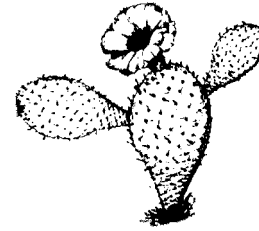




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Opuntia basilaris var. treleasei

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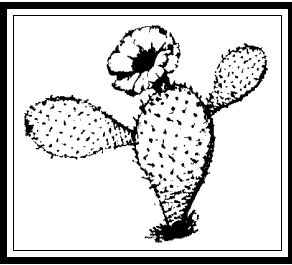
This Month's Program
**Looking for Answers About
Micropuntia
In Nevada & Utah**
presented by **Elton Roberts**

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 12
First Baptist Church
Christian Life Center
5500 Olive drive at 7 PM

(West of 99 freeway on corner
of Olive drive & Victor street)

**Get Ready
for the Fair
and the
Show & Sale!**



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BCSS general meeting: August 8, 2000

Many members met at Cactus Valley restaurant for dinner before the meeting. Jack, Sydney, Bonnie, Bruce, Alice, Polly, Linda, Lynn, and Bill were joined by our speaker for the meeting, Erika Van Auker and her husband and fellow potter, Al. We all had a great time. Let's do this again sometime!

At the beginning of the meeting, we welcomed guests Russ and Karen Mason. We're always glad to have new faces at our meetings! We then went through the business part of the meeting and discussed many important topics. First, we had an update from the Show and Sale committee chairs, Terry, Bonnie, and Linda. The planning stages of the Show and Sale are well underway; displays were signed up for and the full committee will meet to finalize tasks. The Kern County Fair was discussed and a committee was recruited. Bonnie will be chairing this committee. Two upcoming trip possibilities were mentioned: The Intercity Show and Sale on Aug. 19-20 and the Huntington Symposium on Sept. 2. Members were encouraged to attend these events. The Treasurer's report was presented by Assistant Treasurer Paul Skillin: our financial state remains good. Lynn reported that we did not at that time have a speaker lined up for sure for the September meeting, but she was working on it! The next Executive Meeting will be on Aug. 29 at the Rob and Terry's house. Bill mentioned that the sign up sheet for meeting refreshments was looking rather empty down the line and urged people to sign up. Other items mentioned were: Maynard's *Hoodia currori* is blooming and members were invited to go see it; Jack mentioned his group's tours of the Old Ridge Route and urged us to participate on Oct 14, 18, or 22nd. It's a free tour, you drive your own car and it lasts about 5 hours.



Our program was presented by potter Erika Van Auker, with assistance from her husband Al. Erika took us on a slide tour of her career as an artist, with the main emphasis on how she and Al produce their unique pots. The pots seem particularly well-suited to cacti and succulents and Erika's and Al's pots are

very much in demand. It was very interesting to observe the process by which these pots are formed. Members took full opportunity to purchase pots made by Erika and Al. We then moved to the Plant of the Month Table and delighted in looking at the variety of Chihuahuan plants that had been brought in. Rob will be doing an educational display on Chihuahuan cacti and succulents for our Show and Sale; we were treated to a preview of his display plants. After this, we had our raffle, with many members participating.

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GUEST ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

2000 Officers

President - Rob Skillin
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Linda Cooley

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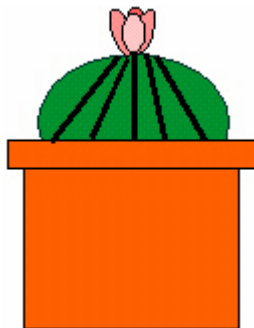
2000 Chairpersons

Refreshments - Bill McDonald
Historian - Bobby Williams
Librarian - Bobby Williams
Field Trips - Dan French

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BCSS Executive Board Meeting: August 29, 2000

