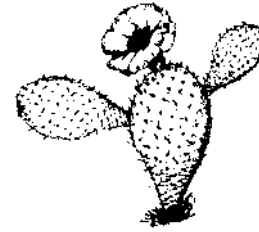


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One of Rob Skillin's *Lithops*
Photo by Stephen Cooley

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Opuntia basilaris var. treleasei

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This Month's Program

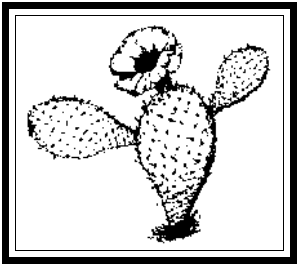
Member Slides & Photos

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 8
Linda & Maynard's house
3030 Sunset 6:30 PM

(just South of 24th Street
and just East of Oak)

**3rd Annual
Show & Sale
Oct 5-6**



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BCSS General Meeting: September 10, 2002

We started the meeting at 7 pm on the dot! NOT! For some reason, members straggled in until 8, so by the time the business was settled, most of the food had been consumed and we were ready to go home! However, Rob pressed on with the business portion of the meeting, bringing up the Show and Sale and passing around a sign up sheet. When Bonnie showed up, she got us organized for the Fair, setting times to paint the mural and create the display. After the business meeting, we held the raffle, since many people had to get home (it was almost 9 pm by then...). THEN we had our program! Many members brought plants to pot up and a few even had some plants to donate to the club sales area at the show and sale. So that went well. It was an interesting meeting....

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GUEST ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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BCSS Executive Meeting: September 24, 2002

We met at Rob's house and the meeting began promptly at 7 pm. NOT! One of the members was still eating dinner, so we waited in the darkened dining area until the repast was over...Then we had our meeting. All officers were present and accounted for....and, needless to say, well-fed. All discussion of the Show and Sale was put off until Thursday, when the committee will meet. Other items discussed were: a second pottery workshop, CSUB garden, CALM, Joan Swenson, Oct, Nov, and Dec. programs, a possible desert field trip, the location of the next exec. meeting, upcoming elections, and possibly changing the date of the Show and Sale to the spring. To find out more about any or all of these topics, please come to the next meeting, which will be on Oct. 8 at Maynard and Linda's house (more details in the newsletter...)

It's All About You In 2002

I would like to take a moment to say Thank You! from the bottom of my heart to all of those who helped put the Fair display together this year. It felt good to be back using all our creative energies to pull this thing off - you know, setting up and putting that wonderful landscape up at the Kern County Fair. We didn't do it last year and we were missed!



On Saturday, September 21, new member, Mary Carrisalez, (owner of the Cactus Valley Restaurant on Rosedale Hwy), opened up a banquet room at her restaurant to let a group of us come in and paint the mural we used at the Fair display. There was a great group of kids and adults who participated. The masterful artists included Stephen, Jenny, and Nathaniel Cooley, Lynn McDonald, Linda Cooley, myself and my nephew, Trent

The bunch that showed up at the Fair to help the club work our usual wondrous fete, were a hard working and friendly group to work with. Many of us have worked on the Fair landscape project 3 or 4 years now and we're beginning to become a little like family. I personally want Ed Colley to know that when I give him a hard time; it's because he is giving me one first! On a serious note, I think that our ability to work together on club projects says something about the caliber of members found in our club. Thanks again to all



those who helped out; Linda Cooley, Maynard Moe, Lena Moe, Bobby Williams, Stephen Cooley, Jenny Cooley, Nathaniel Cooley, Doreen Schneider, Ed Colley, Rob Skillin, Jack and Sidney Kelley and Sidney's mom, Minnie.

Until we meet again,

Bonnie East,

BCSS Secretary.

P.S. Don't forget our Show & Sale coming up soon (October 5 & 6). Look for an article in the Bakersfield Californian (Eye Street), the weekend of the Show & Sale.

BCSS WINS FIRST PLACE!

The BCSS received a 1st place ribbon! Jack and I went over on Tuesday and had to replace the tape on the heads. They looked good today. Today we went to turn the shirts around. We ran into trouble. The neck is lower in the front than the back which left the bottom of the "heads" showing. So we only reversed a couple of them that we could make look good. I moved the name tag buttons to the front. And took down the Club section of the sign that covered the BCSS.

Sidney

PROGRAM NOTES

**The next meeting of the BCSS will be at
Maynard and Linda's house .**

We will **meet at 6:30** instead of 7 so it won't be as dark to start the meeting...We will be meeting outside so dress appropriately. The program will be a "potluck" slide and photo program presented by the members. Please bring any slides or photos you wish to share--they don't really even have to be about cactus or succulents! We also encourage you to bring snacks of any kind (or beverages...) to share. It will be informal and fun! If you would like to be guaranteed a seat, please bring one! We have about 12 chairs...We will also have a raffle!! The Plants of the Month will be the ones on view in our garden and collection. Please come!!

Show and Sale Fast Approaching!

