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CASCADE CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY of Washington State

February 2018

Seattle, Washington

Editor: Denise Hauck

Sunday, February 18 — 2:00 pm
Phinney Neighborhood Center
Kokedama
Presented by Karen Summers



Kokedama (from Wikipedia): Kokedama (苔玉, in English, literally "moss ball") is a ball of soil, covered with moss, on which an ornamental plant grows. The idea has its origins in Japan, where it is a combination of both nearai bonsai and kusamono planting styles. Today, Kokedama is very popular in Japanese gardens.

Gaining in popularity here, we will learn how to create botanical artful designs that can be set out on display, set in a terrarium or supported by a couple of strings.

Meeting Minutes of January 21

(Parking was a challenge at the Phinney Center this meeting to be sure.)

Meeting called to order by President, Ed Jackson at 2:16 p m.

Ed Jackson new president opened the meeting with introductions of visitors and new members.

Treasurer's Report: As of 01/2018 \$10,139.25 in the bank. The rent is paid for the year.

No old business.

New business: Karen Summers listed off some plants for people to bring in cuttings for the next club project. Crassula, Rhipsalis, Echeveria.

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Meeting Minutes Continued from cover page

Sculpy: Karen will bring supplies next meeting for people to make some pots.

Tour for May 20th reviewed by Denise. There was a discussion about people carpooling to the Flower and Garden Show.

Karen found on the CSSA website a list of bios of famous people in the succulent world. Who's Who. Adding this to the meeting time - giving a short presentation.

BRAG PLANTS: George K., Steve C.

SOM: Conophytum blandum

COM: Thelocactus

Karen S. mentioned Doug Anderson's shoulder injury and his limited cactus and succulent business. May be seeing the end of the Fleetfoot and Foul Weather business. (Update) Karen has heard from Doug and things are looking up for his cactus business.

Who's Who: Karen Summers gave a report on Charles Glass 1934-1998.

Karen Hart - brought up willingness to come up with new t-shirts. Her husband will make a new design. There are no club t-shirts currently available. Any suggestions on design, contact Karen.

Karen Summer's presentation on the 2017 National Convention, a slideshow 'Succulent Gardens of Paradise Valley, AZ

Meeting called to close at 4:15 pm.

Minutes Respectively Submitted by:
Bill Hickey, CCSS Secretary



One of Nick Heitings jade tree collections

Notes from the Librarian.....

Be the first to read "Hanging Kokedama Plants" new this year, written by Caraleigh Parker. All about creating pot-less plantings. Ms. Parker is the founder of Pickled Whimsy, a botanical design business in New Zealand.

The Cascade Cactus and Succulent Society of Washington maintains a library of resource materials available to our members. If you would like to check out a book, contact our Librarian, Mark Mallon 206-445-9934 - e-mail at mallon344@gmail.com



Cactus of the Month

Ariocarpus

will be presented by Bill Hickey

Typically native to San Luis Potosi, in central Mexico, it is very 'un-cactus-like' and is referred to as a living rock cactus. They all have large, tuberous roots and only the thick leaf-like tubercles extend barely above ground. And there are no spines. In fact, they look more like some Aloe relatives or Haworthias perhaps rather than cacti.

Ariocarpus are very slow-growing; therefore, large specimens are very expensive. This is a late flowering cacti. Be sure that the soil is dry before watering again.



Succulent of the Month

Crassula ovata

will be presented by Nick Heiting

Crassulas are in the Stonecrop family. Jade plants are very happy living in containers in root-bound conditions and can grow into small trees indoors. Perfect for bonsai enthusiasts.

Crassula tetragona are upright plants with a treelike habit 1 – 2 ft high leaves narrow, an inch long. flowers white, widely used in dish gardens to suggest a miniature pine tree.

There is a cultivar with variegated leaves called String-of-Buttons. Should any members have any examples of "Plant of the Month" please bring one to show.



Who's Who on Kevin Vaughn

will be presented by Greg Colucci

Kevin Vaughn began hybridizing hostas in the early 1970's. After a 30 year career with the USDA, he now maintains a sempervivum and daylily garden in Salem, Oregon actively hybridizing and selling new varieties. His latest can be found at www.sunsparklersedums.com

Sedum 'Firecracker' is an outstanding vivid rose purple with a touch of lime green at the center.





RECAP

One of the most intriguing cacti shown in the slideshow of Arizona gardens turned out to be a metal sculpture. Members were intrigued by the spiraled ribs. This sculpture was a realistic representation of *Copiapoa marginata*.

This cactus will take some shade, but will not tolerate frost. If you'd like to learn more about this genus, Graham Charles' first book was written in 1998 is titled "Copiapoa".



Thelocactus bicolor v. *bolaensis*
Bill Hickey's COM for January.
The red spines are much more vivid than depicted here.

News from our parent society.....

The Cactus and Succulent Society of America Board meets quarterly at the Huntington Gardens in San Marino, California.
Here is an excerpt from their first meeting of the year.

