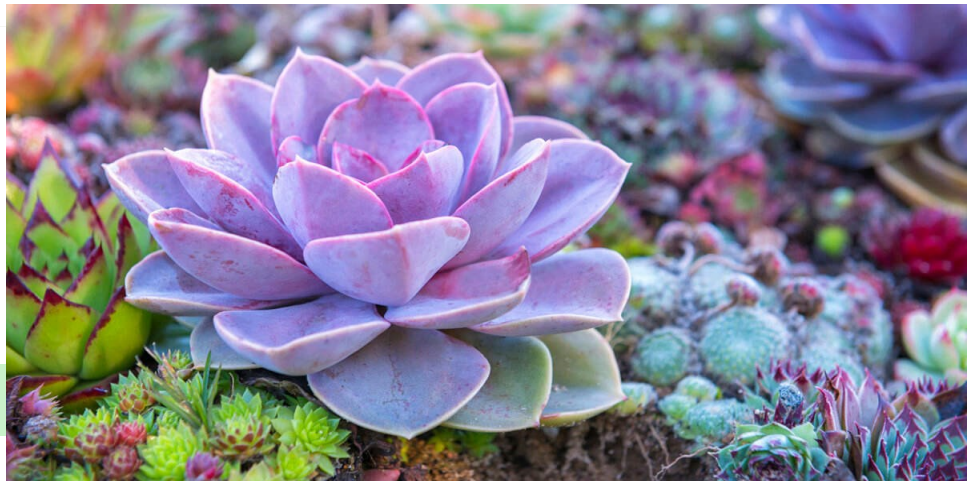


On The Dry Side

This time last year we were shutting down for what we thought would be a few weeks. A years later we have some hope of getting out of this pandemic. I think I have pandemic brain. I can't seem to remember stuff and have little motivation. But I do have hope. As the weather warms and more of us get vaccinated, we can look forward to seeing our friends and family again. As for our club friends, we have good news. At the last board meeting, we discussed the future of meetings. The next few months will bring us closer to in-person meetings. This month we will have another garden tour from Peter Biersdorfer. This will be another interesting tour. That will happen Sunday, March 18 at 11am. In April we will have another garden tour. In May we will have a presentation over Zoom from Giermo Rivera. If I remember right, it will be on Argentina. Then in June, we are planning an auction and our first in person meeting. It will be outdoors at Naomi's place and we will figure out the details as we get closer. So get ready 'cause here we come! The auction will be great fun and we can all get some new plants.

Nancy Thomsen
Newsletter Editor



MINUTES

By Mary Cross

March 7, 2021

Call to Order: Board Members present: Naomi Bloss, Roger Lane, Tom Karwin, Mary Cross, Annie Wolf, Nancy Thomsen, Peter Biersdorfer, Stan Werkler, Sarah Martin Segal, Jorge Quinnonez

Communications: We received email communications about succulent donations and Stan Verkler will drive to Pebble Beach to collect the donated succulents from Peggy Meiece. Mary Cross will send her a 501©3 donation letter. Mary was in contact with the real estate agent who contacted Sharon Lucchesi about a donation from the Ann Shine estate. The agent will notify her when the box will be available for us to pick up.

Minutes of February 7, 2021: Minutes as printed in the newsletter were approved

Treasurer's Report: Roger Lane reported that a member couple sent in a donation for 2021 membership. Since the Board previously decided members paid up in 2020 will not be charged for 2021, it was decided that any money received in 2021 for dues will be applied to 2022 membership.

Chairpersons' Reports

Program: Annie Wolf reported that Miles will not be able to do the talk that was planned but Giermo Rivera can do a talk in May on zoom about succulents from South America. Roger will talk to Giermo to verify that he is coming. Peter Biersdorfer will do a presentation on his garden for the March membership meeting on March 21, 2021 @ 11am. The plant auction on Zoom was discussed and planning begun. Instead of having it in April as originally thought of, it was decided it will be in June. The primary purpose of the auction is to provide a fun, interesting and educational activity for club members. Money raised will stay in the club. Annie and Roger have begun getting plant donations and Annie will create a promotion piece, including details, rules and information and get it to Mary to put in the newsletter and on-line. The discussion concluded: plants will be donated only (doing a split for donor/club would be complicated on-line), it will be for members only like for our Christmas auction, it will be live rather than accepting bids, members can donate up to 3 plants per person, smaller and larger plants can be included, details about photographing, picking up and paying for plants will be formalized later. The membership will be notified in several ways and invited to participate.

Sunshine Committee: Sharon Lucchesi was not present.

