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APRIL 2016

## SPEAKER OF THE MONTH: KEITH TAYLOR

Keith Taylor will be providing a hands-on demonstration regarding preparing your plants for the upcoming show on May 28-29, 2016. His presentation will incorporate tips and great ideas for appropriately preparing your pots, staging your plants and using top dressing. Don't miss this very important presentation!

## ABOUT KEITH

Keith Taylor began collecting caudiciform succulents in 1991 after seeing a large *Cyphostemma juttiae* in the ground at a local botanical garden. "I was drawn to size and grotesque shape of the trunk". The *Cyphostemma* he saw is also the 1st succulent he purchased. His collection is more than 800 plants. He grows in plastic pots and raised beds. Keith prefers his succulents to look like habitat specimens rather than cultivated plants. He grows them hard, meaning limited water, little to no feeding and hot sun to give them the look of collected plants.

His favorites include *Cyphostemma*, *Fockea*, *Fouquieria*, *Pachypodium*, *Pachycormus*, *Tylecodon*, *Othonna*, *Pelargonium*, *Mesemb*s and *Euphorbia*. Roughly 5% of his collection is tuberous rooted cacti, *Lophophora*, *Peniocereus*, *Turbinicarpus*, *Mammillaria*, *Leuchtenbergia* and *Ariocarpus*.

In 2008, Keith began creating pots to show off his plants. He believes the pot should compliment, not distract. The main focus should be the succulent. If the pot is too ornate, colorful, or shiny, it draws your eye toward the pot rather than the succulent. Also proportion plays a role. The container needs to be the right width and depth to look balanced. For example if the succulent is placed in the center of the container surrounded by colorful stones it will look artificial and awkward. Rocks and top dressing add to complete the presentation. His pottery is sought after by C&S collectors as well as bonsai artists due to the natural look of the containers.



**OUR NEXT MEETING SUNDAY APRIL 10, 2PM**

**THE ODDFELLOWS HALL 520 DANA ST. (OFF NIPOMO ST.) *mark your calendar!***



The photos chosen for the article were selected because of the maturity of the specimen as well as the presentation. They show how you can highlight the plant and not take away from it's beauty with addition of the right container and/or rock placement.

Keith has always had the "eye" for what looked good. Whether it's in his profession as a Pedorthist (design and manufacture of footwear for medical purposes), photographer, cook or potter.

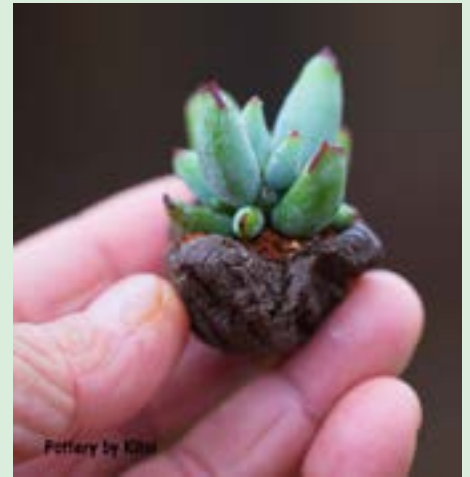
Keith sells his work at C&S clubs and shows, bonsai clubs, online through Facebook, Instagram, and his website. He accepts custom orders and ships worldwide.

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# CCCSS: LAST MEETING RECAP

At 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 13, 2016, Vice-President **Kathie Matsuyama** opened the general membership meeting by thanking the people who contributed to the break snacks by offering them a succulent in thanks. Kathie then invited the seven first-time visitors to introduce themselves and choose a succulent as a welcome gift.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** **Charles Varni** presented the new cards for the 2016 Show and Sale. **Kara Suzuki**, **Nick Wilkinson's** wife, designed the cards using a photo taken by **Gene Schroeder** of **Maggie and Markus'** award-winning *Astrophytum ornatum*. Members are encouraged to take some of these cards and distribute them in their communities. Charles mentioned survey results from last year's event ranking the top three reasons people came to the S&S: (1) previously attended; (2) recommended by a friend; and (3) the cards that members distributed. You can pick up cards at the next meeting to help us spread the word. **Wayne Mills** announced that he was distributing the flyers for the South County Succulent Tour on April 9. The tour will go from 10 am to 4 pm, followed by a plant exchange at Wayne's home in Arroyo Grande. Approximately fifty people have already signed up. **Rob Skillin** discussed the S&S. The goal for the 2016 show is for every member to enter their favorite plant. He encouraged people who have never entered a plant to compete as a Rookie. He is also encouraging seed-grown plants, and entering an educational exhibit, for which there is a special award if Rob is advised of the entry in advance. Last year there were too few boxes, and lots of scrambling around for more. **PLEASE SAVE BOXES AND BRING THEM TO THE FRIDAY EVENING S&S SETUP.** **Terry Skillin** reported that the hypertufa workshop was fun and that she and **Terrie Leivers** plan to have another workshop in Fall. The thank-you trip for S&S volunteers will be on Saturday, June 25, to Lotusland, with a special lunch and shopping. Volunteers will take the trip for a greatly subsidized cost and will have first chance at signing up. To volunteer for the S&S, please contact **Pat Gilson**, the volunteer coordinator. **Christy Keeling** offered the opportunity to sponsor a special S&S award for \$30. **Carol Mortensen** announced the t-shirt contest, and a design by **Mark Woods** was selected from the many creative submissions. – an *Aloe plicatilis*. Volunteers are needed for the Arroyo Grande Plant Exchange on July 23. Please contact **Terrie Leivers**.

