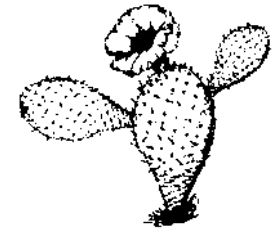




Hoodia gordonii
with hugh flowers
In Paul's Greenhouse

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Opuntia basilaris var. treleasei

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This Month's Program

“Above and Below”

the flora and fauna of the Channel Islands

John Hargreaves

@ St Paul's Episcopal Church

6:30 PM

Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday,
June 14th**

at

6:30 PM

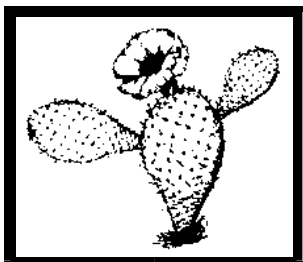
Dinner @ 5:00

Meet the Speaker

Dinner @ 5:00 PM

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June 14th MEETING

Above and Below: the flora and fauna of the Channel Islands



John, a graduate of Arvin High, served in the Coast Guard for four years and then worked for Global Divers on the oil platforms off the Louisiana coast. If there is an ocean, he wants to be on or in it.

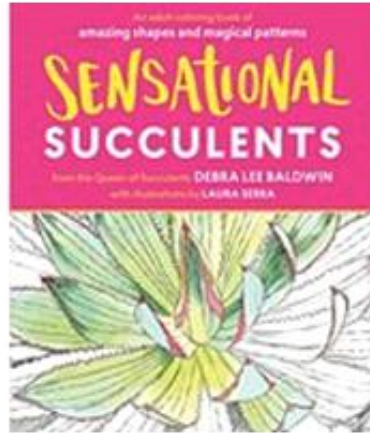
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Hey everyone-

I recently found a succulent-themed adult coloring book at a boutique in Cambria that I wanted to share with you.

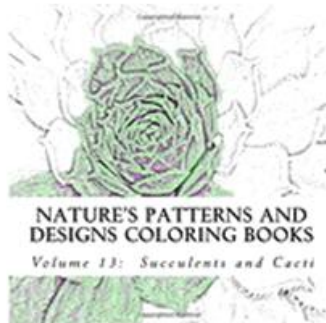
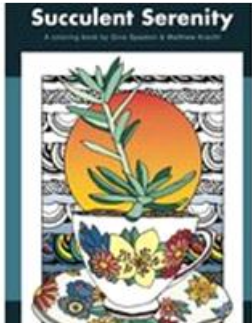
The book is *Sensational Succulents* by Debra Lee Baldwin and illustrator Laura Serra. Baldwin also wrote *Succulent Container Gardens*, and her personal photographs are the basis Serra's illustrations. I love this book! Each page has the name of the plant(s) featured, which makes it easy to determine what colors to use (or you can color them however you see fit). There are a lot of close-up shots that really highlight the interesting geometrical patterns of the plants, along with plenty of opportunity to mix it up with different techniques and coloring tools. While some of the illustrations are a little too technical for me as a beginner, I like that there are easier and more difficult options.



After you are finished with your masterpieces, you can scan and upload them to be featured on the online gallery portion of Baldwin's web site. You can also see all the original photographs that inspired the illustrations there. *Sensational Succulents* is currently available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble's website for about \$10.

Jessica Andrews

The editor found others on Amazon:



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Potluck at Paul & Jessica's



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NATIONAL PARK

Back in the 1990s, the dwarf Santa Cruz Island fox became easy prey for invasive golden eagles. A program of the Conservancy, the Park Service and other partners relocated the predators, reintroduced native bald eagles and bred foxes to repopulate the island. In little more than a decade after being listed as an endangered species, the fox has made the fastest recovery of any endangered mammal.

Nature Conservancy Magazine, June/July 2016

Birthdays, Gardens & Potlucks



A Letter From Bruce

On 17th April we went to Parkside Church where they had a mission Sunday with a potluck lunch. Our friends the Shawvers were honored as they are retiring from their mission service in Puebla, Mexico.



