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# THE XEROPHILE

“The object and purpose of the Society shall be exclusively for the study, appreciation, propagation and promotion of cacti and succulents among growers and collectors; the conservation and cultivation of native cacti and succulents, the exhibition of said materials whenever and wherever possible”  
*December 2017*

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**Here's hoping you had a happy holiday season  
and the  
year ahead is spectacular!**

## *President's Letter*

*by Carl Hime*

Dear C & S Lovers,

December was as predicted. Busy, Busy, Busy! And we have still not had any appreciable snow or for that matter, moisture. For January it looks like things will slow down a little bit. We have the Executive Meeting at my shop at 2601 Juan Tabo to resolve the By-laws Rewrite and other issues and our regular meeting later in the month. I really have little more to write about, except to suggest that you consider carefully the invitation from Jeff Sedwin to join him on an African Succulent Safari. See information below....

### Jeff Sedwin's African Succulent Safari

Jeff Sedwin is leading a small group tour of South Africa's succulent bio hot spots, in August and September, 2018.

The group will visit the Little Karoo, the Knersvlakte, and the Northern Cape, which encompasses the Springbok area and the Richtersveld. The tour will also make stops at Kirschenbosch National Botanical Garden and other national parks and reserves.

Local succulent savvy guides will lead multiple day trips in each region. The emphasis will be on seeing South Africa's amazing plants growing in habitat and photographing them. In addition, Jeff will be able to provide photo tips and techniques learned on his previous trips to South Africa.

Tentative tour dates are August 23 to September 6, 2018. For more information, visit [africansucculentsafari.com](http://africansucculentsafari.com) or contact Jeff directly at [jsedwin.verizon.net](mailto:jsedwin.verizon.net) or 215-247-7557.

## **A look back at 2017...a busy successful year!**

Friday, January 20, 2017

Guest Speaker, Woody Minnich

Topic: Socotra, a desert island in the Arabian Sea

Friday, February 17, 2017

Guest Speaker: Ian Latella

Topic: Lizards of NM

Friday, March 17, 2017

Guest Speaker: John "Obie" Oberhausen

Topic: Cactus Rescue Project/Creating a Cactus Community

Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

ABQ Garden Center

## SPRING SHOW AND SALE

### SPRING SHOW AWARDS

By Daniel Finley

There were 409 total plants entered, which is 256 cacti, and 153 other succulents, which is the most since 2012.

The sweepstakes award, for most blue, and other, ribbons, i.e., 59 plants, was won by Sig Ludwig, to whom the society will then award a paid subscription/membership for next year to the national (CSSA) society journal. For cacti, rosettes were given as follows:

Best Cactus of Show: Aztekium ritteri, Judith Bernstein & Daniel Finley  
Best Mammillaria: Mammillaria camptotricha, Katherine McCoy  
Special Cactus: Echinocereus pentalophus, Margaret Todd,  
and Ariocarpus trigonus, Judith Bernstein & DF  
Best Seedling Cactus: Sclerocactus toumeyana, Ralph Peters  
Best Novice Cactus: Sclerocactus neilii reevesii, Aaron Morerod

For other succulents, rosettes were:

Best Succulent of Show: Crassula mesembryanthemoides, Brady Womack  
Special Succulent: Echeveria agavoides "Ebony", Erik Gensler  
and Haworthia hybrid, X "Blac Form", Oleg Lagutin  
Best Euphorbia: Euphorbia francoisii, Jadvyga Biskis  
Best Seedling Succulent: Adenium obesum, Ralph Peters  
Best Novice Succulent: Tylecodon noltei, Aaron Morerod

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Friday, May 19, 2017

Guest Speaker: Steve Lovecky

Topic: Cacti of Texas

Friday, June 16

Guest speaker:

Kelly Griffin -- Agaves or Aloes in Habitat

Saturday, June 24, 2017

Cactus Sale

Santa Fe Cactus and Succulent Society

Friday, August, 18, 2017  
Guest speaker: Marcia Tatroe  
Topic: Rockin' with Cacti and Succulents

September 1-4, 2017 - Cactus and Succulent Show at the Albuquerque Botanic Garden

September 14-17, 2017 - Show at the NM State Fair.

Friday, October, 20, 2017  
Speaker: Ralph Peters  
Topic: Backpacking trip to Thunder River in the Grand Canyon.

Friday, November 17, 2017  
CSSNM ABQ-  
Speaker: Doug Dawson  
TOPIC: Genus Lithops (living stones) from South Africa.

Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
SANTA FE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CLUB  
Speaker: Steve Brack, former owner of Mesa Gardens  
TOPIC: "The Rare and Unusual Succulents of South Africa"

Saturday, December 9, 2017  
Holiday Party at the Garden Center



The company and fare were memorable and ended another successful year on a joyful note! Thank you to everyone who participated with delicious food and conviviality!

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## DORMANCY IN SOME SUCCULENTS

by Rosario Douglas, Central Oklahoma Cactus and Succulent Society

We had a small taste of winter and now we can enjoy another week or so of good weather. While we are getting ready for winter in the Northern Hemisphere, remember that the opposite is happening in the Southern Hemisphere. Spring is coming south of the Equator. Some succulent plants like Conophytums and Lithops (both from South Africa – Southern Hemisphere) have developed survival strategies to cope with the heat and lack of water. During this period of “dormancy” these succulents develop an outer covering or sheath that protect the plant. At this time they look dead, but wait, don't pull that plant and toss it in the trash, it may be alive. Come Spring (or Fall if you are growing those plants in the Northern Hemisphere), they come back to life and begin to bloom. A member of our club has some South African succulents growing in his greenhouse. They are currently blooming profusely and are a feast for the senses. The flowers are stunning and many of them have fragrant flowers thus permeating the greenhouse with their sweet aroma. Here are some pictures of the “before” and “after” of the first watering of the season, showing the amazing transformation from looking dead to coming back to life.

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Have you paid your dues?

Dues are payable by check or cash at the monthly meeting or by mail. Make checks payable to CSSNM They are \$10.00 per year. See below for mailing address.

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you grow? Greenhouse \_\_\_ Yard \_\_\_ Window \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite genera: \_\_\_\_\_ Suggestions for a program: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer to give a program? \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer for: Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Chair an Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you: Buy plants locally \_\_\_ Mail order \_\_\_ Raise from seed \_\_\_ Buy at our sale \_\_\_

For current information about the Society, including our email address, go to the Society's website <http://www.new-mexico.cactus-society.org>

Complete this application and send it to the address below with your check for \$10.00 made out to the CSSNM.

For more information, contact:

CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY of NEW MEXICO  
P.O. Box 21357 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87154-1357

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## Society Officers and Committee Members

President  
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Carl Hime  
Margaret Todd  
Cheryl Haaker  
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Penny Hoe  
Lee Graham  
Ralph Peters

Key Personnel  
Program Chairman  
Webmaster & Show PR  
CSSNM e-mail  
Garden maintenance  
Librarian  
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Steve Brack  
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Steven Brack  
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Oleg Lagutin  
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TBD  
Margaret Todd

Affiliate CSSA Representative  
Spring Show  
Fall Show-State fair  
Fall exhibition-Botanic garden

