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On the Dry Side

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Area
Cactus & Succulent Society

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President's Message

This month's meeting will be our club's anniversary/birthday celebration held at the Bloss home. We will meet there (134 Trabing Road; Watsonville, CA) at our normal meeting time (12 pm on Sunday, June 16th).

Please bring your usual delicious dishes to share, as we will be having a picnic potluck. The club will provide cake for dessert.

There will be no mini-show or sales plants at this month's meeting but Show-and-Tell items will be welcome and raffle plants will be available.

Sarah Martin Segal and Suzy Brooks will lead a demonstration and hands-on activity to make your own hypertufa pot. Directions and a list of what to bring are included in the newsletter.

This issue of *On the Dry Side* once again includes information on the CSSA's 54th Annual Show & Sale at the Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens, June 28-30, 2019. This is fine event, if it works within your schedule. We will invite those who attend to report on their experiences during our July meeting.

During our June meetings, we will invite informal reports from members who attended the Central CSS Annual Show & Sale (May 25-26, 2019) and the Fresno CSS Show & Sale (June 8-9, 2019.) The MBACSS has a lot going on in the Monterey Bay area but getting out of town occasionally to visit other CSSA events can be a hoot.

Finally, mark your calendar for the CSSA Convention in San Luis Obispo, July 17-20, 2019. This event happens just before our July 21st meeting, so the event date is coming up fast. We have previously provided information in *On the Dry Side* and you can find all the details at <http://cssaconvention.com/index.html>.



Intermediate Succulent

May Mini-Show

#1. Gasteria excelsa,
by Suzy Brooks

Save the Date

MBACSS Meets

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

Board Meets

June 16, 2019
Board @ 11:00
Members welcome

June Meeting

Bloss Home
134 Trabing Road
Watsonville, CA

Minutes—May Board Meeting

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

Absent: Mary Cross, Sharon Lucchesi

Minutes of March 17, 2019: Approved as published.

CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS

Treasury: Lidia Hernandez presented her monthly financial summary and her analysis of raffle ticket revenues and plant expenses for Jan. – May 2019. These data indicate that the monthly raffle yields net revenue.

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

Program: Sarah Martin announced that the June meeting at the home of Naomi Bloss, where Sarah and Suzy Brooks will conduct a hands-on activity for members to make their own hypertufa pots. A greenhouse tour also will be included.

Today's speaker will be Peter Beiersdorfer, with a presentation on "Europe's Hawaiian Islands."

The speaker for July will be Woody Minnick.

CSSA: The CSSA has invited the MBACSS to appoint a representative to attend the Affiliate Meeting during the CSSA Biennial Convention, July 19th. Jorge Quiñonez, MBACSS's Affiliate Representative indicated that he will attend the Convention. The board will consider providing input to CSSA's effort "to redefine how effectively we communicate with our affiliates."

OLD BUSINESS

Federal & State Tax Returns – 2018: Tom Karwin reported that he filed these returns by May 1th, which is the deadline for non-profit corporations. The MBACSS does not owe any taxes, but Karwin will request reimbursement of the \$10 fee for filing the California return with the Franchise Tax Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Education Contribution – 2019: The board discussed the MBACSS Education Donation for 2019, and expressed interest in supporting the CSSA's Research Program, which "provides small facilitation grants (up to \$3000) to help fund well designed research programs on the botany, horticulture, and conservation of succulent plants." Visit the [CSSA Research Program's website](#) to review the grant application packet. Final action was scheduled for the June board meeting.

Input to the CSSA Board. The board briefly discussed this matter (see CSSA report, above), and scheduled action for the June board meeting.

Recruitment of Vendor Liaison for Fall Sale: Gary Stubblefield indicated that he will reduce his role at future MBACSS sales to designing the sale floor and ordering the rental tables and asked to assign someone else as Vendor Liaison. The board thanked Stubblefield for his long service in that role. During the general meeting, Karwin will call for a volunteer to serve as Vendor Liaison at the fall sale.

Adjournment: 12:00 p.m.

Minutes by Tom Karwin

Preview of the June Program

Hands-on Hypertufa Pot Activity & Greenhouse Tour

Presented by Sarah Martin & Suzy Brooks, Hosted by Naomi Bloss

The program this month will be a demo and (for those who want to participate) an opportunity to make your own hypertufa pot! These pots are made from a mixture of peat moss, perlite, and Portland cement, making them a popular lightweight alternative to cement pots. Hypertufa can be made in almost any shape and size and will age nicely outdoors (frost is ok). I've seen beautiful weathered hypertufa planters covered in moss or lichen that resemble carved stone. This natural stone look makes them particularly nice containers for displaying your cactus or succulents.

Sarah and Suzy will demonstrate how to make some containers with these materials, then you'll have the opportunity to get your hands dirty (with gloves of course!) and make your own. The club will provide the raw materials for making the pots, but please bring two containers (that you won't mind throwing away when finished) to make your pots. These should be one large container bowl, bucket, etc. that will serve as your outer mold and one slightly smaller container that fits inside to create the space for your soil and plants. The space/gap between the containers should be 1-2 inches (see photos for examples). I've found lots of good options at thrift stores, dollar stores, and digging through our recycling bins. Old plastic flower pots work great too! Please also bring a plastic bag to take your pot home in, and if you have them, some rubber or nitrile gloves for mixing and handling the hypertufa. See below for complete list of what to bring.

