

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

The Offset

President's Message

Jan 2020

Howdy all!

Welcome to all our new officers!

Wil Oats is our new president.

Kate Reynolds is our new vice president.

Corinne Gillbert is our new secretary.

Tyson Reynolds is our new treasurer.

A big thank you to our former President Joyce Hotchritt and her years of service. Helping to keep the club leadership going even through the difficult years. Thank you to Gayle and Peggy for handling money and membership. Rosario for continuing to manage Facebook.

Thank you for all the hardwork that you've done and continue to do within the club.

We've got some big shoes to fill.

Here's to a new year and new excuses for buying plants!

Wil Oats

COCSS President

Monthly Meeting

Jan 16th @ 7pm

Will Rogers Gardens Center

**Backyard Greenhouses:
Options, Their maintenance and
Their management**

Michael & Rosario Douglas

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JANUARY MEETING

Attention Members

Dues are due!

Please bring cash / check to the Jan meeting.

Single \$10 / Family \$15

This month's meeting I'm particularly excited about. Members Michael & Rosario Douglas have two different greenhouses on their property and this month Mike is going to be giving us the details.

"Greenhouses are an essential requirement to grow plants outdoors during the winter in Oklahoma. This talk describes an array of greenhouses available to individuals (non-commercial growers) and discusses strategies to grow plants within them. We discuss how to orient greenhouses, how to heat and cool them, how to water them, and planning for growth of your plants. Many examples will be shown of greenhouses, and we will candidly discuss problems we have experienced over the years. However, we strongly encourage people to explore personal greenhouses – they can be Immensely satisfying. "



One of two greenhouses located on the Douglas' property. I highly encourage you to bug them about touring it this summer. -Wil

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Officers



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Central Oklahoma Cactus and Succulent Society
Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Joyce Hochtritt at the Will Rogers Garden Center at 7:00 PM with 28 members and guests in attendance.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October meeting.

Treasurer Gayle Snider submitted a report showing the club's bank balance and recent activity. She has contacted OSU about the possibility of our making donations towards joint projects and scholarships.

This will be discussed at the next board meeting, so if you have any ideas for donations that would benefit our community and promote our group, please submit them to any officer.

Joyce announced that the Garden Council has \$2,300 so far for the purchase of new utility cart for the use of all clubs at the Garden Center.

If you are have any club materials such as signs or supplies, please contact Joyce to arrange to put them in our storage unit.

The nominations for 2020 officers are: Wil Oats, President; Kate Reynolds, Vice President; Corinne Gilbert, Secretary; Gayle Snider, Treasurer; and Tyson Reynolds, Assistant Treasurer. There were no new nominations from the floor, and this slate was approved unanimously.

Please RSVP to Jennifer Payne at jenniferpayne8@gmail.com or 405-620-6995 if you are coming to our Christmas Party. The party will be held at the Will Rogers Garden Center on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 PM. We will have a Dirty Santa gift exchange for those who wish to participate (nice gifts, dirty dealing!). This would be a good time to pay your 2020 dues: single \$10, family \$15.

Joyce announced that there were CSSA (Cactus and Succulent Society of America) materials available for anyone who is interested.

A plant raffle was held. New members Anthony and Susan Bright were welcomed to the group.

The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM. After a short break and refreshments our speaker, Adam Sarmiento of Eco Landscapes, gave a presentation on using water efficient native plants in landscape design.

Submitted by Peggy Anglin

Wil calls meeting to order at 7:13.

Current Business:

Cart - Gayle has sent a check for \$1000 for the purchase of new carts for the garden center.

Board Meeting January 19th. All are welcome to share ideas and discuss scheduling the year 2020.

Treasurers report: we have lots of money to spend.

Dues are due: \$10 individual / \$15 family.

Meal catered by Unique Occasions Catering.

CLUB NEWS

- Board Meeting: January 19th @ 3-5pm @ WRG.
 - We'll be planning the calendar for this coming year as well as going over some other things that are on the agenda. If you have idea for meetings or trips or anything you'd like to bring up then please do. This is a great time for various club business to get figured out ahead of time.
 - Unable to make the meeting? You can email anything you'd like brought up to daisyandherdads@gmail.com. I'll answer them at the meeting and then there will be a big update in the newsletter about what all happened.
- Big congratulations to our member Loa Girty! She's part of the 2019 Master Gardener's Class. She's completed her scholarly studies and is preparing for her telephone duty and service hour requirements to complete their training. She's not our only Canadian County Master Gardener though, Fred Hill & our new secretary Corinne Gilbert are on that list as well. Do we have any others lurking in our midst?



Loa Girty

Loa completed a 34-year career with the federal government in 2018. She has been married to Gary for 36 years, has 3 sons and one grandchild. She enjoys growing and propagating succulents and cactus.

After meeting Master Gardeners at the Yukon Plant Swap and impressed with their knowledge, friendly and inviting manner; it was an easy enticement to join The Canadian County Master Gardener organization.

After completing her certification studies Loa would like to apply her knowledge in a business plan that will include the sale of plants and repurposed goods. In addition, a newly constructed greenhouse will shelter her inventory. She will market her product line at public markets, festivals, and by individual appointment.

- If you have anything you'd like to include on the calendar (will have it available for next month) then feel free to submit it. There are a few members who like to do tours of their gardens and it's great when we can let everyone know about it.
- The Holiday Party was amazing this year. Jennifer put in a lot of work and it showed.



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