

# On the Dry Side

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society

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## Presidents Message

We are diving into 2018's Spring Show & Sale earlier than usual. It's coming up shortly after our March meeting. See the special message on p. 3 for ways in which you can help build the success of this event, which enables our members and many friends to add to their collections, and adds much benefit to our year-round program.

Society volunteers are crucial to the success of the show & sale. The principal roles are Floor Manager Gary Stubblefield, Show Co-Chairs Naomi Bloss and Janet Sparks, and Sale Liaison \_\_\_\_\_. We need a volunteer to take on the important responsibility of Sales Liaison. See p. 3 for more information.

We thank Lynda Waters who served in the position through several sales, in addition to her many contributions to the Society over time. Thanks, Lynda!

### Save the Date!

**MBACSS Meets**  
**February 18, 2018**  
 Potluck @ 12:30  
 Gathering @ 12:00  
 Program @ 1:00

**Board Meets**  
**February 18, 2018**  
 Board @ 11:00  
 Members always  
 welcome to attend

**Future Meetings**  
**Third Sundays**  
 Veterans of Foreign  
 Wars, Post 1716  
 1960 Freedom Blvd.  
 Watsonville, CA



Photos by Jeff Moore

# Minutes of the January Board Meeting

recorded by Mary Cross, edited by Tom Karwin

**Call to Order** Tom Karwin, President, opened and chaired meeting

**Board Members in Attendance** Naomi Bloss, Mary Cross (nominee), Tom Karwin, Sarah Martin, Linda McNally, Ruth Pantry, Stan Verkler (arrived late), Jorge Quinonez

**Board Members Absent** Sharon Lucchesi, Gary, Stubblefield

**Guests** Ellen Stubblefield

## Minutes of November 19, 2017

The board approved the Minutes of November 19, 2017, as published.  
Mary Cross agreed to take the minutes for Stan Verkler.

## Treasurer's Report

Ruth Pantry distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report, which was briefly discussed and accepted.

## Chairpersons' Reports

### Program

Sarah Martin reported that she has guest speakers for January through July 2018 at this time. There is no outing planned at this time. Suggestions were given but no decision was made.

### Sunshine Committee

Sharon Lucchesi was not present so there was no Sunshine Committee report

### Spring Show & Sale

Ellen Stubblefield reported for Gary Stubblefield that the Spring Sale will be March 23, 24, 25 and will again be at San Juan Bautista.

### Educational Contribution

Pending educational contributions and their status include the following:

- Large, remote-controlled projection screen for VFW Hall: up to \$1,000 —awaiting VFW action
- Large viewing window for UCSC Arboretum's Echeveria House: in-kind contribution — awaiting UCSC action

The board agreed to discuss an educational contribution for 2018 at the next meeting.

## Old Business (Reports)

### 2019 CSSA Conference

Ellen Stubblefield reported for Gary Stubblefield that we have not heard anything more about our participation/co-sponsorship of the 2019 CSSA Conference in San Luis Obispo.

Jorge Quinonez reported he attended the Huntington Desert Forum and sale.

We got a notice/invitation to include our information in the CSSA Journal. Jorge Quinonez will respond.

The CSSA has begun providing a synopsis of articles in the *Cactus and Succulent Journal*. Tom Karwin will include the synopses in *On the Dry Side*.

## New Business

### Nomination of Board Members:

Stan Verkler formally resigned as Board Secretary. Mary Cross accepted the board's nomination to fill the position of Board Secretary through the current term, through 2018 & 2019. Stan Verkler will continue on the board as Past President.

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## MBACSS Spring Show & Sale

Our Spring Show & Sale will happen in the familiar space of San Juan Batista's Community Hall, but at the less familiar, earlier than usual dates of March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> (with set-up on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>). Mark your calendar!

The dates of our shows & sales are typically coordinated with the dates of the San Jose CSS, so that avid sellers and buyers will be able to participate in both events. In this case, the date was the best opportunity available for SJB's Community Hall. That facility has become popular with other organizations, and the city has welcomed the fees from additional activities.

The MBACSS board and other volunteers are putting in extra effort to publicize the Spring Show & Sale, and will encourage members of the Society to do all they can to spread the word among their friends and communities. We might focus on active gardeners, as always; another important target group is prospective growers of cacti and succulents. We have often seen how these interesting plants have fascinated people and inspired them to create new indoor and outdoor collections.