It's hard to believe that we are just days away from the Club's big event! I certainly hope everyone has picked out all the spiders and weeds from those terrific plants, and are readying them for the show. Remember, we can only have a successful show and sale if everyone participates. If you need more plant entry cards, please call so we can get them to you. We will have some available the day of the show, but that is always a fast-paced event, and it might leave you feeling too rushed. Like I said before, if you need someone to put your plants in the show for you, we can do that, too. We just want the best show we can give, and leave an impression upon everyone who sees it. I am looking forward to seeing what plants the public picks out for their judging part. I am also looking forward to seeing just how our mystery judges choose their favorites, to represent 'Club Recognition' awards. If you hadn't heard, there are two categories. One, judged by Woody, will be a 'Novice' category, for those members who have never shown their plants before, or have shown them in less than 5 shows. The advanced category (for those showing 5 or more times), will not be a judged category. It'll be fun to see the judging process...ours will be more casual than the big shows, and probably a lot more fun!

See you all on Saturday, October 5th! (Set-up from 7:00a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)

Terry Skillin

I WANT YOU!

I Want You!---And your plants to enter for both the traditional 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place competition (to be given out by members, and our judge), as well as to enter the competition for such unique categories as:

Most dangerous looking, Most dead looking (and still alive), Most unusual out-of-this-world plant, Most feminine, Most masculine, Most fuzzy, Most resembling cow patties, etc., and also for that category of the absolutely best plant in show. If you have any plants that you think would win these traditional, or jovial awards, **make sure you bring them!** If you are going to donate or sell plants, have a "receipt tag" and an "information tag". **We need boxes!** Please bring short boxes for pots! Remember to sign up to volunteer, you just might find it really fun!

See you there!

Paul Skillin

BAKERSFIELD CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY



Saturday, October 5 10 am to 6 pm
Sunday, October 6 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, Neobesseya, Echinomastus
4. Thelocactus
5. Astrophytum
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, Horridocactus, 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 II: 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, Zygosityos, 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

CHAIRS:	Paul Skillin, Maynard Moe
PUBLICITY:	Bonnie East, Rosemary Delano
SALES:	Rob Skillin
PLANNING:	Terry Skillin, Linda Cooley, Bill McDonald

BCSS Show and Sale

Our third annual Show and Sale is **October 5 and 6**. Please review the following sign-up list and let Paul Skillin or Maynard Moe know if you can fill a slot or two. It really is a lot of fun showing our weird and wonderful plants to the public. We hope to see all of you there for some of the time.

Maynard Moe

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 damage to property.

SHOW HOURS

Plant Set Up:	Saturday, Oct. 5	7:00 am to 10:00 am
Show and Sale:	Saturday, Oct. 5	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
	Sunday, Oct. 6	11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Talks and Demos:	Saturday, Oct. 5	11:00 am and 2:00 pm
	Sunday, Oct. 6	1:00 pm and 3:00 pm
Take Down:	Sunday, Oct. 6	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, Olive Drive Church
5500 Olive Drive (enter on Victor)

Final sign up

Friday - October 4

Set-up 9:00-10:00 pm Paul Rob Maynard

Saturday - October 5

Set-up 7:00 - 10:00 am Steve Cr Maynard Ed Everyone

Art Table ?

10:00 - Noon Lupe Ed Bobby Gordon

Art Table Terry

Noon - 2:00 Rosmarie Ed ? ?

Art Table ?

2:00 - 4:00 Ed Bobby ? ?

Art Table ?

4:00 - 6:00 Anne Ed Bobby ?

Art Table Linda

"Security" 6:00 - 8:00 Mary C ?

"Security" 8:00 - 10:00 Mary C ?

Sunday - October 6

"Security" 7:00 - 11:00 am Maynard ?

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Rosmarie Ed Bobby ?
Art Table Terry

1:00 - 3:00 pm Ed Bobby Maynard ?
Art Table Linda

3:00 - clean-up Anne Linda Ed Bobby

Paul Skillin
Maynard Moe



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A NEW EUPHORBIA!! A Letter From Bruce



Spring came early with a few showers and succulents are starting to bloom.

On 27 Aug. I went with the head of the botanic garden, Nonofu Mosesane, to Pitsane. We achieved our goal of relocating *Orbea tapscotti* (a small carion flower which Desmond Cole stated in *Asclepios* was no longer and I was somehow responsible. Both it and *Orbea lutea* had seed pods. On the way back we stopped at Hildavale to recollect the mesemb *Mestoklema* as well as the tuberous *Senecio oxyriifolius*, both of which are known from only one locality in Botswana. Finally, we stopped at the South edge of Lobatse where *Erythrina lysistemon* and *Tetradenia brevispicata* were in bloom.

That was great, but on 30 Aug. I went with Queen Turner, head of the herbarium, to Boatlename which is 102 km north of Molepolole. I had never been there, but Derril Plowes had said *Orbea maculata* had been found there. The road is now paved and, although goats have eaten most of the vegetation, Queen managed to find a stapeliad with fruit under a thorn bush. She also found a rootless, shriveled plant which may be the sought-for *Orbea*. At any rate it is swollen and green in Cultivation now. Queen also interviewed a local healer and learned about a lot of local plants including an orchid with seed pods and buds. It is now blooming and turns out to be *Eulophia hereoensis* which I had not seen in the wild. To top it off, I collected a few chunks of agate.

