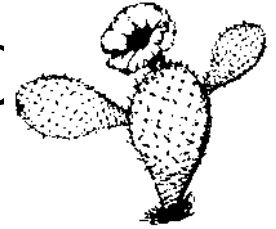


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Parodia leninghausii
From Southern Brazil

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Opuntia basilaris var. treleasei

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This Month's Program

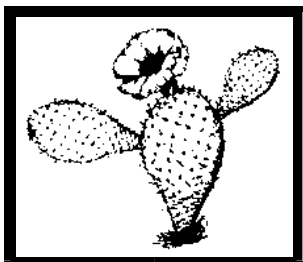
Family Dinner in the Summer
@ The Old Hacienda
6:00 PM

KERN COUNTY
FAIR

Set-up on
Sept 17 - 18
Bring your best
to show off!

No Speaker

Just Fun,
Fellowship
and FOOD!
5303 Olive Drive



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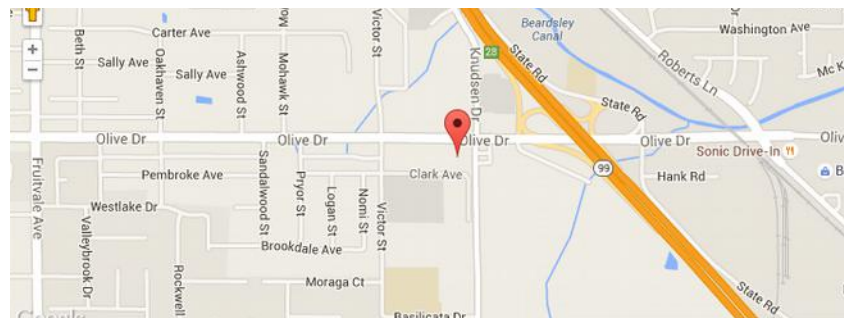
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www.BakersfieldCactus.org

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AUGUST 9th DINNER

The Old Hacienda Resturant
5303 Olive Drive
6 PM
661-399-6015

The resturant has agreed that we may order off the regular menu and get separate checks.



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Meeting on July 12th



Peter Walkowiak's demonstration was detailed and showed how to make “good” plants into show-stoppers; by proper staging. He used pots of various colors and shapes with contrasting rock accents to “picture-frame” better than ordinary plants.

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The Succulent Garden at Cal State

Blue Palo Verde

Cercidium floridum

Blue Palo Verde is a large tree of the southern California deserts and Arizona. You've most likely seen it in desert towns – it's the large tree with green trunk and



branches and no leaves.

Though it seems leafless it does have small leaves in the spring which drop with the onset of dry hot weather. The green branches carry on the job of photosynthesis. Also, the spring brings masses of one inch wide yellow flowers which attract many insects and are followed by short seed pods. It is extremely drought tolerant and can survive on less than 10 inches of rainfall a year. It can also take temperatures down to 10F.

The Palo Verde in our garden was planted from seed in 2008 and transplanted to the garden in 2009. It is growing steadily and will soon be a nice tree.

Stephen Cooley



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Plant of the Month

Opuntia erinacea

This was another random pick from Lyman Benson's *The Native Cacti of California*.

Opuntia erinacea, also known as Mojave Cactus or Grizzly Cactus is spread across the south western United States from southern Idaho through Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and California. There it grows from 2000-5000 feet in true desert, scrub and even in oak woodland. There are several varieties and this description is an attempt to summarize their characteristics in a simplified way.

Plants are generally clumps, 6 to 12 in. (15-30 cm.) high and 3 ft. (1 m.) across. Pads are oval 4-6 in. (10-15 cm.) long and 2-3 in. (5-7 cm.) across. Pads generally have areoles covering the entire surface. Areoles are provided with numerous spines 1-3 in. (2.5-7 cm.) long. Flowers are yellow, rose or hot pink, 1.5-3.5 in. (4-8 cm.) long. Flowers are produced in the spring. Fruits are dry, tan and very spiny. This is a cold tolerant cactus so it should do well in Bakersfield outside year round. The can be grown from seed or cuttings.



South of Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge, Nevada (BJH)



On top of Lehman Caves, Nevada (BJH)

Jack G. Reynolds

BRAG TABLE

Richard Amaya brought some Echevarias in a pot he liked. The pot was painted with Hibiscus flowers.

He also brought the giant Madagascar *Kalanchoe beharensis*. The cultivar he brought had warty projections on the back of the leaves.

Jack Reynolds brought a lava rock with a tiny Haworthia planted in a small cavity in it.

Jack Kelly brought a budding plant of *Euphorbia (Monadenium) richei*.

Sidney Kelly brought a blooming plant of *Euphorbia obesa*. The plant had a deformed bottom half and a normal top.

