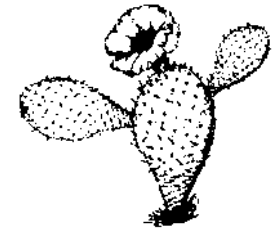




*Cylindropuntia
chuckwallensis*

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Opuntia basilaris var. treleasei

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BAKERSFIELD CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

This Month's Program

"Hiding in plain sight:"

a new cactus species from the California Desert

Michelle Cloud-Hughs

@ St Paul's Episcopal Church

6:30 PM

Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday,
January 12th**

at

6:30 PM

2016 Dues are payable now!

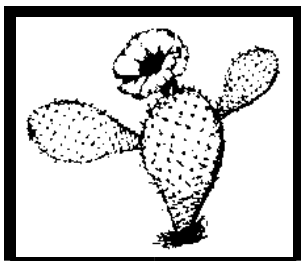
Meet the Speaker

Dinner @ 5:00 PM

Sizzler

900 Real Rd.

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January 12th MEETING

“Cylindropuntia chuckwallensis”

Michelle Cloud-Hughes

Cylindropuntia chuckwallensis is a newly-described cactus found in San Bernardino, Riverside, and northern Imperial Counties, California. Michelle’s presentation will describe how this historically-misidentified cholla was determined to be a distinct new species and the characteristics that distinguish it from similar cholla species. This presentation will provide detailed information on where to see “the chucky cholla” as well as many other intriguing succulents found in the same areas.



Michelle Cloud-Hughes is a botanist and restoration ecologist specializing in desert flora and ecosystems. She worked for the Soil Ecology and Restoration Group at San Diego State University from 1997 to 2013 and spent most of those years doing restoration work in the central Mojave Desert at Fort Irwin National Training Center. In 2010 she started her company, Desert Solitaire Botany and Ecological Restoration, and since then has been involved in many rare plant surveys and other botanical and restoration projects throughout the southwestern U.S. Her main love is *Cylindropuntia*, but she is also fascinated by other cactus, particularly *Echinocereus*, *Grusonia*, *Pediocactus*, and occasionally even *Opuntia*.

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DESERT FORUM

Saturday, 16 January 2016

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

See page 10

This annual event is a chance for all succulent lovers to spend both time (in the Succulent Conservatory) and Money (at the plant sales in the teaching green house.) These areas are not generally open to the public. Admission is free with your club identification,



The American Cactus and Succulent Society runs a convention with outstanding speakers every two years

Our speaker this month, Michelle Cloud-Hughs, was one at the Convention last July. I am so glad that we are able to have her speak here'

Her talk shows that while there may be nothing new under the sun, sometimes we have difficulty recognizing it.

The Succulent Garden at Cal State



Another Year in the Garden

We begin our sixteenth year out at Cal State with our Succulent Garden. Our little collection of succulents has become a nice sized mature garden. We now spend more time on maintenance than we do with construction and new plants. There are some impressive large specimens and a wide variety of species.

This new year brings with it another round of winter weeding, trimming and raking. The prospects of an El Niño also brings with it the likelihood that this will be a



particularly good year for weeds. I will be scheduling some workdays in about a month. In the past Sunday mornings have been the times when we get the most people but I am willing to try other days/times. If you have a preference

for a day and time see me at the meeting or email me:

thecactuspatch@bak.rr.com

Stephen Cooley

BCSS ~ Family Gathering





On Giving Thanks A Letter From Bruce

Pumpkins in the morning
Pumpkins at noon
If it were not for pumpkins
We'd all be undone.
~attributed to Pilgrim children

It seems Thanksgiving gets squeezed out between Halloween and Christmas. But this year, at least, there were two TV spectaculars which gave it recognition. National Geographic produced the two part "Saints and Strangers" and PBS came up with "The American Experience: The Pilgrims." I much preferred the Former as it was a dramatization. The PBS show was drier history. Both were based primarily on William Bradford's book "On Plimouth Plantation". It is a slog to read through the book as it is Elizabethan English, but I have done so as we have a copy. (He is a direct ancestor on my mother's side.)

Did you know that turkeys are not mentioned by Bradford? He lists fowl but does not specify any. Venison was the main course and pumpkins were certainly available, but not as the present day pie. Cranberries would have been too sour as there was no sugar and even honey came later as our present honey bees came from Europe. On the day we feasted at Anne's. Our family included a new member as Lora's husband Dave is now taking care of his father John who came out from Michigan after his wife died. After dinner we watched a movie on Lesotho, "The forgotten Kingdom" which John got on Amazon. It made me homesick.



On the 2nd Polly and I went to a service to remember those who died this year. It was put on by Optimal Hospice and we were there to remember my mother, Alice, my brother, Robert and Lora's mother in law Virginia as well as Larry Hundsdorfer who was briefly with us in the BCSS. The names were read out as we held lighted candles. Then lights were lit on the tree.



On 3rd December we were in Fresno for the annual Christmas potluck and silent auction.



Next day we were back in Bakersfield to watch "Timbuktu" on the big screen. It was even better that way. On the 6th we went to Parkside Church to see two plays. Anne, Lora and Daniel performed well. The first was about trying to ban music and the second was a revised version of Sleeping Beauty. Rather unusual for church plays. On the 8th, of course we were at the BCSS potluck and silent auction.

On the 13th we saw the start of the new Downton Abbey series on the big screen at the Fox..Some of us even dressed appropriately. It will be a comedown to go back to watching it at home. Finally, on the 17th our Goldenaires choir sang the last of nine presentations this Christmas season. Soon it will actually be Christmas, but I'm exhausted already.



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9:00 – 10:00 **Registration – in front of new visitor entry area**

Please bring your CSSA or affiliated club badge or membership card for admission

9:00 – 11:00 **Desert Garden**

Knowledgeable staff and docents will be stationed throughout the Desert Garden and Desert Conservatory Aloes will be flowering

11:00 – 1:00 **Plant Sales**

Gate opens by the Teaching Greenhouse at 11:00 for plant sales - *please, no early bird shopping* Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted

1:00 – 4:30 **Free Time**

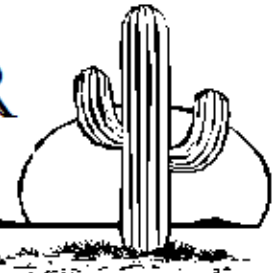
Attendees are welcome to tour the gardens and galleries as of 10:30

Lunch:

The Café in the new visitor center features a variety of sandwiches and grilled items

The tea room at Liu Fang Yuan is a lovely option for fresh Chinese food

CALENDAR



Jan 12th BCSS Meeting

"Cylindropuntia chuckwallensi "

Michelle Cloud-Hughs

Jan 16th Desert Forum

**@ the Huntington LIBRARY, ART COLLECTIONS, AND
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February 9th BCSS Meeting

Eunice Thompson

"Namibia"

March 8th BCSS Meeting

Woody Minnich

"Mexico, the Hidden Treasures of Coahuila."

April 12th BCSS Meeting

June 9, 10 and 11, 2016

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