

On the Dry Side

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society

President's Message

By chance, September has two of the Society's particularly important events: the Annual Country Store and the Fall Show & Sale.

We have included the Country Store in the MBACSS Calendar before to support your preparation for this activity. My garden always has plants and other items that could be shared, and it's likely that you have such items as well. Perhaps you have had enough of some good items, or just don't have a good spot for them. Look around your garden to collect these items to bring to the Country Store, and, at the same time, think of what you would like to win to bring home.

The Country Store has always been fun, and it leaves participants glad to share some plants or other items and acquire new things to enjoy at your home.

The MBACSS 2018 Fall Show & Sale happens on September 29th & 30th, and those dates are coming along very soon. There are three things for members to do: (1) Print the flyer (p. 6) and postcard (p. 8) to share with your gardening friends, and encourage them to come to the Show & Sale; (2) sign up during our September meeting to volunteer a bit of your time to help make a successful event; and (3) put the Show & Sale on your own calendar, and list the cacti, succulents, or containers you must have to bring your garden to the next level of excellence!

Seriously, we need members to help get out the word for this fund-raising event. Publicity is always challenging, so you can help to create some "buzz."

I'll see you at the meeting!

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Save the Date!

MBACSS Meets

Sept. 16, 2018

Gathering @ 12:00
 Plant Sale @ \$12:15
 Potluck @ 12:30
 Program @ 1:00

Board Meets

Sept. 16, 2018

Board @ 11:00
 Members always
 welcome to attend

Future meetings

Third Sundays

Veterans of Foreign
 Wars, Post 1716
 1960 Freedom Blvd.
 Watsonville, CA



Graptopetalum amethystinum
 - Linda McNalley

Minutes of the August Board Meeting

Reported by Mary Cross

Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 19, 2018, 11:00 – 12:00

Tom Karwin called the meeting to order

Members Present: Tom Karwin, Gary Stubblefield, Naomi Bloss, Sarah Martin, Lidia Hernandez, Jorge Quinonez, Karen Valentine, Mary Cross

Minutes of July 15, 2018 were accepted as written, edited and published

Chairpersons' Reports

Treasury Financial Report: Spring Sale - Lidia Hernandez reported she has found a few issues that needs to be taken care of regarding checks that were not cashed and charges she couldn't identify. Lidia made a motion to remove Ruth's name as a signatory on the checking account. Jorge Quinonez seconded the motion and it was approved. Changing banks was discussed. She changed the addresses with the state, and was able to calculate the Sales Tax and clarify other issues for the spring sale, etc.

Membership - Karen Valentine reported on the Membership Brochure and passed out sample copies for the Board to examine. Lidia suggested that new members would need to know who to make their checks out to (MBACSS). The completed, edited version will be available for the Fall show. Karen will get the final version printed by the Fall Show.

Welcoming Guests & New Members and Sunshine Committee - Sharon Lucchesi was not present to give her reports.

Program - Sarah Martin reported that next month's program will be the Country Store. Tom Karwin will include the previous explanation it in the newsletter. Sarah Martin asked that someone else tell the membership about it at the membership meeting.

October – Elton Roberts will talk about the genus Airocarpus.

November - She is still working on program plans.

December - will be the Christmas party

CSSA - Jorge Quiñonez reported there is no new information

Old Business

MBACSS Participation in 2019 CSSA Convention - Gary Stubblefield reported that Santa Barbara will help with the convention but we still need individuals from MBACSS to volunteer for specific jobs.

New Business

Projection Screen Update - Tom Karwin will continue to negotiate with the VFW regarding our donation and VFW's installation of a 4:3 aspect ratio screen and the preferred location (possibly on the right hand wall rather than the front) Other location and height options were discussed.

Country Store Planning – Naomi Bloss will make announcement to the general membership at the meeting.

Fall Show & Sale - Naomi Bloss indicated she will recruit food volunteers and distribute sign-up sheets to members.

Fall Show & Sale Publicity - Sarah Martin distributed the Fall Show flyers she created to the Board. Tom Karwin indicated that Ruth Pantry has the customer list from which mailing labels could be created for the post cards. She has not responded to phone and email queries, and may be ill.

Tom Karwin adjourned the meeting at 12:10pm

September's Program

The Annual Country Store

by MBACSS Members (and Guests)

The Society's Big Event for September is the MBACSS Annual **Country Store!**

If you have been to a previous Country Store, you know that this is one of the most enjoyable events of the season. It is a opportunity for you to share items with your fellow members, and help to raise funds for the Society. Members are encouraged to donate plants that they think other members would enjoy: cacti and succulents or perhaps a different nice looking plant that needs a new home. Plants should be disease free and something that others would appreciate.

The Country Store also includes plant-related items such as pots, garden décor, books, plant labels, and what-have-you.

Lastly, also bring desserts to be raffled off. They should be individually wrapped for convenient handling in the raffle.