Polly Hargreaves brought a blooming plant of *Euphorbia meloformis* which has been called "the country cousin" of *E. obesa*. It has more ribbed stems and longer, permanent flower stalks.

Bruce Hargreaves brought a blooming plant of *Euphorbia pseudoglobosa*. It differs from *E. globosa* in having long flower stalks. It grows in quartzite and was dressed with rounded quartzite pebbles which blended with the plant base.



Summer



A Letter From Bruce

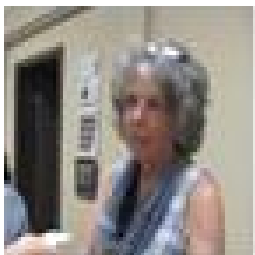
On the 1st of July we saw a great film, “The Free State of Jones”. Hollywood has redeemed itself after its long standing blockbusters praising the South (e.g. “Birth of a Nation” and “Gone with the Wind”). At last we have a historic film which tells what the civil war meant to ordinary people.



On the 4th we went to my niece Tina’s new house on Cave (just north of Rosedale Mall). We had a BBQ and many tested the pool. Polly and I did not stay for the fireworks and missed a great show. Daniel was showing off by jumping over a set piece and tripped over his shoelaces.

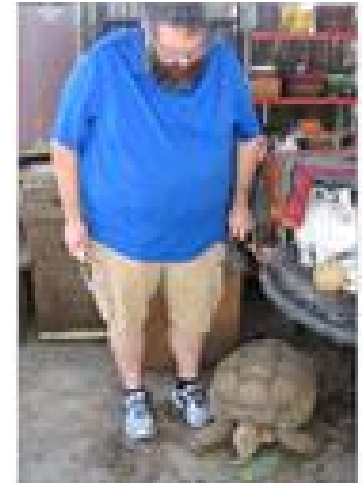
He broke his nose!

On the 7th we went to Fresno and heard Rob Skillin speak on the highlands of eastern Brazil. He showed more cephalia than I knew existed. (These are those flower clusters on top or the side of some cacti such as the genus Melocactus.) The pictures were great, but I think Rob needed to use less pedantic English (or Latin). Terry Skillin was also there – selling plants.



We got some prickly pear pads from the “freebies” at Fresno and I gave them to Daniel for his giant Tortoise. His two smaller tortoises did not seem to appreciate them. They preferred mulberry leaves!

We had plenty of mulberry leaves for them on the 9th. Our neighborhood watch group came to clear out the easement behind our house as there were signs of people “camping” there (a shopping cart with tins and plastic bottles, ground covers etc.) I didn’t mind as it meant I had help in trimming back the mulberry trees which grow at a prodigious rate.



On the 12th, of course, we were at the demonstration of displaying plants by Peter Walkowiak. He had some interesting plants, including a hybrid of Leuchtenbergia and Ferocactus. His pots were well suited for the plants.

Caves: Part I

On the 14th of July Polly, John and I set forth on a grand caving expedition. That evening we stayed with Polly’s sister Nancy in Fresno and on the 15th we went all the way to Susanville. We toured



James' new house. That evening we had a Thai dinner at The White House with James and his family.

On the 16th we all (except our grandson, Michael, who was not feeling well; and his other grandmother, Margaret, who is staying with them) drove up to Subway Cave which is a lava tube north of Mt. Lassen. It was about 65 years since I had been there and I did not remember the stairs and the rough floor. In spite of the dark, Matthew ran up and down and even little Alice was not upset. We posed Alice by a volcanic "burp" and called it her rabbit hole. We then had lunch at JJ's at Old Station just south of Subway Cave. I bought a book on Mt. Lassen and chatted with its author, A. W. Willendrup.



Next day we had lunch at the Pioneer Saloon at the Lassen Ale Works. Polly, John and I then set off on our long journey east. We had supper at Buffalo Wild Wings in Sparks and then drove to Fallon for the night. (Fallon has a Navy Air Station and is the largest town before setting off on "The Loneliest Road" – Highway 50.) Next month I'll continue our journey.

Bruce Hargreaves

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

The Kern County Fair

Sept 21st -- Oct 2nd



CALENDAR



~3~August 9th BCSS Meeting

Dinner out at "The Old Hacienda"
5303 Olive Dr

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

The Kern County Fair

Sept 21st -- Oct 2nd

The Kern County Fair has offered us the space again to put up a nice display representing our club. We will be setting up September 17th and 18th. Pickup of our plants will be October 3rd, from 8 am to 7 pm. They must be picked up on this date.

We would like members to bring plants to put in the display. Don't bring any that are small (easy to walk away with). We have not had any problems with this so far. This is good advertisement for our club. Fair goers seem to really enjoy looking at the different plants. You can call me if you have questions. 831-8488 Sidney Kelley

Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale

October 8th 10am – 5pm

October 9th 11am – 3pm

NEW Location

St. Paul's Church – 17th and "B" Streets