The Fair Committee met first, with Bonnie presenting wonderful ideas, ably assisted by Bruce, who presented his concept of the backdrop he wants to paint. Everyone's creative juices were flowing and great ideas ruled the evening. It should be quite a display! Then there was a short Show & Sale meeting: Rob presented his show rules and categories and will be sending them out in the newsletter. He also reported that Lee Eby and Woody Minnich will be selling plants at the S&S, along with any plants that members have to contribute to the cause. He mentioned that Lee will be happy to give some talks at the S&S. Bonnie reported that the printing of T-shirts will be proceeding as soon as we know who wants a long sleeved shirt; members will be asked at the next meeting. Short-sleeved shirts will be \$12.50, long-sleeved shirts will be \$16.50.



Drawing by Paul Skillin

Rob then began the actual Executive meeting. He reminded us that next year's officers need to be nominated at the October meeting, so we need to have members thinking about which position they would like. We will vote in November and install the officers at our Potluck meeting in December. There was a discussion about changing our meeting day, which came up because Lynn said she has been having a hard time finding speakers. We wondered if it was because we meet on Tuesdays, but she said most people didn't mention the day as being a problem, so the matter was dropped. Lynn did line up a speaker for the September meeting and for the October meeting as well. We also proposed changing our payment to speakers from \$80 to \$100. Rob reminded us that the Show & Sale Committee thought it would be a good idea to change the general meeting in October to the 1st Tuesday (Oct 3rd) so that we can finalize plans regarding the Show and Sale. This will be proposed at the general meeting. The next executive Board Meeting will be on Sept. 19 at Lynn and Bill's house.

The BCSS Show and Sale Committee Report

The Show & Sale committee met on Tuesday, Aug 15. Many items were discussed and finalized. We seem to be moving ahead with confidence!! We will be asking members to sign up to work at the Show & Sale (which, I'm sure you recall, will be held on Oct. 7 & 8). We are working on promoting the Show & Sale and should have fliers ready for handing out at the September meeting. All the displays are being worked on and there will be a workshop for those needing assistance and moral support on Friday, Sept. 15 at Maynard's Lab space at CSUB at 6:00 until ??? Rob volunteered for a huge amount of work (Thanks!) and will be contacting people to sell plants, preparing another display, making a pamphlet about the show rules and categories, producing more copies of the flier, as well as figuring out, with Maynard and Bruce, how the tables will be arranged at the Mall. Everything seems to be moving along!

BAKERSFIELD CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

2000

ANNUAL SHOW

AND

PLANT SALE

Saturday, October 7 10 am to 6 pm
Sunday, October 8 11 am to 4 pm

**Center Court, East Hills Mall
Bakersfield**

CLASSIFICATIONS

DIVISION I: CACTI, Individual Potted Specimens

1. Ariocarpus, Obregonia
2. Turbinicarpus, Epithelantha, Gymnocactus, Strombocactus, Pelecyphora, Ortegocactus, Aztekium, Geohintonia, Neolloydia
3. Coryphantha, Escobaria, Neobesseyia, Echinomastus
4. Thelocactus
5. Astrophylum
6. Ferocactus, Echinocactus, Echinofossulocactus, Ancistrocactus
7. Echinocereus, Wilcoxia
8. Pediocactus, Sclerocactus, Toumeyia
9. Opuntia, Tephrocactus, Pterocactus, Pereskiaopsis
10. Mammillaria
11. Columnar cacti
12. Copiapoa
13. Matucana, Submatucana, Oroya, Arequipa, Denmoza
14. Neoporteria, Neochilenia, Horrilocactus, Pyrrhocactus, Islaya
15. Lobivia, Echinopsis, Mila, Acanthocalycium
16. Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia
17. Notocactus, Wigginsia, Malacocarpus, Eriocactus
18. Parodia
19. Gymnocalycium
20. Frailea, Blossfeldia
21. Melocactus, Discocactus, Buiningia, Uebelmannia
22. Epiphytic cacti
23. Crests, Monstrose, Variegates
24. All other genera
25. Seed grown by exhibitor