In addition to our special focus on publicizing this show & sale, we need one (or two) of our members to volunteer for the critically important role of Show Sale Liaison. This position focuses on the recruitment and coordination of people who manage the purchase transactions. In other words, they list each buyer's purchases, sum the charges, and accept payment. The procedures are well documented and supported with specialized technology.

Our Society has benefitted for several years from Lynda Waters' service in this key position. Her dedication and expertise has ensured that the sales have proceeded efficiently, graciously and accurately. She will share her records and planning tools with the person or persons who assume the role of Show Sale Liaison. Experience in retail sales would be helpful, but not needed!

Your Society needs you! If you have the time and interest to support the Society in this way, raise your hand and step forward to learn more about this one-weekend commitment.

## Minutes of the January Board Meeting (continued)

recorded by Mary Cross, edited by Tom Karwin

### Sale Table Assignments

The board discussed the rules for assignment of sale tables at MBACSS shows, as drafted by Linda McNally and Tom Karwin. The board revised and approved the rules as follows:

Each vendor may request and be assigned up to three tables.

A vendor secures his or her assigned tables by arriving or confirming attendance by phone no later than one hour before the opening time of the sale. Unsecured tables are automatically released for reassignment.

A vendor should release a table assigned to him or her promptly when it is not needed to accommodate sale plants.

When tables become available for assignment during the sale, the show chairman may reassign the table(s) to an interested vendor. If two or more vendors ask to use the available table(s) the club president or his/her designee will conduct a lottery drawing for each available table.

Linda Waters and Gary Stubblefield have been Co-chairs of the MBACSS Sales. Linda Waters has resigned from that position, after long service. It was decided that Gary Stubblefield will be identified as the Floor Manager and another volunteer (to be selected) will serve as Sales Chairperson.

Naomi Bloss and Janet Sparks will continue as Show Co-chairs.

Further discussion concerned charging more money for tables but no decision was made.

### Publicity for Spring Show & Sale

Flyers for the March Sale will be produced and distributed by Sarah Martin. Tom Karwin will ask Sharon Lucchesi to take care of social media and other digital advertising.

### Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Cross, Secretary

## Preview of February's Program

# Soft Succulents

by Jeff Moore

The title of my talk is Soft Succulents, which is the same as the title of my new book. My talk will follow the flow of the book, which

- explains what 'soft' succulents are,
- provides examples of how we combine and care for them, but
- primarily presents an encyclopedic overview of about the plants themselves.

Included are aeoniums, echeverias, dudleyas, crassulas, sedums, senecios, kalanchoes, and a few others.

**Soft Succulents**

Soft Succulents is a 300-page, 1000+ image look at all of the soft succulents that are so popular now – aeoniums, echeverias, dudleyas, crassulas, sedums, kalanchoes and more. This book is about plants in cultivation rather than habitat, with cultural tips and insights from a nursery owner with over 25 years of experience.



I will also bring plants to sell and copies of my previous two books:

**Aloes & Agaves in Cultivation**

344 pages, over 1000 images, this book is as close to a definitive guide to these wonderful sculptural plants in cultivation as you will find. Photographed primarily in California, this isn't about plants in habitat; it is about how we grow them in the California, with cultural tips and insights from an author with over thirty years of experience.

**Under the Spell of Succulents**

Under the Spell of Succulents is a 244-page, 800-photo introduction into the world of cultivated succulents. It is a succulent nursery owner's take on the hobby, offering insight into how we interact with these plants, from casual enthusiast to collectors, growers, landscaping, container gardening and more. Interludes showcase the major genera, including aloes, euphorbias, agaves, cacti, crassulas, kalanchoes, and just about everything you can fit into a book this size.

