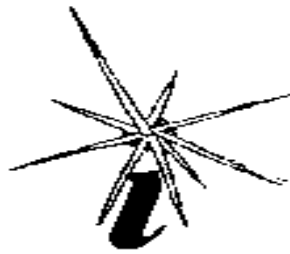


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CASCADE CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY of Washington State

August 2018

Seattle, Washington

Sunday, August 19 - 11:30 a.m.

Elandan Gardens

&

CCSS Annual Picnic

12:30 p.m.

Hosted by Steve & Claudia

The Casebolt's have been busy and there are many new things to see since our club visited in 2014.

The newest garden addition is 'The Ruin' which is being built in an old concrete foundation of a cabin which burned down in the 70's. Inspiration came after a visit to Peter Herpst's Outlaw Garden where he encouraged breaking gardening rules. We later invited Peter out for a day to give us ideas. One feature is a Mardi Gras bead tree. (We have lots of extra Mardi Gras beads to share!)

Suggestions are welcome about how to further enrich 'The Ruin'. We are also accepting quirky donations like broken statuary, rusty pieces of iron, etc.

A new miniature conifer bed has been added in the front. The idea came after a visit to another Gig Harbor conifer garden. We also purchased the same type of stainless steel plant labels used there. Most of the plant material is from Iseli Nursery in Oregon, selected to grow only 1 to 3 inches a year.

A pair of 24 foot shelves have been added on the south side of the greenhouse to better display plants, add more room and provide some shade. In the spring many of the clustering cacti were moved to larger pots and are doing well.

There are now five different drip irrigation systems for the different garden areas. They use combinations of drip tape, individual emitters, and sprayers.

Our first carnivorous plant was a *Sarracenia purpurea* given to us by Dennis and Jamie a few years ago. The collection has now expanded to five small ponds. Many of the plants grew enough last year to be divided plus I purchased more from Scott Vergara who owns BOGS OF DOOM at Woodland Garden. It is a small specialty nursery about a mile away with over a 100 growing ponds (actually kiddie swimming pools.) Scott will bring some carnivorous plant starts for sale. Most are in the \$10 - \$15 range. He can take credit cards. I will also have some plants, pots, and pumice for sale.

Claudia will make Beecher's Macaroni & Cheese, you should bring a salad to share, and Steve will make ice cream. Ice tea and lemonade will be provided but you may also bring your own beverage. An earlier meeting will allow plenty of time to eat, visit, and look at plants plus let people head home before the Sunday evening traffic is too congested. We look forward to seeing you!



RECAP of the July tour at the Volunteer Park Conservatory



The conservatory's back houses have more plants than anyone's eyes can take in!



Our Club's Annual Show and Sale

Dates: September 8th from 9-6 and September 9th from 10-4.

We are in full gear getting ready for the sale by sending out promotional materials, making sure all plants selected for sale are growing well and preparing our sale tags.

Things to remember:

If you haven't told Karen Summers you are selling you must do so to secure table space. Closing date for getting a table space is September 2. If you told Karen you are selling, please let her know if you change your mind. An empty table does not look good at a sale.

All plants must be clean and in healthy condition. No bugs and pots should be clean. You should want to buy the plant yourself.

Double tag each plant with a tag with the plant name on it and a tag with the price on it and your initials or something to indicate who the seller is. See photo.

Plants should be brought to Sky Nursery on September 7 between 1:30-6 p.m. Tables will be set up at 1 p.m. If you will bring plants on Saturday morning, they must be ready by 8:45 a.m. No carts, boxes, etc. after that time. Your display must be ready by sale time. There isn't room for you to have a plant cart in the aisle.

Show plants note: All show plants must be in place by 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Chelsea is setting up a nice display for us this year and we want it to look its best when the bulk of our customers are there to see it.

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

Saturday from 9am -1pm - A cashier or tag puller to assist with check out

And someone else to walk around and assist shoppers with getting boxes and answering questions.

Refreshments table for the members/sellers not the public. Coffee/beverages/snacks each day. Club reimburses costs.

If you can help, contact Karen Summers: klsumm@hotmail.com or 206-365-0315

Price	Genus / species / common names
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Price in whole or half dollars only.	Your initials
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Sale plant with tags. One for the buyer with plant name and a second tag for the cashier with your initials and price. Can be any color.





How does your garden grow....



Denise's opuntias from Mark Mallon



Nick Heiting's wall collection.

Ground too wet or doesn't drain well? Put your cacti in pots.

Notes from the Librarian.....

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, please contact our librarian, Mark Mallon, e-mail at mallon344@gmail.com or call 206-948-7478. Library materials are also available at some meetings.

The July-August 1995 issue of the Cactus and Succulent Journal, Vol. 67, holds everything that you would like to know about growing mesembs.

Steven Hammer composed a 20 page article which covers grow cycles, soil composition, pH levels, success with seed starts, mist and water techniques, propagation and much more. Plus many more pages with photos and descriptions of many species.