PLEASE BRING:

- A potluck item to share
- A chair
- Hat, sunglasses...anything you need to be comfortable (we'll be outside)

TO make your own hypertufa pot, please also bring...

- **Gloves** (or maybe we provide rubber gloves)
- **One small and one large sturdy container** (to use as a mold your pot). Choose sizes that allow for at least 1.5-2 inches space between the sides when you place one inside the other. These should be containers that you don't mind trashing. Old flower pots, mis-matched Tupperware, Dollar Store containers, yard sale finds, etc.
- **Heavy item(s) to weigh down the inner container.** Rocks, canned food, marbles
- **Trash bag** (or two) for wrapping and taking your pot home.
- **BONUS ITEM - old wine corks** these make great spacers to create drainage holes for

DIRECTIONS TO THE BLOSS HOME:

From VFW Hall — Turn right on Freedom Boulevard, then take an immediate left onto Airport Boulevard.

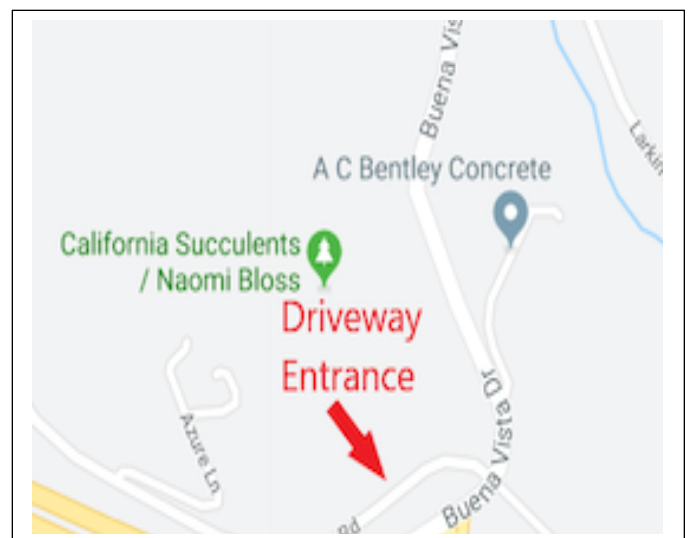
Go approximately 1.4 miles on Airport.

Follow the signs for Highway 1 North, turn right onto Larken Valley Road, then an immediate left onto Highway 1 North.

Take the next exit for Buena Vista Drive.

Turn right from the offramp onto Buena Vista Drive, then an immediate left onto Trabing Road.

The driveway will be on the right (134 Trabing Road.)



May's Mini-Show Winners

Reports by Jeff Brooks, Photos by Paul Albert

Dish Garden



1. Cheryl Albert —“Busy Day”
2. Suzy Brooks

Intermediate Cactus



1. Melocactus sp., Suzy Brooks
2. Mammillaria spinosissima, David Kurtz
3. Mammillaria duwei, David Kurtz

Novice Succulent



1. Haworthia retusa, Cheryl Albert

Intermediate Succulent (see page one)

Advanced Succulent



1. Haworthia 'Royal Highness', Ellen Stubblefield
2. Gasteria sp., Jeff Brooks (shown)
3. Haworthia koelmaniorum, Peter Beiersdorfer
4. Gasteria sakura fuji, Sarah Segal

Novice Cactus



Mammillaria hahniana, Karen Valentine

Advanced Cactus



1. Mammillaria nejapensis, Jeff Brooks
2. Mammillaria ritteriana, Jeff Brooks
3. Mammillaria occidentalis, Gary Stubblefield
4. Mammillaria plumosa, Richard Deming

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, Graptophyllum
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	Sarah Martin & Suzy Brooks —Hypertufa Pots	No Mini-Show	Epiphyllum, Rhipsalis, Ceropegia, Sedum morganianum, Hatiora
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

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 — Volunteer Needed
 SHOW—Naomi Bloss & Janet Sparks
 WEBMASTER — Anita Crawley

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT — Tom Karwin
 VICE PRESIDENT — Naomi Bloss
 SECRETARY — Sharon Lucchesi
 TREASURER — Lidia Hernandez
 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 picture showing samples of containers to serve as molds in creating hypertufa plant containers.

If you want to make your own hypertufa pot, bring two containers that you won't mind throwing away when finished. These should be one large container (bowl, bucket, or what have you) that will serve as your outer mold and one slightly smaller container that fits inside to create the space for your soil and plants. The space/gap between the containers should be 1-2 inches.

Sarah says: "I've found lots of good options at thrift stores, dollar stores, and digging through our recycling bins. Old plastic flower pots work great too!"

If you are not ready to make your own hypertufa pot, this session will be a fine opportunity to observe the process in action, and ready for your own pot-making adventure.



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