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President's Message

I've been enjoying my garden these days, and I hope you are too. The weather has been fine, with just enough rain to keep everything growing well.

Our society is still basking in the glow of our very successful Spring Show & Sale and heading into the late spring and summer months. Our May meeting will feature Peter Beiersdorfer's presentation, in which he will introduce us to a generally unfamiliar part of the world. It promises to extend our continuing learning about succulent plants.

Here's a timely message from the CSSA's Affiliate representative, M.A. Bjarkman, on behalf of CSSA President Jeff Pavlat and Executive Director Gunnar Eisel:

CSSA recognizes that its affiliate organizations are an integral factor in the success of the national organization. It is at the affiliate level that new members are generated and supported, make connections, and learn about the craft. With the increasing popularity of collecting cacti and succulents, the affiliates have grown significantly in membership, resources, and ability to provide necessary services.

CSSA seeks to redefine how effectively we communicate with our affiliates. We intend to address this issue during the upcoming CSSA Convention in San Luis Obispo, July 17 - 20. During this meeting, board members and officers will be present to hear your ideas and to propose significant new ideas.

We hope that your club will be able to sponsor an officer or representative to the Convention and the important affiliate meeting, Friday, July 19, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

During our May meeting, we will invite your ideas to pass on to the CSSA board. If you are planning to attend the CSSA Convention, you will be welcome to participate in the affiliate meeting on July 19th. The convention website is <http://cssaconvention.com>.



Rebutia fiebrigii 'Muscula' by
Peter Beiersdorfer
Advanced Cactus #1
April 2019 Mini-Show

Save the Date

MBACSS Meets

Gathering @ 12:00
Plant Sale @ 12:15
Potluck @ 12:30

Board Meets

April 21, 2019
Board @ 11:00
Members welcome

Future Meetings

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

Minutes—April Board Meeting

In Attendance: Naomi Bloss, Mary Cross, Lidia Hernandez, Tom Karwin, Sarah Martin, Jorge Quinonez, Gary Stubblefield

Absent: Sharon Lucchesi, Stan Verkler

Guests: Jeff Brooks

Minutes of January 20, 2018 Approved as published

CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS

Treasury: Lidia Hernandez presented her preliminary financial report for the 2019 Spring Show & Sale, indicating net proceeds of \$6,131.74, which is a new record.

Hernandez presented her monthly report as of April 21, 2019. These reports are available to members upon request.

Membership: Mary Cross reported five new members, who will be acknowledged in the next issue of On the Dry Side. She indicated that about 50 individuals who were members in 2018 have not renewed their membership for 2019. She will call them to invite them to renew their membership.

Cross also reported that 139 new persons submitted discount cards at the Spring Show & Sale, and 38 cards were submitted by members. (verify)

Sunshine Committee: No report, given Sharon Lucchesi's absence.

Program: Sarah Martin reported that Stan Verkler will be today's speaker; Peter Beiersdorfer will speak at the May meeting. The June meeting will focus on the MBACSS anniversary (no speaker). Woody Minnich for July; Country Store for August (no speaker). Ernesto Sandoval has been rescheduled to speak in October.

Martin Suggested scheduling a future general meeting at a member's home, and scheduling visits to members' gardens on selected Saturdays. The board supported both concepts. Martin will report her progress at the next meeting.

CSSA: Jorge Quiñonez presented (a) the Show Schedule for the CSSA's 54th Annual Show & Sale, June 28–30 at The Huntington in San Marino, and (b) the brochure for the 2019 CSSA Convention in San Luis Obispo, July 17–20.

OLD BUSINESS

Debrief Spring Show & Sale: Sarah Martin reported 8-to-10 volunteers came forward, so the event had good support. Clean-up went well, thanks in large part to Larry Livermont's participation.

Gary Stubblefield reported good participation by vendors, although two who had been scheduled did not attend. Stubblefield indicated that he will step down from the task of assigning tables to vendors but will continue with other duties of the Floor Manager. A volunteer will be needed to assign tables.

Naomi Bloss indicated that the Show went quite well. The board discussed scheduling a demonstration on staging show plants during a general meeting prior to the Fall Show & Sale, to encourage members to participate in the Show.

Jeff Brooks presented his most recent update of the Show Schedule. Karwin will ask to have the CSSA's Show Schedule and Brooks' update posted on the MBACSS website for reference by members and other visitors.

