

On the Dry Side

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society

President's Message

Urgent message! We need one more turkey for the Holiday Party, which will convene on Sunday, December 16th. (See more information on p. 3).

A member who is willing to bring a cut-up turkey will complete the menu and make a vital contribution to our Holiday Party. Several grocery stores offer cooked turkeys, so our turkey volunteer won't have to cook, and the Society will reimburse the cost of the bird.

All other attendees are invited to bring side dishes and desserts, and select drinks, including wine. Coffee and tea will be available as always.

Each member also is invited to bring up to three very nice plants for the live auction. At individual option, those who bring plants for this auction may either take home 75% of the sale proceeds or donate 100% to the Society.

Each member also is invited to bring up to three plants for the raffle table. This is an opportunity to share plants that you have propagated effectively but don't really need to add to your landscape.

We also need willing volunteers to help set up this event. If you can lend a hand for this short-term task, please arrive at 10:00 a.m.



Finally, here's a reminder that volunteers are needed to achieve a successful CSSA Convention in San Luis Obispo, July 17-20, 2019. For those planning to attend this noteworthy event, a volunteer shift will be easy to include, and it will provide free access to some of the talks. See p. 8 for details.

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Save the Date!

MBACSS Meets

December 16, 2018

Gathering @ 11:00

Potluck @ 11:30

Party Time @ 12:00

Board Meets

Dec. 16, 2018

Board @ 11:00

Members are always welcome to attend

Future Meetings

Third Sundays

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



Show & Sale Scene

Minutes of the November Board Meeting

Reported by Mary Cross

Meeting called to order: Tom Karwin called the meeting to order

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

Guests: Tom Karwin introduced two visitors: Dan Martinez and his wife from the Cactus and Succulent Society of San Jose. Martinez, who has been nominated for president of CSSSJ, attended to observe our board and general meetings. In addition, we briefly discussed the possibility of a joint MBACSS/CSSSJ field trip.

Minutes of October 21, 2018: were accepted as recorded by Jorge Quinonez and Tom Karwin, and published.

Chairpersons' Reports

Treasury: Lidia Hernandez indicated she is preparing for the Christmas meeting. She suggested MBACSS acknowledge Ruth Pantry for her long-term contributions to the group. The board agreed to discuss this at another meeting.

Membership: Karen Valentine reported that new members were listed in the October newsletter. We now have 120 total members in the club. At the October meeting there were 43 persons in attendance. Karen will count and report the number of attendees each month. Karen resigned as Membership Chairperson as of December 2018, due to family commitments. The Board thanked Karen for her good service as Membership Chair, and planned to call for volunteers for that position.

Sunshine Committee: Sharon Lucchesi said she is happy to report there are no reports of sick members at this time.

Program: Sarah Martin Segal reported that Guillermo Rivera is our speaker for November. He just returned from Madagascar, but will present his program on succulents from Brazil today. Sarah is working on programs for 2019.

CSSA: Jorge Quiñonez reported that CSSA has scheduled its board elections. MBACSS votes on board candidates are due by December 31st. The MBACSS board will discuss the nominees next month.

Old Business

MBACSS Participation in 2019 CSSA Convention (July 17-19, 2019 in San Luis Obispo): Gary Stubblefield reported that MBACSS has agreed to co-host this event, but has not been asked to do anything specific. Individual MBACSS members interested in participating should contact convention planners directly. Volunteer opportunities were listed in the July issue of *On the Dry Side*, and will be updated elsewhere in the December newsletter (see p. 6).

New Business

2018 Holiday Party Plans: Karen Valentine and Sharon Lucchessi volunteered to shop for gifts for attendees. They will confer with Lynda Waters and Pat Boylan, who did this fun task in recent years. During the general meeting, we will invite volunteers to bring two turkeys and two hams, and invite all attendees to bring side dishes and drinks, including wine. We also will call for volunteers to set up tables. Jorge and Lidia Quinonez will bring a tree to decorate. Sharon will make a sangria punch.

Attendees will find small gift plants on the tables, and participate in a raffle of plants and other gifts. New and renewing members who pay their 2019 dues by noon on the day of the party will receive a raffle ticket for an exceptional plant.

Members are invited to bring up to three plants for the live auction and up to three plants for the silent auction. They may either receive 75% of the auction sale of their plant, or donate the full proceeds to the Society.

2019 Spring Show & Sale Plans:

- Naomi Bloss will continue as Show Chair.
- Gary Stubblefield will continue as Floor Manager.
- Sarah Martin Segal will continue as Print Publicity Coordinator
- Sharon Lucchessi will continue as Digital Publicity Coordinator, working with MBACSS Webmaster Anita Crawley.
- We need to recruit a Spring Sale Chair, who will coordinate vendors and cash register volunteers.

Schedule Raffle Plant Providers: Jorge Quiñonez proposed to recruit members to bring plants for each meeting's raffle, rather than purchasing plants from local nurseries. Thirty plants will be needed for each raffle. Members could charge \$2.50 per plant or donate their plants to the Society. Jorge will sign up members to bring raffle plants for each month in 2019.

