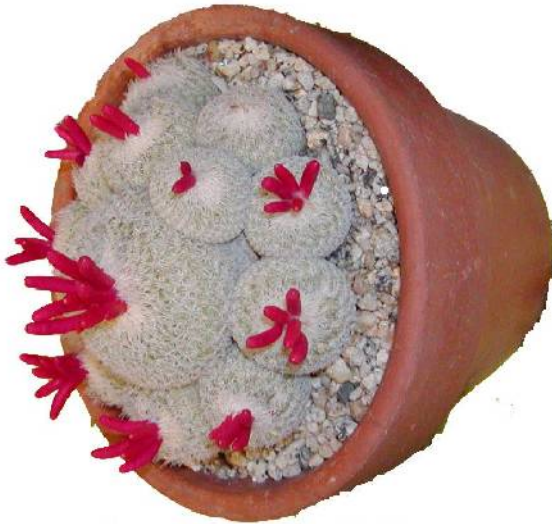
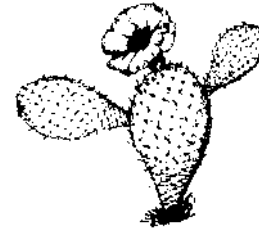


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Epithelantha micromeris
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Opuntia basilaris var. treleasei

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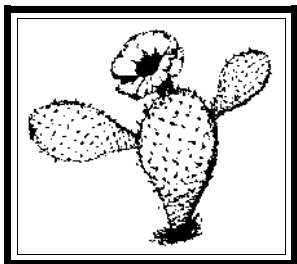
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BAKERSFIELD CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

This Month's Program
Unusual Containers
presented by
Jerry Garrison

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 11
Olive Drive Church,
5500 Olive drive
at **6:30 PM**
(West of 99 freeway
on corner of Olive drive &
Victor street)

**Let's Get
Ready
for the
Show & Sale!**



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Last Month's Meeting: August 14, 2007

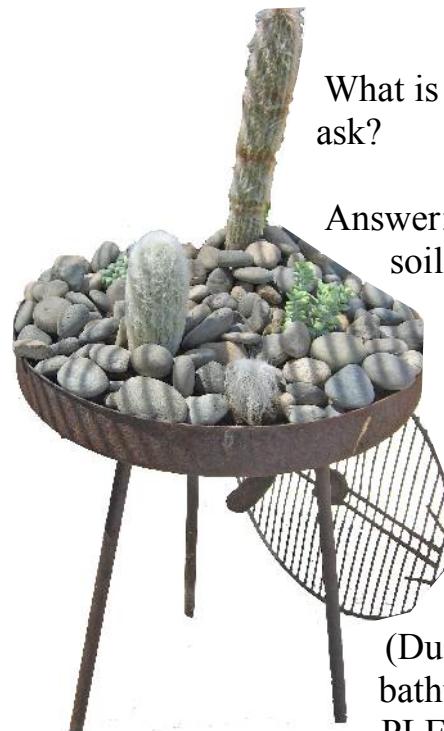
August's meeting was our usual summer get together at the Cactus Valley Restaurant. There was a good turn out and we all enjoyed wonderful food and conversation.

UNUSUAL CONTAINERS

by Jerry Garrison

What is an unusual container, you ask?

Answer: Anything that will hold soil and can have holes drilled in it (for drainage) can be a plant container.



Bring your favorite plant in an unusual, odd, weird, outrageous, etc, etc, container. Be it an old coffee pot, bucket, etc.

(Due to limited space, no bathtubs or old car bodies, PLEASE!)



Plant of the Month

Any plant
in an
unusual
container.

Membership in the Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society costs \$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 a members only plant raffle. All this is in addition to the wonderful programs and people at the meetings. To become a member contact:

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THE UPCOMING SHOW & SALE

[reprinted from a previous year, but still applicable –editor]

Our Annual Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale is coming up on **October 13 and 14 at the East Hills Mall**. This is by far the biggest event we do each year and member support is crucial to its success. Our previous Shows have all been very successful – we've had plenty of plants in the show and plenty of plants to sell. The responses from the people that came to see the show were always complimentary. Now is the time to put our efforts into high gear.

The most important element to our show is the plants themselves. Our show has always been different from most others in that its emphasis has been on education and not competition. We need a large variety of plants to show the public the great diversity that exists among the succulents. Many people are unaware of just how many weird and wonderful plants there are. In considering which plants you might want to bring to the show, remember that your most 'ordinary' plant may be extraordinary to those viewing the show. No plant is too small to bring, it just needs to look nice. That is what next month's meeting can show you how to do (it's really easy).

Another key element is to have members available to talk to the public about the plants and about our club. This requires a lot of hours, but there are plenty of members to share the workload (check out the sign-up sheet at the next meeting).

There is also the need for helpers in the initial set up (I think this happens the night before), after hours security, and take down. Here are some days and times that you need to be aware of:

PLANT SET UP:	Saturday 7 am to 10 am
SHOW HOURS:	Saturday 10 am to 6 pm
	Sunday 11 am to 4 pm
TAKE DOWN:	Sunday 4 pm to 6 pm.

