

## Autumn in Victoria



The official dates of the convention are Friday 30th March to Monday 2nd April 2012 (however we will most likely have outings/garden visits on at least one, possibly two days extra).

More information on all the arrangements will be provided in due course.

Already, at this early stage, planning has been swift and very positively received by all the speakers invited. We have three international speakers booked – Kelly Griffin, Woody Minnich and Rudolf Schulz. A varied programme including our excellent Australian speakers will be arranged.

Our two societies have already had a smaller, but similar event at the same venue in 2009.

This next Convention is planned as a much improved and expanded version.

  
Jointly hosted by

The Ballarat Cactus and Succulent

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There is a joint sub-committee organizing this event and any questions, comments or suggestions at this early stage can be directed via Attila or Bill.

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# Succulenticon 2012

March 30th - April 2nd

# International speakers

## Kelly Griffin

"I am the Curator of Xeric plants at Rancho Soledad Nurseries in Rancho Santa Fe CA. I have been fascinated with all plants but in particular the succulent ones since the young age of thirteen.

The Mexican flora has been a favourite subject of study for many years and I have traveled to 26 states in Mexico for that purpose. I like all of the plants but my area of focus usually falls to the Agaves, the Echeverias, Dudleyas and other Crassulaceae. I also have studied the Aloes extensively and have become somewhat known for making colorful hybrids of this group. I have in fact made some interesting and complex hybrids of various succulents.. ... Agaves, Aloes, Echeverias and others as well.

My love of plants has taken me to many places including South Africa, Madagascar, Socotra (Yemen) and through South and Central America.

I have most recently embarked on creating and contributing to a new web site Xericworld.com with my business partner Allen Repashy. It is a forum for information exchange on all things succulent!

I look forward to meeting and sharing with the Australian group!"

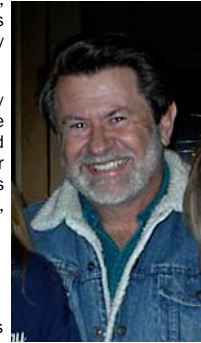


## Wendell S. (Woody) Minnich

Woody, as he is commonly called, has been in the cactus hobby for some 40 years and has become well known for his participation in many of the cactus and succulent clubs. He is an honorary life member of seven clubs as well as a life member of CSSA (Cactus & Succulent Society of America.) He has served in almost all positions of leadership from president, to newsletter editor, to show chairman and so on. He is also known for his extensive field work studying primarily the cactus family. He has traveled throughout the United States, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, Africa, Yemen and Socotra. From these trips he has developed an extensive knowledge of the cactus family as well as many of the other succulent genera.

Woody is also known for his many presentations. His photography is considered to be special and his commentary very entertaining and educational. He is a recognized international speaker and has spoken for plant conventions - organizations all over the USA, as well as in England, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina and Mexico.

He is also known for his cactus and succulent nursery, Cactus Data Plants. CDP was started in 1975 and is still in operation today. Cactus Data Plants specializes in show specimens and rare cacti and other succulents with particular emphasis in *Ariocarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Mammillaria*, *Gymnocalycium*, *Turbincarpus*, *Melocactus*, *Copiapoa*, *Fouquieria*, *Pachypodium*, *Euphorbia*, *Cyphostemma*, *Adenium* and *Adenia*.



## Rudolf Schulz

Rudolf, was born in Germany in December 1948. The family moved to California in 1953 where Rudolf gained his education, graduating from California State University San Francisco in 1973 with degrees in Secondary Teaching, Geography and Biology, which explains his funny accent.

He moved to Australia in 1973 where he taught at high schools in Victoria and Queensland. In 1983 he moved to Victoria and started Tarrington Exotics Succulent Nursery which specialized in less common and harder to propagate succulents.

Rudolf ventured into writing and publishing books in 1996 and has written or co-authored twelve titles. He is currently retired and living in New Zealand, but don't tell anyone as it's a secret. So long as his ill-gotten gains last, he plans on traveling to interesting deserts and exploring for cactus and succulents.

"Greetings to all the folks who might remember me!"



# The Venue

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