Older issues can be ordered on this web site:

<https://cssa.myshopify.com/collections/journals>



Preview of Steve and Claudia's garden



Hang in there
in the new
'Ruin Garden'



Sarracenias and other cacti, succulents and pottery will be available for sale.



For a preview of Elandan's Garden go to this web link:

elandangardens.com



CSSA Board Meeting Highlights April 29, 2018

The CSSA Board of Directors met on Sunday, April 29 at the Huntington Gardens.

Final plans were announced for the annual CSSA Show and Sale, June 29 – July 1, also at the Huntington. All succulent enthusiasts are encouraged to attend the CSSA Auction on Saturday night, June 30. The auction will follow a Chile Buffet dinner (\$15.00 per person). Proceeds from the auction support research grants that are awarded by CSSA. Don't forget to wear your club badge for free Huntington admission.

CSSA will honor individuals at the biennial convention in the following categories:

- Fellow (for scholarly contributions),
- Superior Service Award (for exceptional service to CSSA),
- Myron Kinnach Lifetime Achievement Award (service and scholarship),
- Conservation Award,
- Friend Award (Community members not active in CSSA who make significant contributions to the hobby).

Affiliates are invited to nominate candidates for board consideration. Please contact Woody Minnich, chair, at cactusdata@msn.com. for specific award criteria and to make nominations.

Long-time CSSA member Chuck Staples has created a database of *Journal* articles since 1980 which is available on the CSSA website under "Archives." There's a great deal of information here and we encourage to check it out.

Tim Harvey has compiled all of the *Journal* articles about Aloes and has published them in a new CSSA book that will be available at the CSSA show.

Plans are proceeding for the biennial convention, to be held July 16 – 21, 2019 in San Luis Obispo with all speakers and official functions on Thursday, July 18 through Saturday, July 20. The convention theme will aptly be "Succulents: Conserving our Treasures." Local field trips will be coordinated before and after the speaker days.

The next CSSA Board meeting is open to all members. It will be held at the Huntington Gardens at 5:00 on June 30, just prior to the Chile Buffet dinner. Please consider joining us!

CCSS is an affiliate of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. Their affiliate coordinator has kindly forwarded this synopsis of several articles that were published in the CSSA Journal.

News From our Members

Thank you to Dale Bauer for letting us know about a web site that he uses to identify plants and to learn about their care and feeding. You can search using common name, scientific name, family, genus, and even hardiness zone.

<https://worldofsucculents.com/>

Here is another great site:

https://www.plantdelights.com/apps/photo-gallery/agaves_-_variegated_cultivars

And another thank you to Chris Mitchell for providing information on a link to a free succulent journal from Romania. It has pictures of cacti and sometimes other succulents in the wild. <http://xerophilia.ro/>

Chris tells us that <http://xerophilia.ro/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/The-Stone-Eaters.pdf> "is one of the most comprehensive articles on cactus soil I've read (or wanted to read). The guy's methods seem to work well here for the small sample of cacti I've switched over. I've lost much less cacti and really succulent plants (mesembs, etc) using a modified mixture based on the ideas here."



Looking Forward to: meeting more members from the South Sound at the August meeting.

Meet your fellow member!

Welcome Terry Johnson who recently joined CCSS last month



I've been growing cacti and succulents off and on for the last 40 years or so. YIKES! I have a small assortment of plants going on in my house, and I guess my favorites are the Huernia varieties I have going. Only one of them has taken off, but another one is growing finally. I got it last winter, and it seems to be liking the heat and the sunny days.

As for outdoors, mostly just hens and chicks.

I attended a CCSS meeting maybe 15 years ago, but life/work took over and I never joined.

Over the last few years, I've been exploring more of the American Desert Southwest, hiking and taking photos. I think that's re-inspired me to add to my collection. Many of my plants are in my hand made pots made specially for cacti and succulents.

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 haven't been in in awhile, we'd like to hear from you! Send your story to dhawk96@comcast.net

Photo on mailing page was taken by Denise at the Volunteer Park Conservatory. Oreocereus is from the Greek, signifying mountain-cereus. The natural distributions are in southern Peru, mountains of Bolivia, northern Chile, and Argentina.

CCSS Programs for 2018

**August 19 Club Picnic & Elandan Tour
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

Announcements

Would you like to see a new look for our newsletter? CCSS will need a new Editor next year.

If you would be interested in this opportunity, or would like to try it out and help produce the newsletter for the remainder of 2018, contact Denise for further information: dhawk96@comcast.net

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Plant Adoption & Sales

Attending members are fortunate to have available a small selection of plants to take home. You may be surprised at what you may find. So be sure to always bring a box or other such carrier to the meetings. And don't forget protection! Sturdy gloves and newspapers will save your hands.

The Point

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Old Man of the Andes



Membership dues remain at \$20.00 per year.
Dues can be brought to a meeting or mailed to:

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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.

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