If you have questions and/or would like to help out, come to the next meeting or contact Maynard



The 22nd Intercity Show & Sale

August 18, 2007





Hangin' Around

A Letter From Bruce

The month of June was spent just waiting for something to happen- no longer employed but unable to leave without gratuity and air tickets. On the 2nd we went to the Eve's Club annual sale of Indian food. As usual, the food was good, but I'm not sure what all of it was. On Sunday the 3rd we went bird watching with the Bird Club. We went to a dam south of town and watched a few flamingos and spoonbills.

On the 6th we went to the Swedish Embassy for a celebration of Sweden's Day. In addition to food and speeches there was a display of flowers named by Linnaeus and some great singing by the Sedibeng Choir.

On the 8th & 9th our Gaborone Singers joined with the Sedibeng Choir and the Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra to present Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. This is the anthem of the European Union which is celebrating its 50th anniversary. It was a little embarrassing the first night when president Mogae was there and there was no Botswana flag to display next to the EU one! We sang an "Ode to Freedom" rather than the usual "Ode to Joy". This translation had been used to celebrate the new government in South Africa.

On the 11th we had a Lasagne lunch at the new Abyssinia Coffee House. It was good and cheesy, unlike the white sauce variety which English tradition has imposed here. Next evening the Film Club started a Swedish film festival with "Nina's Journey", a documentary of a woman who escaped the Holocaust and eventually settled in Sweden. The Abyssinia Coffee House served Swedish Pastry!

On the 13th I presented "Rain Birds" (previously given at the Bird Club) as a final Museum talk. Polly went to a farewell dinner with her book club. On the 14th we went to Chutney's for Indian food and had a different selection next day when Polly's friend Urmila invited us for lunch. On the 16th we had lunch at Sanitas with Gwathie Kirby to discuss a book she is producing on wild flowers at Mokolodi Nature Centre.

We celebrated our 43rd anniversary with dinner at Linga Longa on the 19th and on the 20th we went west to Thamaga and had "Stone Soup" with the Cooks. (They had jokingly put a large stone in some beans they gave us after I complained that I always get the rock if there is one. We were returning the favor.)

On the 23rd we went to see "Bye Bye Birdy", a musical based on the recruitment of Elvis into the military. It was basically forgettable.

The 50s costumes were OK, but there were a few anachronisms –like Afros and Rasta dos! On the 24th we had dinner at the home of Maggie and Bruce Elston, on the 27 there was a lunch with the Thrift Shop Ladies and on the 30th we had dinner at the Golden Coin Thai Restaurant with David Slater and Lilian Turton.

This was not the end of all the farewell, but I'll tell more about July, when we actually left! in the next newsletter. I'll end this one with a quote from "Murder by Reference" (D:R: Meredith, 1991, Ballantine, N.Y.):

In spring, mesquite trees, sagebrush, cholla, prickly pears, and yucca lurked... like invading armies.... The cacti were on no environmentalist's endangered list, although anyone who ever spent hours plucking the fine needles of cholla or prickly pear out of his body, or treating a stab wound administered by a yucca leaf, might wish they were. And in spite of millions spent on research, no herbicide known to man was more than nominally effective against the mesquite tree. As for sagebrush, one admired its pungent odor and learned to live with it. Man adapted to his environment. Not the other way around.

[Incidentally this is a murder mystery which takes place in the Texas Panhandle.]

Bruce J. Hargreaves



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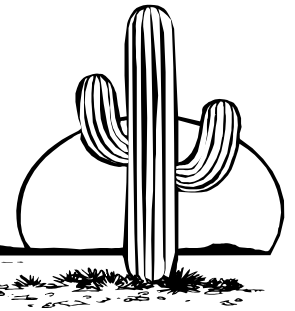
Next Month's Presentation

With the Show & Sale in October it has been customary for the October presentation to be about preparing your plants for the Show. I am willing to do this once again if the members wish, or I can talk about another subject entirely. Please let me know at the next meeting whether it is necessary to do another "Show Prep" presentation.

Stephen Cooley



UPCOMING EVENTS



BAKERSFIELD CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY EVENTS

- Sept 11 BCSS Meeting 6:30pm Olive Drive Church
program: Planting in Unusual Containers
speaker: Jerry Garrison
- Oct 9 BCSS Meeting 6:30pm Olive Drive Church
- Oct 13-14 BCSS SHOW & SALE
- Nov 13 BCSS Meeting 6:30pm Olive Drive Church
- Dec 11 BCSS Meeting 6:30pm Olive Drive Church
program: Holiday Potluck, Silent Raffle, Fun

OTHER CACTUS AND SUCCULENT EVENTS

- Nov 10-11 San Gabriel Valley C&SS Show and Sale. LA County Arboretum 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA
- Dec 1-2 Orange County C&SS Show and Sale. Fullerton Arboretum 1900 Associated Rd, Fullerton. Show & Sale open from 10am – 4pm.

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