



Echinocereus reichenbachii subsp baileyi in the Wichita Mountains NWR, Oklahoma. Mount Scott in the background. Photo by Michael Douglas

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NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

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Meeting: Third Thursday of the month at 7 pm. At the Will Rogers Garden Center at 3400 NW 36th in Oklahoma City (except for the month of our Show&Sale, picnic and Christmas party).

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CLUB NEWS



Hi everyone, We hope everybody had a good time during our past Holiday Season. At least the weather has been much better since our last really cold weather hit the area.

As the New Year begins I would like to remind you that the monthly meetings will continue to be at the Senior Citizen Center. I believe this will be the case at least until May when the renovation to our usual meeting place should be finished.

In January we will have a program by Mark Dittmar and Gayle Snider and Michael and I will give the February program. We do not yet have a program for April so if any of you would like to volunteer to give a program let us know.

Our Show&Sale will be in early June and I am already looking forward to that time of the year or actually a little earlier, sometime in late March. It is at this time that I can start getting my plants ready for the sale, this includes mini dish gardens as well as individual plants.

Happy New Year to everyone and start thinking about your participation during our Show&Sale.

Rosario Douglas
COCSS Vice-president, Newsletter editor, Webpage Master
and Facebook administrator



■ **Dear Members:** Remember to renew your dues. It is \$15 for families and \$10 for individual members. You can make the check out to COCSS and you can send it to our new treasurer Mark Dittmar at 6485 N. Sterling Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73132.

January Program

Growing Cacti and Succulents from Seed

By Gayle Snider and Mark Dittmar

Gayle and Mark will put together a powerpoint presentation and perhaps some videos about growing cacti and succulent from seed. They would like members that have experience growing cacti from seed to participate and contribute their knowledge and experience doing so.

When: January 19th, 2017

Where: Senior Citizen Center at **3505 Pat Murphy Dr.**

Time: 7 pm

Refreshments: Mark and Gayle

From the Treasurer

I want to say we had a good turnout for the Christmas party at Johnny Carino's. We had 17 folks come out on a drizzly icy night. The food and fellowship was great and everyone seemed to have a good time. There is never an enough time to talk to everyone, make new friends, really get to know everyone, one on one. We had a good dirty Santa as always. I had a lot of folks renew their memberships. I hope to remind everyone that their 2017 dues are due. I will send a membership renewal email out in the new year. But if you would like to renew now via mail my address is Mark Dittmar 6485 N. Sterling Drive Oklahoma City, OK 73132.



Peggy and I are working closely together so no worries there - if you already sent it to her address. A special thank you for Peggy's help these past few weeks in lining me out on my job for the club.

Mark Dittmar

Thanks to Mark for these photos of the COCSS Christmas Party at Johnny Carino's.



2017 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT HAPPENINGS IN THE REGION by Joyce Hochtritt



COCSS Meeting & Program – January 19, 7:00 pm – Will Rogers Park Senior Center.

COCSS Meeting & Program – February 16, 7:00 pm – Will Rogers Park Senior Center

COCSS Meeting & Program – March 16, 7:00 pm – Will Rogers Park Senior Center?

April 1 - 2, 2017 - Austin Cactus and Succulent Society’s Spring Show & Sale, Zilker Botanical Gardens, Austin, TX.

April 8 - 9, 2017 - New Mexico Cactus and Succulent Society’s Annual Show & Sale, Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM

COCSS Meeting & Program – April 20, 7:00 pm – Will Rogers Exhibition Center?

April 26 – 27 – 28, 2017 - San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society’s Annual Show & Sale, San Antonio Garden Center, San Antonio, TX.

COCSS Meeting & Program - May 18, 7:00 pm - Will Rogers Exhibition Center?

June 3 - 4, 2017 – Central Oklahoma Cactus and Succulent Society’s Annual Show & Sale, Will Rogers Exhibition Center, Oklahoma City, OK.

July 8 - 9, 2017 – Henry Shaw Cactus and Succulent Society’s Annual Show & Sale, Missouri Botanical Garden St. Louis, MO.

COCSS Meeting & Program – July 20, 7:00 pm - Will Rogers Exhibition Center?



Dear Members: Remember to check the club’s Facebook page from time to time. We try to post information of interest to people in our hobby. The address is: https://www.facebook.com/Central-Oklahoma-Cactus-Succulent-Society-548561558626999/ or you can click on Facebook icon in our webpage. To see the webpage type COCSS in “Google”

Article of the month

11 Ways to embrace the cactus design trend

This short article by Jamie Knodel showcases the use of cacti in the latest design trends.

You can read the article at:

<http://www.dallasnews.com/life/home/2016/06/30/11-ways-embrace-cactus-design-trend>



The photos are taken from the article.



SUCCULENT PLANTS by *Rosario Douglas*



The Genus *Matucana*



A genus of about 20 species of primarily small globular cacti, *Matucana* is named after the city of the same name. *Matucana* are only found in Peru, primarily at high elevations (greater than 7000 feet and up to 12000 feet). Excessive collecting for the cactus trade has placed *Matucana* at risk. (Wikipedia)

Flowers are diurnal and are often red, yellow or pink. The flowers are very attractive and stand above the plants on long floral tubes.

Members of this genus grow fairly fast and can be grown from seed. Watering should be done when the plant is dry since the plants are sensitive to excessive moisture.

Plants can be solitary or can grow in clusters and they tend to be less than one foot in diameter (Cactiguide.com)



A *Matucana paucicostata* By Michael Wolf - Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=10989112>

B *Matucana polzii* Wikipedia Commons

THE CULTIVATION CORNER



This information was taken verbatim from the website “Cactus Nursery” care for cacti at: <http://www.cactusnursery.co.uk/blackspot.htm>

Black Spot

Identification is the easy part, black spots occurring on Aloes and Gasterias, usually on the older leaves.

It may be caused by a fungus called *Montagnella*, or by stress, or maybe by a combination of the two. Insect damage may allow black spot entry to the plant.

Prevention

There is some evidence to suggest that if plants are grown "hard" - that is, in good light, with good air circulation and with good nutrient supply and good greenhouse hygiene, then incidence of black spot is less. Eliminate biting/sucking insects in the greenhouse.

Cure

As there is still confusion as to the causal agent, there is no cure as such. Some treatments can sometimes alleviate the symptoms.

Regular sprays with a copper fungicide can help. Possibly the fungicide Mancozeb can help.



THE BOTANICAL CORNER

by Rosario Douglas



A Night blooming cereous (*Selenicereus grandiflorus*) which flowers only for one night. Wikipedia Creative Commons.

Ephemeral Enduring but a day, as the ephemeral flowers of many cacti, which wither the day after blooming.

Epi A Greek prefix, meaning “upon” or “above”

Epidermis The thin outer cell layer in the higher plants, roughly analogous to the epidermis of animals, usually pigmented but mostly without chloroplasts, and universally present in leaves and herbaceous stems.

Epiphyte A plant which grows on another plant, but is not nourished by it and hence not a parasite; an air plant e.g. cacti of the genus *Rhipsalis*.

Equilateral Having sides of the same length

Erectacanthus With erect spines.

Erectocentrus With an erect central spine.

Eriacanthus With woolly spines.

Terms from a book by W. Taylor Marshall and R.S. Woods. The book is titled, **Glossary of succulent plant terms**, published in 1938., Wikipedia. Also terms from CactiGuide.com at <http://cactiguide.com/glossary/>.