Rob is still experimenting with projecting the plants he describes onto the large screen, so the Plant of the Month and Brag plants were relocated to the front of the room. Each month gets better. Rob highly suggests that the plants he provides (raffle and thank you) be repotted because his primary vendor is known for growing his plants in extremely porous material that requires more watering. He discussed lithops, which are sprouting their new leaves right now. Don't water them until the old (outer) leaves wither. After discussing the POM and Brag plants, the meeting took a break.

Before the special presentation, Kathie announced that **Keith Taylor** will be our speaker at the April meeting and will demonstrate getting plants ready to enter in a show. She then introduced **Tom Glavich**, a frequent author in the CSSA journal column To the Point. He showed us photos of a tour he took to the Drakensberg Mountains located in Lesotho and South Africa. Tom toured in January, summer in the Southern Hemisphere, with some bulb enthusiasts. The country of Lesotho has the unique characteristic of being completely surrounded by the country of South Africa. All the land in Lesotho is owned by the King. The main source of income is hydroelectric power they sell to South Africa. The primary crop is corn, and their diet consists of lots of cornmeal with vegetables and lamb in dark sauce ... that's what Tom ate. Many of the subjects live in primitive huts.

Following some questions and answers, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Harlow Moss  
Secretary, Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society

# PLANT OF THE MONTH: PELARGONIUM

Adapted by Kathie Matsuyama from References Below

On streets across America homeowners grow showy colorful Pelargonium hybrids in their flower beds. In cold weather regions these are annuals but in the lucky warmer weather areas they will live forever with good care. Non-experts incorrectly call these plants Geraniums. They aren't too far off as both belong to the family Geraniaceae. The name Pelargonium comes from the Greek "pelargo" meaning stork because of the shape of the seed pods; they are also called "Storksbill". The seeds are small and feathery. Pelargoniums are in the family Geraniaceae but are not to be confused with Geraniums which are called "Cranesbill" also named for the shape of their seed pods. Pelargoniums and Geraniums differ greatly in seed and flower form. Pelargoniums tend to have small delicate five petaled flowers, such as *P. alternans*, with some brightly colored varieties. Some species have ornamental leaves ranging from round flat velvety leaves to spindly and lacy leaves. The plant form can vary from subterranean tubers that can be raised for effect to thick stemmed shrublets such as *P. laxum* and *P. klinghardtense*.

The first known pelargonium to be cultivated in Europe, more than 200 years ago, was *P. triste*, a tuberous rooted plant which could withstand long voyages by ship. Thousands of cultivated varieties of pelargoniums selected for their desirable characteristics were originally from a few native species of South Africa pelargoniums. What few people realize is that there are a large group of approximately 200 true species Pelargoniums (not hybrids) that are winter-growing succulents well suited for cultivation in California. These plants are native to the African continent from South Africa to Kenya, even to Yemen. However, almost all the succulent species come from South Africa or Namibia, with the center of diversity being the Cape region. These true species Pelargoniums are the focus of our plant of the month.

Pelargoniums are mostly winter growing succulents that are well suited for our wet-winter, dry-summer climate in California. Although they are winter growers, they should be protected from frost. And the good news is that most of these species are very easy to grow, if attention is paid to providing an environment very similar to their South African home. Some species, such as *P. echinatum* and *P. triste* are tolerant enough to be naturalized in the ground in warmer California climates when given good drainage and protected from summer watering. Many species will not go dormant if watered all summer, but the plant health and appearance both suffer. Like most cacti and succulents, when in doubt don't water!



