

# CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CACTUS AND SUCULENT SOCIETY

The Offset

President's Message

April 2024

*Howdy howdy!*

*IT'S APRIL! I'm curious which person you are...*

*Are you the person that took their plants out as soon as it got kinna nice in the middle of March? Now you play the 'whats the weather' game and bring them in and out quite a bit?*

*Maybe you're the person who waits a bit but you move 'em out after Easter? Then you cross your fingers and hope you don't have to move 'em back in or you just throw caution to the wind and hope for the best if it gets a bit chilly?*

*Or the person that waits til May cuz 'I ain't movin' 'em more than once.'*

*These are the decisive topics that we face this time of year.*

*We've got a great program coming from Michelle this month about the genus pachypodium. We've got some volunteering options. We'll nail down show n' sale details. We got a list going for snack bringing which is a HUGE HELP. It's you by the way Shirley! We're all excited.*

*Cya there!*

*-Wil*

## Monthly Meeting

April 18th @ 7pm

The World of Pachypodium

Will Roger's Gardens  
3400 NW 36th St  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

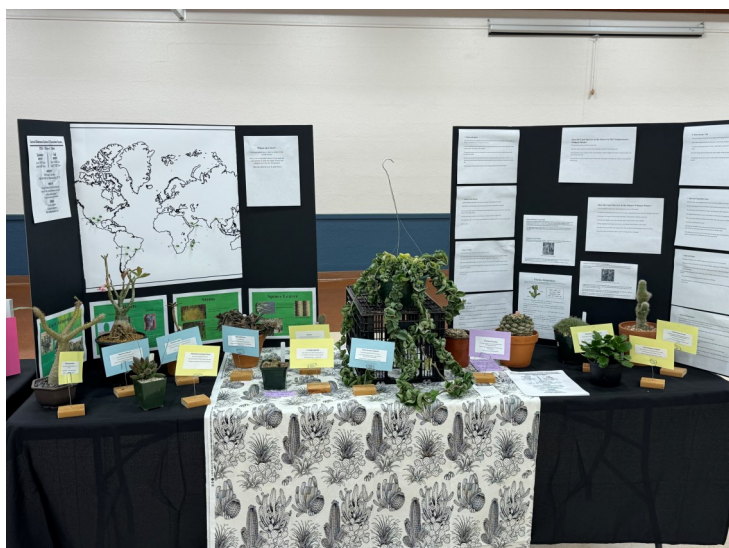
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# “I LOVE THE FLOWERS” SHOW RESULTS

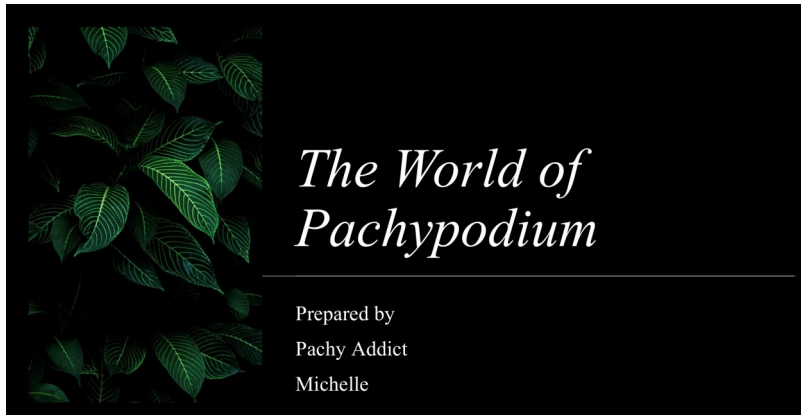
For those at last month’s meeting, I’m sure you all heard the results of the clubs educational display winning in it’s category. Wil and Michelle put together a great display for the club, all about the variety and vast spread of Cactus and succulents. For those that missed it, don’t feel too sad as we plan to have this set-up for our Show n’ Sale this coming June!



Also a big thanks to all the members who brought up plants for the show. We ended up filling out the category with a good variety of plants, and the Iris Society definitely appreciates our club members helping to fill out their show.