On the way back we stopped 24 km north of Molepolole to look at plants of *Aloe littoralis* which were unexpected that far south. (*Aloe marlothii* was in full bloom both north and south of this.) While checking out the aloe, we found the ground covered with a euphorbia in full bloom. I first thought it might be the new *Euphorbia venterii* which was named last year from further north by Francistown. It had the same narrow stems with yellow striping, but then I realised that the flowers were bright yellow (not brownish) and when I turned over the cobblestones covering the roots I found masses of rhizomes as in *Euphorbia schinzii* (a species found south of Gaborone which, however, has thicker stems without striping. It seems to be a new species!!

On the 1 Sept. we went to the Gaborone Game Reserve and actually had a snipe hunt with a real snipe visible to all. Afterwards some of us went south to Crocodile Pools to celebrate a friend's birthday. We watched giraffes in Mokolodi Game Reserve below us while consuming an enormous BBQ. We also had a friendly mocking chat drop in.

Lots of things are blooming, but the strangest was at Northside

primary school. An Australian reported it as a green flowered "yucca" with semi-succulent leaves. This turned out to be in the ball park - it is *Beschornaria yuccoides*, sold at Sanitas nurseery here as "Mexican lily". The six foot bright pink flower stalk is spectacular.

Speaking of aliens, Polly found a copy of "The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Cacti" by Clive Innes & Charles Glass, (1997 edition, Grange Books, London) for P 93.55 (about \$15). It's a bit old (Charlie's been gone quite a while now), but its useful for someone like me who grew up on the antiquated Britton & Rose in the Bakersfield College library. Being picky, I would like to have seen a mention of the name Opuntiaceae as an alternative for Cactaceae. I would also like a few less horticultural and hybrid forms and more wild forms. (For example no mention is made of the Bakersfield cactus!) Cacti (or cactuses if you prefer) are not a priority here. Even the rhipsalis found naturally in some parts of Africa does not reach Botswana. We only have invasive weeds and some pot plants as sold by nurseries here.

Perhaps someday Polly can find a sale copy of the more recent "The Cactus Family" by Edward F. Anderson (2001, Timber Press, Portland Or.) which I understand is more of a botanist/lumper presentation. (Ted is also deceased - am I getting old or are my friends dying young?)

Bruce J. Hargreaves

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a follow-up Pottery workshop on Nov 3, mid morning at Maynard and Linda's house. If you would like to make more pots, or were unable to attend the previous workshop, please come and play! There might be other colors of clay available as well. Please let Linda know if you plan to attend so there will be enough clay & space for you.

The next executive meeting will be at Nana BonBon's on Oct. 29. (Nana BonBon=Bonnie, who should have a new grandson by then...)

Election of executive officers is nearing! Please consider running for any of the offices available: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, club reporter, past president, cactus czar, Princess of Prickley Pears, Emperor of Echinopsis, etc). The current officers have served long and well and could use a break! They are all willing to help any newcomers!!

A possible field trip is being bandied about! If you think it would be fun to go out into the desert in search of interesting top-dressing or maybe just get out of town, speak up! Several people are considering this kind of trip. The

more the merrier! It could be a day trip or an overnight, depending on interest expressed.

Hey--thanks so much for the enthusiastic response to my recent inclusion to the newsletter (heavy sarcasm...) Did anyone even look at the pot matching device?? I'm so underwhelmed by the lack of any response whatsoever I won't be doing anything like that again!! I'm trying hard to add some other kinds of articles to the newsletter to make it more interesting, but I guess it's too late! No one seems to read it!! - Linda

CALENDAR

Oct 5-6 3rd Annual BCSS Show & Sale at the East Hills Mall

Oct 8 BCSS meeting; 6:30 pm Linda & Maynard's house.

Program: bring slides & photos to show off, bring some snacks, too.

Oct 12-13 Orange County Show & Sale, Fullerton Arboretum

Oct 19-20 San Gabriel Valley Winter S&S, LA County Arboretum

Oct 19-20 C&SS of California Show & Sale, Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland

Oct 29 BCSS Executive meeting; Bonnie East's house.

Nov 3 Follow-up Pottery Workshop at Maynard & Linda's House.

Nov 12 BCSS meeting; 7:00 pm Olive Drive Church
speaker: Kelly Griffin from the San Diego club

Dec 10 BCSS meeting; 6:00 pm? Olive Drive Church

Program: Annual Winter Party, silent raffle, potluck, etc.

For more information concerning calendar events, contact the editors

Membership in the Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society cost \$10 per year for an individual and only \$15 a year for a family. This extraordinarily reasonable price not only includes twelve issues of The Cactus Patch but entitles you to participate in club field trips to far-off (out-of-town) and exotic places (more exotic than Bakersfield). You will also receive a nifty name tag that will be your ticket to the members only plant raffle held every meeting featuring the best plant from the raffle table! All this is in addition to the wonderful programs and people at the meetings. To become a member contact:

Maynard Moe, treasurer

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