

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

The Offset

President's Message

July 2022

Howdy Howdy!

The 2022 Summer Show n' Sale has come and gone and it was incredible. It's a lot of work to get all the moving parts up and running but when all the pieces come together... we end up with the majesty of our show n' sale. Thanks for making it amazing everyone.

We have got a lot of stuff going on and I'm excited to see the 2nd half of this year (not so excited for our current heat though!)

We've got....

- Volunteering at WRG
- Fall SnS
- Greenhouse Crawl
- Exciting programs!
- Tshirts
- A party at the end of the year where we get to eat!
- WE HAVE NEW BLOOD! I mean... *calmly pulls self together...* we have some super new members.

You should be able to find details for all that in this newsletter (it's a big one).

Stay cool everybody!

Wil Oats
COCSS President

Monthly Meeting

July 21st @ 7pm

Soil Mixology
Kate Reynolds

Will Roger's Gardens
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Oklahoma City, OK 73112

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Soil Mixology 101

Have you ever read a recipe for cactus potting mix and wondered what it was all about? In this hands-on workshop, we'll do a deep dive into common ingredients in cactus potting mix recipes, and what their total porosity and water holding capacity looks like. Then, we'll make our own mixes and see how different combinations of ingredients affect the mixture's ability to drain and hold water. You'll go home with the knowledge you need to be your own mad scientist and make custom potting mixes for your beloved cacti and succulents.

Online Resources

- Club Website: <https://oklahomacactus.com/>
- Club Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CactusOKC/>
- Friends of COCSS (facebook group): https://www.facebook.com/groups/1009636282440752/?ref=pages_profile_groups_tab&source_id=548561558626999
- Club Discord: <https://discord.gg/JfUXTUvccs>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/cactusokc/>
- The Cactus & Succulent Society of America have decided to move into the 21st century and started a Youtube channel! There's a smattering of videos but definitely stay tuned for more.

COCSS membership dues are \$10 per individual or \$15 per household. ([form](#))

By Check: Pay to 'COCSS' and can be mailed to 620 N Bristow Ave, Moore OK 73160.

Contact Tyson Reynolds at 405.343.5721 or by email at tyson.b.reynolds@gmail.com

Paypal: paypal.me/cactusokc and choose 'send to friend'

Then follow up with an email to daisyandherdads@gmail.com with the information you'd put on the [form](#).

If you are interested in contributing to The Offset, please send photos and article submissions to Newsletter Editor Wil Oats at daisyandherdads@gmail.com (you can also text pictures to 580.504.6985).

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OCTOBER GREENHOUSE CRAWL INFO.

How often do we say to each other, "I'm going to have to come visit you and see your plants!"? We say it every meeting but we all know that real life catches up to us and scheduling things can be difficult.

October 1st (it's a Saturday) we're going to be doing a 'Greenhouse Crawl'.

We'll have a set path, times, and map'd out for everyone. We'll meet a bit earlier at WRG so anyone who is interested in carpooling can do so or for those that feel more comfortable following others are able to. From there we head to the first persons greenhouse/garden and spend a bit of time there, probably around 30-60mins. We're just there to look around and see their beauties. The club will figure out a spot on the crawl to have lunch so we can hang out and just talk then we'll have a few more places to visit (depending on signups).

There will be a schedule set ahead of time so if you decide you don't want to start early or you just visited Wil's house and don't wanna go there again you can skip it. Do whatever you want and then rejoin the crawl at the next location!

You don't have to own a greenhouse to razzle dazzle either. Freddie for example usually has an amazing garden to be seen. If you want to show off your garden or if you have a smaller collection you want to share then sign up! We can do smaller amounts of time at peoples places as well so don't feel like you 'need X amount of stuff to show'. We all know we love looking at plants big and small.

We need to get a list of people willing to host for the day so we can setup a schedule. Please email Vice President Michelle at twochelles@gmail.com to get signed up. If you have a smaller collection or don't want to host for long just request a shorter period of time. There's no pressure. You're not expected to put out snack or drinks (we'll do lunch at some point during the day). All we ask is that you have your plants out to show them off!

PAYPAL

The club is slowly dragging itself into the 21st century and we now have a paypal account! This will allow people to pay for their memberships online instead of having to send in a check. It will also allow the club to pay members directly for things.

To pay (*you'll need a paypal account*) go to paypal.me/cactusokc and click send. It will ask you to login if you aren't then take you to an amount page. Add the amount and where it says "What's this payment for?" type in dues. Then click continue and it should say 'sending to a friend' otherwise you'll need to change it to that. This way the club doesn't get charged business fees. Click send payment now and you're almost done! Now I need you to send an email to daisyandherdads@gmail.com with your Name, Name of additional members, address, phone number and email (that way you can get added to the club roster).



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VOLUNTEERING AT WRG

Back in the day the club was a lot more active at Will Rogers Gardens. There is an indoor bed (4) that a lot of people have not ever seen. It's in the large arboretum south of the main building (1) which is where we have our meetings. It's usually closed by the time our meetings start and definitely by the time it ends.