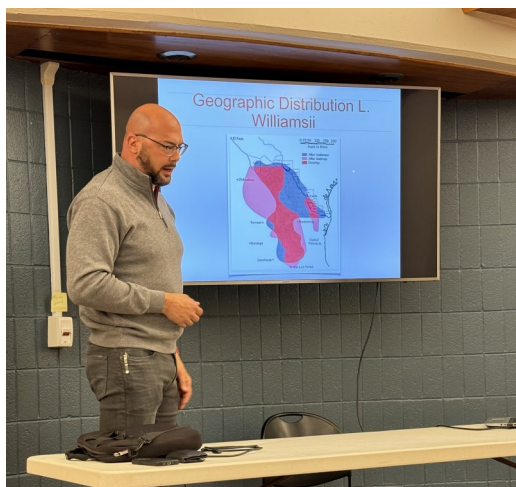
# PREVIOUS & UPCOMING MEETINGS



This month's presentation is from our own club's "Pachy Addict".

Michelle has a real passion for Pachypodiums, so it's sure to be full of great info.

Last month, Christopher Scott presented a comprehensive program on Lophothora. Discussed were ethnobotanical implications, current serious threats to wild populations, and best cultural practices.



Story time from Wil: The lopho's pictured in the pots are Loa's. The story goes... It got a bit squishy and she thought oh no it was rotting and told me to top cut it. It wasn't my plant so I was like hell ya! Lop'd off the top before she could bat an eye. Turns out it was fine! Just super thirsty. The one in the 3" pot is the top that rooted and then the 4" is a pup that popped out the side and took over.

Moral of the story, a squishy Loph is not always bad...

# MEETING MINUTES

## 20-March-2024 COCSS March Meeting

### **Program**

Christopher Scott presented a comprehensive program on Lophothora. Discussed were ethnobotanical implications, current serious threats to wild populations, and best cultural practices.

### **Old Business**

Show n Sale

Lost a summer vendor but found a replacement

Started a signup for meeting snacks

Still need people to pay dues for new year.

Volunteer opportunities in April at the Gardens

Festival in the Park, May 18

At Myriad Gardens have booth Members can sell but the main focus is outreach.

Treasurer's report

\$12,040 in account.

### **New Business**

Show and Sale

Loa noted that a tremendous amount of work goes into prepping for this event. She would like to create an SOP (standard operating procedure) for future events. She would also like to find more avenues for advertising. Much discussion ensued.

Peggy motioned to end meeting and Sarah seconded.

In attendance: Loa G., Matthew B, Wil O., Doris R., Sarah, Christopher S. Peggy A., Shirley B.C., Goergiann C., Chris B., Andrea F., Stephen F., Mark P., Kate R.

# COMMITTEES & VOLUNTEERING

Want to get more involved with the club, but not quite ready for an officer role? Committees are a great way to get more involved with the club and help planning our bigger events throughout the year.

## **Show n' Sale Committee**

This committee will focus on printing flyers, mailing post cards, coordinating food, scheduling the presentations, etc.

Loa will be the head of this committee, so anyone interested, send her a message.

## **Dish Garden Committee**

This year we want to bring back the dish garden event for the public. This committee will primarily be needed to print and distribute flyers, source small cacti and succulents, soil mix, and other potting medium. Along with volunteering for the event itself.

## **Snack Sign-Ups**

We have a sign-up sheet now! Hooray for snacks!

If your wanting to bring something, you can now sign-up up for a month during a meeting, or let Wil know.

## **Festival in the Park**

We have two Festivals in the Park on back-to-back weekends in OKC. The festival on May 11th will be at Will Rogers Gardens and the Myriad Gardens will be hosting their festival on May 18th.

If any members want to volunteer, it's a fun way to spend a Saturday talking about plants and reaching out to the public.

We will have a booth at both and you can bring plants up for sale, but the main focus will be public outreach.

Reminder: anyone bringing plants for sale will need to be present, and 20% of sales will go towards the club.



# SUBMISSIONS INFO

**Want to help the Newsletter?  
Well we're open for submissions!**

## What can I submit?

**Advice  
Blurbs  
Quotes  
Pictures  
Memes  
Questions?**

**Honestly...  
Anything Related  
to Cactus &  
Succulents**

This is a call out to all COCSS Members!

We are in need of submissions, and here's how you can help!

