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Cactus &
Succulent
Society

YOUR 2024 EDITOR:
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MONTHLY PLANT SHOW

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another one. Eventually.

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The Colorado Cactus & Succulent Society promotes education, enjoyment, cultivation, and conservation of cacti and other succulents among our members and the larger community.



Field Botany on the Cliffs
John Trager Photo

UPCOMING BANQUET

Date: Sunday, Oct 20th, 2024

Time: Noon to 3:00 PM

Location: Hickory House BBQ

Presentation: Succulent Treasures of Taiwan

Details:

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SUCCULENT BITS

October Banquet

October's meeting will be held on the October 20th at 11am. For folks new to the Club, this Banquet is also our Elections and Annual Business Meeting.

Tickets are limited, don't get left out!

October Elections

The Club will hold our annual elections for the Board of Directors at the Banquet.

Consider joining the Board, and help lead the Club into the future!



Gardening at APEX Project!
Panayoti Kelaidis Photo

SEE YOUR NAME AND PICTURES IN PRINT!

Submissions for the next newsletter are due at the end of the month.

We need your articles and pictures! Do you have an interesting plant? How about an interesting plant story? That you would like to see in print? Send it to me at seisnoir@comcast.net.

Please send photos as either JPG or PNG files. As for stories and news, send those as DOC or RTF, or TXT files, please!

November's Meeting!

In November we'll have our first Tuesday meeting of the winter season. It will be held on Tuesday the 19th, and our currently scheduled speaker is Woody Minnich!

Save the Date!

Jackson Burkholder Thesis!

The Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society helped sponsor Jackson's degree & thesis. He has now graduated, and his thesis has been posted online.

If you'd like to see his masterpiece, please click here.

NOTES FROM THE POTTING BENCH

Ten members of CCSS gathered at APEX in Arvada in mid-September to start clean-up of a large area that we are hoping to turn into a showcase for cacti and succulents. This area already has some established opuntias donated by Kelly Grummons, roses, and a number of Plant Select shrubs and perennials. Although we only spent two hours, we generated several truckloads of dead shrubs, branches and other detritus. APEX staff was on hand to cart it away. We hope to organize another clean-up in October.

I am really looking forward to the presentation on flowers from Taiwan at the banquet this month by John Trager. Although we may not be able to grow many of these plants, it is always a treat to see plants from other countries and growing zones.

Please remember to sign up now for the October 20 banquet. See schedule below. Also, please remember to bring plants and other things to put on the Silent Auction tables.

The board still needs ideas from members regarding garden tours, field trips and ideas for our club and project to fund that promote our mission. This could include funding demonstration gardens, grants/stipends for research, tuition for students, purchasing plants for botanical gardens, just to list a few.

If you have any ideas, please contact one of the board members.

Randy



Randy Tatroe and Friends
at the APEX Xeric Garden

Panayoti Kelaidis Photo

2024 CCSS BANQUET AND BUSINESS MEETING

2024 CCSS Banquet Featuring BBQ Ribs and John Trager!

Most CCSS members have had the privilege of visiting the Huntington's spectacular botanic garden. The centerpiece of that vast garden is the Desert Garden, and in the desert garden you will find a Succulent Conservatory filled with thousands of spectacular cacti and succulents grown to perfection, all grown in gorgeous hand tossed pots.

John Trager has overseen that Conservatory for nearly forty years. He is Curator of desert plants—I doubt that anyone (well, maybe Woody) could approach John for the ability to grow succulents well, and know their taxonomy and just before culture and history.

John has spoken to CCSS on two (maybe three) prior occasions—the last one was September 2001 when he spent many more days than he'd planned: he'd arrived just before 9-11-2001 and air travel was suspended.

It took some persuasion to bring him back: don't miss this!

The cost is \$25 per person, which is a small price to pay for a BBQ buffet and to hear John Treager's presentation on Horticulture in Taiwan!