DIVISION 11: SUCCULENTS, Individual Potted Specimens

26. Mesembryanthemaceae: Lithops, Conophytum, Faucaria, etc.
27. Stapeliads: Huernia, Caralluma, Pseudolithos, Trichocaulon, etc.
28. Other Asclepiads: Fockea, Ceropegia, Hoya, Brachystelma, Raphionacme, Gonolobus, etc.
29. Crassula
30. Curcubitaceae: Momordica, Kedrostis, Cephalopentandra, Zygocycos, etc

31. Adenia
32. Dorstenia
33. Ficus, Bombax
34. Echeveria, Graptopetalum, Dudleya, Pachyphytum
35. Sedum, Tacitus, Rosularia, Orostachys, Sinocrassula
36. Adromischus, Cotyledon, Tylecodon
37. Aeonium, Aichryson, Sempervivum, Monanthes, Greenovia, Kalanchoe
38. Composites: Senecio, Kleinia, Othonna, etc.
39. Aloe
40. Haworthia, Astroloba, Gasteria
41. Euphorbia
42. Other Euphorbiaceae: Jatropha, Monadenium, Pedilanthus, etc.
43. Pachypodium, Adenium
44. Portulacaceae: Ceraria, Anacampseros, Talinum, etc.
45. Sansevieria
46. Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon
47. Bursera, Pachycormus, Fouquieria, Commiphora
48. Cyphostemma, Cissus
49. Agave, Yucca, Calibanus, Beaucarnea, Dracaena, Nolina
50. Bromeliaceae; Dyckia, Hecthia, Bromeliad, Tillandsia
51. Crests, Monstrose, Variegates
52. All other genera
53. Seed grown by exhibitor

DIVISION III: ARRANGEMENTS

54. Cactus Collections
55. Succulent Collections
56. Dish Gardens

SHOW COMMITTEE

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| CHAIRPERSONS: | Linda Cooley, Bonnie East, Terry Skillin |
| PUBLICITY: | Lynn McDonald |
| EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS: | Maynard Moe, Rob Skillin |
| SALES: | Rob Skillin |
| PLANNING: | Bobby Williams, Ed Colley, Bruce Hargreaves |

SHOW RULES

- 1 The Bakersfield Cactus and Succulent Society Show is open to anyone with an interest in succulent plants.
- 2 All entries will be placed in the appropriate class with a completed entry card by the exhibitor.
- 3 Grafted plants will be accepted in any class, and must be so indicated on the entry card.
- 4 The show chair(s) may combine categories, rearrange the plants, or move plants to different categories to improve the show.
- 5 All plants must be free of pests and disease, and be in presentable condition. The show chair(s) may remove any unsuitable for the show.
- 6 Show hours must be followed; plants may not be removed until the close of the show.
- 7 Collections consist of at least 4 individually potted plants.
- 8 The Bakersfield Cactus and Succulent Society will not assume responsibility for loss or injury of property.

SHOW HOURS

Table set up:	Friday, Oct. 6	9:00 pm to 10:30 pm
Plant set up:	Saturday, Oct. 7	7:00 am to 10:00 am
Show and Sale:	Saturday, Oct. 7	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
	Sunday, Oct. 8	11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Take down:	Sunday, Oct. 8	4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

The Bakersfield Cactus and Succulent Society meets at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at:
Building #1, Bakersfield Christian Life Center
5500 Olive Drive (enter on Victor)

For information, contact
Rob Skillin (President)

PROGRAM NOTES

Elton Roberts from Ripon will be our speaker this month. His presentation will be "**Looking for Answers About Micropuntia in Nevada and Utah.**" Elton has been a cactophile for more than 40 years. Growing up "just over the hills" from Anza Borrego he has loved the desert and its plant life since an early age. His collection includes over 1,000 cacti and he has been selling plants for about 8 years.

