

On the Dry Side

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society

President's Message

Early indications are that our Fall Sale & Show was a great success! We're compiling information and will report fully during our October meeting.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to contribute to this event's success. We'll applaud them all by name during our meeting on behalf of the vendors who turned plants into cash, the buyers who demonstrated that they enjoyed the experience and the plants they took home, and the Society's members, who benefit from future activities funded by the Sale & Show.

We are now entering the year's fall quarter, as the change in this newsletter's seasonal template reflects. As 2018 winds down, we look ahead to two more visiting speakers and our ever-popular Christmas party.

Then, we'll launch into 2019. We will continue to need members to volunteer for various short-term tasks during the year, and we also welcome members who will assume roles as board members or committee chairpersons (p.8). Those slots are ably filled at present, but they are always subject to turnover. Consider whether you could bring your time, energy and talent to any of those positions, and how rewarding and enriching that could be for you.

We also welcome your ideas for activities that the Society could take on. We have talked about day trips, overnight trips, visits to members' gardens, and other possibilities. We will work with the members to focus on high-interest activities and make them happen.

Lastly, here's a reminder that the Central Coast CSS needs volunteers to help out with the 2019 CSSA Conference, to be held in San Luis Obispo. We have listed the volunteer opportunities in this newsletter. We will check with the planners for an updated list and post it on our website: mbsucculent.org.

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

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MBACSS Fall Sale Scene
Photo by Paul Albert

Minutes of the September Board Meeting

Reported by Mary Cross

Tom Karwin, President, called the meeting to order

Members present: Tom Karwin, Jorge Quiñonez, Karen Valentine, Sarah Martin, Sharon Lucchesi, Gary Stubblefield, Mary Cross

Minutes of the August 19, 2018 meeting were accepted as published

Chairpersons' Reports

Treasury: Lidia Hernandez was not present so there was no official Treasury Report

Membership: Karen Valentine introduced a "Friend pal" idea to send *On the Dry Side* to folks who do not have email. Since she will not be sending out hard copies of the newsletter to folks who do not have computers, she invited Board Members to volunteer to give a copy of the monthly newsletter to another member. This will save the club the time and money of printing out and mailing hard copies. She also showed the board the new welcome brochure that will be available at the fall show & sale. All present were very happy with the new design.

Sunshine: Sharon Lucchesi, reported Gary Stubblefield had a medical problem and was sent a card. Ruth Pantry is back in the hospital.

Program: Sarah Martin indicated there is nothing new to report. Tom asked for information about Elton Roberts, next month's speaker, to be put in the newsletter.

CSSA: Jorge Quiñonez indicated there was nothing new to report.

Old Business

MBACSS Participation in 2019 CSSA Convention: The discussion indicated that we should recruit volunteers for this event, to be hosted by the Central Coast CSS. A list of jobs will be distributed again, so MBACSS members could volunteer for specific tasks.

Projection Screen Update: Tom Karwin met with VFW Commander Daniel Magdaleno and VFW Quartermaster David Ambriz to make final arrangements for the purchase of an 8-foot projection screen. Tom Karwin will purchase the screen, with the cost to be shared 50-50 by the MBACSS and the VFW. The VFW will mount the screen in the front of the room under the flag, and install the electrical service and the remote control. Hopefully we will have an operable screen by the October meeting.

New Business

Fall Show & Sale: Gary Stubblefield reported that the tables are ordered, and final planning is being done.

Fall Show & Sale Publicity: Sarah Martin reported that the only list she could find was our membership list but the board decided that since they already know about the sale because of the newsletter to not send those cards out. Tom Karwin will get an article about the show in the Sentinel and the Herald. Some people put notices on NextDoor web sites and their Facebook pages. Individual members will distribute flyers and postcards developed by Sarah Martin. The board discussed other ways of maintaining the lists, editing the document, and sharing the information.

Spring show: The Spring Show will be April 13 & 14, 2019, again at the San Juan Bautista location.

CSSA membership – Gary Stubblefield suggested that we give the copy of the CSSA Journal the club gets to a member once a year as a drawing. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Adjournment: Tom Karwin, adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm.

Look at a Book

By Suzy Brooks

Check for treasures in the MBACSS Library. Visit <http://mbsucculent.org> and scroll down to "Library and Books" to find books to help you build your knowledge of cacti & succulents. Ask Suzy to bring your selections to borrow at an upcoming meeting.

