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CASCADE CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY of Washington State

June 2018

Seattle, Washington

Sunday, June 17 — 2:00 pm
Phinney Neighborhood Center
Growing Caudex Plants
Peter Liekkio

Change in Program!

Come and join CCSS member Peter Liekkio as he describes techniques on how to grow plants with fat swollen stems. - Also known as a caudiciform. A caudex is large stem-trunk which is raised up and grows above ground. Phanerophytes have above-ground caudices while hemicryptophytes have below-ground caudices.

Many collectors will plant shallowly to show more of the caudex and make an interesting display.

Let's get ready for TOPSS! Karen Summers will provide information on preparing plants for sale at The Odd Plant Show and Sale in September. It's the right time to start potting up your plants and determining what you will sell or show.



Display by Adrain Saunders for the 2013 TOPPS

Cactus of the Month

Echinobivia 'Rainbow bursts'
presented by Karen Summers

A hybrid cross of *Echinopsis* and *Lobivia* species turned out an easy to care for plant with large and vividly colored flowers. Needs frost protection!

Succulent of the Month

Alluaudia Ascendens
presented by Chelsea Seydlitz

Endemic to Madagascar this plant is in the didiereaceae family. Best for greenhouse growing as it will loose leaves below 50° and not survive below freezing temperatures.

Should you have one or more of the SOM or COM plants, please bring the plant with you to the June meeting.



Meeting Minutes of April 15

President Ed Jackson opened the meeting 2:15p.m.

Old Business: Web site is up and running. Karen Summers described the new website and work behind it and acknowledged Chelsea. Provided dish garden made by Steve Casebolt, Elaine Bassett and Karen Summers.

New Business: Karen Summers described the May field trip the Club has scheduled. Meet at 0945 at Zoo/Aquarium. Club is covering the cost of the garden tour. 1000 tour, after the tour will hang out at the zoo and have a picnic there. 1230 go to Jungle Fever Exotics. Then to Conservatory. At 230P chance to go "Outlaw Garden". He just found out he may be having surgery so Denise is working on a plan B. At 330P visit "Living Wall" - has 96 species on the wall. Return to Seattle and stop at Keith's garden. He does have a succulent garden and may have a few plants left for sale. Date of the trip is May 20th.

Treasurer's report: Have not really spent much since last meeting, finished paying members who have sold plants at the meetings the last three months. Around \$9,940.00.

Will do the Program First to ensure we have time to get whole program in.

Brag Plants: Ed, Christina and George brought some special plants to show.

COM: Jack "Monkey Tail" *Cleistocactus colademononis*

SOM: Karen Summers "Peperomia Campylotropa

Minutes Respectively Submitted by:

Bill Hickey, CCSS Secretary



RECAP Here are web pages on designing wall gardens:

<https://www.plantsonwalls.com/>

www.floraformdesign.com/about/

www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=547

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News from our Members:

While visiting a friend in Ottawa, Ontario, Karen and Bill attended a meeting of the Ottawa Cactus and Succulent Society. Their members were eager to learn about our club and how we grow plants in the Northwest.

Each of their members had brought a box of plants to show and talk about. We had a chance to see some lovely Euphorbia that Mike from Montreal brought. He made the two hour trip north for the meeting! Some of the plants we had never seen before.

We learned that Shirley and Lynda will be attending the Midwest Cactus and Succulent conference at the end of June. Since Karen and Bill will be there, too, we hope to talk more about their activities in the Canadian capital.

Check out the club's web page:

<http://www.ottawacactus.ca/>

There is a long list of hardy cacti seen in Canada:

www.ottawacactus.ca/ottawahardy.html

A few members in Keith's multi-layered garden





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Outrageously fabulous was the tour on May 20. Not to mention educational and fun as well. Who would have thought that a zoo would contain a botanic-like garden full of cactus and succulents? Led by the lead horticulturist we learned a lot.

Members purchased plants at Jungle Fever and viewed the owner's unusual garden.

A docent let the tour at the W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory which is one of three public Victorian-style conservatories on the West Coast. A Quercus rubra planted in ca. 1895 stood tall at the circular entry, one among 20 Champion trees in Wright Park.

The large wall Garden was sopping wet. There were some ideas for more suitable plantings.

Peter's captivating garden was a delightful cacophony of garden rooms full of plants, art, surprises and intrigue.

Lastly we were treated to (yes!) *cactus in bloom* in Keith's West Seattle garden.

CCSS Programs for 2018

- June 17 Growing Caudex Plants
Peter Liekkio
- 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

Looking Forward to:

The June 17th presentation!

Have you registered for the 2018 Mid-States Cactus & Succulent Conference?

To be held June 21-24, 2018, at the Drury Inn & Suites near Forest Park in St. Louis, Missouri
www.hscaactus.org/mid-states/ms18-reg.html

For additional information on the event, contact conference chairman Mike Hellmann at 618-444-7860 or cactus1803@yahoo.com.

Thank you to Karen Summers for sending this link on how succulents became trendy.

<https://www.theringer.com/tech/2018/5/22/17374708/consider-the-cactus-how-succulents-took-over-instagram-and-then-the-world>

Picture on mailing page are of aloe and opuntia at the Point Defiance Zoo

Announcements

Johnnie and Sonya invite us to their open garden on June 23 and 24 - 12300 Woodhead Road, Richmond, B.C.

Peter Herpst invites us to his garden during an NPA tour on July 14.

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

Have a plant or related item to sell or are searching for something specific? Perhaps our club can help. Let Denise know to post it for you in the newsletter. You can also bring items to the sale table at our meetings.

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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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