

Thorny Issues

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October Program

HOW ABOUT HAWORTHIA

Our speaker for the October meeting will be J.D. Wikert. His presentation is titled: "How about Haworthia." J.D. will discuss various aspects about members of this genus. The presentation will include information regarding taxonomy, distribution, cultivation, and propagation as well as providing pictures of many of the more readily available species as well as hybrids and cultivars.

You might have seen J.D. speak in previous meetings about Stapeliads, Dudleya, Gasteria, Sedum, Senecio, and Adromischus. This talk will follow a similar format. J.D. will have plants for sale, so be sure to bring your cash.



Haworthia fasciata



Country Store Report

Well, the membership did it again. This year's net from the Country Store was the largest yet: \$525 in ticket sales and \$313 from the Silent Auction for a grand total of \$838!!! Thank you to all the donors of plants, produce, pots, and especially the sweets. A Big Thank You to the Silent Auction donors – there were some serious bidding wars going on. A heart-felt thank you to all the ticket callers who volunteered; it was a raucous night for calling numbers. I thank everyone for his or her support and help during the evening. See you next year as a participant.

—Marilynn Vilas, Chair

Meeting Details

The Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 PM.

Next meeting: October 24

Shepard Garden & Arts Center | 3330 McKinley Blvd | Sacramento, CA 95816

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October Mini-Show

CACTUS: ECHINOPSIS

Native to South America, Echinopsis are known commonly as hedgehog, sea urchin, Easter lily, or peanut cactus (*E. chamaecereus*). “Echinos” means “hedgehog” or “sea urchin,” with “opsis” meaning “appearance.”

They differ from Echinocactus in the length of their flower tubes. Echinopsis have long flower tubes much larger than would be proportionate to the size of the small plants. They bear lovely flowers ranging in color from white to pink, orange, and red. Keep the plants dry in fall and winter and between waterings in spring and summer.



Echinopsis



Tylecodon wallichii

Crassula are one of the most common household plant with many varieties know just as “Jade Plant” or “Jade Tree.” This group includes *Crassula portulaca argentea* (all green variety), *C. portulaca minima* (a dwarf form), and *C. portulaca* “Tricolor Jade” (a variegated version). Most Crassula are very easy to grow and are good for beginner growers.



Crassula barklyi

Announcements

Membership Renewal Annual membership fees will be due soon. Contact Oanh Vu if you have questions about membership.

Tickle for your calendar! Keith Taylor announced he would be bringing a very special Raffle Table for the November meeting. Seems he overbought at the San Diego Show, and we will be the recipients of his enthusiasm. Bring money!

Election of 2017 Officers and Board Members The slate of proposed nominated Officers and Board Members for the 2017 year will be announced at the October meeting and published in the November newsletter. Nominations from the floor will be welcome at the November meeting as long as said nominee has given his/her consent before being nominated.



Cactus and Succulent Society of America 37th Biennial Convention

CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY OF THE DESERT – TEMPE, AZ

JULY 26 TO JULY 30, 2017

(From the CSSA Journal) Tempe, Arizona, a vibrant urban oasis located in the heart of the Greater Phoenix Metropolitan area, and the Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society will play host to the Cactus and Succulent Society of America's 37th Biennial Convention

The Tempe Mission Palms, our convention's hotel, located in the entertainment district of Tempe, is luxury hotel with pool, exercise room, airport shuttle, valet parking and many other amenities. Our special convention rate is only \$89 per night plus taxes. A light rail stop to other adventures is just out the back door of the hotel.

The Sonoran Desert, a region rich in both habitats and species, will provide the backdrop for informative speakers, plant and pottery vendors, auctions, great food, and opportunities to visit desert plant habitats. The Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society is excited to be hosting the 37th Biennial Convention, and is working with the CSSA, to plan a fun, informative, educational and memorable experience. It's time to start planning your visit to Tempe!

Please visit us at the convention website: <http://www.cssaconvention.com> for the latest information regarding speakers, vendors, daily schedule, and field trips.