Membership: Mary Cross had no report

CSSA: Jorge Quiñonez reminded the Board that CSSA has free zoom succulent webinars every two weeks to which we are welcome to attend. Information can be obtained on their website: cactusandsucculentsociety.org.

Old Business

2021 MBACSS Budget: was not discussed

Additional e-activities during Covid: Sarah Martin Segal is creating a Facebook auction site for members to use to buy and sell plants with each other.

Recruitment for Librarian and Publicity Chairs: Mary reported she contacted the VFW about the possibility of our using a locked cabinet there in which to store our books and was told "yes". They would be happy to accommodate us when we are able to have meetings there again. So, the job description for the Librarian position has been changed.

Additional Discussion: The idea of having in-person meetings was discussed. If the County says it is ok, we will plan an outside membership meeting for the third Sunday of June (June 20, 2021) in the front yard at Naomi's house in Watsonville (134 Trabing Rd.). Changing the meeting from Sunday afternoons to a week day evening was discussed. I was decided to leave the Board Meeting on Sundays for now.

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Looking for Greenhouse Space

May we introduce ourselves as having recently moved to Monterey from San Carlos? We are looking to house a modest collection of cacti and succulents. For many years, we have rented about 1000 sq ft of greenhouse space at Schickenberg Nurseries Half Moon Bay, and are looking for a similar arrangement near Monterey. However, we have been striking out on finding any space for rent. If you could suggest any local greenhouses within a few miles of Monterey that might have space available for rent, we would very much appreciate it.

Thank you Peter Wijeratne

peterdwij@yahoo.com

The March meeting will include a garden tour by Peter Biersdorfer. These garden tours have led to some lively discussions about species, propagation, soil and more. Please join us Sunday for our next meeting. Here is the link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86318653386?pwd=ajI4QWM0V2ZQV3IMZFVObktIRHNVdz09>

See you Sunday

COLLECTION SURVEY

By Jared Margulies

My name is Jared Margulies and I am Assistant Professor at the University of Alabama in the Department of Geography, where I am conducting research on cactus and succulent plant collection, conservation, and trade. I am currently conducting an online anonymous survey focused on cactus and succulent collecting and how collectors procure plants. I am contacting you as a listed contact person or chapter president of a local branch of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. Apologies in advance if this email is misplaced and you no longer serve in this capacity.

I am hoping you would be willing to share the following online survey link to members of your local chapter to help me recruit survey participants. As cactus and/or succulent collectors or hobbyists, I am very interested in the opinions of your chapter's members on cactus and succulent trade and international trade regulations in wild species. These responses will be used to inform research on how to design more effective responses to plant trade and plant trade regulation.

The survey is meant to target current or past self-identified cactus and/or succulent collectors/hobbyists. The survey takes about ten minutes to complete. The survey is anonymous and participants will not give any identifying information. The overall results of this project may be published, but no respondents will be identified and there will be no chance that answers can ever be linked back to individual participants. In this way the potential risks participants face from participating are negligible. I will share the results of this study back to the CSSA at the conclusion of this research.

Participation in the survey is completely voluntary, and participants have the right to withdraw from the survey at any time. There are no direct benefits to participating in this research study, although the study may help inform the design of more effective responses to wildlife trade. Please do not hesitate to contact with me with any questions or concerns about this study. If you would be willing to forward the survey to your chapter members, please copy and paste the information below my signature line. I would be very grateful if you could reply to let me know if you've elected to share this survey with your chapter members.

If you would like to take the survey yourself, you may do so here (or see below): [Take the Cactus and Succulent Survey](#). Please note these are individualized one-time use only links, so I suggest only clicking on the survey once you are prepared to take it.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance- again, the pertinent material to copy and forward is found below my signature line!

