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NEXT MEETING: SEE BELOW

ANNUAL MEMBERS' SALE NIGHT



Thursday, October 5th

**Open to members and the public: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
(Vendor set-up: 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)**

**Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Center (DHHSC)
5340 North Fresno Street, Fresno**

Join us for this annual special program event. Many of our members will be selling plants, pottery, books, garden decorations and other hobby related items.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED - FREE ADMISSION

FROM THE PREZ . . .

Hi, all,

This month is our Members' Sale Night, an exciting and busy time. Because of the large number of vendors some rules have to be imposed: only 2 tables per vendor until we see how much room we have after all have set up. No customers will be allowed in until 6:30. We can use all the DHHSC tables; there are 10 long tables and 13 round ones; vendors are encouraged to bring their own tables if they have them. In fact, if any of you have a folding table of any size, you might bring it in case someone can use it. Rob is working on a room layout.

Club sale table: the proceeds of this table go entirely to the club, so we are always looks for donations of plants and related items. The plants should be clean, pest-free and things you think someone would buy; healthy cuttings are welcome.

Those who are bringing refreshments should bring them in before 6:30. Due to this event, the club library will not be available this month. If you have books due in October, you will not be penalized for keeping them another month.

Door duty: we need a few people to man the doors and try to get email addresses for those to whom we have been mailing postcards. This is getting to be an exceedingly expensive exercise for such a time-limited event. Emailing these folks would be a much more sensible strategy.

If you have any questions get in touch with me or Rob.

Well, our show and sale are history. This was a year with many challenges, as we sought a larger venue and also launched a judged plant show. The venue change required us to rearrange our event schedule, moving from June to September. It was a lot to deal with. When I say that your officers had sleepless nights, I am not exaggerating. I want to personally thank Rob Scott and Ann Bierbower for the enormous amount of work they did to bring this event about. They were terrific.

The show was a big success: over 300 entries, just about evenly divided between the Novice, Advanced and Open categories. Many thanks to everyone who entered, especially those who had never displayed their plants competitively before. Most of you won ribbons, too. Congratulations!

A number of members also put in long hours working at the sale, helping with the checkout line and assisting customers. We thank you very much for your dedication. Many people also brought food to sustain everyone through the weekend—thanks to them, as well. It wouldn't have been possible to mount this event without you. Staff at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District were helpful and courteous; it's a very attractive facility. Our intention for next year is to return to our usual June weekend for the show and sale. We have talked to the CVMD about this but no commitments have been made. We have also checked out an alternate venue in Clovis.

On another subject, it's the time of year for a nominating committee to find new officers for 2018. If you are asked to serve please consider doing so. We will have several vacancies on the board that we need to fill. We need new blood and new ideas!

See you at the sale, *Sue*

All photos by Jim Brummel
&
Karen Willoughby



FC&SS September 7, 2017 Meeting notes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Sue Haffner. Sue welcomed everyone, especially visitors. Attendance was 62. Susan Cook was selling plants and arrangements.

Minutes of the August 3, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

There will not be a board meeting this month since the regular date falls the day after the end of the show and sale. Workshop will be held September 20 at 6:00 p.m. This month the workshop will be held at 3733 N. Sierra Vista, Fresno.

Sue thanked Brian Nagle for his donation to the club of a digital projector.

Ann Bierbower spoke on last minute show plans. The club has existed for approximately 52 years and this will be our first judged show. She encouraged everyone to bring plants to be entered tomorrow between 4:30-8:00 p.m.

Rob Scott gave a sales update. There will be 12-13 vendors and he was taking sign-ups at the meeting to work at the sale.

Jim Brummel modeled the vests that will be worn by volunteers at the show and sale. They have a club logo on the front and will be helpful in identifying helpers to the public.

Sue Haffner discussed proposed increases in our dues. The new dues are suggested to be:

Single Membership with email newsletter: \$20
Single Membership with printed newsletter: \$30
Family Membership with email newsletter: \$30
Family Membership with printed newsletter: \$40

There was no discussion regarding this proposal and it was approved unanimously by a show of hands. The changes will go into effect in 2018.

Fred Gaumer described 8 plants that were brought in for the brag table.