Proposed Budget for 2019: Tom Karwin distributed a draft for 2019, organized by the IRS tax reporting form.

Hernandez provided updates to the 2018 financial summary, for inclusion in the 2018 tax return (due May 15th).

NEW BUSINESS

Education Appropriation for 2019. Karwin indicated that the next board agenda will include discussion of this appropriation. In 2018, this appropriation was for the purchase and installation of a large projection screen in the VFW facility. The draft budget for 2019 includes \$1,000, which is the typical amount from previous years.

Raffle Plant Purchases. Jorge Quinonez invited discussion of the amount of payment for suppliers of raffle plants. The board agreed to pay \$2.50/plant for routine small plants and \$8.00/plant for special larger plants.

Adjournment: 12:00 p.m.

Minutes by Tom Karwin

Preview of the May Program

Journey to Europe's Hawaiian Islands: Volcanos, Aeoniums, and Super-Sized Daisies off the Coast of Northern Africa

By Peter Beiersdorfer

This talk will focus on the flora of Lanzarote, which is one of the driest of the Canary Islands. The island of Lanzarote lies roughly 80 miles off the coast of Western Sahara and Morocco. With its 327 square miles, it is slightly bigger than the Hawaiian Island of Moloka'i, and it has a population density one third that of O'ahu.

Much of the island is covered with vast lava fields, cinder cones, and calderas from the most recent eruption. Nevertheless, this charming island has a full assortment of succulent plants emblematic of the Canary Island. The endemic plants on Lanzarote include rugged Aeoniums, dense rosettes of Aichrysons, dainty Monanthes, and its own species of sedum. Its hillsides are covered with various species of Euphorbias and Echiums, plus it is the home of *Caralluma burchardii*, which is a rare succulent Asclepiad.

It is also home of numerous daisy species that color much of the island after a winter rain. To top it off, Lanzarote and Fuerteventura have their own species of "dandelion" that reaches up to six feet in height!

This talk will present the wonderful sights of the island's villages, volcanos, and landscape together with highlights of Lanzarote's superb flora. The talk will also compare Lanzarote's unique plant species to related species endemic to the wetter islands 200 miles further to the west.

Peter Beiersdorfer has been traveling extensively around the world to explore and photograph succulent flora in habitat including Chile, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Namibia, South Africa, various Caribbean Islands, and the Mediterranean Coast. He has an extensive collection of succulent plants at his home in Livermore. He profusely propagates plants from seeds and cuttings, including many mesembs and bulbs from the winter rainfall areas of South Africa. He is a participant and contributor to the shows and sales of MBACSS and several other cactus and succulents clubs in northern California.



Left: Peter B. examining a *Sonchus pinnatifidus* specimen. *Sonchus* (Sow Thistle) is a genus of flowering plants in the dandelion tribe within the sunflower family

Below: *Kleinia neriifolia* and ocean view of Haria, a village. *Kleinia* is a genus of African flowering plants in the sunflower family.



May's Mini-Show Plants

Selections by Jeff Brooks, Information from Wikipedia

Cactus

Mammillaria, Melocactus

Mammillaria is one of the largest genera in the cactus family (Cactaceae), with currently 200 known species and varieties recognized. Most of the mammillarias are native to Mexico, but some come from the southwest United States, the Caribbean, Colombia, Venezuela, Guatemala and Honduras. The common name "pincushion cactus" refers to this and the closely related genus *Escobaria*.



Mammillaria spinosissima

Melocactus (melon cactus), also known as the Turk's cap cactus, is a genus of cactus with about 30–40 species. They are native to the Caribbean, western Mexico through Central America to northern South America, with some species along the Andes down to southern Peru, and a concentration of species in northeastern Brazil.



Melocactus acipinosus

Succulents

Gasteria, Haworthia

Gasteria is a genus of succulent plants, native to South Africa (and the far south-west corner of Namibia). The genus is named for its stomach-shaped flowers ("gaster" is Latin for "stomach"). Common names include ox-tongue, cow-tongue, lawyer's tongue and, occasionally, mother-in-law's tongue. Gasterias are recognizable from their thick, hard, succulent "tongue-shaped" leaves. Their inflorescence is also unique, with their curved, stomach-shaped flowers, which hang from inclined racemes.