WRG has graciously taken care of it over the years when we haven't been able to tend to it. They're doing a great job but we could really make it thrive. There's plants that need to be replaced and some that need to be moved. I HIGHLY encourage taking a look in there sometime (open most of the hours WRG is).

Next we have the outdoor bed (2). It is south of the arboretum and is all cold hardy stuff. Most of the construction is on the backs of Robert Millison and Matthew Baginski with some smatterings of others that have helped it over the years. It's really incredible to see how large some of the plants are.

That being said, the giant plants are daunting and as we all know it takes a special person that is willing to deal with those spines and glochids. It's time for some heavy weeding and some heavy cutting. Things need to be moved because other plants have swallowed them and some have perished between drought and cold.

The set time is Wednesday mornings from 7-9am.

You can park in the southern parking lot (3) and walk up to the outdoor bed. The focus will be on it during the rest of summer trying to get it cleaned up and looking nice. When we move into colder months we'll switch focus to the indoor bed.

A BIG note is that all the hours we volunteer count towards what we pay for renting our room during our meetings and the show n' sale. Our cost for the room for the July 2022 to June 2023 is \$1,270. While we have the money to pay it that could be spent on other things.



Outdoor gardens that are a bit....

Overgrown

SHOW N SALE REPORT

The Show n' Sale went off great this year! We had an **incredible** batch of helpers. Huge thanks to everyone who turned out and a big thank you to our wonderful vendors, Jimmy Black, Carol Wichern and Joyce Hochtritt. Sales were up 35% over last year so pretty happy with that growth.

Everyone did super but my one big shout out is to Sarah Kraemer. She does a great job MCing the event. You add in Peggy & Doris helping her with raffles and getting people signed up and it's a winning combination.

We restarted our mailing list for the SNS so next year we'll send out those post cards. Any that 'return to sender' we'll nix from the list so we can try to keep it manageable and not eat up as much cost. We'll also have email addresses to send out a blast to.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!



Donnie Newton's Viewer's Choice Best in Show! At the SNS (left) and this past week the flowers started opening (right).

Sherrie Jones

Karen Nelson

Blake Jech & Laurel Newson

David Titus

Zak Basher & Kate Manson

Brianne Rhee

Shyanna Shelton & Madison McNeill

Rebecca Loveless & Alyssa Loveless

Matthew Weaver & Alba Weaver

Ed Vermillion (long time member coming back into the fold, Welcome back Ed!)

Jason Miller & Ann Miller

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**



AROUND THE WEB

We received the following on Facebook asking for help! The general consensus was "Ewwww... What is that?!" Suffice to say no one really knows.

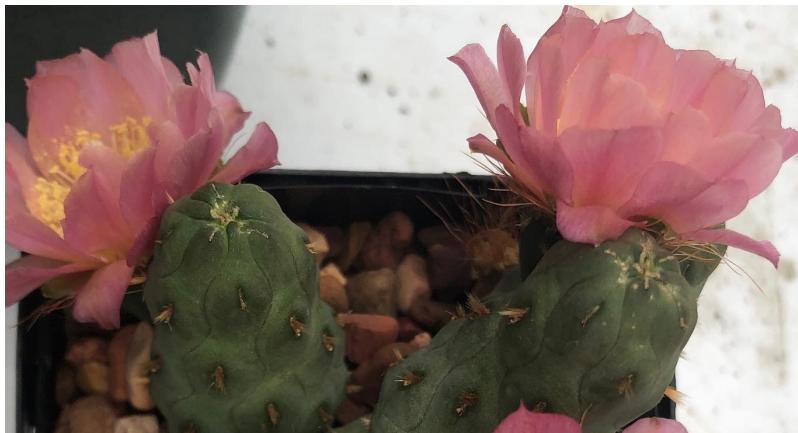
Fungus maybe? Anyone have any thoughts? It's an *Echinopsis texensis* that has done... something.



Over on our Discord ([link on page 2 under online resources](#)) I posted some pictures of a plant trying to figure out what it was doing! I assume some sort of monstrose but since I didn't even know what the plant was.....



Luckily this doesn't apply to any of us.... Right?



JULY TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer has started an excel spreadsheet for the officers so there's a more detailed statement of where the clubs money is spent. I've just taken a screenshot of that and presenting it to the club for those that are interested in such things. Member payout's names have been redacted.

Couple of things to note...

1. The red line is currently being disputed so we'll be getting those funds back.
2. Not all payout checks have been cashed (~\$100)
3. We still have the t-shirt order to make which will eat into funds (~\$120).
4. There's a couple of reimbursements still to make (~\$100).