Rosanna Rojas introduced our speaker for the evening Roz Tampone who gave a very informative talk about raising succulents and how to use them in various decorative applications in the home and garden.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 with plant raffle underway.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Willoughby, Secretary

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

**Jan Armbruster 1st); Karl Church (2nd);
Denyce Butler (3rd); Marian Orvis (20th).**

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**SAY HELLO TO THESE NEW MEMBERS:**

Michael and Medsie Bolin, Fresno; Norma Forbes, Visalia; Claudia Quintero Kliemann, Fresno; Cassidy Roberts-Yee, Fair Oaks.

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VISITORS LAST MONTH:

Steve Garcia, Carol Hata, Carol Qualls, Norma Forbes (and others who didn't sign the guest book.)

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**COMING EVENTS**

**Oct. 4-15, Big Fresno Fair; [www.fresnofair.com](http://www.fresnofair.com)**

**Oct. 7-8, Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale, St Paul's Church, 2216 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Bakersfield; hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 11-3; [www.bakersfieldcactus.org](http://www.bakersfieldcactus.org)**

**Oct. 14-15, Cactus & Succulent Society of San Jose 12<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Show & Sale, Peterson Middle School, 1380 Rosalia Ave., Sunnyvale; hours, Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4; [www.csssj.org](http://www.csssj.org)**

**Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, Clovis Botanical Garden, Water Wise Plant Sale & Fair, 945 N. Clovis Ave; hours, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. <https://clovisbotanicalgarden.org>**

**Nov. 4-5, San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, Los Angeles County Arboretum, 310 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia; hours: 9-4 both days; [www.sgvcss.com](http://www.sgvcss.com)**

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Former members Clem and Terry Goewert have donated books and back issues of *Cactus and Succulent Journal (US)* to the club. We will bundle a few volumes of journals and bring them to the club table at the Members' Sale Night.

CLUB BOARD MEETING:

Monday, Oct. 9th, 6 p.m., 3733 N. Sierra Vista. This is our annual budget meeting; all board members should be present. Any club member is welcome to attend.

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**BOARD MEMBERS WANTED:**

**We will have three vacancies on the board for the upcoming year. The only qualification is having been a club member for at least a year. If you have any interest in the business of the club and would like to help, by all means come forward and speak to one of the officers.**

**SUCCULENT PUMPKIN CLASSES**

Roz Tampone and Wanda Addison will be teaching two free classes in Fresno on making succulent-decorated pumpkins on Wednesday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>: 9:30-11 a.m. at the Garden of the Sun, 1750 N. Winery; 6-7 p.m. at the Betty Rodriguez Regional Library, 3040 N. Cedar.



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Cactus Explorer 19, the latest issue of this free online journal is now ready for download. It has articles on *Matucana*, *Opuntia* and *Cylindropuntia*, news, book and journal reviews, links to other online succulent journals, ads, etc.

www.cactusexplorers.org.uk/explorer19

THE BIG FRESNO FAIR

The Big Fresno Fair is finally here (Oct 4-15). Club members will have the opportunity to show their plants to the public at the Greenhouse Building. All of the dates during the Fair are covered; however, we will still need additional club members to fill in daily open hours. At least one or two persons for two hours, where you'll receive admission and parking passes. After your two hours of monitoring, you are free to enjoy the rest of the Fair. For those wishing to exceed hour hours, you'll need only a photo badge (instead of an admission pass) and you'll only receive a parking pass.

The schedule of dates and times will be available at the October Club Members' Sale Night. Please consider volunteering as plant monitor. The tasks are simple. You'll be distributing information about growing and caring about cacti and succulents. In addition, you'll be providing information about our club and activities.

Rudy Rulloda, Chair

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## OUR CACTUS SHOW & SALE

**Well we did it! We broke our record again by bringing in over 29,000 dollars!**

**This is incredible!**



We had a lot of changes this year. From having to move locations and time of year, but everything came together. The Veterans Memorial Building provided us with more space to bring in more outstanding vendors and space for customers. We even had the space for our very first judged plant show! The show was better than we could have ever imagined. This show set the stage and brought our club to a whole new level. We had many say that this show was better than what they had seen from other clubs around the state. That is a huge compliment for us!

Our vendors praised our club for all the work that was put into making the sale a huge success. They were all impressed with the planning, the food, the room setup, the help from our membership and the customer numbers. This was truly our best Annual Sale yet! We couldn't have done it without the support of our membership. We had many club members that volunteered a few hours, to some that spent the entire weekend helping. Without the support from these members we wouldn't be able to have an Annual Sale. To everyone that came to help with the setup, helped in the kitchens, who wrote invoices and collected money, who greeted customers, and a variety of other jobs. Thank you very much and I greatly appreciate every one of you!