A recent addition to the MBACSS Library: *Handmade Houseplants: Remarkably Realistic Plants You Can Make With Paper* by Corrie Beth Hogg. Possible paper creations include Christmas Cactus, Cordyline, Epiphyllum, and others.

October's Program

The ABC's of How I Grow Ariocarpus

By Elton Roberts

Presenter's Notes

I do not know how long ago I got my first Ariocarpus but I know that I had several over 40 years ago. I think I had only Ariocarpus fissuratus and A. scaphirostris at that time.

Since that time I have bought and also grown plants from seed and tubercles. The seed-grown plants and tubercle-grown plants were A. retusus. I now grow all known Ariocarpus from seed and have not bought any for quite a few years except for monstrose ones.

I do not expect to take any sale plants to sell as I have almost only cactus and they do not sell very hot like near the ocean.



Ariocarpus fissuratus (photo from Living-rocks.com)



Ariocarpus retusus (photo by Cactus-art.biz)



Ariocarpus scapharostrus (photo by Cactus-art.biz)

Special Mini-Show Category—Ariocarpus

Bring your Ariocarpus specimens to display in the mini-show as a complement to our speaker's presentation.

Ariocarpus is a small genus of succulent, subtropical plants of the family Cactaceae, endangered and quite rare in the wild.

Ariocarpus species are very slow growing. Plants have thick tuberous taproots, and are solitary or form small clusters of stems. The stems have tubercles (as is normal in cacti), but unusually these are triangular and in some species may resemble leaves. The areoles, when present, vary in appearance from grooves on the upper surface to round pads near the tips. Spines are only present in seedlings (except occasionally in A. agavoides). The funnel-shaped flowers are borne on a woolly structure at the apex. They vary in color from white or yellow to pink, purple or magenta.

October's Mini-Show Plants

Selections by Jeff Brooks, Information from Wikipedia

Cactus

Parodia (Notocactus)

Gymnocalcium

Parodia is a genus of flowering plants in the cactus family Cactaceae, native to the uplands of Argentina, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia and Uruguay. This genus has about 50 species, many of which have been transferred from Eriocactus, Notocactus and Wigginsia. They range from small globose plants to 3-foot tall columnar cacti. All are deeply ribbed and spiny, with single flowers at or near the crown. Some species produce offsets at the base. They are popular in cultivation, but must be grown indoors where temperatures fall below 50 °F.

Gymnocalycium, commonly called chin cactus, is a genus of about 70 South American species of cactus. The genus name Gymnocalycium (from Greek, "naked calyx") refers to the flower buds bearing no hair or spines.

Their main area of distribution is Argentina, part of Uruguay, Paraguay, southern Bolivia and part of Brazil. Most species are rather small varying from 4 to 15 centimeters in size. In cultivation they are popular for their easy flowering habits, and the flowers are generally brightly colored

Above, right: *Fockea edulis*,
Port Elizabeth, South Africa (from Bihrmann)

Below, left: *Gymnocalycium Oneanthemum*,
Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Below, right: *Parodia magnifica*,
Huntington Desert Garden

Succulent

Pachyforms

(Caudiciforms, Pachycauls)

This category leads to an exploration of related terms:
Pachyform = plants with unusually thick or globose bodies
Pachycaul = thick-stemmed
Caudiciform = stem-like
Caudex = stem, rootstock

Gardeners often refer to a wide range of plants with thick stems or roots as caudiciforms.

Bihrmann's website on caudiciforms lists 112 plant families that include such plants (the list of genera is much longer). For more info on these plants, visit www.bihrmann.com.



MBACSS 2018 Fall Sale & Show — People

Photos by Paul Albert



MBACSS 2018 Fall Sale & Show — Plants

Photos by Paul Albert



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 →	Elton Roberts: The ABCs of How I Grow Ariocarpus	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.

Officers and Chairpersons, 2018

CHAIRPERSONS

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— Sarah Martin
— Sharon Lucchesi
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IMMEDIATE PAST TREASURER — Ruth Pantry

Members Update

Welcome to these new members, who joined since the September issue of *On the Dry Side*. We're pleased to have them join in the fun of growing cacti and succulents, encouraging others to appreciate these interesting plants, and participating in the Society.

- Pattie O. Hedderly, Watsonville
- Delinda Robinson, Aromas
- Sally Boden, Royal Oaks
- Marti Atkinson & Peter Hazard, Corralitos
- Kathie & Paul Matsuyama, Nipomo

Right: *Aeonium tabuliforme* at the 2018 Fall Show & Sale
photo by Paul Albert



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