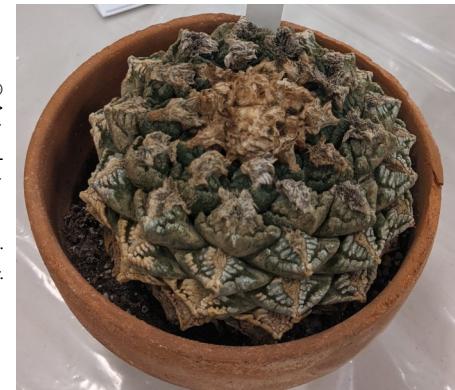
7.19.22		-\$53.60	\$14,569.37	Member payout for SnS (check)
7.11.27	Donnie Newton Reimburse	-\$49.27	\$14,622.97	Reimbursement for SnS supplies
7.11.22	Michelle Nichols Reimburse	-\$57.81	\$14,672.24	Reimbursement for Plastic for tables
7.11.22		-\$181.60	\$14,730.05	Member payout for SnS (check)
7.11.22		-\$532.80	\$14,911.65	Member payout for SnS (check)
7.11.22	Deposit	\$11.34	\$15,444.45	Cash deposit from SnS (the loose change, the bank has to send it off to count)
7.8.22		-\$50.40	\$15,433.11	Member payout for SnS (check)
7.8.22	Deposit	\$5,249.50	\$15,483.51	Cash deposit from SnS
7.6.22	Bought new checks	-\$34.45	\$10,234.01	Ran out of checks... who uses checks anymore?!
7.6.22		-\$1,381.60	\$10,268.46	Member payout for SnS (paypal)
7.5.22		-\$595.20	\$11,650.06	Member payout for SnS (paypal)
7.5.22		-\$763.20	\$12,245.26	Member payout for SnS (paypal)
7.5.22		-\$4,252.02	\$13,008.46	Member payout for SnS (check)
7.1.22		-\$1,208.80	\$17,260.48	Member payout for SnS (paypal)
7.1.22		-\$1,817.60	\$18,469.28	Member payout for SnS (paypal)
6.28.22		-\$1,680.80	\$20,286.88	Member payout for SnS (check)
6.28.22		-\$2,325.60	\$21,967.68	Member payout for SnS (check)
6.27.22	Hideaway	-\$83.80	\$24,293.28	Sun Lunch
6.27.22	Panera	-\$47.43	\$24,377.08	Sat Breakfast
6.27.22	Panera	-\$23.23	\$24,424.51	Sat Breakfast
6.27.22	Yummy Donut	-\$25.46	\$24,447.74	Sun Breakfast
6.27.22	McAlisters	-\$222.86	\$24,473.20	(we got double charged, currently disputing)
6.27.22	McAlisters	-\$221.10	\$24,696.06	Sat Lunch
6.27.22	Square Deposit	\$190.25	\$24,917.16	Square deposits from SnS
6.27.22	Square Deposit	\$15,637.38	\$24,726.91	Square deposits from SnS
6.24.22	Member Dues	\$15.00	\$9,089.53	
6.23.22	Withdrawal	-\$1,160.00	\$9,074.53	Cash for Show n Sale
6.21.22	Amazon	-\$119.24	\$10,234.53	Cash drawers (we own them now)
6.21.22	Fello	-\$432.50	\$10,353.77	Register rental
6.2.22	Bethany Storage	-\$500.00	\$10,786.27	They don't have auto withdrawal so we pay a chunk every few months.



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Donnie Newton



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AROUND THE WEB

ORDER CLUB SWAG TODAY!

DENIM APRON

CLUB LOGO EMBROIDERED

PRE ORDER \$25.00



FRONT



STONEWASHED GREEN

CLUB LOGO ON LEFT FRONT

HEDGEHOG CACTUS ON BACK

PRE ORDER \$20.00

**FILL OUT ORDER FORM
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PAY AT REGISTER**



BACK



Michelle is taking care of the Tshirt order in case you missed it at the show n' sale. Please let her know ASAP if you are interested. We are canceling the denim apron. Email or call Michelle for details (*her info is on page 2 under officers*).



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July 2022

Central Oklahoma Cactus & Succulent Society Fall succulent plant fest

Plant sale, hourly talks, exhibits

September 24th 8 - 5 pm

Oklahoma County OSU Extension Center
2500 NE 63rd St, Oklahoma City, OK 73111



Plant sale, posters, educational exhibits, talks every hour and more.

Members will be on hand to answer questions.

For questions email Wil at:
daisyandherdads@gmail.com

For more information see:
web: Oklahomacactus.com
Facebook: [cactusokc](#)

2022 CALENDAR

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Wednesdays each week - WRG volunteering 7-9am
- Once it gets cold these quit until the spring.

Jan 20 Share Your Secrets Show & Tell

Feb 17 Re-Potting: Advice & Practice

Mar 17

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Apr 21 Dishgarden

June 9-12 [Biennial Mid-States Cactus & Succulent Conference](#)

May 7 9-6pm FWCSS Spring Show n' Sale - Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center
May 8 10-4pm outside in the courtyard

June 24 8-6pm COCSS S&S - Friday setup

June 25 8-5pm Will Rogers Garden Center in the Main Building on the NE side of the Gardens.

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July 21 What's In Your Soil?

Aug 18 TBD

Sept 24 Educational Fall Show n' Sale (see link for details)

Oct 21 Alternative Winter Heating

Nov 17 TBD: Growing from Seed / Propagation

Dec 15 Members Only Xmas Party

[CLICK FOR ONLINE CALENDAR LINK](#)

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Meeting Dates
Show & Sale
Club Sponsored Events

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 Other Happenings



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