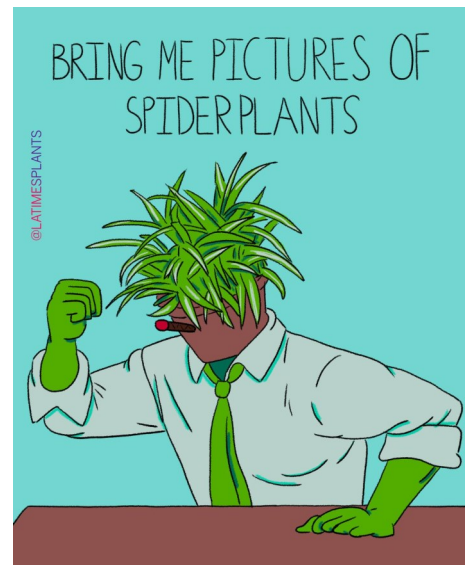
We want to hear from your experiences: do you have any helpful tips for beginners, any lessons you've learned, or what are some great successes or failures you've had while growing cactus and succulents?

Do you have any advice, whether that be from keeping a greenhouse warm during a sudden freeze, or just keeping those invasive pests at bay?

What about photos? Who doesn't love showing off their collection! I know I love seeing it! If you have photos, send them in.

Questions? We love questions! Heck, if I get enough, I'll create a whole section just for Q&A.

So why not contribute to your favorite source for local cactus and succulent goings on.



You can send all submissions to Brianne Rhee @

Text: (405)343-6145 or Email: [bri\\_duke@hotmail.com](mailto:bri_duke@hotmail.com)

Our Club Discord Also has a new Text Channel #newsletter where you can also send submissions.

Check it out [Here!](#)



# RESOURCES

[Club Website](https://oklahomacactus.com/): <https://oklahomacactus.com/>

[Club Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CactusOKC/): <https://www.facebook.com/CactusOKC/>

[Friends of COCSS \(facebook group\)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1009636282440752): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1009636282440752>

[Club Discord](https://discord.gg/JfUXTUvccs): <https://discord.gg/JfUXTUvccs>

[Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/cactusokc/): <https://www.instagram.com/cactusokc/>

[The Cactus & Succulent Society of America](#) have decided to move into the 21st century and started a [Youtube channel!](#) There's a smattering of videos but definitely stay tuned for more.



© Update to outdoor beds at WRG

**COCSS membership dues are \$10 per individual or \$15 per household. ([form](#))**

**By Check:** Pay to 'COCSS' and can be mailed to 620 N Bristow Ave, Moore OK 73160.

Contact Tyson Reynolds at 405.343.5721 or by email at [tyson.b.reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:tyson.b.reynolds@gmail.com)

**Paypal:** [paypal.me/cactusokc](https://paypal.me/cactusokc) and choose 'send to friend'

Then follow up with an email to [daisyandherdads@gmail.com](mailto:daisyandherdads@gmail.com) with the information you'd put on the [form](#).

If you are interested in contributing to The Offset, please send photos and article submissions to Newsletter Editor Brianne Rhee at [bri\\_duke@hotmail.com](mailto:bri_duke@hotmail.com) (you can also text pictures to 405.343.6145).

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**Officers**



# 2024 CLUB EVENTS

Below is list of our planned club events for the 2024 calendar year!

- February 15:** Monthly Meeting - Video Presentation
- February 24:** "I Love the Flowers" hosted by the Oklahoma Council of National Garden Club Flower Show Judges and the Oklahoma Iris Society @ WRG
- March 21:** Monthly Meeting - Lovley Lophophora
- April 18:** Monthly Meeting - All About Pachypodiums/Tour the Beds
- May 9:** Club Outing - Road Trip to Taggart's & Stillwater
- May 11:** Festival in the Park @ WRG
- May 16:** Monthly Meeting - TBD
- May 18:** Festival in the Park @ Myriad Gardens
- May (TBD):** Cactus Crawl - Greenhouse Crawl
- May or June:** Club Outing - Botanizing the Wichitas
- June 15-16:** Summer Show n' Sale
- July 18:** Monthly Meeting - Propagation Extravaganza/Post Sale Swap
- August 15:** Dish Garden Public Event
- September 21-22:** Fall Show n' Sale
- October 17:** Monthly Meeting - Planned Out-of-Town Speaker
- October 24:** Fall Crawl - Greenhouse Crawl
- November 21:** Monthly Meeting - Seed Starting
- December 19:** Club Christmas Party - Catered @ WRG