A big thank you to Rosanna for planning, cooking, and preparing the food that kept everyone fed. Thank you to everyone who donated food as well. Everything was delicious!

My biggest thank you goes to Ann Bierbower, Show Chair and my Co-chair. The work you put into this event was exceptional. You did an amazing job and I couldn't be more honored to have you as co-chair and friend. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Though putting on a Show and Sale is a lot of work I hope everyone got to see how much fun they are. That donating a few hours of your time can be a big help. That putting plants into the show can get you ribbons. That the club needs you as a member to help make it run. The next Show and Sale is June 2018 and will be coming around fast. For the members who haven't helped before I encourage you to spend a few hours of your time. You won't be disappointed and will have a lot of fun.

***Thank you,  
Robert Scott, Sale Chair***

## Wow, What a Show!

Did you come? Did you exhibit? Did you hear – from visitors, vendors, club members, helpers, and facility staff – what an amazing event this was?

On September 9, the club held its first juried show, and it was one to be proud of! In the show room, over 325 plants filled black-clothed tables, with Best of Category plants on the Awards table. In addition to the FCSS information table, Clovis Botanical Garden was represented by invitation.

Two-judge teams assisted by two clerks completed the judging in a little over two hours. David Tufenkian (former CSSA board member) and Nick Deinhart (former FCSS president) judged the succulents, while Rob Skillin and Barbara Coelho (who regularly judges at the Fair) handled the cacti. Mark Muradian served as our very capable – but unused-- tie-breaker judge. All four judges congratulated the club on its efforts, the quality of the plants, the show format, the venue – the works!

The 71 classes had 317 entries. The 28 exclusively-cacti classes had 130 entries, while the 39 exclusively-succulents had 162. Entries were split almost equally among Novice, Advanced, and Open exhibitors at 101, 114, and 102 entries. Novice had 16 exhibitors; Advanced, 7; and Open, 8. With 24 club members exhibiting, that's about a 25% turnout, really very good for our first show.

Nine Best of Category award winners received a lovely pot made by former member Ani Chamichian.

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|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Best Novice Cactus      | Vickie Veen        | Best Novice Succulent        | Polly Dunklin |
| Best Advanced Cactus    | Ann Bierbower      | Best Advanced Succulent      | Bill Gale     |
| Best Open Cactus        | Mark Muradian      | Best Open Succulent          | Naomi Bloss   |
| Best Collection – Cacti | Peter Beiersdorfer | Best Collection – Succulents | Jim Smith     |
| Best Allied Interests   | Ann Bierbower      |                              |               |

A list of first place winners is included in the newsletter. The Show Chair's record-keeping was a bit sloppy, and a few names were missed. If you won any of the missing classes, please let Ann Bierbower know.

Thank-you's are in order, of course.

- The FCSS Board – for courageously pursuing the idea of holding a juried show.
- Our Sale and Show Chairs, Robert Scott and Ann Bierbower – for tirelessly and generously spending so many hours to plan and implement such a successful event.
- Our anonymous donors – who funded tablecloths, vests, judges' honorariums, supplies and accessories, the awards shelf, ribbons and award pots.
- Carole Grosch-Someone who likes to write! And did articles for publication including Clovis Roundup.
- Dom Ortiz and his "kids" – who erected 70 tables and moved untold numbers of plants to assist in setup and breakdown.
- Nancy Jobin "Queen of Tablecloths" and Pat Schreyer- for dealing with all those tablecloths during setup and breakdown.
- Tom Meyer – for transporting materials to and from storage.

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- Karen Willoughby – our capable and experienced (with violets!) Clerk’s Chair.
- Rachel Bermio, Marilyn Carter and Jeanette Heinrichs – our Clerks who assisted in receiving and set-up, and capably assisted our judges (and learned so much in the process).
- Sue Haffner and Fred Gaumer – who assisted in receiving and identifying plants on Friday evening.
- Laverne Collett, Gail Blank, Charlene Stebles, Polly Dunklin, and others - who staffed the information table.
- Jim Brummel-for the nifty and popular LP “pots” he made and donated to the Club sale table.
- Jan Brummel-for embroidering and sewing on FCSS patches on 30 vests.
- Rosanna Rojas – who organized the kitchen operation that kept us all well-fed.
- Craig Roberts for creating the vendor ID signs.

