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# On the Dry Side

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Cactus & Succulent Society

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## President's Message

The summer months can have special qualities that might be unique for each person and each organization. For our Society, this season has included basking in the success of our Spring Show & Sale, enjoying an outing, party, and hypertufa workshop at Naomi's home and garden, and "double-header" presentations by Woody Minnich.

We have skipped board meetings in June & July, in deference to our busy schedules. The board will meet before the August meeting to catch up with MBACSS priorities.

Our next "adventure" will be our Annual Country Store, which will be the feature of our August meeting. See page two of this newsletter for more information on this event.

An important topic for that meeting will be planning for Fall Show & Sale. As always, we will encourage members to chip in on the various tasks involved in conducting this important event. This is both a major fund-raising activity and a significant element of our Society's commitment to educating the gardening public on cacti & succulents.

We need your help! There are numerous ways in which you add to the success of this event, with options beginning with publicity, set-up and strike, security, check-out counter (very important), plant will-call booth, and roaming ambassador, providing advice on growing and caring for succulent plants.

Include an hour or more of volunteer time to help out during the Fall Show & Sale. Remember, this is your Society, and it grows and thrives only with your participation.

We also welcome your purchases at the Show & Sale. That's a great way to encourage our vendors to share their work at our event, and to enrich your own collection(s) of cacti & succulents.



Opuntoid tephrocactus  
by Jeff Brooks  
July Show & Tell

## Save the Date

### MBACSS Meets

August 18, 2019  
Gathering @ 12:00  
Potluck @ 12:30  
Program: 1:00

### Board Meets

August 18, 2019  
Board @ 11:00  
Members welcome

### Future Meetings

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

## August's Program

# The Annual Country Store

By MBACSS's Members (and Guests)

The Society's Big Event for August is the annual **Country Store**!

If you have been to our Country Store before, you know that this is one of the most fun events of the season. It is a great opportunity for you to share with your fellow members. Members are encouraged to donate plants that they think other members would enjoy: cacti and succulents or perhaps a nice looking plant that needs a new home. Plants should be disease free and something that other members would like to have.

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

Last of all bring desserts. Make certain that the deserts are individually wrapped.

Here is how it works. Separate tables will be set up for Cacti, Succulents, Other Garden Items, and Desserts.

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

Participants drop their tickets in the canister for whatever categories they like. A volunteer for each table will draw tickets. When your ticket is drawn, you are entitled to your choice of items on that table. Volunteer will continue to draw tickets until all items have been chosen and the Country Store is done.

Members are encouraged to bring boxes, to transport their treasures home.

Prepare for the County Store by exploring your garden for plants and related items that you are ready to share, and that another member could find to be "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.

I'll see you at the meeting and the Country Store!

Here's a garden exchange in Oakland. Ours event is more specialized, indoors, and just as much fun!



# MBACSS Calendar for 2019

Month	Program	Cactus Mini-Show	Succulent Mini-Show
January 20	Stephen McCabe: Succulents under threat: Poaching, fires, disease, and climate affecting Dudleyas	Espositoa, 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	Sarah Martin & Suzy Brooks —Hypertufa Pots	No Mini-Show	Epiphyllum, Rhipsalis, Ceropegia, Sedum morganianum, Hattoria
July 21	Woody Minnich—Mexico, The Hidden Treasures of Coahuila and 20 Years in the Atacama, The Land of the Copiapoa	Opuntia, Tacinga, Miqueliopuntia, Cyllindropuntia, Micropuntia	Euphorbia, Monadenium, Jatropha, Pedilanthus
August 18	Country Store		
September 15	TBA	Paordia, (Notocactus), Gymnocalycium, Blossfeldia	Crassula, Kalanchoe
October 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

# July's Mini-Show Winners

Recorded by Jeff Brooks, Photos by Paul Albert

## Novice Cactus

Bill Asher – *Opuntia erinacea*

Karen Valentine – *Tephrocactus alex anderii*

Karen Valentine – *Opuntia bisponosa*

## Intermediate Cactus

Suzy Brooks – *Opuntia polycanthus*

Suzy Brooks – *Opuntia humifusa*

Dianne Field – *Opuntia monacantha*

## Advanced Cactus

Richard Deming – *Opuntia discantia*

Suzy Brooks – *Opuntia* sp.

Jeannie Echenique – *Opuntia* ‘Sunburst’

## Novice Succulent

1. Mary Cross – *Euphorbia medusa* ‘=

## Intermediate Succulent

1. David Kurtz – *Euphorbia cylindrifolia*

2. David Kurtz – *Euphorbia milii*

3. Suzy Brooks – *Euphorbia Beiersdorfer* hybrid

## Advanced Succulent

1. Joseph Hidalgo – *Euphorbia suppressa*

2. Jeff Brooks – *Euphorbia crest*

3. Richard Deming – *Euphorbia horrida*

## Dish Gardens

1. Sheryl Albert

2. Suzy Brooks

3. Bill Ashen



*Opuntia polycanthus*  
by Suzy Brooks



*Euphorbia medusa*  
by Mary Cross

*Opuntia discantia*  
by Richard Deming



*Euphorbia cylindrifolia*  
by David Kurtz



Dish Garden “Take Off”  
by Chery Albert



*Euphorbia crest*  
by Jeff Brooks

## 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 — Peter Beiersdorfer  
 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

Members who participated in the hypertufa workshop during our June meeting brought some examples of their handwork to the July meeting's Show & Tell session.

These creative products are successful both as settings for cacti and succulents, and as early steps toward future explorations of this plastic medium (meaning it's soft enough to be changed into a new shape).

If you would enjoy a follow-up workshop on making hypertufa plant containers, or on other garden-related subjects, let one of the board members know. We have many talented members who could share their expertise..

Finally, Terrie Leivers of the SLOCSS sent this message: "Thank you to all the volunteers from the Monterey Bay Area club that worked so hard to pull off the CSSA's 2019 Convention. Ken, I and the team could not have done it without you!!! It was a smashing success.



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