PLANT OF THE MONTH:

Any Opuntia, whether it's Micropuntia, Corynopuntia, Cumulopuntia, Cyllindropuntia, Marenopuntia, Basiliopuntia, Platyopuntia, Austrocylindropuntia, or just plain old Opuntia.



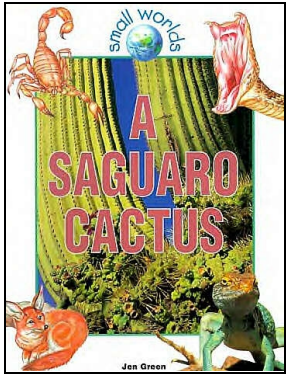
Intercity Show and Sale

A group of 5 drove together to visit the Intercity Sale at the LA County Arboretum. Maynard, Linda, Stephen, Bruce left earlyish on Saturday, Aug. 19 and arrived early enough to buy lots of plants and view many wonderful specimens of cacti and succulents, including some of our President's! After several trips to the sales area, we ate wonderful tamales and decided to head back home. After a brief stop at Dairy Queen, we drove home, having had a very enjoyable day.



*Thank You
Mylon, Lynn, and Winnell
for bringing the August treats!*

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BOOK REVIEW

A Saguaro Cactus
by Jen Green
Small Worlds Series,
Crabtree Pub. Co., N.Y. 1999.

This is a children's book which I bought at the Los Angeles Arboretum. The artwork is excellent and the text is generally factual. There are a few glaring errors, however. The greatest of these is the statement that the saguaro is the world's largest cactus, growing up

to 56 feet. This is a common error. A recent article by Marc Salak ("In Search of the Tallest Cactus", Cactus and Succulent Journal (US) 72(3):162-166) quotes the 1999 Guinness Book of Records as saying the tallest cactus is a saguaro measuring 57 feet 11.75 inches tall. Salak, however, found a cardon in Baja which is 63 feet tall! (He also found a Boojum, which is not a cactus, which is 77 feet tall.) The cardon are bulkier with branches lower down so they are generally bigger than saguaros as well as taller.

Other errors in the saguaro book are the lumping of North American deserts together as "The Sonoran Desert" and the labeling of a swallowtail as a monarch butterfly. Another statement which may be puzzling is the bald statement that "the wood rat is a vole" without explaining what a vole is and the statement that "jackrabbits are hares" without further definition. Oh well, maybe this will start research in young lives.

Bruce J. Hargreaves

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for next year's officers will be open at the October meeting.

We would like to have our October meeting on October 3rd instead of the 10th--check your calendars and see if this will work for you! We will be checking with you at the September meeting.

There will be a workshop to assist members who are making displays for the Show and Sale. It will be hosted by Maynard at his lab space at Cal State Bakersfield. It will be held on Friday evening, September 15, starting at 6 pm.

Please start saving small boxes to use at the Show and Sale!

Thank you, Paul Skillin, for filling in for the Treasurer at the August Meeting!! You were a big Help!


CALENDAR

September 12 BCSS meeting; 7:00 pm. Bakersfield Christian Life Center
September 15 Show & Sale workshop, 6pm at Cal State Bakersfield
 September 16-17 Monterey Bay Area C&SS Show and Sale.
September 17-18 Kern County Fair set-up days
September 20 - October 1 Kern County Fair
 September 24 Long Beach Cactus Club annual succulent plant auction.
 September 19 BCSS Exec. meeting, 7:00 pm at Lynn & Bill McDonald's
October 7-8 BCSS Show & Sale East Hills Mall
 October 10 BCSS meeting; 7:00 pm. Bakersfield Christian Life Center
 October 14-15 Orange County C&SS Show, Cal State Fullerton.
 October 21-22 San Gabriel C&SS 7th Annual Winter Show & Sale.
 October 21-22 C&SS of California Show (Oakland)
 November 8 BCSS meeting; 7:00 pm. Bakersfield Christian Life Center
 November 20 Palomar C&SS Show, Joselyn Senior Center, Escondido

Contact the editor for more information concerning calendar events

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