It’s nine months until June, and our 2<sup>nd</sup> juried show. That’s plenty of time to find a plant to prep for your entry. We hope you join us next time, because believe me, those of us who participated in Show #1 are glad we did!

### ***Ann Bierbower, Show Chair & Co-Chair***

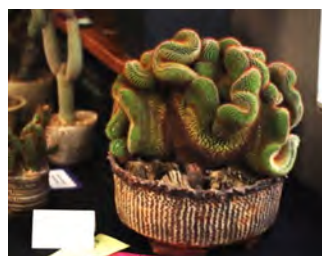
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SEPTEMBER BRAG TABLE: Fred claimed the display was a “Dan and Bill Show” as they had brought the bulk of the plants. Usually I list the plants and exhibitors but somehow I misplaced the sheet Fred passed on to me. The two photos on the right will have to suffice.



SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP: We were back at Tom and Doris’ for the workshop, as the meeting room at the library had already been booked for that evening. We had a good meeting and looked at some interesting plants. Bringing plants were Mary Drumheller, Eddie Etheridge, Ann Bierbower, Bill Gale, Jack Fleming, Larry Homan, Tom Meyer, Val McCullough and Dan Gale. We were supposed to be studying genera beginning with Q and R, which produced only *Rebutia* and *Raphionacme*. We did, however, have a lot of interesting plants to examine, among them *Ariocarpus retusus*, *Adenium obesum*, *A. arabicum*, *Euphorbia bonoglavaensis*, *Monadenium spectabilis*, *Trichocereus carmaiguensis crest*, *Euphorbia hopetowniensis*, *E. poisonii* and a “string bean” type hoyo (perhaps *H. shepherdii*), so called for its narrow, bean-like leaves. Val McCullough brought this very nicely grown specimen.

We also talked about what was going on in our plant collections, now that fall has arrived. Some members are removing all or some of the shade cloth they’ve had up all summer. Others consider this to be prime time for repotting. Changes in watering were discussed. In October we’ll be back at the Betty Rodriguez Library, in the meeting room; 3040 N. Cedar (Cedar and Shields), 6 p.m. We will look at plants in genera S and T. All members are welcome to attend. (No workshop photos were taken.)