Noon on Sunday, October 20th

Hickory House BBQ

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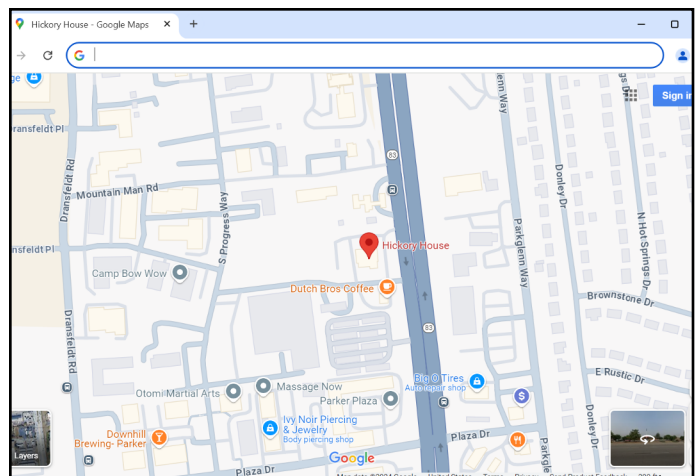
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Hickory House Ribs
Google Earth Photo



Hickory House Map
Google Earth Map

2024 CCSS BANQUET FEATURE PRESENTATION

Succulent Treasures of Taiwan ***in Habitat and Cultivation***

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Presenter: John Trager

John Trager is the Bernie and Miyako Storch Curator of Desert Collections at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California where he has worked since 1983. Prior to that he worked with master propagator Frank Horwood at Abbey Garden Nursery when it was located in Carpinteria. Trager's horticultural writings have appeared in the *Cactus and Succulent Journal*, the *Euphorbia Journal*, and various other horticultural publications. He is also known for his photography -- over 3000 of his images have been published in numerous textbooks and horticultural journals. The annual ISI introductions published in the *C&S Journal* also provide a venue for his writing and photography. John has traveled widely in search of plants (and insects) including China, Costa Rica, Israel, Mexico, Namibia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Venezuela. He holds a bachelor's degree in Horticulture from Cal Poly Pomona (1992) and earlier studied Botany at Santa Barbara City College and UCSB.



Adenium
John Trager Photo



Dorstenia
John Trager Photo

APEX Simms garden partnership launched!

On Saturday morning, September 21, ten volunteers from CCSS and the local chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society rolled up their sleeves and began a historic cleanup of what will surely be one of the most beautiful xeric gardens in America. Six Operations staff from APEX Simms were also on hand with carts to cart away the numerous giant mounds of weeds that were generated by the motivated workers. Randy Tatroe (CCSS president) rewarded those who worked with Pizza for lunch—although a number kept working after lunch as well.

Volunteers concentrated on the eight large, gravel covered beds on the north and west sides of the Garden (see attached schematic map where these areas are encircled with a red line. These are the principal beds where succulents are already well represented. Much of the rest of the garden is covered with native and adapted grasses: eventually these areas might be enhanced with native prairie wildflowers—but for now, the most seriously weedy areas were the gravel beds which were the focus of this session.

From the map you can see a long gravel bed along the east side of the Garden: it has many striking shrubs and some small trees: there is a bad infestation of Kochia in the Southeast corner of the garden we didn't get to: so maybe we should go back in a few weeks?

The general consensus is that although the garden is ENORMOUS—it is surprisingly clean of perennial weeds and most of the annual weeds have been removed and will probably far less of a problem next year. We think that planting and weeding sessions once a month should be sufficient to keep this garden in great shape.

Do come join us for the next session! We think you will become as excited as we are (and our partners at APEX Simms' Operations department). We are fortunate to have terrific support from them as well!

Panayoti Kelaidis



Lee Rocca Photo



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

October 20th - CCSS Annual Banquet, Business Meeting, and Elections

November 19th - CCSS November Club Meeting

December - Year-End Potluck and Member's Photo Slideshow

April 26th & 27th, 2025 - Ironclad Date for Next Year's Show and Sale

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