## MBACSS Calendar for 2018

Month	Program	Cactus Mini-Show	Succulent Mini-Show
Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Joseph Hidalgo: Starting a Collection: Geophytes & Caudiciforms	Any cactus in 6-inch or smaller container	Aloe
Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup> ➔	Jeff Moore: Soft Succulents	Carnegeia, Ferocactus, Echinocactus	Dudleya
Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Rob Skillin: Kenya, land of Tropical Succulents	Copiapoa, Eriosyce	Haworthia, Gasteria, Ruschia, Delasperma
Mar. 24, 25	MBACSS Spring Show & Sale, San Juan Bautista		
Apr. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ernesto Sandoval: Seed Propagation	Rebutia, Sulcorebutia	Aeonium
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Echinopsis, Sclerocactus, Azetkium	Echeveria
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Zimmerman: Aloes	Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Acanthocalycium	Crassula, Kalanchoe
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Taylor: (topic?)	Optunia	Agave, Dykia, Puya
Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Country Store	No Mini-show	
Sep. 16 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Melocactus	Sempervivium, Sedum
TBA	MBACSS Fall Show & Sale, San Juan Bautista		
Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	TBA	Parodia (Notocactus), Gymnocalycium	Pachyforms (Caudiciforms, Pachycauls)
Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Mammillaria	Lithops, Aloinopsis, Conophytum, Faucaria, Pleiospilos
Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Party	No Mini-show	
<b>Related Events Elsewhere in California (and Beyond)</b>			
Note: The CSSA has not yet produced a calendar of related events for 2018, and has not promised to do so. We would welcome a volunteer to contact CSSA affiliates in California to compile their event information.			

# Cactus & Succulent Society of America

Note: The CSSA has recently begun providing synopses of issues of the Cactus and Succulent Journals to spur interest of members of affiliated societies in becoming a member of the CSSA. This synopsis dates from an earlier edition of the Journal but still exemplifies the content of that publication and invites membership in the CSSA.



## Synopsis of the Cactus and Succulent Journal, July—August 2017

By CSSA Board Member Nels Christianson

### The Great Escape

This lengthy article by Dr. Graham Williamson, dentist and botanist (who passed away at his home in Cape Town on October 12, 2017) discusses the survival of succulent plants in the high rainfall areas of South Central Africa and presents many photographs and illustrative drawings.

### *Sedum sinforosanum* (Crassulaceae), a new species from the state of Chihuahua, México

Authors Jerónimo Reyes Santiago, Julia Etter and Martin Kristen present an introduction of a new *Sedum* with white flowers from the Barranca de Sinforosa similar in morphology to *S. suaveolens* and with beautiful rosettes 6.5-9 cm in diameter. The type locality was identified in 2010.

### Pushing the limits: landscaping with cacti and succulents in cold climates #25

Leo Chance continues his series on cold hardy succulents and companion plants, information on which he has gathered from personal observation, from other cactophiles and from the Denver Botanical Garden. Several photographs by Marcia Tatroe colorfully illustrate the use of wildflowers and small flowering shrubs planted in among succulent plants. The author notes these “will not only help to bring a longer season of color along with variety and contrast...they also keep the bees and hummingbirds around.”

### The Crassulaceae of Cusco, Peru, Part II: subfamily Sedoideae

This article, authored by Guillermo Pino, Washington Galiano, Percy Núñez Vargas and Ben Kamm, discusses two diminutive succulents, *Sedum berillonanum*, known from the department of Ayacucho, which is reported for the first time in Cusco and *Villadia virgata* which differs somewhat from the type locality in Dept. Ancash. Habitat shots as well as pictures of leaves, petals, fruits and seeds are presented.

Additionally, there are articles by John Lavranos, Zlatko Janeba and Root Gorelick



## Highlights of the CSSA Board Meeting of January 14, 2018

CSSA held its first meeting of the year on Sunday, January 14 at the Huntington Gardens. We are eager to let our affiliate members know about our current activities and upcoming plans and encourage you to publish this update in you newsletter.

Following the December election, the Board welcomes William Wilk, Peter Walkowiak, and Vince Basta as new Directors.

CSSA is pleased to announce that the July 2019 Convention will be held in San Luis Obispo with the enthusiastic support of the Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society. The dates and other details will be announced as soon as contracts are confirmed.

CSSA offers trophies for winners of in the educational display category in affiliate shows. If you would like to offer this trophy, please contact Susan Carpentier at [cuervo28@swbell.net](mailto:cuervo28@swbell.net) and she will provide a trophy to affiliate.

CSSA *Journal* Editor Tim Harvey has compiled a compendium of articles on Aloes that will be sold at the CSSA online shop soon. If well received, we will follow this publication with compendia of *Journal* articles on other popular succulent families.

The CSSA website [www.cssainc.com](http://www.cssainc.com) is currently undergoing considerable revision and simplification. We are converting to a Google calendar, and are happy to announce your events. In addition, we are unifying the platform to make it easier to keep current. Please watch for these changes and contact M.A. Bjarkman, the Affiliate Chairperson, with your comments or requests. She can be contacted at [mabahp@aol.com](mailto:mabahp@aol.com).