Here is how it works. Separate tables will be set up for Cacti, Succulents, Other Garden Items, and Desserts. Each table will have a container for raffle tickets.

Members and guests are invited to purchase tickets: \$1 each (6 for \$5) as a fund-raiser for the Society.

Participants sign and drop their tickets in the containers at the tables that have items they'd like to win. A volunteer for each table will draw tickets. When your ticket is drawn, you have your choice of items on that table. Volunteers will continue to draw tickets until all items have been chosen and the Country Store is done.

Members are encouraged to bring boxes to carry their treasures home.

Prepare for this event by scanning your garden for plants and related items that you are ready to share, and that another member could find "just right" for his or her garden. The Country Store is fun, a good opportunity to rearrange ownership of garden items, and last but not least a very good way to raise funds to support the year's activities that we all enjoy.

This picture (below) does not show the MBACSS Country Store, but rather a typical early establishment in North Carolina.



MBACSS Calendar for 2018

Month	Program	Cactus Mini-Show	Succulent Mini-Show
Jan. 21 st	Joseph Hidalgo: Starting a Collection: Geophytes & Caudiciforms	Any cactus in 6-inch or smaller container	Aloe
Feb. 18 th	Jeff Moore: Soft Succulents	Carnegeia, Ferocactus, Echinocactus	Dudleya
Mar. 18 th	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 th	Ernesto Sandoval: Succulent Propagation from Seeds	Rebutia, Sulcorebutia	Aeonium
May 20 th	Martin Quigley: Succulents of South Africa	Echinopsis, Sclerocactus, Aztekium	Echeveria
June 17 th	Karen Zimmerman: Aloes On My Mind: Exploring Aloe Hybrids, One Generation at a Time (rescheduled)	Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Acanthocalycium	Crassula, Kalanchoe Extra Category: Aloes
July 15 th	Keith Taylor: Staging Pots and Plants to Win Awards	Optunia	Agave, Dyckia, Puya
Aug. 19 th	Karen Zimmerman: Aloes On My Mind: Exploring Aloe Hybrids, One Generation at a Time	Melocactus	Sempervivium, Sedum
Sep. 16 th →	Country Store	No Mini-Show	
Sep. 28 th , 29 th & 30 th	MBACSS Fall Show & Sale, San Juan Bautista		
Oct. 21 st	TBA	Parodia (Notocactus), Gymnocalycium	Pachyforms (Caudiciforms, Pachycauls)
Nov. 18 th	TBA	Mammillaria	Lithops, Aloinopsis, Conophytum, Faucaria, Pleiospilos
Dec. 23 rd	Christmas Party	No Mini-show	
Related Events Elsewhere in California (and Beyond)			
April 29	Huntington Botanical Gardens Plant Sale, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino		
May 26-27	Central Coast CSS Show & Sale, Ludwick Community Ctr., 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo		
June 2	San Francisco Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale, Golden Gate Park Recreation Room, 9 th & Lincoln Way, SF		
June 2-3	Fresno CSS Show & Sale, Clovis Veterans Memorial Building, 808 Fourth St., Clovis		
June 9-10	San Francisco CSS Show & Sale, SF County Fair Bldg., 1199 9 th Ave., SF		
June 30, July 1	CSSA Annual Show & Sale, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino		
August 11-12	33 rd Inter-City Cactus Show & Sale, Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia — 9:00 to 5:00		
Note	For more related events in southern California, see the San Diego CSS Newsletter .		

Thanks to Jorge Quiñonez for gathering information for this section of the Calendar.

August Mini-Show Winners

Selections by Jeff Brooks, Photos by Paul Albert

Dish Garden



Mary Ann Rawlings

Cactus



Melocactus sp. – Suzy Brooks

Succulents



Sempervivum 'Gypsy' (aka 'Gypsy')
Ellen Stubblefield



Sempervivum
Pat Boylan

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SEPTEMBER 2018

MONTEREY BAY AREA CACTUS AND
SUCCULENT SOCIETY

FALL

2018



CACTUS & SUCCULENT SHOW & SALE

SAT | 09.29.18 | 9AM - 5PM
SUN | 09.30.18 | 9AM - 4PM

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA COMMUNITY HALL
10 SAN JOSE ST

FREE PARKING | FREE ADMISSION

Look at a Book

Reported by Suzy Brooks, MBACSS Librarian

Extraordinary Find at a Flea Market!

