

# On The Dry Side

## We're Baaaack!

After more than a year, the club is finally having an in-person event - a casual drop in with some plants for sale. I will not be there as we are taking a short trip to see family and friends for Dave's birthday that weekend. I am looking forward to seeing friends and meeting new members at the next meeting.

This weekend we made an impromptu trip to Santa Cruz and I remembered the UCSC arboretum. We have never been there and it was a beautiful day so we headed there. It is divided into sections based on locations. We started in the South Africa section. There were plants mixed in the wild setting, many in bloom. The sun was warm and the bees were happy. Next we went through a gate to the New Zealand section. As we walked into a shady spot under the trees, I noticed the pleasant aromas. After we continued through the New Zealand and California sections, I spent some time at the gift shop checking out the plants and then it was off to the succulent section. I spent the most time checking all the plants, especially the ones I have in my own garden. I noticed a small plant that was brown and dead looking

on the bottom with green and brown leaves in the tops - just like mine at home. I thought I had done something wrong with mine. It made me feel better because theirs looks like mine. After checking out as many plants as possible we headed out. And on the way out of Santa Cruz we stopped at a plant shop and I bought a couple of plants. I couldn't go home empty handed.

Nancy Thomsen, Newsletter Editor



# MINUTES

Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Minutes  
April 4, 2021 —11:00 – 12:00

## Call to Order

Mary Cross

Board Members Present: Jorge Quinonez, Naomi Bloss, Roger Lane, Tom Karwin, Nancy Thomsen, Peter Biersdorfer, Annie Wolf, Mary Cross

**Minutes of March 7, 2021:** Minutes of March 7 meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Jorge Quinonez volunteered to take notes in place of Sharon Lucchesi who was unable to attend

## Chairpersons' Reports

**Treasurer:** Roger Lane reported that there was no change in his report from last month

**Membership:** Mary Cross reported there was no change in her report from last month.

**Sunshine Committee:** Mary Cross volunteered to send a get-well card to Sharon Lucchesi's husband from the MBACCS.

**Program:** Annie Wolf and the Board had an extensive discussion about having a sale/auction online in June. After the Board discussed this, it was decided to instead have an in-person meeting ("meet and greet") at Naomi's with an informal small sale. Annie Wolf was thanked for all her work in trying to organize the auction for us. At the May event, vendors, and any members who would like to sell plants, would bring one small table and cash for change. The provision that sellers would provide 25% to club would be on the honor system. Masks and social distancing guidelines would be followed. Peter suggested the May meeting would be entitled "Picnic at Naomi's." People would bring their own meal. Club would provide bottled water. It was suggested that the club would rent a porta-potty. Some plants would be offered for sale. Board preferred to offer some "door prizes" instead of selling raffle tickets. This event would last from 12-2PM on May 16. Peter Biersdorfer will send notices to vendors for the small sale and create a flyer for the membership.

\*June membership meeting will be a presentation by Guillermo Rivera re: Argentina.

**CSSA:** Jorge Quiñonez reported the zoom webinars are ongoing and he would make sure the info is given to Nancy Thomsen for the newsletter.

## Old Business

Donations from Peggy Meneice: Stan Werkler was not present to make a report.

Facebook site for members to buy/sell plants: Sarah Martin Segal was not present to make a report  
There was no New Business and the meeting was adjourned.

# MEMBER SUBMISSIONS



**Photos from  
Member  
Kathy Wittpenn**



## PRESENTATIONS

**Topic: Elisabeth and Norbert Sarnes - The famous Ruta 40 - a dream road from the Bolivian border to the Strait of Magellan**

Time: Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 7:30 PM (BST)

Meeting ID: 823 0449 3715

Passcode: bcss

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82304493715?pwd=N0NJTWFhNCs5U1k0SXRmK0lyV1JCQT09>

The Ruta Nacional 40 (RN40) is the most southern part of the famous Pan-American Highway. It crosses Argentina from north to south following the Andes mountain range for a distance of 5,301km. Even though large stretches have been paved and extended in recent decades, there are still a number of difficult-to-navigate stretches. One such section is over the Abra del Acay, one of the highest road passes in the world at 4,972m. Along this road of adventure we search out cacti and other natural beauties.

*Monterey Bay Area  
Cactus & Succulent Society*

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# **MEET 'N GREET**

## **Mini Sale & Picnic**

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*Let's get back together  
Bring a friend!*

**Drop by anytime between Noon – 2pm**

<b>Sunday May 16th 2021</b>	<b>Plants for Sale!</b>	<b>Door Prizes!</b>
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Bring a chair, Bring a snack or lunch,  
Bring a box to take home your new plants,  
Masks and distancing will be observed

**134 Trabing Road, Watsonville**

Take the Buena Vista Exit off Hwy 1

From the south head away from the hwy to Trabing Road

From the north head across the hwy to Trabing Road

Turn left on Trabing and right on Azure Lane

# MEMBER NEWS

## **Portuguese Hall**

We received a call from the Portuguese Hall in Watsonville that they have been given permission to reopen. We had dates in June for our Spring Show and Sale, but feel it is too soon to plan and execute the event in a new venue. We have dates in September for our Fall Sale and will begin planning that soon. We will need volunteers to take shifts at the sale - cashiers, boxers, door greeters, set up, tear down and a few other jobs. Volunteering for this event is a great way to meet members, interact with the growers and it is fun. The July and August membership meeting will have more information about the upcoming show and sale.

## **VFW Hall in Freedom**

We were notified by the VFW that they have been asked by the county to use the hall as a homeless shelter. The VFW has agreed and we will need a new meeting site. In the past, we have met at the Grange Hall and will look into using that venue again for upcoming in-person membership meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We have our first in-person event Sunday, May 16. See the flyer on page 5 for details.

# LEADERSHIP

## Officers and Chairpersons for 2020

### Chairpersons

Librarian - OPEN  
Mini-Show - Stan Verkler  
Newsletter Editor - Nancy Thomsen  
Photography - Paul Albert and 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

### Officers

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

### 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
- 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