Flowers of *Pelargonium laxum*



*Pelargonium triste*



*Pelargonium carnosum*



*Pelargonium mirabilis* (Pottery by Kitoi—Keith Taylor)

## PLANT OF THE MONTH (CONTINUED)

The potting mix for *Pelargoniums* should be well drained, with only small amounts of organic matter, if any. Fertilizer should be applied during good winter growing weather (i.e. not in the summer and not during cold, wet periods). A recommended potting mix is 50% pumice, 35% washed builders sand and 15% leaf mold based planter mix. Plants growing under these conditions will stay compact; have thick leaves, and a healthy appearance. A well grown *Pelargoniums* will have leaves that appear to float near thick, rugged stems. If given too much water and fertilizer, they will grow leggy, and the leaves will become soft, large and droop. Plants grown hard will be healthier, and better able to survive hot summers undamaged. All *Pelargoniums* need pruning to maintain size and shape. Pinching new growth will make the plants bushy, and develop good trunk structure. During the growing season they have lush green leaves and attractive flowers. Don't worry if during the summer time these plants often look like dead sticks.

Many *Pelargoniums* are self-fertile, and seed is easily collected after flowering. Most are promiscuous, and garden hybrids are easily set if more than one species is in flower at a time. Seed collected in the spring and planted in late September to November germinates quickly, and will have an entire winter to grow before going dormant during the summer.

### References:

*Pelargoniums* by Kyle Williams, Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society Cactus Chronicle, January 2014

*Pelargoniums*, by Michelle Egan, Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society Newsletter, February 2016

[www.pelargoniumspeciesworld.com](http://www.pelargoniumspeciesworld.com) to order *Pelargonium* seeds from Crete, Greece

**Plant of the Month Editor's Note:** Former CCCSS Speaker Robin Parer, Owner of Geraniaceae, the specialty mail order nursery in Marin County, has published a brand new book: *The Plant Lover's Guide to Hardy Geraniums* through Timber Press. It will be available in April 2016.



*Pelargonium klinghardtense* in habitat



*Pelargonium appendiculatum*



*Pelargonium falceum*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 9** South County Garden Tour, Nipomo - San Luis Obispo. 10am - 4pm

**April 9 - 10** South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale, 9am - 4pm, South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes

**April 10** CCCSS Meeting, 2pm

**April 15 - 17** Sonoran XI Conference, Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society

**April 15 - 16** Ruth Bancroft Garden Spring Opening & Plant Sale, Ruth Bancroft Garden, 1552 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. Saturday 9am - 11am (Members pre-sale & auction) 11am - 3pm (Public sale)

**April 16** Central Coast Greenhouse Growers Association Open House, 9-3, info at:  
<http://ccgga.com/events/open-house>

**April 23 - 24** Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society Spring Show & Sale, San Juan Batista Community Hall, 10 San Jose Street, San Juan Batista - Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 9am - 4pm

**May 7 - 8** Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society 2015 Show & Sale, Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd Sacramento, CA. Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 9am - 4pm

**May 27** CCCSS Show and Sale: Setup, incoming exhibition plants, and Judging.

**May 28 & 29** CCCSS Show and Sale

**June 11 - 12** San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society 2015 SALE & SHOW, San Francisco County Fair Building, 1199 9th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94122 - Saturday & Sunday 9am - 5pm

**June 25** Lotusland Volunteer Appreciation trip

**July 1 - 3** CSSA Annual Show & Sale, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA

**July 23** Arroyo Grande Plant Exchange, Elm Street Park at the Gazebo, Noon - 4pm

**August 13 - 14** Inter-City Cactus Show & Sale, Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 301 North Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007. Saturday & Sunday, 9am - 5 pm

**Dates TBA** Cactus and Succulent Society of San Jose Fall Show & Sale, Peterson Middle School, 1380 Rosalia Way, Sunnyvale, CA. Saturday 9am - 5pm & Sunday 10am - 4pm

**October 1-2, 2016** Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society Spring Show & Sale, San Juan Batista Community Hall, 10 San Jose Street, San Juan Batista. Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 9am - 4pm

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# ARROYO GRANDE PLANT EXCHANGE

**WHEN: SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016**

**WHERE: ELM STREET PARK AT THE GAZEBO  
ENTRANCE IS AT 1221 ASH ST. ARROYO GRANDE**

**TIME: NOON TO 4:00 PM**

**COST: FREE**

All types of healthy plants welcome, from succulent cuttings to full size plants, including vegetables, seeds, bulbs, succulents, house plants, bromeliads, tillandsias, flowers, etc.

