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September Program

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Our September program is The Country Store. This is a fundraiser for our club with proceeds supporting future activities such as the Christmas Party, so be generous!

Center doors will open at 6:30 pm for set-up. The Country Store will start at 7:00 pm. Arrive early to set out your donations, buy your tickets, and settle in for a fun and fruitful night. For those who have never experienced our Country Store, just visualize the room full of plants, produce and bakery goods with a Silent Auction thrown in! There will be five raffle tables: Cacti, Other Succulents, House Plants, Produce, and Sweet Shoppe. If you bring plants, please bring clean well-grown ones, labeled if possible. Cactus and Succulent donations are obvious. House Plants can be anything including African violets, bromeliads, ferns, fuchsias, geraniums, bulbs, trees, seeds, perennials, annuals, pots, rocks, etc. The Produce area includes fresh produce, home canned items, herbs, fruits, nuts, jams, jellies, zucchini bread and so forth. Sweet Shoppe is all calories. Bake an extra batch of cookies, a cake, more of that zucchini bread, brownies, etc. Please place a few cookies, brownies, slice of cake or bread on a paper plate, cover with plastic wrap or in a baggie and it will be raffled for the hungry mob. This will keep your energy level up for all the furious raffling and plant snatching happening at the rest of the tables.



All tickets will be 50¢. Each raffle area will have a container where you place your ticket stub. Good tactics are to place your tickets where you can win the most!

The last area is the Silent Auction. Here will be Cactus and Succulent themed donated items such as jewelry, placemats, glasses, mugs, towels, greeting cards, pictures, stationery, books, pots, nicer plants and/or planters – all kinds of stuff. These items will be displayed with a bid sheet for each. Write your name and your bid, in one-dollar increments only. Your bids will not be hidden so there is potential for spirited bidding on coveted items. (Keith usually brings some pots – hint hint...)

Come, relax, and bring a box to take home your goodies. There will be no regular business meeting, mini-show, or library at the Country Store. Questions? Contact Marilyn Vilas at nedmar@omsoft.com or 530-753-7011.

P.S. Volunteer ticket callers are needed at all tables but the Silent Auction. Just show up and request the table/area you want.

Meeting Details

The Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 PM.

Next meeting: September 25

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Announcements

CSSA Biennial Convention From Your National Affiliate: The Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) is having their 2017 Biennial Convention, hosted by Central Arizona C&S Society, on July 26-31, 2017 in Tempe, AZ. More information on this as I receive it.

A Pre-Convention Tour of Northeastern Mexico has been planned and is now accepting reservations for the 11-day trip, with nine full days in the field. Dates are July 15-25, with priority registration for convention attendees. Arrival and departure through Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, exploring the states of Nuevo Leon and Coahuila. For more information, please go to the CSSA website <http://cssainc.org/index.php/directory/field-trips> or contact the tour operator, Jeff Chemnick of Mexico Nature Tours LLC (805-965-0895 or jeffchemnick@cox.net). More information can also be found in the CSSA Journal, July/August 2016, p. 182-184. Affiliate Representative Marilyn Vilas



GoPlantGo web site: I received an announcement from “GoPlantGo,” a marketplace and auction web site that specializes in, what else, plants, seeds, garden supplies and accessories. All plant categories have their own options. Succulents include flower color, plant height, sun requirements, hardiness, etc. Visit their website at <http://GoPlantGo.com> for more information. —Marilynn Vilas

Tickle for your calendar! Keith Taylor announced he would be bringing a very special Raffle Table for the November meeting. Seems he overbought at the San Diego Show, and we will be the recipients of his enthusiasm. Bring money!



August Mini-Show Winners

SUCCULENT

1st: *Pachypodium densiflorum x brevicaulis*, Keith Taylor

2nd: *P. succulentum*, Steve Goodman

3rd: *P. namaquanum*, Michelle Egan

H.M.: *P. lamerei*, “Madagascar Palm,” Rudy Aguilar

P. lamerei, Linda Roye

P. lealii, Brandy Saige

P. namaquanum, Alex Inglett

CACTUS

1st: *Ferocactus latispinus*, Steve Goodman

2nd: *F. hamatacanthus*, Michelle Egan

3rd: *F. latispinus*, “Devil’s Tongue Barrel,” Rudy Aguilar

H.M.: *F. sp.*, Victor Rosario