Next day, my birthday, we had breakfast at Denny's and an after supper pie at Milt's. When we returned home from Milt's there was a phone message from Ken Weeks, a friend from our Peace Corps days in the '60s! We



returned the call and met with him at Milt's for lunch the next day. Even his friend Jackie could chime in on the reminiscences as she had been a British Volunteer in

Botswana in the 60's. What a shock to find how tempus fidgets

On the 5th of May our Goldenaires choir began a series of eight concerts with songs from the Beatles! (We sang eighty-four rather than sixty-four.) Some of the audiences sang along.

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On the 6th we celebrated Anne's birthday at the Red Lobster. We also celebrated at Lora's with lunch on the 8th followed by ice-cream cake and games at Anne's.



On the 10th, of course we were at the potluck at Paul's where many of his succulents were blooming.

On the 13th we had lunch with our exercise group at Don Perico's. That evening we had a celebratory birthday dinner at Polly's sister Martha's in Fresno. (Her birthday was the week before, but our grand plans to celebrate and visit the Fresno zoo fell through because James just bought a house in Susanville and was too busy to come.)



On the 14th we went to Mark Muradian's in Laton for a potluck lunch and garden tour with the Fresno Cactus and Succulent Society. We had seen his garden before, but it has grown tremendously – especially the rocks. He has a whole forest of huge petrified trunks.



Bruce Hargreaves

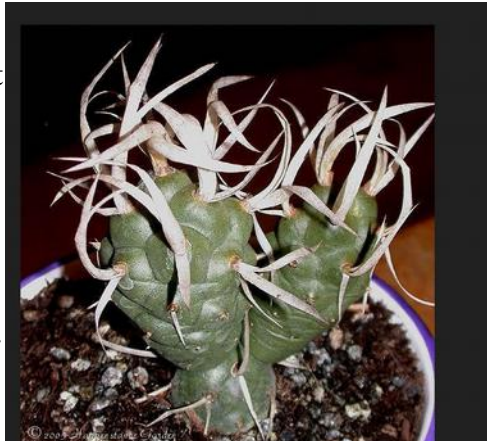
[Bruce's opinions are his own and are not necessarily that of the BCSS]

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Plant of the Month

Tephrocactus articulatus *var. papyracanthus*

A friend of mine brought me this very strange looking cactus and asked me to take it as she thought she might kill it. Actually it was in three parts as two segments had broken off which they seem prone to do so there was the mother plant plus the segments. The spines were flat and papery and seemed ill-suited for defense. I wondered what species it was. A search through Innes and Glass, yielded a couple of possibilities. The internet came through at the end to nail it down, *Tephrocactus articulatus var. papyracanthus*.



This little cactus is native to western Argentina. It grows there as an irregular clumpy shrub up to a foot (30 cm.) high. Segments are small lumpy gray-green things more or less round and 1-1.5 in. (25-35 mm.) long by 1 in. (25 mm.) wide. Some varieties of this species lack spines. Areoles are raised and contain many glochids, angry little things as I found out, careless me. Each areole has one to three flat papery spines about 1/8 in. (3mm) wide and 2-3 in. (5-7.5 cm.) long and flexible.

It likes full sun and is cold tolerant to 15 F. I may keep one in the yard somewhere. They are slow growing. In midsummer they produce pale pink flowers about an inch across. I could not find any pictures of the flowers on the internet. They are usually propagated by cuttings but sometimes by seed also.

Jack G. Reynolds

CALENDAR



June 14th BCSS Meeting

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July 1—3,

Cactus and Succulent Society of America Annual Show & Sale

Huntington Gardens, San Marino CA

July 12th BCSS Meeting

Peter Walkowiak

Staging Plants for Shows”

August 9th BCSS Meeting

Dinner Out and About

Any Suggestions?

August 13—14 Inter-City Show & Sale

LA County Arboretum, Arcadia CA

September 3rd

Huntington Succulent Symposium

all day at the Huntington Gardens, San Marino CA