**No time to repot your donations?** Bags and newspaper will do.

**Want to volunteer?** E-mail: Terrie Leivers at [terrieleivers@gmail.com](mailto:terrieleivers@gmail.com) or Terry Skillin at [tjskillin@gmail.com](mailto:tjskillin@gmail.com)

**How it works:** Stay as long as you like. Bring some plants and take some. It is easy and fun. And it is all free.

**Step 1.** Bring your labeled donations to the drop off area at the Elm Street Parking lot on Saturday July 23rd. We will give you a sticker that indicates that you have donated. **Take only the equivalent of the amount of plants you have brought.** Left over plants will be available for the taking after 4 pm. Please be courteous when selecting your plants and share with others.

**Step 2.** Park your car and return to the event.

**Step 3.** Go through and select whatever items interest you.

**Helpful to Know:** Please label your plants before you come. This is a huge benefit for the person taking the plant.

This fun event is being sponsored by:

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - MARCH 2016

Following the general membership meeting on March 13, 2016, the following people appeared at one time or another for a meeting of the Board of Directors. Barbara Brooks, Pat Gilson, Harry Harlow, Mary Harlow, Kathie Matsuyama, Wayne Mills, Carol Mortensen, Carol Moss, Claudette Rettig, Rob Skillin, Terry Skillin, and Maggie Wagner.

Maggie gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and seconded authorizing the Treasurer to transfer the CCCSS checking account from Bank of America to Rabobank. [Later in the week two signers, Maggie Wagner, Treasurer, and Pat Gilson, Hospitality, appeared with Secretary Carol Harlow Moss (who provided the Secretary's Statement) at the Pismo Beach branch of Rabobank and arranged for a new account. The other two signers, Rob Skillin and Ken Byrne, appeared separately.] Maggie was authorized to contact a replacement bookkeeper. Barbara gave the Membership Report and said there were six new memberships and a number of renewals. Barbara reported that ten copies of the newsletter is a more reasonable amount for her to provide to members without computer access. Rob is going to use part of his A/V budget on a cordless microphone. Ann Byrne has volunteered to take care of the Library until Gene Schroeder returns. The AG Plant Exchanged was discussed. It will be a small event; three volunteers have already signed up. Terry was going to the Oakland exchange to find out how they do it. Wayne Mills discussed the organization of his plant exchange on April 9. Details of the Show and Sale were addressed. Pat Gilson reported on her research about getting a truck to transport the tables CCCSS will rent from the mineral society. Pat is authorized to rent a truck for \$39 a day and keep it all weekend. It will be used for storage of boxes, as a signboard for a parking sign, as well as transporting the tables. It was determined that there may be room for three or four extra tables in the show room at the Ludwick Center for additional sales. The CCCSS table will sell t-shirts and possibly a book. *Under the Spell of Succulents* was suggested. The board discussed organizing a no-host group dinner after the S&S on Saturday evening for participants in the S&S, particularly the vendors. It was decided to reserve a room that holds fifty at Café Roma. Rob will let the vendors know by letter about getting on the dinner list. There will probably be another hyper-tuffa workshop in Fall, and Ann Erb may have a bonsai workshop after the S&S, possibly in August. Another workshop to make succulent-filled pumpkins at the end of September is a possibility. Melany Shapiro is considering a wreath workshop. Terry Skillin is working on the Lotusland trip and catered lunch (e.g., pizza/tacos) at a special garden. There will probably be a stop at a nursery. Other activities were suggested, including a possible mid-week shopping trip. Ken Byrne has appointed a Nominating Committee. Carol Moss was given a budget of \$100 for purchasing new sign frames. Carol Mortensen will put a notice in the newsletter about the availability of t-shirts. The board selected a neutral shade for Mark Woods' design. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Harlow Moss, Secretary





# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CCGGA OPEN HOUSE, SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

JOIN US APRIL 16, 2016! 9AM-3PM

## PLANT SALES - DEMONSTRATIONS - BBQ LUNCH

CENTRAL COAST GREENHOUSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Member nurseries in Nipomo and Arroyo Grande will open to the public for tours! Don't miss out on this highly anticipated plant and flower sales. Each participating nursery proudly donates a portion of that day's sales to the CCGGA Scholarship Fund made available to Horticulture students and CCGGA Grower members' children. Tours will begin at the CCGGA Education Center located at Nipomo High School and will also host a variety of activities. Visit <http://ccgga.com/events/open-house> for more information.

