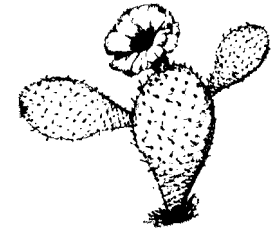


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*Opuntia basilaris var. treleasei*

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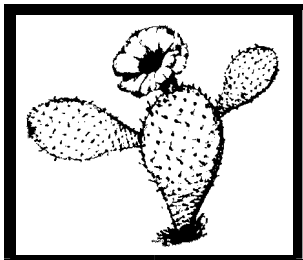
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This Month's Program  
**Dinner at Frugatti's Restuarant**  
(map on page 3)

**August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 PM**

Monthly Meeting  
**Tuesday, Aug 11<sup>th</sup>**  
at 6:00 PM  
@  
**600 Coffee Road, L**  
**Bakersfield**  
**93309**





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## **August 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

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Southeast corner of Coffee and Truxtun ext.  
Menu is mostly Medterranian.

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# July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Forms and Functions of Cacti and Succulents Ernesto Sandoval



Ernesto was in his usual good form. He had lots of interesting plants for sale as well.

# BRAG TABLE

Stephen Cooley brought *Sansevieria aethiopica* which he had grown from seed I brought back from Botswana.



Jack Reynolds brought the Baja “elephant tree” *Pachycormis discolor* which was in bloom.

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# Plant of the Month



## *Graptopetalum paraguayense*

Chapter 9 in Fred Dortort [Succulent Plants of the World] covers several genera of the New World Crassulaceae. Many of these

are very common in cultivation and make up the usual population of dish gardens the world over. Surprisingly some of the most common species come from very small localities in nature. Almost all are from Mexico.

*Graptopetalum paraguayense* is the most common species of this group. Its origin in nature is unclear but likely from the mountains of north-eastern Mexico. It is a sun loving plant suitable for an outdoor rock garden in Bakersfield. Indoors it will become leggy. They will become trailing over time as the stems elongate up to a couple of feet (60 cm.) long. They do well in hanging pots or baskets.



Flowers are five pointed stars, white or pale yellow produced in sprays. Flowering occurs in spring. Leaves are fleshy, flat, pointed forming a rosette. The color will vary depending on light conditions. In full sun they are pink opalescent grey, in part shade they become bluish.

These pale colors have given it the common name of “ghost plant” or “pearl plant”.

They do not like to be over-watered and should dry more or less completely between waterings. Propagation is easy by stem or leaf cuttings.

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Jack G. Reynolds



## A Hospital Stay

A Letter from Bruce

19<sup>th</sup> June should have been a celebration of our 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, but instead I collapsed with nasty bacterial infections in my urinary tract and ended up spending nine days at Mercy Hospital. I then spent another nine days at the skilled nursing unit at Brookdale Riverwalk. Finally, on 9<sup>th</sup> July I was allowed to return home. I have lost a lot of weight and am still weak, but I will recover. I am grateful for all the visitors at both facilities.

Fortunately the Fresno CSS meeting was cancelled as it would have been on 4<sup>th</sup> July! Instead I am including some cute Lithops “feet” from the June Fresno brag table. It was brought by Bill Gale.



I was excited by the cover story in the recent issue of Natural History, the publication of the American Museum of Natural History in New York. It shows the moon as seen during the first visit from Earth, I took a similar picture from Bakersfield at the same time! We had returned from Botswana in time for the birth of our first son, John and were thus here for the historic moon visit.



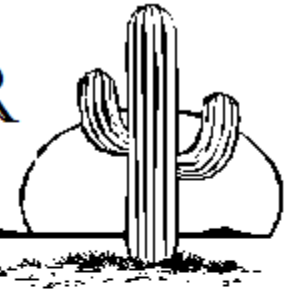
I am sorry for my absence at the July meeting. Others have agreed to cover pictures and the brag table, so the newsletter should still be complete.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of July I was well enough to pose with Polly for a wedding anniversary picture – only a month late.

**Bruce Hargreaves**

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

# CALENDAR



**August 13<sup>th</sup> BCSS Meeting**  
**Dinner out: Frugatti's Restuarant**

**September 10<sup>th</sup> BCSS Meeting**  
**What you need to know about Successful Succulent Culture**  
**J D Wikert**

**October 8<sup>th</sup> BCSS Meeting**  
**Exploring Euphorbias**  
**Tom Glavich**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> Set up for BCSS Show and Sale**

**October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**  
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