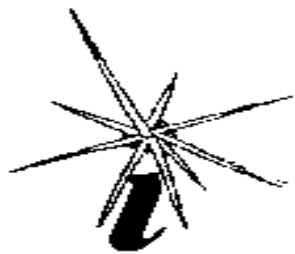


# *The P o i n t*



CASCADE CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY of Washington State

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Seattle, Washington

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**Sunday, March 18 — 2:00 pm**  
**Phinney Neighborhood Center - 2nd fl**  
***Creating Plant Portraits with Photography***  
**Presented by CCSS member Alan Kamil**

Alan really enjoys making aesthetically pleasing images of cacti and succulents. He states that photography is a challenging and a satisfying activity that has increased his appreciation and enjoyment of these colorful floras. Alan will share his experiences with photography and provide instruction on relevant photographic approaches and techniques, with lots of pictures. The talk will be relevant no matter what type of camera is used: point and shoot, mirrorless, DSLR or even by cell phone. Examples of specific topics will include some general principles of composition, using backgrounds, the many dimensions of light, automatic versus manual focus, how to control and manipulate depth of field, and the challenges of up-close and macro photography. There will be time for questions and discussion.



**DEAN DEIFIR!**  
**HURRY UP !**

Celebrate the Green on Shamrock day—  
The harp is the official emblem of  
Ireland





## March 2018 President's Corner



Ed Jackson  
CCSS President 2018

## Meeting Minutes of February 18

Day started with a snow flurry. A very nice turn out for the meeting.

President, Ed Jackson brought the meeting to order at 1410. A past member and long time CCSS Treasurer, Adrian Saunders is visiting from Denver. We welcomed first time visitor, Ann Brent.

**Treasurer's report:** \$10,139 approximately. Paid for our website (\$74.00)

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** On our bank account: Mick Aspira has been a cosigner on bank account and need to remove him from the account, and would like to add Karen Hart to the account. She accepted.

## Meeting Minutes Continued

Contacts from CUH asking about gift membership, not sure what this is. CUH has not received this gift for a few years. Believe this is from an old connection.

CUH is asking about membership to the National Club, (\$50 or \$60). Eric Soll asked if information for our club could be placed up in the library. The library used to maintain a club membership data base for whenever people explored for clubs in the area. Other clubs have left the CUH site. George K suggested a local membership be sent. Denise has been sending the Point to the library there. Ed suggested we look into the history behind this. CUH also asking for journals from the National Club.

Karen Summers acknowledged the Orchid Club's display at the Garden Show.

**BRAG plants:** George K. had several orchids to show.

**COM:** Bill H on Ariocarpus

**SOM:** Nick H on Jade Plant - brought in a 45 year old plant. Looks at plants and ask "What can I do with this plant?" Nick does a variety of things with Jade plants, utilizing pieces of bark, old iron wrought bird cages and a golf ball entwined in its branches.

**Who's Who:** Greg C. on Kevin Vaughn: A hybridizer of sempervivums, iris grower too. At age 9 he introduced his first sempervivum. Youngest award recipient for hostas (age of 10). Originally from Amherst, MA, he has done a lot of hybridizing. Now there are about 4500 cultivars of sempervivums. Involved with Bill Nixon, stabilized the world of sempervivum cultivars. Lived in Mississippi for a while, but too hot. Retired moved to Salem, Oregon and got into lilies, iris and sempervivums.



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See the web site [garden.org](http://garden.org) forum on sempervivums

BREAK

**PROGRAM:** Karen Summers presented a slide show on kokedama and then provided instruction on how to create kokedama.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Bill Hickey, CCSS Secretary



**Who's Who  
on  
Graham Charles**  
will be presented by  
Steve Casebolt

Graham Charles first started growing cacti and succulents at the age of 12. Now a world traveler studying and writing about cactus. "Gymnocalycium in Habitat and Culture" published in 2009 is the result of his travels to South America.

The book can be purchased directly through:  
[www.grahamcharles.org.uk](http://www.grahamcharles.org.uk)

Graham resides in England. He generously publishes an online journal at no cost to readers. 'The Cactus Explorer'.

[www.cactusexplorers.org.uk/](http://www.cactusexplorers.org.uk/)

He joined the National Cactus and Succulent Society in 1962.

<http://www.cactus-society.org/trustees7.php>

**Cactus of the Month**  
*Gymnocalycium bayrianum*  
presented by Steve Casebolt

The name Gymnocalycium, from the Greek 'naked calyx' refers to the hairless, spineless flower buds. Here is a cactus that can tolerate some shade and is hardy to about 18°

Order:	Caryophyllales
Family:	Cactaceae
Tribe:	Trichocereae
Genus:	Gymnocalycium
Sub Genus:	Microsemineum

**Correction on Who's Who  
on  
Kevin Vaughn**

February's newsletter gave an incorrect web link and incorrectly referenced the sunsparkler sedums as being hybridized by Kevin.

Here is the correct link which sells Kevin's hybridized sempervivums:  
[www.youngs-garden.com](http://www.youngs-garden.com) Young's Garden Center, Roseburg Oregon Nursery

Here is a photo of plants in Kevin's yard:







**RECAP**



Did you miss February's work shop? - Never fear - if you would like a ready made one, Kokedama creations are available from local stores - but expect to pay about \$85 for a set of three!

