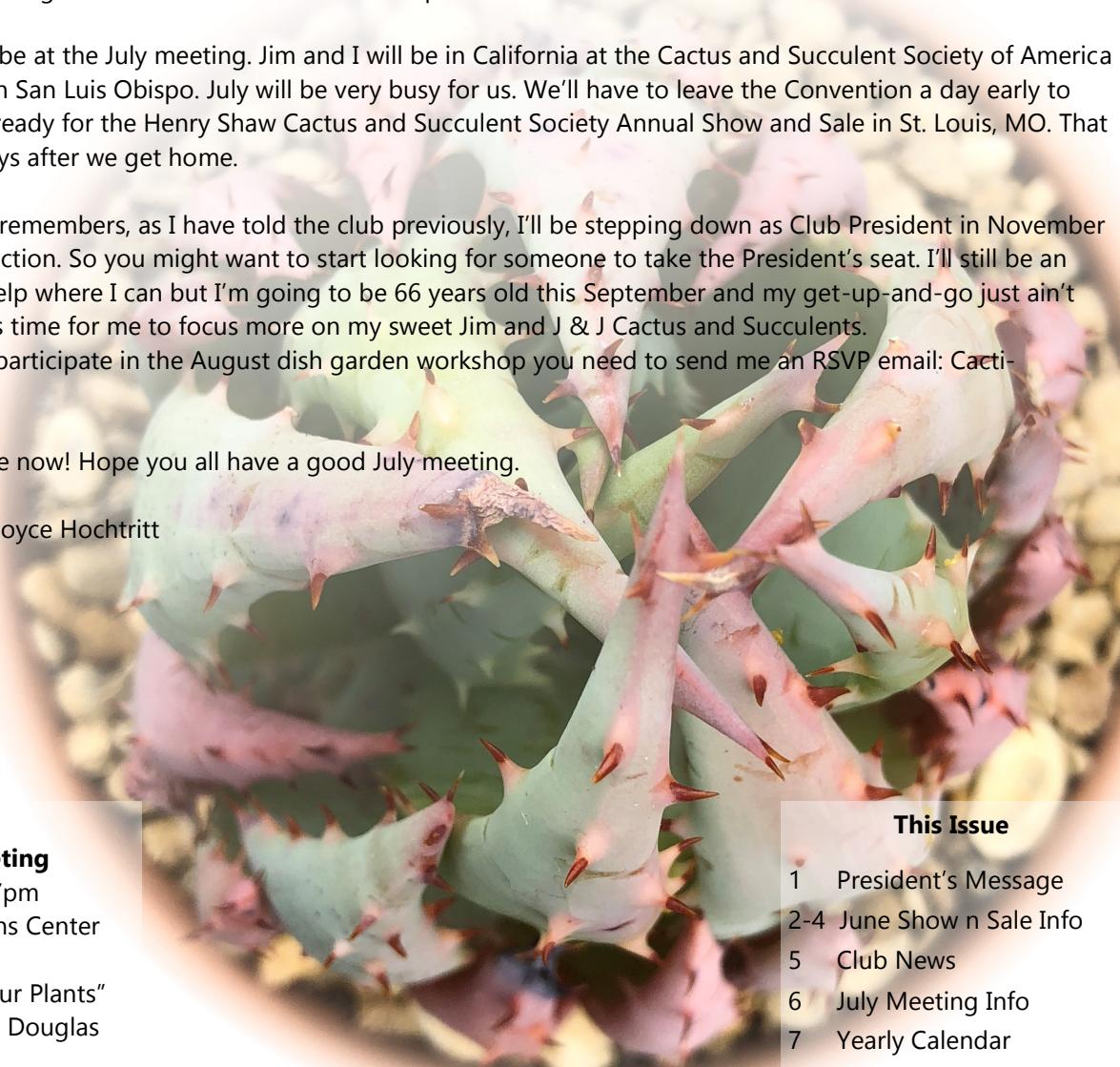
Sorry to say I will not be at the July meeting. Jim and I will be in California at the Cactus and Succulent Society of America Biennial Convention in San Luis Obispo. July will be very busy for us. We'll have to leave the Convention a day early to make it home to get ready for the Henry Shaw Cactus and Succulent Society Annual Show and Sale in St. Louis, MO. That show begins three days after we get home.