He will also offer to buy unsold plants from visiting speakers, at the rate of 50% of

December's Program

Holiday Party, December 16, 2018



We are preparing for the Society's traditional Holiday Party, which is great annual opportunity for friends to celebrate both the season and the past year of activities, and to look ahead to the coming year of adding to our shared interest in cacti and succulents. Above all, this event provides a good time for all.

Set-up will begin at 10:00 a.m. Members are invited to lend a hand in setting up tables and chairs and accomplishing the small tasks needed to convert our meeting space into a festive setting.

We are all grateful for the members who help to make this event happen. Many hands make light work!

Volunteers will bring turkey and ham for the feast, with reimbursement provided by the Society. All members are asked to bring a favorite holiday side dish or dessert, with servings for 8-to-10 guests.

We will convene formally at 11:00, and plan to enjoy a festive potluck at 11:30. This will be followed by our holiday raffle and live auction.

The Society will provide plants for the raffle and the ever-popular table favors.

For the live auction, we invite each member to bring up to three plants. These should be special plants, something you are proud to pass on to another cactus or succulent collector. Perhaps you have long enjoyed some plants and now want to make room for new treasures. Your well-grown plant might inspire another member to create a new record for the live auction.

Providers of plants and the Society will share the proceeds of the live auction on a 75%-25% basis. If they choose to do so, providers are invited to donate their plant to the Society, and not require a share of the auction proceeds. No pressure!

Special Raffle. New and returning members who have paid their 2019 dues by noon on the date of the holiday party will be included in the raffle of an exceptional plant. This is a nice incentive —on top of membership's many benefits—to pay your dues on time.

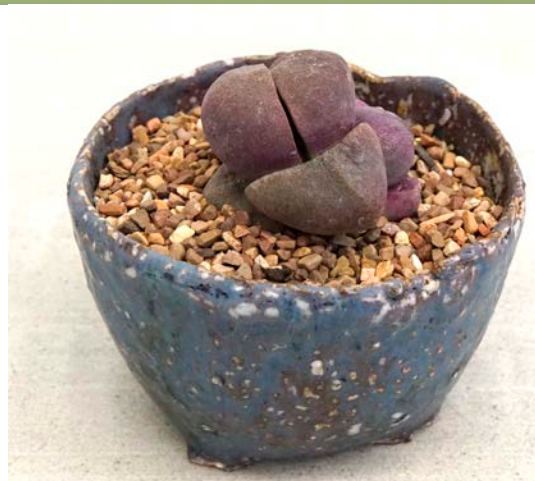


November's Mini-Show Winners

Photos by Paul Albert



Cactus – Novice
Mammillaria elongata by Shirley Amadon



Succulent – Novice
Pleiospilos nelii 'Royal Flush' by Shirley Amadon



Cactus Intermediate
Mammillaria nejapensis crest by Suzy Brooks



Succulent - Intermediate
Conophytum by Sharon Lucchesi



Cactus- Advanced
Mammillaria sp. By Naomi Bloss



Succulent – Advanced
Conophytum regale by Ellen Stubblefield

CSSA News

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Synopsis of Selected Articles

International Succulent Introductions

John Trager of the Huntington Botanical Garden presents the 2018 offering of the International Succulent Introductions. Among the many plants now available are *Browningia altissima*, *Cleistocactus brookeae*, *Agave wercklei*, *Aloe classenii*, *Aloe* 'Sawbones' (a Karen Zimmerman hybrid), *Echeveria penduliflora*, *Haworthia* 'Snow Ball' and *Peperomia quadrangularis*.

Agave Mite

Ron Parker discusses Agave mite, an ever-growing scourge in the southwest, shows photos of affected plants, and touches on early detection and treatment options. Ron states, "...it is now unusual to encounter a mite-free nursery anywhere in Arizona."

Neohaiticereus

Cuban botanist Alberto Areces-Mallea introduces the new subgenus *Neohaiticereus* and presents its long and complicated botanical history over 300 years. Line drawings and clear photographs accompany the article.

Two new species of *Ledebouria* from the Eastern Cape

David M. Cumming presents *Ledebouria bladeniana* and *L. fishrivierensis*, two newly described species from South Africa. Both have purple spotted leaves. *L. bladeniana* is so far known from only one location. *L. fishrivierensis* has wide, spreading leaves and is known from several locations.

Molecular analysis of the genus *Eriosyce*

In his comprehensive treatment in part IV of "Molecular analysis of the genus *Eriosyce*," Fred Kattermann elucidates the various characteristics of *Eriosyce* Section *Neoporteria* subsection *Neoporteria* with multiple pictures of plants in habitat and in close up views, as well as with electron micrographs.