## HELP WANTED:

## CCCSS MONTHLY CALENDAR

Seeking a volunteer to update the CCCSS Monthly Calendar. The format and CCCSS dates are already organized in a Microsoft Word document. The job entails researching and calendaring succulent-related events throughout the state on a monthly basis and submitting it to the Board. See Carol Moss.

## SHOW AND SALE VOLUNTEER REWARD TRIP

Don't forget to sign up and volunteer for this year's Show and Sale! It is our terrific volunteers who make this event a success! For a nominal fee, volunteers will enjoy an appreciation bus trip including some special treats as well. This year we are looking at another great trip to Lotusland in Santa Barbara, where entry for an adult is \$45.00 but free for our terrific volunteers. Also a stop at private succulent garden for a lunch break, and a trip then to Summerland's retail nursery and display gardens at 'Sea-side Gardens'. The trip is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th.

Can't make the trip? A second trip is being planned and depending upon responses, will be another way to enjoy the benefit of becoming a show and sale volunteer.

Don't forget to sign up and work your shifts! This is YOUR club and it all benefits YOU!

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# SHOW AND SALE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ENTER THE SHOW!

Our Show and Sale is Just Around the Corner!

I would like to encourage everybody to bring at least one plant to the show. We had a great turnout last year, but I know there are more of you with nice plants to bring. Especially, I would like to see more novices get involved - it's fun! There are some special rosettes which are dedicated to the Novice category, including Best Rookie Cactus and Best Rookie Succulent. What is a rookie? Someone who hasn't shown before. Give it a try - you'll like it!

If you can't make it to this month's meeting, but would like to volunteer to help out, give Pat Gilson a call at 481-5596. Volunteers get special pricing on our next field trip (Lotusland and elsewhere)!

Plant set-up for the show is Friday afternoon, from 3:00 to 6:30. Please, that means you are finished setting up by 6:30, not just arriving at 6:30. The judging will start at 7:00 and runs for a couple of hours, so they don't have time to be delayed by late arrivers.

There will be entry cards at the monthly meeting, and at the show Friday afternoon. The show schedule will be available too, and I'll also get it posted on our website.

I hope to see each of you there; call me with questions or suggestions.

Rob Skillin  
Show Co-Chair  
709-3033

## WINNERS OF PERMANENT TROPHIES

Did you win a permanent trophy at the 2015 Show & Sale? If you have the trophy for: Best Novice Succulent, Best Advanced Succulent, Best Open Succulent, Best Novice Cactus, Best Advanced Cactus or Best Open Cactus please return your trophy at our monthly meeting. We're preparing for the 2016 Show & Sale!


## URGENT!! BOXES NEEDED!

Please help collect boxes for the 2016 Show & Sale coming up May 28-29, 2016. We need hundreds of boxes for shoppers at the Sale. Please help!!

Please start saving boxes now. The perfect time to bring them is the Friday evening before the Show, when you will be bringing your Show entries.

Costco is a great source for free boxes.

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# SHOW AND SALE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TSHIRT DESIGN CONTEST WINNER



Mark Woods and his design that was chosen for the S&S 2016 shirt.

## S&S SPECIAL ORDER T-SHIRTS

If anyone is interested in purchasing a long sleeved S&S shirt for \$25, or a regular-sleeve S&S shirt with a pocket for \$20.

Special order shirts must be pre-paid by check at the April meeting and I will place an order after the meeting. The special order sheet will be available at the back table.

The regular Hanes 6.1 oz Tagless Label Beefy T-shirts will be available at the CCCSS Show & Sale for \$13.00.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed this year to load, unload and install tables at the show on Friday afternoon from a U-Haul truck and then uninstall the tables, reload them on the truck and return them to storage, on Sunday after the show. I would estimate two or three strong people, male or female, would be sufficient to do the job in an hour or so, but four or five would be better, especially at the Ludwig Center.

Sunday morning we need at least 2 people to be at the Ludwick center at 8:00 A.M. to assist Loring, this year's official photographer. Volunteers should be able to lift heavy plants, but knowledge of photography is not necessary. We also need one security conscious person, also at 8:00 AM, to make sure no one who does not belong, enters the building. Which will be unlocked by 8:00 A.M., but not open for business. Loring and his helpers will be otherwise occupied

Anyone interested in helping, please contact Pat Gilson. Phone 805-481-5596 or [hupt74@yahoo.com](mailto:hupt74@yahoo.com).

