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NO CLUB MEETING FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER



FRESNO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL PLANT SALE

Saturday, September 30th
10 am to 2pm

**CASH ONLY
BRING YOUR OWN BOX**

FALL PLANT SALE

SEPTEMBER
30TH

CLUB MEMBER WILL
BE SELLING THEIR
HOME-GROWN
PLANTS AND
GARDENING ITEMS

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FROM THE PREZ:

Hi Members,

NO SEPTEMBER MEETING!!!

We will not be having a September meeting this month due to the Fall Sale at the end of the month. **There is no in-person meeting on September 7th.** Please remind other members and any acquaintances who were interested in the meeting this month.

Instead tell them about the Fall Sale!

Fall Cactus & Succulent Plant Sale

This year we have moved our Fall Sale to a Saturday to make the event worthwhile for our members' selling and to give the public more time to shop. **The Fall Sale will be September 30th, from 10am to 2pm.** Members who are selling can start setting up at 9am that Saturday. Water will be provided but lunch and snacks are on your own.

This sale is for our members to sell their extra plants and related items like pots, books, etc. The only requirement is you must be a club member and plants must be clean of disease and insects. The cost to participate is \$20 per club member, which gets you one 6-foot or 8-foot table to use (some 8-foot tables might be round tables that have the same surface area as an 8-foot long table). Members can load up their table with as many items as they like, including using the floor space below the table. I will collect payment sometime during the event from each member participating.

If you would like to sell at the Fall Sale, please contact me by September 15th.

All sales go through each member that is selling, so any member selling will need to bring their own cash change. When a buyer comes to you to purchase, have them purchase the items right then before moving on to the next table. We advertise this event as cash only so the public is aware and brings cash for sales. Some members have their own ways of taking credit cards and you may do so, but the majority do not. Making everything cash makes it easier for everyone. This is a fun event and a great chance to find some wonderful items that have been grown by our members. We are hoping that having it on a Saturday will draw more crowds. Please tell everyone you know and print off the flyer in the newsletter to post.

Club Sales Table

If you have a couple extra items but don't want to go through the work of having your own table at the Fall Sale, you can always donate your items to the Club Table. The Club will have its own table at the Fall Sale selling donated items that all go towards benefiting the club. If you would like to donate, please bring your items to the event before 10am.

The doors will open at 10am. Anyone not selling but wishing to purchase will need to wait in line until the doors open for sales. **Bring plenty of cash and your own box** (boxes will not be provided for this event). I always find cool and unique plants at this sale, so don't miss your chance to do the same.

Take care,

Robert Scott



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Cathie Kirk (3rd);
Katie Trujillo (3rd);
Ed Armbruster (9th);
Jack Fleming (11th);**

**Susan Cook (12th); Pat Bertram (20th);
Polly Dunklin (20th); Rebekah Carlson (23rd);
Charisse Cline (27th); Craig Roberts (27th);
Polly Hargreaves (29th).**

The latest issue of the *Cactus and Succulent Journal* is a special issue devoted to the conservation of cacti and succulents in the 21st century. This is a subject that should be of interest to all succulent plant hobbyists. It's published by the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. For membership information, check the society's website: www.cactusandsucculentsociety.org



Some of the larger yucca species, most notably Joshua trees, tend to put out offshoots and develop branches that droop downward. Offshoots can be cut out and, with difficulty, re-rooted.

Cut drooping branches back to the main stem or joint. Many yuccas can retain their old leaves, which remain as a sheath on the trunk. The old leaves protect the trunk from mechanical damage and sunburn.

Mary Irish, of the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, thought that peeling away the old leaves weakened the stem. You may prefer the look of a clean stem; removing the leaves probably does no real harm.

This is best done at the end of summer to avoid sunburn on the trunk. Be sure to wear gloves.

Sue

TULISTA PUMILA long known as *Haworthia pumila*, this plant was renamed in 2016 when *Aloe* and related genera were revised. Four species of *Haworthia* were separated into the genus *Tulista*: *kingiana*, *minor*, *marginata* and *pumila*.



These are small, slow growing succulents that form rosettes of thick, fleshy olive-green to brownish-green leaves covered with raised white tubercles, chiefly on the back sides of the leaves. The specific name, *pumila*, means "dwarf" even though this species is the largest of the genus. It dates to the original description of the plant as an aloe, and of course, it is very small for an aloe.

Tulista pumila is native to the winter rainfall region of the Western Cape region of South Africa where winter temperatures can reach freezing. Indigenous people use the mashed leaves as soap or a poultice.

There are variant forms of *T. pumila*, including the well-known 'Donuts' or 'Little Donuts' which exhibit tubercles that grow in rings with depressions in the middle.

Culture is straightforward: well-draining mix, water during the spring and fall growing periods, drier in winter. Remember that it is a fairly slow grower, so don't think heavy watering will make it grow or pup faster. (*Illus from World of Succulents*)

Can this dish garden be saved? I recently received a gift dish garden: three cacti and a haworthia in a pretty purple bowl. I put it out on a patio plant stand and sort of forgot about it.

Looking at it now, I see the haworthia is dead. Turning up the bowl I see that there's no drainage hole. Oops. I will have to remove the cacti— a ferocactus, a grafted red gymnocalycium and an opuntia—and repot them in more appropriate situations.

These gift arrangements are just temporary. Enjoy them for a while, then save what you can.

Sue

AUGUST BRAG TABLE: We saw an interesting array of plants last month: pachypodiums, sarcocaulons, ariocarpus and various forms of trichocereus and myrtillocactus, and other items. Those bringing plants were Donna Schiefer, David Madrigal, Dan Gale, Bill Gale and Jack Fleming. Mark Muradian presided in place of Fred Gaumer, who had gone to the Intercity Show. Many thanks to all the participants. *Sue*



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