# February's Mini-Show Plants

Selections by Jeff Brook, Information by Wikipedia

## Cactus

### Carnegiea, Ferocactus, Echinocactus

**Carnegiea** is a genus of cacti with only one species, *Carnegiea gigantea* (Saguaro). This is an arborescent cactus species that can grow to be over 40 feet tall. It is native to the Sonoran Desert in Arizona, the Mexican State of Sonora, and southern areas of California. The saguaro blossom is the state wildflower of Arizona. Its scientific name is given in honor of Andrew Carnegie.

**Ferocactus** is a genus of large barrel-shaped cacti, mostly with large spines and small flowers. There are about 30 species included in the genus, found in the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico. *F. robustus* and *F. glaucescens*, have clustering habits. The flowers are pink, yellow, red or purple depending on the species, and the petals might have a darker stripe.

**Echinocactus** is a genus of "spiny" cacti. With *Ferocactus* it is the second genus of barrel cactus. Members of the genus have heavy spination, relatively small flowers, and fruits that are copiously woolly. *E. grusonii* (the golden barrel) from Mexico is an easy-to-grow and widely cultivated plant that has become very rare in habitat.

Photo: *Echinocactus grusonii* (Exotic garden of Monaco)



## Succulent

### Dudleya

**Dudleya** is a genus of succulent perennials, consisting of about 45 species in southwest North America.

The fleshy and glabrous leaves occur in basal rosettes, in colors ranging from green to gray. The inflorescences are on vertical or inclined stems up to a meter high, but usually much shorter, topped by a cyme with alternate leaf-like bracts. Both the petals and sepals of the small flowers are five in number and fused below. Five pistils, also fused below, have 10 stamens arranged around them.

**Dudleya** species are widespread in their range, typically found in rock outcroppings, cliff faces, or road cuts, where their leaves help them store water in a setting too dry for most types of plants. Most are small and inconspicuous when not in bloom.

The genus is named after William Russell Dudley, the first head of the botany department at Stanford University.

In horticulture, **Dudleya** should be planted at an angle. This allows accumulated water to drain from the nest-like center of the plant, thus preventing microbial decay.

Photo: *Dudleya brittonii* (U.C. Berkeley Botanic Garden)



# January's Mini-Show Winners

Recorded by Jeff Brooks; Photographs by Fred Valentine



Three Aloes  
Karen & Fred Valentine



Aloe 'White Stag'  
Pay Boylan



Aloe melanocantha  
Jeff Brooks



Astrophytum myriostigma  
'Kikko, Ramp' Nudum  
by Jorge Quinonez



Mammillaria sp.  
By Jeff Brooks



Parodia sp.  
by Shirley Amadon



Parodia linnausii  
by Shirley Amadon



# Officers and Chairpersons, 2018

## OFFICERS

PRESIDENT — Tom Karwin  
 VICE PRESIDENT — Naomi Bloss  
 SECRETARY — Mary Cross  
 TREASURER — Ruth Pantry  
 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR — Linda McNally  
 AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE — Jorge Quiñonez  
 DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE  
 — Gary Stubblefield  
 — Sarah Martin  
 — Sharon Lucchesi  
 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT — Stan Verkler

## CHAIRPERSONS

LIBRARIAN — Suzy Brooks  
 MINI-SHOW — Jeff Brooks  
 NEWSLETTER EDITOR— Tom Karwin  
 PROGRAMS — Sarah Martin  
 PUBLICITY — Sarah Martin, Sharon Lucchesi  
 RAFFLES — Gary Stubblefield  
 ROSTER — Ruth Pantry  
 SALE FLOOR MANAGER— Gary Stubblefield  
 SALES LIAISON — (Volunteer needed!)  
 SHOW—Naomi Bloss & Janet Sparks  
 WEBMASTER — Anita Crawley

## Members Update

Welcome to our latest new members, Tammy Feng and Tom Teh. We're glad to have them join in the pleasures of growing cacti and succulents!

Plans continue in development for social & educational activities between our monthly meetings. Add your thoughts for day trips, overnight trips, and local garden visits for the board and members to consider.

Finally, as mentioned before, we welcome photos of your garden to include in *On the Dry Side*. We also welcome articles for publication in this newsletter. If you have written about or photographed a public or private succulent garden you have visited, MBACSS members likely will be glad to learn about the garden and your experiences and impressions.

Photo: Jeff Moore



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<http://mbsucculent.org>