

# CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

The Offset

Oct 2019

## President's Message

Hey All,

Well cooler weather is upon us! I've been slowly moving plants back in to the greenhouse. I check the plants for bugs both in the soil and on the pots. I remove the weeds and sometimes I dump out the top dressing to help get rid of the seeds. I remove any sickly leaves and stems. Make it fun! It's a good time to get a good look at your plants.

On September 29, we had our Board Meeting. I was so happy to see such a good turnout. Looks like we'll have a great future! At this meeting we covered donations to help purchase new carts for the Will Rogers Garden Center, nominations for new officers for 2020, our 2019 Christmas Party, social media, and renting a storage unit. The club will be having another board meeting sometime after January 1st to discuss programs and activities for 2020.

I'll be attending the Oklahoma City Council of Garden Clubs meeting and program on October 11. I'll have more to report on the donations for the new carts. If you could think of anything else that the Will Rogers Garden Center needs, please let me know and I'll pass it on at their meetings.

Let's have a good turnout for our out of town speaker. I hear he is going to bring some sale plants.

See you'll on October 17 at 7:00 pm!

Joyce Hochtritt – 2019 COCSS President



### Monthly Meeting

Oct 17th @ 7pm

Will Rogers Gardens Center

Introducing Cactus & Other  
Succulents Into Your Landscape  
Jimmy Black

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# OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting is being brought to you by Jimmy Black. If you were at this years Show n' Sale then you probably met him. A very knowledgeable gentleman with a stunning array of plants.

Mr. Black will be discussing **"Introducing Cactus & Other Succulents Into Your Landscape"**

"This is a presentation designed to address key questions on how best to create a xeric landscape from a small bed to much larger applications. I address a wide range of key issues that need to be addressed before, during, and after you make your beds. I'll focus on Chihuahuan desert plants but the concepts can be applied anywhere and to most succulents."



A little about Mr. Jimmy,

"Jimmy developed his love of cacti when he helped his mom work with succulents at the age of 12. He planted his first dish garden at that age. Since then he has, along with his wife Ann, established an out-of-control hobby focused on the propagation and care of succulents from all over the world. Jimmy has a particular affection for cactus of the Southwest and specifically the Chihuahuan desert.

Jimmy is currently a medical consultant to the pharmaceutical industry working in drug development and market preparation for new drugs. He has been working in healthcare for the last 33 years after completing his undergraduate degree in Pharmacy at The University of Texas at Austin, his doctorate training at the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, and his clinical residency in Adult Medicine at Breckenridge Hospital in Austin, TX."

Mr. Black will also be bringing a selection of cacti and succulents with him for sale. When I spoke to Jimmy at the Show n' Sale he said he'd be bringing plants that weren't your everyday run of the mill stuff.

I'm very excited by both his show and the possible plants he'll be bringing.

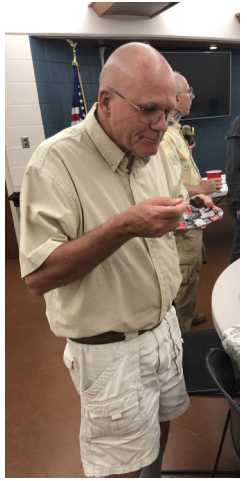
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SEPTEMBER'S ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC



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The board meeting went super! You can find the minutes at the end of the newsletter if you're interested in the details. The overarching topic was officers. There are several people that have expressed interest in running for offices (*details in the board meeting notes*).

## CLUB NEWS

If you are interested in a position or have questions just ask. October we'll affirm nominations and they'll be voted on in November.

Joyce mentioned in January that we'll be having another board meeting to determine what we're doing next year. That means if you have any thoughts on....

- Programs you might want to see? Maybe there's a big topic we could have hit on that we missed.
- Programs you enjoyed from this year to replicate? Did you love the spring potting soil and want to see a repeat?
- Maybe the club could take a field trip somewhere? Ideas?
- Things you'd like to see the club do or might be interested in doing?

**Any thoughts and/or suggestions are welcome.**

I arrived to the picnic early and it allowed me to take a quick look at the gardens. Librarian Matt Baginski has been putting a lot of time and effort into it. The amount of growth things have put on in the last year is also quite amazing.



September 2019





Meeting called to order at 1:07pm with 16 members present.

Joyce shared about the need for new carts at Will Rogers. Fred motioned that the club purchase 2 of the carts, and possibly a third cart if the other clubs don't provide adequate donations. Attendees voted unanimously to make the purchase of at least two carts.

Election of officers was discussed. Initial nominations were taken during the meeting for the following office positions:

President - Wil Oats.

Vice Pres - Kate Reynolds (also agreed to oversee social media).

Secretary - Corinne Colbert.

Treasurer - Gayle has agreed to continue as the Treasurer with Tyson Oats agreeing to be the "apprentice" treasurer.

Nominations will continue at the October monthly meeting. Actual voting in of the officers will occur at the November monthly meeting. Joyce strongly recommends that officer nominees have home computers with printer/scanner, a Word program, and the ability to send/save emails/save/store files.

The COCSS Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday December 19th at 7pm at Will Rogers Park. Jennifer will be over-seeing the Christmas party planning and communicating with the caterer. Members available to help with set up should arrive about 6pm. We need all members interested in attending the Christmas Party to RSVP to Mary Robertson or Fred Hill by Saturday December 14th. As usual, we will be playing Dirty Santa at the Christmas Party. If you wish to participate in the Dirty Santa, you will need to bring a \$10-15 gift.

A discussion regarding Social Media was held. Mary recommended that the COCSS Facebook page should be made more interactive so that people with questions/comments can get answers. The Board recommends that more than one person be FB page administrators.

The next Board Meeting will be held after January 1st, 2020, at which time we will discuss programs/activities for 2020. Any suggestions for meeting programs should be sent to Wil so they can be discussed at the January meeting.

Gayle addressed the problem of COCSS materials/supplies being stored at various members' homes. A recommendation was made for COCSS to obtain a storage unit close to Will Rogers Park for storage of club-related items, including surplus trophies/ribbons, club records (meeting minutes/newsletters/etc.), signage, canopy, surplus library items, etc. The storage unit will also serve as a place to collect/store boxes for the show/sale. The Board recommends that each of the board members receive a key to the storage unit. A motion was made to obtain the storage unit, and Gayle stated should see to obtaining the storage unit.

Meeting ended at 2:36pm.

## Attention Members:

*This request came through Facebook*

Good morning,

I'm reaching out today to see if you have anyone that would come and speak to the Garfield County Master gardeners in Enid Oklahoma. We meet the second Tuesday of each month. Maybe in the Spring February or March.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Young

Co Vice President

Garfield County Master Gardeners

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