Gasteria pillansii

Haworthia is a large genus of small succulent plants endemic to Southern Africa (Mozambique, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland and South Africa). Like aloes, they are members of the subfamily Asphodeloideae and they generally resemble miniature aloes, except in their flowers, which are distinctive in appearance.



Haworthia cymbiformis

March's Mini-Show Winners

Reports by Jeff Brooks, Photos by Paul Albert

Dish Garden



1. Cheryl Albert — "Under the Sea"
2. Cheryl Albert

Novice Succulent



1. Joe Truskot — Aeonium 'Kiwi'

Novice Cactus

(no entry)

Intermediate Succulent



1. Suzy Brooks — Aeonium 'Garnet'

Intermediate Cactus



1. Suzy Brooks — Echinocactus grusonii

Advanced Succulent



1. Annie Wolf — Aeonium tabliforme crest
2. Gary Stubblefield — Aeonium 'Mardi Gras'
3. Ellen Stubblefield — Aeonium 'Mardi Gras'

Advanced Cactus



1. Sarah Martin — Ferocactus macrodiscus
2. Naomi Bloss — Echinocactus grusonii
3. Annie Wolf — Ferocactus latispinus variegata

April's Mini-Show Winners

Reports by Jeff Brooks, Photos by Paul Albert

Dish Garden



"Oriental" — Cheryl Albert

Novice Succulents



1. Echeveria 'Ruby' Cheryl Albert
2. Graptopetalum amethystinum Mary Cross
3. Pachyphytum oviferum Mary Cross

Novice Cactus



1. Rebutia Jemma Argibrite

Intermediate Succulent



1. Echeveria colorata — Suzy Brooks

Intermediate Cactus



1. Sulcoreubutia arenacea Suzy Brooks

Advanced Succulent



1. Echeveria sp. Crest Jeff Brooks

Advanced Cactus

1. Rebutia fiebrigii 'Muscula'—Peter Beiersdorfer

(see page one)

CSSA Show & Sale

54th ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA HUNTINGTON LIBRARY & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Dates: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 28-30, 2019

Location: The Huntington: 1151 Oxford Drive, San Marino, CA
The Botanical Center. Contact 626-405-3504

Sale Hours: Sale: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

Show: Saturday & Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

Show Set-up: Thurs. June 27th 9am-1pm

Enter Plants: Thurs., June 27th 1pm-8pm & Friday, June 28, 10:00am-4:00pm. Judging starts at 5:00pm Friday

Auction: Saturday, June 29 at 7:00PM. Items need to be registered by 3PM

There will be a Silent Auction during dinner and a Live Auction (35 items max.) after dinner. Auctioneers will decide placement of items: 2 items per person/business marked as donation or split (70/30)

Dinner: Saturday, June 29 at 6PM \$15.00 Menu: Chili Buffet.

Mail checks, made out to CSSA, to Bonnie Ikemura – 8400 Bleriot Ave. Los Angeles, CA, 90045; Reserve spot by Phone: 213-305-1421 or email Bonnie at bikemura@hotmail.com. Reservations must be made by June 26, 2019

Teardown: Sunday, June 30, 5:00pm

Be sure to pick up a Show Schedule, Index and entry tags from your CSSA Club Affiliate at your May & June club meetings, if you are interested in entering plants in the Show or in the Auction.

All Cactus & Succulent Club members, CSSA members, vendors, volunteers or show participants need to wear their club badges (if you have one) AND a special CSSA/HBG pass that reads “Annual CSSA Show Participant” to enter the HBG for free. If you are a HBG member this doesn’t apply. Please obtain a pass from your CSSA Affiliate at your club meeting or contact Barbara Hall, Show Chair before the event. We are not permitted to hand out passes at the HBG entryway.

There are opportunities to participate/volunteer in this year’s show, even for a couple of hours in the showroom or sales areas, hospitality (food) area, information table, holding area, welcome table at the HBG entry & setup/teardown. All participants receive a show T-Shirt as a thank you.



