2015 CACSS Meeting
2 pm, Sunday, May 31
Presenter:
David Palzkill: PhD
Presentation: Adenium Propagation and Care

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Adenium propagation, care and comments on some varieties

The presentation will include discussions of various propagation techniques, re-potting, pruning and pest-control.

Dave Palzkill: Biography

I was raised on a mixed beef/hog/chicken farm in the hill country of southwest Wisconsin near the former mining town of Mineral Point. I majored in Horticulture and Plant Pathology at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. During my graduate studies I also spent eight months at the University of California - Davis, a time which awakened my interest in the dry west. My dissertation research at Madison focused on the influence of environment on Ca-transport and Ca-related disorders of vegetable crops. I taught Horticulture and Agronomy courses at the University of Arizona for 14 years and conducted research on new/alternative crops for dry regions; primarily jojoba, but also low water-requiring landscape/ornamental plants and mesquite for energy production. Since 1990, I have worked as a consultant on new crops projects (jojoba, chia, lesquerella, mesquite, moringa) in several countries. For the past 15 years, I have also managed a nursery in northwest Tucson specializing in Adenium, but also including lots of Pedilanthus (Lady's Slipper) and miscellaneous cacti., especially small-padded/jointed Opuntioids, which I first fell in love with on travels in various South American countries. I'm always open to trades for such plants. (I also like the larger Opuntioids, but for a collector who lives on a small urban lot, they're not well-suited).

Thanks, Dave Palzkill
Dave Palzkill with his adeniums

A closer look at adenium flowers

Dave Palzkill will have adeniums and a few other plants for sale.
June, 2015 Central Spine Deadline: June 15, 2015

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PRESIDENT’S LETTER
May 2015
Wayne Whipple

Our May meeting will commence with the awarding of trophies to the winners at our recent Show & Sale. I know you will want to congratulate them and to express your gratitude to them for supporting our Society with their outstanding entries. On behalf of all of us, I again thank Sue Tyrrel for chairing the past three Show & Sales.

I am sure that all our members who visited Casa Pacifica on April 25th had a great experience. This is the home of Barb and Rick Rosenberg who again treated us to their open-garden of succulents and sculptures. Thanks, Barb and Rick, for hosting this fun event for the second year in a row. Because of the expected heat, we will probably not have another open-garden until it cools down. If you would like to host an open-garden event, please let me know.

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In my April President’s Letter, I requested nominations for Honorary Lifetime Memberships. In general, an Honorary Lifetime Membership needs be meaningful to the CACSS. The qualifications for this Membership are determined by the Board and may only be changed by unanimous consent of the Board of Directors.

Qualifications:

• Commitment to the education of the CACSS members and the general public on cacti and other succulents.
• Commitment to the Society’s purpose and activities for many years in diverse capacities.
• Being a member of the CACSS for at least the past 10 years.

Any Member of the CACSS may nominate an individual as a candidate to receive an Honorary Lifetime Membership. The nomination should be in writing and submitted to the President of CACSS before June 1. The nominator should address the qualifications for Honorary Lifetime Membership. Members who are serving as Officers or Directors-at-Large are not eligible for this designation.

Honorary Lifetime Members nominees must be unanimously elected by the Board of Directors to receive this recognition and are exempt from membership dues, and such exemption shall not affect their status as active Members or the privileges of active Membership.

If you would like to nominate someone for Honorary Lifetime Membership, please let me know in writing whom you would like to receive this honor and why. I am looking forward to hearing from many of you. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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The Board of Directors will be meeting prior to the General Meeting at 11:00 AM in the Farrington Conference Room. All CACSS Members are welcome to attend.

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Please Wear Your Name Tag at Monthly Meetings

Board Member Jo Davis asks members to wear their name tags at monthly meetings and other club events. Members then can more easily spot guests and talk with them about the guest’s interests and CACSS. If you need a lanyard to hang the name tag around your neck, see Jo at the meetings.

Please bring boxes to the meetings so you can carry plants home more easily.
Jo Davis

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Library Notes:

I am sorry to report that no one has contacted us saying that they have one of the three CACSS Library copies of Adenium - Sculptural Elegance, Floral Extravagance by Mark Dimmitt, Gene Joseph, and David Palzkill. If you have not checked already, please do. We would like to have a copy at the May 31 general meeting when David Palzkill speaks to our group.

For the Aloe lovers the Library has just received a copy of the new third edition of the wonderful book: Guide to the Aloes of South Africa by Ben-Erik Van Wyk and Gideon F. Smith. This new edition has 72 more pages than the previous edition and so should have lots of new interesting information and photos.

Nancy Mumpton

CACSS New Members

Thomas English
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Carrie Goode
Kenneth Luiten
Susan Sippel
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Nancy Stonebraker

Membership Chair:
Beth Kirkpatrick
50th ANNUAL CSSA SHOW & SALE --THE HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS

Dates: Friday, June 26 to Sunday, June 28, 2015 Location: HBG 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA, in the Botanical Center Show Setup: Thurs. June 25, 9am-1pm Enter Plants: Thurs. 1pm-6pm and Friday 10:30am 4:00pm. Judging starts at 5:00pm on Friday Sale Hours: Friday thru Sunday 10:30am to 4:30pm Show Hours: Saturday 10:30am-4:30pm, Sunday 10:30am-4:00pm Auction: items need to be registered by 12pm Sat. June 27. There will be a Live Auction after dinner and a Silent Auction during dinner. Auctioneers will decide placement of items. Two items per person or business marked as donation or split. Dinner: Dearmore BBQ: $25 per person. Contact: Kathleen Misko. Reservations must be made by Noon, Saturday, June 27 Tear down: Sunday, June 28, at 4pm

There are many opportunities to participate in this year’s Show & Sale. Be sure to pick up a Show Schedule & Index at the your next meeting. All Cactus & Succulent Club members, CSSA members, vendors, and volunteers and show participants need to wear their club badges and a special CSSA/HBG pass that reads “Annual CSSA Show Participant” to enter for free. Please contact Barbara Hall, Show Chair, or your CSSA Affiliate, to obtain a pass before the event. We cannot give out these passes at the HBG entry gate.