Show Plants



FCSS JURIED SHOW WINNERS Sept. 9, 2017

	NOVICE	ADVANCED	OPEN	# Entries
Ariocarpus, Obregonia	Mary Drumheller	Ann Bierbower	Elton Roberts	18
Aztekium, Epithelantha, Geohintonia, Gymnocactus, Ortegocactus, Pelecyphora, Strombocactus, Turbinicarpus		Ann Bierbower	Elton Roberts	5
Coryphantha, Echinomastus, Escobaria, Neobesseya, Neolloydia	Mary Drumheller	Sue Haffner		3
Thelocactus	Dennis Anderson		Elton Roberts	3
Astrophytum	Vickie Veen	Ann Bierbower	Elton Roberts	6
Echinofossulocactus, Ferocactus		Ann Bierbower		4
Echinocactus				3
Echinocereus, Wilcoxia				2
Ancistrocactus, Pediocactus, Sclerocactus, Toumeyia				0
Opuntia, Pereskiaopsis, Pterocactus, Tephrocactus	Mary Drumheller	Ann Bierbower	Elton Roberts	9
Mammillaria, 6" and under pot diameter	Michelle Roberts	Ann Bierbower		6
Mammillaria, 6"-10" pot diameter	Vickie Veen	Ann Bierbower	Elton Roberts	9
Mammillaria, 10 " and over pot diameter	Polly Dunklin	Ann Bierbower	Elton Roberts	3
Columnar cacti	Dennis Anderson	Ann Bierbower		3
Copiapoa	Dennis Anderson	Ann Bierbower	Steve Frieze	6
Arequipa, Denmoza, Matucana, Oroya, Submatucana		Ann Bierbower		1
Erioseya, Horridocactus, Islaya, Neochilenia, Neoporteria, etc.		Ann Bierbower	Elton Roberts	4
Acanthocalycium, Echinopsis, Lobivia, Mila		Rudy Rulloda		2
Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia	Roz Tampone	Ann Bierbower	Steve Frieze	6
Eriocactus, Malacocarpus, Notocactus, Parodia, Wigginsia	Michelle Roberts			3
Gymnocalycium	Mary Drumheller	Fred Gaumer	Naomi Bloss	9
Buiningia, Discocactus, Melocactus, Uebelmania		Ann Bierbower	Nick Wilkinson	3
Epiphytic cacti				0
Crest, Monstrose (any with >33%)	Vickie Veen	Ann Bierbower	Mark Muradian	13
Variegates	Henry Coggan		Robert Scott	4
All other genera		Sue Haffner		2
Grown from seed by Exhibitor		Ann Bierbower		1
Argyroderma, Dinteranthus, Lapidaria, Lithops, Pleiospilos		Fred Gaumer	Naomi Bloss	3
All other Mesembs		Fred Gaumer	Naomi Bloss	3
Stapeliads: Caralluma, Huernia, Pseudolithos, Trichocaulon, etc.				2
Other Asclepiads: Brachystelma, Fockea, Gonolobus, Raphionacme, etc.	Karen Willoughby		Mark Muradian	4
Andromischus, Crassula		Fred Gaumer	Naomi Bloss	6
Curcubitaceae: Gerrardanthus, Ibervillea, Kedrostis, Zygosicyos, etc.		Jack Fleming	Naomi Bloss	5
Adenia				0
Dorstenia	Vickie Veen	Jack Fleming		2
Bombax, Ficus		Bill Gale	Nick Wilkinson	2
Dudleya, Echeveria, Graptopetalum, Pachyphytum, Tacitus	Roz Tampone			4
Orostachys, Rosularia, Sedum, Sinocrassula				0
Cotyledon, Tylecodon		Fred Gaumer	Nick Wilkinson	3
Aeonium, Greenovia, Kalanchoe, Monanthes, Sempervivum				2
Composites: Kleinia, Othonna, Senecio, etc.		Fred Gaumer	Robert Scott	2
Aloe		Fred Gaumer	Robert Scott	8
Gasteria (may include variegates)	Val McCullough	Fred Gaumer		8
Astroloba, Haworthia	Val McCullough	Fred Gaumer	Jim Smith	12
Euphorbia, from Madagascar	Polly Dunklin	Bill Gale	Steve Freize	5
Euphorbia, not from Madagascar	Karl Church	Sue Haffner	Nick Wilkinson	13
Other Euphorbiaceae: Jatropha, Monadenium, Pedilanthus, etc.		Bill Gale	Robert Scott	3
Adenium, Pachypodium	Karl Church	Dan Gale	Mark Muradian	7
Portulacaceae: Anacampseros, Avonia, Ceraria, Talinum, etc.	Henry Coggan	Sue Haffner	Naomi Bloss	8
Sansevieria (may include variegates)	Karl Church			6
Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon	Vickie Veen	Bill Gale	Nick Wilkinson	4
Boswellia, Bursera, Commiphora, Fouquieria, Pachycormus		Fred Gaumer		2
Cissus, Cyphostemma				1
Agave		Bill Gale	Robert Scott	6
Beaucarnea, Calibanus, Dracaena, Nolina, Yucca		Ann Bierbower	Mark Muradian	2
Bromeliaceae: Bromeliad, Dyckia, Hecthtia, Tillandsia	Mary Drumheller	Ann Bierbower	Robert Scott	8
Dioscorea		Bill Gale	Mark Muradian	4
Pedaliaceae: Pterodiscus, Sesamothamnus, Uncarina				0
Crests, Monstrose (any with >33%)		Bill Gale	Mark Muradian	6
Variegates	Vickie Veen	Bill Gale	Steve Freize	4
Bulbs	Marilyn Carter	Ann Bierbower		4
Bonsai Succulents		Bill Gale	Nick Wilkinson	2
All other genera, pachycaul		Bill Gale	Nick Wilkinson	3
All other genera, non-pachycaul	Karl Church			4
Grown from seed by Exhibitor		Fred Gaumer		1
Cactus Collections (at least 4)		Ann Bierbower		2
Succulent Collections (at least 4)	Karen Willoughby	Jack Fleming	Jim Smith	3
Dish Gardens	Karen Wood			3
Miniatures (3" inside pot diameter or less)	Karen Wood	Ann Bierbower		11
Photography, Crafts, etc.	Dennis Anderson		Peter Beiersdorfer	10
Educational		Ann Bierbower		1