And just so everyone remembers, as I have told the club previously, I'll be stepping down as Club President in November when we have our election. So you might want to start looking for someone to take the President's seat. I'll still be an active member and help where I can but I'm going to be 66 years old this September and my get-up-and-go just ain't what it used to be. It's time for me to focus more on my sweet Jim and J & J Cactus and Succulents.

Lastly, if you want to participate in the August dish garden workshop you need to send me an RSVP email: Cactibud@cox.net

Well that's all from me now! Hope you all have a good July meeting.

Your Club President, Joyce Hochtritt



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Monthly Meeting

July 18th @ 7pm

Will Rogers Gardens Center

"Photographing Your Plants"
Presented by Mike Douglas

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COCSS SHOW N SALE 2019

Mammillaria ssp.



xMangave 'bloodspot'



Ferocactus hamatacanthus



"The Show and Sale this year was up by 6% over last years sales" - Gayle, Treasurer

The sale this year was bonkers again. Robert changed the layout to help with flow and it turned out great. It channeled people through the show area and then into the sale. After that you could head towards the line which wasn't obstructing the sale area like years before.

Fred Hill at the forefront of our entrance table along with Doris Rogers, Everett Bradley & Vicki Lynn plus others. They helped bring in new members, made sure people are on our mailing list and handed out information.

We tried out a barcode and scanner system this year as well. We had two registers running and the line moved along much faster. Tyson Reynolds, Gayle Snider, Peggy Anglin, and Kay Wolbrink working their tokhes off. Loa Girty was directing traffic at the registers. We had Mike & Rosario Douglas helping on the floor along with Matt Baginski sharing information and helping people to their cars.

The real all stars though are the countless people who showed up for setup and teardown like Kate Patillo & Mark Reynolds, Vicki Lynn, Corinne Colbert, Joyce Friedman, and so many more. The people who saved boxes for months to bring so we wouldn't run out and we used A LOT of boxes.

The cactus family gained several new offsets as well!

A stunning show and sale this year team. Thank you everyone for the help.
-Wil
Newsletter Editor



Tyson Reynolds & Gayle Snider



Kay Wolbrink & Peggy Anglin

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Richard & Judy Anfuso
Megan & Tracy Beamer
Jimmy Black
Corinne Colbert
Kyle Impson
Steve Kochenower
Frank & Judy McCollum
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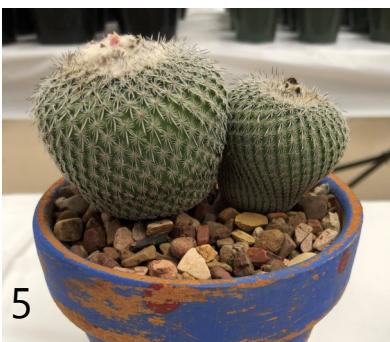
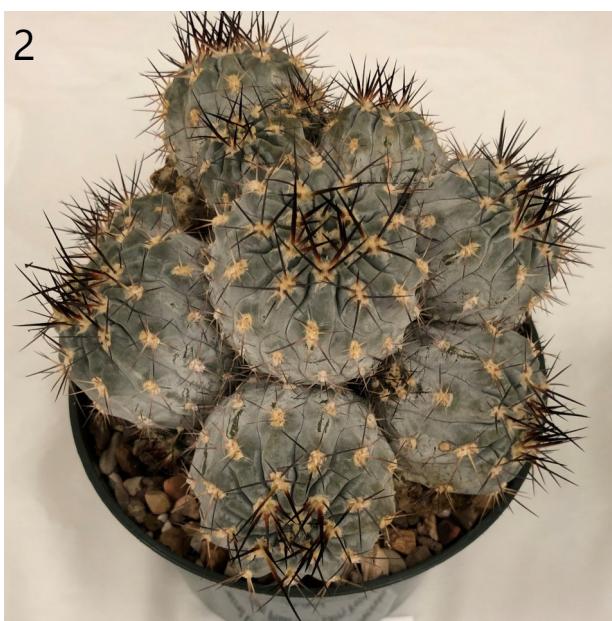
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SHOW PLANTS



1. *Astrophytum myriostigma*
2. *Acanthocalycium glaucum*
3. *Ariocarpus fissuratus*
4. *Euphorbia polygona*
monstrose
5. *Epithelantha micromeris*
6. *Astrophytum* ssp.
7. (left to right)
 - *Echinocereus pentalophus*
monstrose
 - *Echinocereus stramineos*
 - *Echinocereus triglochidrius*
crested

COCSS SHOW N SALE 2019

MORE PICS



^ Stocked up before the storm. ^

v Empty booths at the end of Saturday. v



Sempervivum



Robert telling me to get back to work.