Even though this is a one-class Show I would encourage everyone to enter a plant or two. Last year a few novices had plants on the trophy table. Please consider volunteering for a few hours in the showroom or sales area, cashiering, information table, hospitality area, welcome table at the HBG entrance, holding table, T-shirt distribution, showroom setup & teardown. We also need 12 clerks to help the Judges on Friday night. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer. All participants will receive a T-shirt as a thank you.

Barbara Hall CSSA Show Chair lbcjhall@aol.com 818-368-6914 email: lbcjhall@aol.com

2015 CACSS Show Winners

- Best Aizoaceae to Cliff Fielding Plant name – Conophytum bilobe
- Best Advanced Succulent to Tom Steuber Plant name – Operculicarya decaryi
- Best Agave to Mike Cone Plant name – Agave victoriae-reginae
- Novice Sweepstakes C.A.C.S.S. to Heather Holst and to Mike Cone
- Best Succulent of Show to Steve & Julie Plath Plant name – Fouquieria purpusii
- Best Mammillaria to Steve & Julie Plath Plant name – Mammillaria candida
- Best Cactus of Show to Steve & Julie Plath Plant name – Echinocereus maritimus var. hancockii
- Best Ariocarpus to Mike Gallagher Plant name – Ariocarpus fissuratus
- Junior Novice Best Cactus to Andrew Mann Plant name – Mammillaria mystax
- Best Arizona Native Plant in Show to Sue Hakala Plant name – Ferocactus cylindraceus
- Best Advanced Cactus to Sue Hakala Plant name – Tephrocactus bonnieae
- Best Cactus Collection to Cliff Fielding Collection of Copiapoa
- Best Novice Cactus to Louis Sullivan Plant name – Ferocactus macrodiscus
- Best Euphorbia to Gard Roper Plant name – Euphorbia decaryi
- Junior Novice Best Succulent to Andrew Mann Plant name – Kalanchoe blossfeldiana
- Best Novice Succulent to Dan Smith Plant name – Pachypodium gracilis
- Best Aloe to Gard Roper Plant name – Aloe erinacea
- Best Gasteria to Steve Mack Plant name – Gasteria armstrongii
- Judges’ Choice to Gard Roper Plant name – Euphorbia inermi
- Chairperson’s Award to Steve & Julie Plath Plant name – Graptopetalum pentandrum v. superbum
Photos of the 2015 Show & Sale

The Show

Photo by Nancy Mumpton

Correction: Sue Hakala stands next to her plant, *Ferocactus cylindraceus*, which was awarded Best Arizona Native. The plant is also called *Ferocactus acanthodes*. Sue’s last name was not correct in the April Newsletter.

Photo by Diana Crummey
CACSS member and volunteer Jo Davis (upper right) sits with vendors Steve Plath, Zandra Wolfe, Sandy Siegel, Mike Cone, Jana Sweets, and Diana Moulds. Photo by Nancy Mumpton

CACSS Treasurer Nick Diomede and volunteer Jo Davis spent many hours helping with the Show & Sale. Photo by Nancy Mumpton

Please Send Articles for Newsletter
For a more interesting newsletter, articles about plants and taking care of them are very important. Please send your articles or suggestions for topics to the editor: Diana Decker dianadec@cox.net
CACSS 2015 Meeting Schedule

June 28, 2:00 – 5:00 pm.  Ernst van Jaarsveld: PhD: Topic: The genus Gasteria and the new arrangement of genera within the aloe family
Ernst's talk will be an introduction to the new arrangement of the aloe family but the emphasis on Gasteria.

July 26, 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Scott Calhoun: Topic: "The Gardener's Guide to Cactus"
Join author and garden designer Scott Calhoun for a journey into the world of garden cactus. Scott will bring books for sale.

August 30, 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Jason Eslamieh: Topic: Boswellia
Jason’s talk will cover cultivation of, habitat and distribution, taxonomy of all nineteen species.

Sept 27: 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Jeff Chemnick: Topic: The greatest wildflower show on earth -- The Richtersveld and Namibia
Join Jeff for an armchair tour of the Richtersveld ...a place where daisies, mesembs, aloes, and other succulents abound in spectacular array.

October 18: Annual Auction

November 22, 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Leo Martin: Topic: Mexican cycad (Dioon) species and raising cycads from seed.

December 6, 1 pm – Annual Party

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Many CACSS members have experience with different kinds of succulent plants. I hope they will add their names to the following list. Call or email Diana Decker, *Central Spine* editor, dianadec@cox.net; 602-220-9825. For now, the list is simply alphabetical with principal interests. When more members add their information, the list will be cross-referenced by topic.

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