MBACSS Calendar for 2019

Month	Program	Cactus Mini-Show	Succulent Mini-Sho
January 20	Stephen McCabe: Succulents under threat: Poaching, fires, disease, and climate affecting Dudleyas	Espostoa, Cereus, Pilosocereus, Cleistocactus, Polaskia	Dudleya
February 17	J.D. Wilkert: Amazing Adromischus	Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Aztekium, Discocactus	Aloe
March 17	Brian Kemble – Puyas: Bromeliad Royalty	Ferocactus, Echinocactus, Carnegiea.	Aeonium
April 13-14	MBACSS Spring Show & Sale 10 San Jose Street, San Juan Bautista, CA		
April 21	Stan Verkler – Visit to Namibia	Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Sclerocactus	Echeveria, Pachyphytum, Pachyveria, Graptoveria, Graptophytum
May 19	Peter Beiersdorfer— Journey to Europe's Hawaiian Islands: Volcanos, Aeoniums, and Super-Sized Daisies off the Coast of Northern Africa	Mammillaria, Melocactus	Gasteria, Haworthia
June 16	Tufa Pots	Echinopsis, Obregonia, Aztekium	Epiphyllum, Rhipsalis, Ceropegia, Sedum morganianum, Hattoria
July 21	Woody Minnich—20 Years in the Atacama, The Land of the Copiapoa	Opuntia, Tacinga, Miqueliopuntia, Cylindropuntia, Micropuntia	Euphorbia, Monadenium, Jathropha, Pedilanthus
August 18	Country Store		
September 15	TBA	Paordia, (Notocactus), Gymnocalycium, Blossfeldia	Crassula, Kalanchoe
10/5-6	MBACSS Fall Show & Sale 10 San Jose Street, San Juan Bautista, CA		
October 20	Ernesto Sandoval—Forms and Functions of Cacti and succulents Inside and Out along with other Desert Dwellers	Copiapoa, Eriosyce, Escobaria, Pereskia	Pachyforms (Caudiforms, Pachycaulis)
November 17	TBA	Best of your collection! Must be in a 6" pot or smaller!	Aizoaceae Family: See SucculentGuide.com for qualifying genera.
December 15	Christmas Party		

Plant Raffle Provider Schedule for 2019

<u>JAN</u> Peter Biersdorfer (42)	<u>JUL</u> Stan Verkler (30)
<u>FEB</u> Gary Stubblefield (20); Sarah Martin (10)	<u>AUG</u> Stan Verkler (30)
<u>MAR</u> Jeff Brooks (30)	<u>SEP</u> Mary Cross (20)
<u>APR</u> Naomi Bloss(30)	<u>OCT</u> Sharon Lucchesi (10)
<u>MAY</u> JQ (15); Stan Verkler (20)	<u>NOV</u> Jorge Quiñonez (15)
<u>JUN</u> David Kurtz (24-30) epi	<u>DEC</u> n/a

More MBACSS Spring Show Winners

Division II – Succulent Monocotyledons (individually potted)



Peter Beiersdorfer
Haemanthus deformis (Class II/1.1)



Naomi Bloss — *Aloe castillione* (Class II/3.1)



Gary Stubblefield
Sansevieria suffruticosa (Class II/2.1)



Gary Stubblefield
Aloe Hybrid (non-Madagascar)(Class II/3.2)

More MBACSS Spring Show Winners (continued)

Division II – Succulent Monocotyledons (individually potted)



Annie Wolf
Gasteria batesiana (Class II/3.5)



Gary Stubblefield
Haworthia truncata (Class II/3.7)



Stan Verkler
Haworthia Jim Smith Hybrid (Class II/3.6)



Richard Rowe
Dyckia hybrid (Bromeliaceae) (Class II/4.1)

Officers and Chairpersons, 2019

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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 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR — Mary Cross
 AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE — Jorge Quiñonez
 DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE
 — Gary Stubblefield
 — Sarah Martin
 — Sharon Lucchesi
 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT — Stan Verkler

Members Update

Here's a landscape design project for succulent gardeners with creative urges and lots of available time!

And for gardeners with wanderlust, here are two nearby upcoming events by CSSA Affiliates:

Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

Annual Show & Sale

Ludwig Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo, CA

Saturday, May 25 10:00 – 5:00

Sunday, May 26, 10:00 – 4:00

For info: (805) 237-2054 or www.centralcoastcactus.org

Fresno Cactus & Succulent Society

Show & Sale

Clovis Veterans Memorial District, 898 4th St. Clovis, CA

Saturday, June 8, 10:00 – 4:00

Sunday June 9, 10:00 – 4:00

For info: www.fresnocss.com



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