Cactus and Succulent Society of America
Board Meeting Highlights
January 14, 2018

Following the December election, the Board welcomes William Wilk, Peter Walkowiak, and Vince Basta as new Directors.

CSSA is pleased to announce that the July, 2019 Convention will be held in San Luis Obispo with the enthusiastic support of the Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society. The dates and other details will be announced as soon as contracts are confirmed.

CSSA Journal Editor Tim Harvey has compiled a compendium of articles on Aloes that will be sold at the CSSA online shop soon. If well-received, this will be followed by compendia of *Journal* articles on other popular succulent families.

The CSSA website www.cssainc.com is currently undergoing considerable revision and simplification. We are converting to a Google calendar, and are happy to announce your events. In addition, we are unifying the platform to make it easier to keep current. Please watch for these changes and contact M.A.Bjarkman, the Affiliate Chairperson, with your comments or requests. She can be contacted at mabahp@aol.com



How our gardens grow.....



Thank you to Dennis Notman for sending in pictures of blooming plants in his collection.

The orchid is a Stephen Isler 'Red'. It is 20 years old and this is the best it has ever bloomed.



Conophytum puberulum. This is the first time it has bloomed for Dennis.

Classified

Epiphyllums for sale from The Fuchsia and Epiphyllum Society located in Crescent City, California. They will resume selling in March. They sell under the name of Sundowne on E-Bay.

George Krasle is looking for Rebutia seeds and plants. Should you have extras to share, please contact George.

Latin corner:

Adapted from the Etymology Dictionary of Epithets of Cactus & Succulent Genera



Ariocarpus: derived from the Greek Aria meaning "Sorb" (Sorbus aria – Rosaceae - is the white-beam tree) and the Greek word karpos meaning "fruit" (The Genus name implies: "fruit similar in appearance to that of the white-beam")

Mid-States Cactus & Succulent CONFERENCE



June 21-24,
2018
St. Louis, Missouri

REGISTER NOW!
For This Biennial C&S Event!

JOIN US IN ST. LOUIS!

The Henry Shaw Cactus & Succulent Society invites you to attend the 16th Biennial Mid-States Cactus & Succulent Conference in St. Louis. The June 21-24, 2018, event will offer a diverse program of informative presentations, plenty of plants for sale and a bit of local flavor -- all brought to you by HSCSS, organizer of the Midwest's largest annual cactus and succulent show.

The conference will be held at Drury Inn & Suites, a facility conveniently located near world-famous Forest Park and Missouri Botanical Garden. Attendees can take advantage of special discounted rates for comfortable rooms that include free hot breakfast, 5:30 Kickback snacks and Wi-Fi.

Plants, Presentations & More

The program schedule will feature entertaining succulent experts and a variety of informative topics from cultivation to travelogues. Five vendors will provide a wide selection of plants, pots and cactus-related products.

Join the field trip to Missouri Botanical Garden and take in its famous herbarium and research library. Plan to visit some of St. Louis' other famous attractions, too.

For additional assistance, contact conference chairman Mike Hellmann at 618-444-7860 or cactus1803@yahoo.com.

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P. O. Box 191522 – St. Louis, Missouri 63119 USA – www.hscactus.org
Mid-States Conference Website: www.hscactus.org/mid-states

<http://hscactus.org/mid-states/index.html>



Looking Forward to:

learning new techniques in which to create and display artful plant combination and hearing from members sharing their experiences and plant news.

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Don't forget dues for the year. If your address/ phone or e-mail has changed, please include that information with your dues payment. Dues may be brought to a meeting, checks payable to CCSS, or mailed to:

CCSS
Membership Department
Bill Hickey
P.O. Box 55593, Shoreline WA 98155

<http://www.cascadecss.org/resources/join.htm>

Plant Shows & Sales

Northwest Flower & Garden Show
Washington State Convention Center
8th Ave & Pike St., Seattle
February 7th—11th
Wed-Sat 9am to 8pm
Sun 9am to 6pm

www.gardenshow.com

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Sequim boys & Girls Club
400 W. Fir St., Sequim
Sat March 17 9 am – 4 pm
Sun March 18 10 am – 4 pm

<http://sequimgardenshow.com/>

CCSS Programs for 2018

Feb 18	Kokedama
March 18	Creating Plant Portraits with Photography - Alan Kamil
April 15	"Plants and Animals in Southern Africa" - Steve & Claudia Casebolt
May 20	Field Trip - Tacoma
June 17	"Baja California: a Botanist's Natural History" Ernesto Sandoval
July 22	Behind the Scenes at the Conservatory
August 19	Club picnic Steve & Claudia Casebolt
September 8 & 9	Club Plant Sale TOPSS
Oct 21	Highlights of the National Conference in Tempe - Ed Jackson
November 18	European Succulents Karen Summers
December	Festive Feast - TBD Location TBA

Our club is an affiliate of The Cactus and Succulent Society of America and as such our club receives copies of the "Cactus and Succulent Journal", discounted prices on seed, offerings of new plant introductions, special guided tours and more. See their web site: www.cssainc.org

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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
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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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