Jared Margulies | Assistant Professor / He/Him

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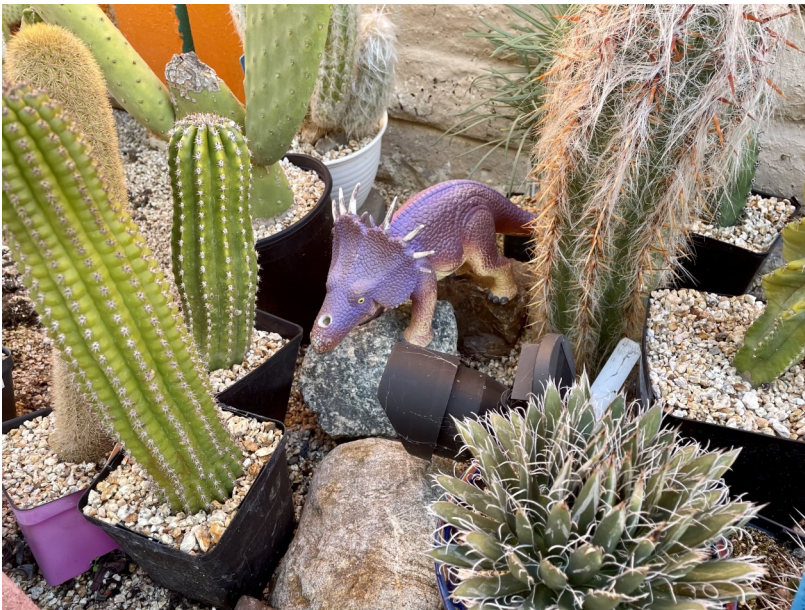
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MEMBER PICS

By Jorge Quiñónez



Dinosaurs in the cactus garden



LINKS

This address will take you to the Affiliates page of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America. From here you can check out all the other clubs in America and around the world.

<http://cactusandsucculentsociety.org/Affiliates/affiliates.html>

From the British Cactus & Succulent Society

Topic: Frank Süplie - Orchid Cacti: beautiful Epiphyllum hybrids from the Netherlands

Time: Tuesday 23 March at 2021 07:30 PM GMT

Meeting ID: 894 9825 5071

Passcode: bcsc

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89498255071?pwd=R2piZ1RUOUV2dWdlMS9tbVRLQnU0dz09>

Frank Süplie has created more Epiphyllum hybrids in the last 40 years than anyone else in the world. His private collection contains more than 8,500 different ones. In this talk he will show you many treasures for the first time.

Frank won the Clive Innes Memorial Award at the last BCSS National Show.

From the British Cactus & Succulent Society

Topic: Wolfgang Borgmann - Between Volcanoes and Dragon trees - My Succulent Highlights of the Canary Islands

Time: Tuesday 30 March 2021 at 07:30 PM (BST)

Meeting ID: 841 1954 1066

Passcode: bcsc

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84119541066?pwd=U1psTGJjazFQa0dsVVgvOEo4WXpVdz09>

Wolfgang will give a general overview of the Canary Islands (geography, climate, vegetation zones) and then show some of his favourite plants that he found in selected spots, areas, walks, covering all the islands.

To date he has been to the Canaries 14 times. Unfortunately trip 15 had to be cancelled this year - it would have been the 30 years anniversary trip. The plants presented in this talk include Aeonium, Aichryson, Monanthes, Euphorbia, Ceropegia, Apteranthes, a few Aizoon, Senecio and maybe one or two cacti (introduced, of course).

LEADERSHIP

Officers and Chairpersons for 2020

Chairpersons

Librarian - OPEN
 Mini-Show - OPEN
 Newsletter Editor - Nancy Thomsen
 Photography - Paul Albert
 Fred Valentine
 Programs - Annie Wolf
 Publicity - Sharon Lucchesi
 Raffles - Gary Stubblefield
 Sale Floor Manager/Liaison - Peter Beiersdorfer
 Show - Naomi Bloss & Janet Sparks
 Webmaster - Anita Crawley

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Acting President - Mary Cross
 Vice President - Naomi Bloss
 Secretary - Sharon Lucchesi
 Treasurer - Roger Lane
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 Affiliate Representative - Jorge Quiñónez
 Directors at Large
 Gary Stubblefield
 Sarah Martin-Segal
 Nancy Thomsen
 Immediate Past President - Tom Karwin

Mini Show Coordinator

As we get closer to in person meetings, we are also getting closer to the mini show. I personally never quite got the mini show but I have an idea what it is. Each month there is a theme for succulents and cacti. If you have one of the theme plants, bring it to the meeting and we judge you. I mean we judge your plant. If you win, place or show, you get some tickets to the raffle. That's all I know. I bring this up because we don't have a coordinator. I think it might be a good way to become familiar with the plants. I doesn't seem like that much work and it's only at the meetings. After all this time locked up apart, now is the time to put yourself out there and volunteer

Librarian

The club is looking for a new librarian. You don't have to wear your glasses on a chain around your neck to take this position. The club has an extensive selection of books that need to be available to the membership. The board is working on an actual job description, but the basics are:

- An interest in cacti and succulents
- **We can keep the books at the VFW Hall**
- The librarian will check books out to members. So you need to keep track of that
- The librarian needs to attend most if not all meetings or two people can trade off
- If you want to get to know the members, this is a great way to do that
- Every one of you need to be around people so VOLUNTEER