Here also is a "how to" web site. Make a few and keep them in mind for inclusion in our TOPSS in September.

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com>

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/projects/making-kokedama-moss-balls.htm/?print=1&loc=top>





*How does your gardens grow.....*

Mary put together a dish garden in January 2017. Here is the result a year later! Cactus placed on an outer corner receives less water.



*News from our members*

Thank you to Dixie for forwarding this web link on slow motion photography depicting blooming cacti.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/hwDdE0Gu4E> the Uribe is from Vera Dupal the wife of our late friend Sandoval Dupal, Czech Republic

Veral Dupal writes:

Předmět: ZAPOMEŇ CHVÍLI NA VŠECHNY STAROSTI.....A JEN SE DÍVEJ ! Translates to:

Subject: *Forget about all your worries..... And just look!*

Thank you to Karen Summers for letting us know about this interesting blog on lithops:

<http://lithops-stories.blogspot.com/>

*From the Editor:* Here is an interesting UTube video from the 1960's on the beginnings of The Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix.

<http://www.city-data.com/forum/phenix-area/2423612-1960s-valley-sun-tourism-video.html>







*Classified*



Handcrafted ceramic planters ranging in size from 8 to 18 inches in diameter and 2 to 4 inches in depth. Interesting designs for the cactus gardener. Can be viewed in Shoreline. \$10 - \$15. Contact phone number is 206-542-8042.



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Sales support our club! Proceeds from our plant and paraphernalia sales are distributed 20% to the club and 80% to the seller.

Do you have extra plants, cuttings, seeds or related items like pots or gardening books, to sell or are you searching for something specific? Perhaps our club can help. Let Denise know to post it for you in the newsletter. e-mail: [dhawk96@comcast.net](mailto:dhawk96@comcast.net)

You can also bring items to the sale table at our meetings or place your notices into Facebook [www.facebook.com/CascadeCSS](http://www.facebook.com/CascadeCSS)

Some very collectable epiphyllums, bromeliads, orchids, shaves and assorted succulents will be available at the next few meetings. Can't wait? Contact Keith at 206-914-3001 or by e-mail at [keithkaufman@rocketmail.com](mailto:keithkaufman@rocketmail.com) He is located in West Seattle.





***Meet your fellow members!***

***Welcome Rohm Gustafson  
who joined CCSS in February  
2017***



Rohm grows: strange stuff. By being part of CCSS he hopes for fun and knowledge. He has a window-sill collection and belongs to several plant clubs.

We don't always get to personally meet all members, but it is great to have a connection in the newsletter! CCSS has about 90 members with approximately 30 members attending the monthly meetings. If you have not been in in awhile, we'd like to hear from you! Send your story to [dhawk96@comcast.net](mailto:dhawk96@comcast.net)

***Welcome Chris Mitchell  
who joined CCSS in March 2017***

Chris is located in the Olympia area and has found that on-line information, pertaining to the plants that he grows, is not the best source of information for our climate. He would like to correspond with members who have advanced skills and success in growing various plants. He has specialized in Echeverias but is branching out into cacti more.

Here is a list of what he is growing.

- various crassulas
- Echeverias
- Senecios
- Aeoniums
- Euphorbias
- Mammiliarias
- A Rebutia or two
- Gymnocalyciums
- Thelocactus
- Copiapoas

His contact information is: [larlia@hotmail.com](mailto:larlia@hotmail.com)

**CCSS Programs for 2018**

March 18	Creating Plant Portraits with Photography - Alan Kamil
April 15	"Plants and Animals in Southern Africa" - Steve & Claudia Casebolt
May 20	10 a.m. Field Trip - Tacoma
June 17	"Baja California: a Botanist's Natural History" Ernesto Sandoval
July 22	Behind the Scenes - Conservatory
August 19	Club picnic - Steve & Claudia
September 8 & 9	Club Plant Sale TOPSS
Oct 21	Highlights of the National Conference in Tempe - Ed Jackson

***Plant Shows & Sales***

Sequim Boys & Girls Club  
400 W. Fir St., Sequim  
Sat March 17 9 am – 4 pm

<http://sequimgardenshow.com/>

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Denver Cactus & Succulent Society Annual  
Denver Botanical Gardens, CO  
March 31 & April 1

<http://www.coloradocactus.org/>

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Garden Lover's Book Sale  
Center for Urban Horticulture  
3501 NE 41st St. Seattle  
April 5 - 7

<https://botanicgardens.uw.edu/about/blog/2018/03/01/garden-lovers-book-sale-april-6-7/>

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TO

FIRST CLASS MAIL

*Gymnocalycium*



Membership dues are \$30.00 per year for those who receive 'THE POINT' newsletter by US Mail (snail mail). Dues remain at \$20.00 for those who elect email delivery.

Please send newsletter contributions to the Editor at least **2 weeks** in advance of the next meeting. Plant related photos, short articles, essays or informational bulletin items are welcome! Thank you.

Denise Hauck, Editor.  
[dhawk96@comcast.net](mailto:dhawk96@comcast.net)

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide and exchange information about member events, tours, networking opportunities, and to share your experiences and knowledge.

**Unless noted as off-site, meetings are held at the Phinney Center 6532 Phinney Avenue North, Seattle** <http://phinneycenter.org/about/directions.html>

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