Joyce Hotchtritt being
VERY serious.

Newest vendor Jimmy Black hiding amongst the trees.



Everett Bradley, Doris Rogers & Fred Hill welcoming everyone.



Vendor, Brad Harris, manning his booth... someone get him a new shirt though please.



CLUB NEWS

- Long time Secretary, Robert Millison, has had to step down due to medical reasons. Robert has been the secretary for at least the last four years and has done an outstanding job. He'll still be active in the club but with a more subdued amount of time he can give. That being said maybe you... yes you the person reading this should think about becoming the clubs new secretary.
- Robert having to step down has opened the door for Matt Baginski to take over the outdoor garden project at the Will Roger's Gardens (it's just on the south side of the observatory but you have to enter at the front of the iris gardens to get to it). Matt has been working hard at getting things pulled together from Robert's wonderful start.
- Helen Hill, Fred & Peggy's mother, has taken a nasty fall resulting in temporary hospitalization and she's now in a care facility. Peggy told me she's slowly adjusting though and things are looking positive.
- Fred Hill decided to one up his mom by getting and spend a bit of time in ICU. I spoke with Peggy, his sister, and he's off the ventilator but still on IV antibiotics. He's been moved to Select Specialty Hospital, NW 50th Street, room 219. What does he want besides to go home? He wants people to drop in so if you've got some time go and bug Fred.
- This was the first year in as long as people can remember that Helen and her two kids Fred & Peggy hadn't all been at the greeting table at the Show n' Sale. Please keep them and their family in your most positive thoughts and wishes.
- Rosario has updated the "[All About Succulents](#)" section of the website. Take a quick jaunt over and see the new stuff!
- Rosario & Mike have also been cleaning up their greenhouses and plan to bring cuttings and plants for the next meeting.
- Jimmy Black, an amazing vendor from San Antonio will be giving a presentation at our October meeting. He'll also be bringing some special plants for sale so be prepared.
- Last but not least, the August Dish Garden fills up FAST. Make sure to reserve your spot. Please preregister by phoning (405-737-1831) or emailing Joyce Hochtritt at cactibud@cox.net (\$20 per person).



JULY MEETING - PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR PLANTS

I've personally been looking forward to the July meeting since it was conceptualized back at the beginning of the year.

Now that you've been to the Show n' Sale and have your beautiful plants you probably want to share them with everyone. You snap a quick pic for Insta or Facebook and as you go to post it you realize that....

...maybe it's so blurry you wonder if your caffeine intake is too high.

...maybe the lighting is so bad you're not sure if you took it at night in a closet under a blanket with your eyes closed.

...maybe you forgot to focus the actual plant and now we can see your dirty room (this might be too close to home...)

Well we've got your back!

Mike Douglas who does some astounding photography is going to give us a great talk.

"Title. Some field and greenhouse techniques for photographing succulent plants

Short summary: This talk will show some relatively simple techniques for improving your photography of succulent plants, whether in the field or in a greenhouse (or your backyard). I will show examples of different techniques and demonstrate a few pieces of "hardware" that can help improve your photographic results. Whether your camera is a cell phone or a sophisticated full-frame digital camera the techniques we demonstrate can (hopefully) help your photographic results."



Tripod shot in greenhouse ("controlled conditions") to show effect of different f-stop settings on the depth of field. The image on left is much less confusing.

Central Oklahoma Cactus & Succulent Society

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Jul 18 'Photographing Your Plants' - Mike Douglas

Aug 15 Dish Garden Workshop
presented by: J & J Cactus & Succulents

Sep 19 Annual Picnic

Oct 17 Jimmy Black
Introducing Cactus & Succulents into your Landscape
Will have more rare and collectible plants for sale at the meeting.

Nov 21 Adam Sarmiento
Eco Landscaping

Dec ? Club Xmas Party (date pending)

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Meetings are @ WRG @ 7pm unless otherwise noted.

● Meeting ● Other

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