The Cactus Family

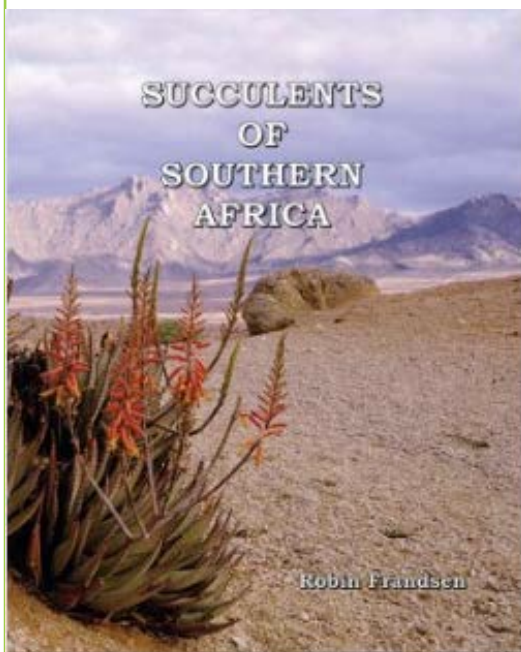
Edward F. Anderson (Timber Press, 2001)

Alert member Jemma Algabrite spotted this book at a local flea market, snapped it up for \$8, and traded it to Suzy Brooks for a well-grown Golden Barrel Cactus. Suzy added the book to the MBACSS Library, and discovered that Timber Press published at \$130 and Amazon lists used copies currently for \$218 and more!

Thanks Jemma and Suzy for adding this exceptional treasure to our Library!

Amazon Review: Only now, at the beginning of the new millennium, is there an up-to-date, comprehensive study of the cactus family. This long-awaited, monumental work covers the Cactaceae in an encyclopedic manner, addressing 125 genera and 1810 species. The most comprehensive single resource on the subject available today, it includes more than 1000 color photographs in addition to other illustrations. The introduction to each genus concentrates on the discovery of the cacti, and the improvements in our understanding of them, many of which result from relatively recent investigation. As stated in the foreword, "Cacti have a special fascination all their own. Miniature spiny dwarf cacti less than an inch in diameter are hidden in the arid regions of North and South America; the majestic columns of the giant saguaro, *Carnegiea gigantea*,

dominate the deserts of Arizona. Yet all these cacti, given time, offer the surprising paradox of brilliant flowers, their delicacy a striking contrast to the strong spines that keep the viewer at a respectful distance." This remarkable diversity is fully described and illustrated in this authoritative encyclopedia, which is both scientifically accurate and readable. It also includes a chapter by Roger Brown on the cultivation of cacti, making the book even more useful to growers and hobbyists, as well as to taxonomists, ethnobotanists, and conservationists---indeed, anyone interested in succulent plants.



Succulents of Southern Africa

Robert Frandsen (Honeyguide Publications, 2017)

Natural History Book Service (NHBS) Review: *Succulents of Southern Africa* is probably the most extensive photographic publication of general succulent plants of this region yet produced. Nothing else is available currently to the extent, lavish style and user-friendliness of this work. It has been made both possible and important due to the efforts of many photographers who, over the years, have accumulated the beautiful identifying photographs and have kindly permitted their use.

It records 133 genera with 1,117 species with their subspecies and varieties. Every plant is beautifully illustrated with at least one colour photograph alongside the relevant text on the same spread. This feature makes the book extremely user-friendly. The introduction includes an extensive section on cultivation. A full-colour map of the sub-region is included as well as a map of the western Cape region into Namibia, the home of most of the succulent species of the region. The text includes a description of the plant and its distribution. There are over 2,700 of the best available colour photographs in all, doing justice to this fascinating group of plants. *Succulents of Southern Africa* is a valuable addition for all who are interested in succulent plants as well as for botanical faculties, libraries, universities, and for the serious book collector.

Officers and Chairpersons, 2018

CHAIRPERSONS

LIBRARIAN — Suzy Brooks
MINI-SHOW — Jeff Brooks
NEWSLETTER EDITOR— Tom Karwin
PHOTOGRAPHY— Paul Albert, Fred Valentine
PROGRAMS — Sarah Martin
PUBLICITY — Sarah Martin, Sharon Lucchesi
RAFFLES — Gary Stubblefield
SALE FLOOR MANAGER— Gary Stubblefield
SALES LIAISON — Sarah Martin
SHOW—Naomi Bloss & Janet Sparks
WEBMASTER — Anita Crawley

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— Gary Stubblefield
— Sarah Martin
— Sharon Lucchesi
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Member Updates

Welcome to these new members

- Renee Palmer & Tom Laxton
- Peter and Jan Shaw
- Nancy Thomsen & Dave Novarina

The Membership Chairperson and the Board are working on a welcome packet for new members, to provide them with all they will need to know about the Society plus helpful information. This packet could well be posted on our website, www.mbsucculent.org, to avoid the cost of a printed packet.

Meanwhile, we encourage all members to print color copies of the postcard on this page and the flyer on p. 6 and give them to gardeners you know. Let's work together on the success of the Fall 2018 Show & Sale.

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Fall 2018

SHOW & SALE Sept 29th & 30th

Saturday 9 to 5

Sunday 9 to 4

Community Hall
San Juan Bautista
10 San Jose Street

Fee admission Free Parking

BRING THIS CARD FOR \$1 OFF PURCHASE

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