Thank You,  
Pat

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Best Miniature: Barbara Brooks

Best Madagascan Plant: Richard Rowe, Rowe Clay Works

Best Crested Entry: David Einung Custom Home Design

Best Chihuahuan Desert Cactus: Rob Skillin

Best Euphorbiaceae: Wayne Mills

Best Mesemb: Toni Krall

Best Crassulaceae: Charles Varni

Best Aloeaceae: Brandon Nelson Botanica

Best Rookie Entry - Cactus: Leisa Swanson

Best Rookie Entry - Succulent: Walter Moore

Best Agavaceae: Carol Moss

Best Staged Entry - Novice: SLO Farm Supply Co.

Best Staged Entry - Advanced: Pat Gilson

Best Staged Entry - Open: Grow Nursery

Rarest Plant in Show: José Toll

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# 2016 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Mid States Cactus & Succulent Conference

Hosted by the Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society

*Information for general distribution*

Scheduled dates of Conference: **June 9, 10 and 11 2016 and June 12<sup>th</sup> optional.**

Conference registration before May 1<sup>st</sup> \$85.00, after May 1<sup>st</sup> \$100.00

Venue for Conference: **Double Tree by Hilton, 13696 E. Iliff Place, Aurora, CO 80014**

Mention "Colorado Cactus" when booking at the Double Tree. A listing of other adjacent hotels and restaurants is available in the Colorado CSS web site. ([coloradocactus.org](http://coloradocactus.org)).

Schedule of events:

## **Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> from noon till 10:00pm**

Registration, noon till 10:00pm

Social gathering at Double Tree lobby: 5:30pm till late (hors-d' oeuvres, drinks, etc.)

Plant and Pottery pre-sale tickets sold from 5:00pm to 6:30pm

Plant and Pottery pre-sale ticket winners, (10) enter sale at 6:30pm to 7:00pm

Plant and Pottery sale from 7:00pm till 10:00pm open to all MSC registrants

## **Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 5:00pm**

Registration: all morning till noon. (full conference or single day)

Plant and Pottery sales open all day from 8:00am to 5:00pm

8:30am – 9:00am, **Conference Opening and Welcome**

9:00am – 10:00am **Panayoti Kelaidis, "C & S from Botanical Gardens around the World"**

10:15am – 11:00am **Bob Barth, "The Canary Island Succulents"**

11:00am – 1:00pm Lunch on your own

1:00pm – 2:00pm **Woody Minnich, "The Hidden Treasures of Coahuila, Mexico"**

2:15pm – 3:00pm **Dave Ferguson, "The World of Opuntias"**

3:15pm – 5:00pm **Kelly Grummons, Propagation of Cacti and Succulents" hands on demo**

5:00pm – On your own for Dinner and Social time

## **Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 5:00pm and 7:00pm to 10:00pm Banquet**

Registration; all morning till noon (single day registration only)

Plant and Pottery sales; 8:00am to 4:00pm, registers close at 5:00pm

9:00am – 9:45am **Marcia Tatroe, "Rocking with Cacti and Succulents"**

10:00am – 11:00am **Steve Lovecky, "The Cacti and Succulents of Texas"**

11:00am – 1:00pm Lunch on your own

1:00pm – 2:00pm **Kelly Griffin, "Rare and Seldom seen Agaves and Aloes"**

2:15pm – 3:00pm **Leo Chance, "Cold Hardies for the Mid States"**

3:15pm – 5:00pm **Peter Walkowiak, "Staging Cacti & Succulents for the Show" demo**

6:30pm – 7:00pm Banquet Social, Banquet Dinner from 7:00pm to 8:30pm

8:30pm – 9:00pm **Woody Minnich, "It's all About the People"**

9:00pm – 10:00pm **Plant, Pottery and Art Auction, All quality items**

## **Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>, Field Trips or on your own all day, or travel day.**

8:00am till 5:00pm Field trips to various local gardens & Colorado Springs. See Colorado CSS web site for more info, ([coloradocactus.org](http://coloradocactus.org)).

The Double Tree will provide shuttle service to and from Denver International Airport. Please check the CCSS web site for possible Thursday, Sunday and Monday field trips. For more information: please contact Randy Tatroe [rtatroe@q.com](mailto:rtatroe@q.com) 303-699-8958 or Woody Minnich [cactusdata@msn.com](mailto:cactusdata@msn.com) 661-406-9816

Denver,  
What better place to be in the month of June!