Lee Janney Miller (1947-2018)

Dan Mahr offers a heartfelt remembrance of Lee Miller, longtime CSSA board member and advocate of the organization. A resident of Washington, D.C., Lee's entire working career was spent as a chemist with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. He had a passion for books and his collection of volumes related to cacti and succulents (which was substantial) has been donated to the CSSA Library. Lee was the Society's librarian and spent many hours organizing and studying the collection on his many trips to southern California. He was instrumental in creating and overseeing the Operations Manual of the Board of Directors and served as its Recording Secretary. In addition he participated in almost every CSSA-sponsored field trip. In an attempt to serve the affiliates, Lee in recent years assumed responsibility for video-taping various talks at national conventions, editing these and then making them available to the local clubs. Lee received the Superior Service Award in 2011 at the 2011 San Diego convention.

Additionally, "Crassulaceae from western-central Mexico," by Raúl Acevedo-Rosas, Miguel de Jesús Cházaro-Basáñez, H. David Jimeno-Sevilla and Osvaldo Zuno Delgadillo, with a map and photos; a short article by Fred Kattermann on *Copiapoa algarrobensis*; an addendum to the CSSA Seed Depot; and two book reviews.



CSSA Board Meeting Highlights, September 2, 2018

We discussed the success of the June 30/July 1 CSSA Show and Sale in terms of participation and sales. Thanks to all of you who entered plants, enjoyed the dinner and auction, and purchased plants. And thank you to Barbara Hall for her coordination of this show. We always seek ways to improve the show, and CSSA is purchasing several new cash registers to use at the sale that should definitely shorten the checkout lines. These registers will also be available to local affiliates.

The Board is enthusiastic about the 2019 convention on July 17–20 in San Luis Obispo, which will feature an international roster of speakers and rare plants. Brochures will be available in January. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

CSSA recently received a \$50,000 matching grant for our organization's endowment. CSSA represents our hobby and passion internationally, and plays a critical role in bringing together regional clubs for sharing information, resources, and opportunities. We have almost reached our goal. Please consider an individual or a club donation.

The Board welcomed Phuc Huynh as a new Director from Redlands, California.

CSSA News, continued

CSSA Website —New Address and Design

Please note that the CSSA website address has changed. We are now <http://www.cactusandsucculentsociety.org>. Visit the website for more info on the following items, and the available publications and other opportunities.

Among the features are links to video recordings of succulent experts' presentations at CSSA conferences. Currently online:

["Agaves of Northeastern Mexico" by Brian Kemble of the Ruth Bancroft Gardens](#)

["Cylindropuntia chuckwallensis: A New Cholla" by Michelle Cloud-Hughes](#)



CSSA 2019 Biennial Convention

The Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society invites you to the CSSA 38th Biennial Convention in beautiful downtown San Luis Obispo, California. The convention is from July 17 to July 20, 2019 with tours beginning on July 17th. This year we will also feature optional field trips July 21. There will be excellent speakers, plant and pottery vendors, live auction and silent auction, local sales area, an opening reception, and a Santa Maria-style barbecue banquet.

MBACSS members are invited to support this event by volunteering for various tasks that are being organized by the local host, the Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society. The list of committees and chairpersons was included in the July issue of *On the Dry Side*, which is available on the [MBACSS website](#).

If you would like to get on the list to volunteer during the convention between the dates July 18-20, 2019 please email Terrie Leivers at terrieleivers@gmail.com who will put you on the list to email the volunteer opportunities for which you may wish to sign up. It looks like an approximate five hours shift will get a one day pass to attend lectures (there are four lectures per day, usually) with a max of obtaining two one-day passes depending upon the number of interested volunteers that we get. Please note, that the pass cannot be split among different days of the convention.



54th CSSA Annual Show and Sale

June 29 - June 30, 10 am to 5 pm

The Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA.

Hundreds of award-winning plants will be on view as the Cactus and Succulent Society of America presents its 54th annual show and sale. Rare specimens from around the world will be showcased, including plants native to Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Botswana, Madagascar, and the Middle East. The juried competition will also include categories for photography, paintings, crafts, and dish gardens. Plants and related items will be available for sale.

NOTE: The location of the Show has been changed to the Botanical Center (#4 on the HBG map) which is NE of the Conservatory and Children's Garden. The Annual Meeting will be in the Danner Conference Room, and the Annual Dinner will be in the Atrium, which is located downstairs.

CSSA Members and C&S Society members may receive free admission by wearing your C&S club nametag AND a special sticker issued by your society's CSSA representative or Show Chairperson Barbara Hall (818-368-6914 or lbcjhall@aol.com).

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, Azetkium	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	Guillermo Rivera: Succulents Plants of Brazil	Mammillaria	Lithops, Aloinopsis, Conophytum, Faucaria, Pleiospilos
Dec. 16 th →	Christmas Party	No Mini-show	
Related Events Elsewhere in California (and Beyond) in 2018			
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

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

OFFICERS

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

Members Update

Welcome to the newest members of the MBACSS:
Dan Martinez & Monica Moran of Campbell
Elaine Murphy of Watsonville

We're pleased they are joining us all in appreciating, learning about, and gardening with cacti & succulents.

By the way, the Board recently agreed that memberships that begin during the last quarter of the year continue through the following year. The cost of membership is not high, but this plan provides a bargain price for membership and an incentive for joining late in the year.

MBACSS membership is a great bargain whenever it begins!



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<http://mbsucculent.org>