

On The Dry Side

Dear succulent lovers,

We will have our 2nd in-person gathering this Sunday at the home of our members Lou Falek and Lyn McDonald, 76 Nunes Rd., Watsonville. They have a 12+ acre property with a fantastic view that we can tour, but folks will have to park at the bottom of the hill of their driveway per the instructions included on page 3. Stan Verkler has volunteered to shuttle any folks that need help up to the top of the steep ¼ mile driveway.

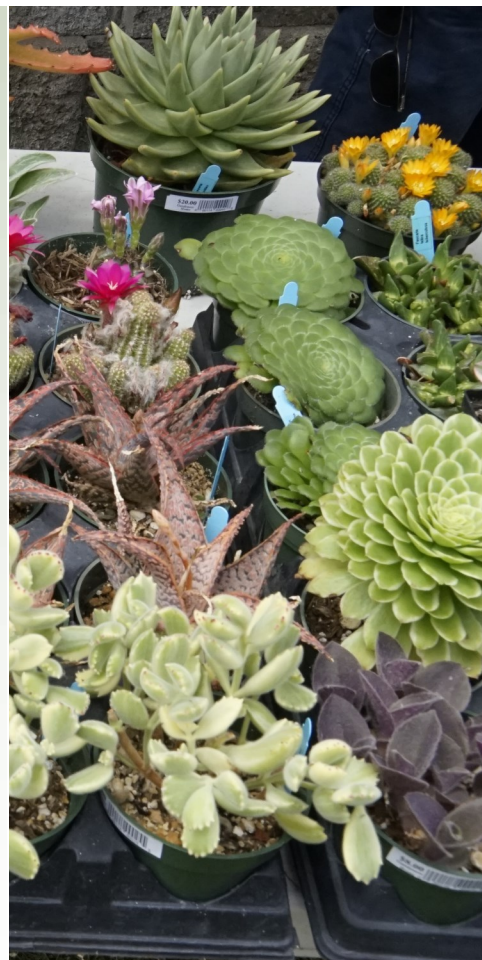
You are invited to bring your own picnic and eat on their beautiful grounds as we get to know each other in person again. Tables will be provided for us. Do you have a pandemic story to tell about your plants or some other aspect of your life or photos you would like to share? The CDC says vaccinated people do not need to wear masks, especially outdoors.

As an added feature, you are invited to bring plants that are sickly or that you think need some kind of help. (Please bring them in a plastic bag to prevent any bugs from migrating to other plants.) Other members will be there to diagnose your plants and help you figure out what to do to cure them or take care of their problems.

For dessert, Lou and Lyn will provide us with fresh watermelon after our picnic.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on Sunday and sharing my stories and pictures with you!

Mary Louise Cross,
Acting President



APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Minutes - June 6, 2021, 11:00 – 12:00

Call to Order and welcome: Mary Cross, Acting President, called the meeting to order at about 11:07am.

Board members present: Jorge Quinnonez, Naomi Bloss, Roger Lane, Peter Biersdorfer, Tom Karwin,

Member Visitors: Cheryl and Paul Albert

Minutes of May 2, 2021 Board Meeting: Minutes were accepted as presented to be included in the newsletter. We still need a new Secretary. Naomi said she would ask Stan Verkler if he would be willing to do it.

Treasurer's Report: Roger Lane reported May income of \$226 (10% donation from vendors at the May 16 mini sale & picnic) \$20 (new member fee), \$1,000 (return of deposit from the VFW Hall). Expenses include \$600 for tax preparation, unknown amount for rent of porta-pottie. Roger will send an email of the report to Mary to be included in the club records.

Chairpersons' Reports

Program: Annie Wolf was not present because she was sick. The members agreed that the **May 16** mini-sale, byo picnic and in-person meet and greet was a fun success. It was attended by about 55 members and guests. The location, the weather, the raffles with the many donated plants, the vendors, the signage, and all the people contributed. Thanks to all who came and all who helped make it such a fun time. We will discuss similar additional events in the future. On **June 20**, Guillermo Rivera will be the speaker at our zoom membership meeting and share about succulents from his latest trip to Argentina. The **July 18** will be our first post-covid in-person meeting. The location will be determined by the Board.

Sunshine Committee: Cheryl Albert was introduced as the new Sunshine Committee volunteer and reported that she sent a card to Joseph Hidalgo in honor of the passing of his father and support for his mother, and to Karen Valentine for her cancer therapy and recent surgery. It was noted that if any member knows of another member who is sick, recovering from surgery or a loss, Cheryl can be notified, and she will send that member an appropriate card and note in the name of MBACSS.

Membership: Mary Cross reported that two people joined our club at the May 6 in-person event. She will send them a welcome letter and put a welcome in the newsletter. Membership rosters are scheduled to be printed and will be available at the July membership meeting.

CSSA: Jorge Quiñonez reported that CSSA continues to produce bi-weekly webinars. The National Meeting formerly scheduled for this summer has been postponed.

Old Business

Library: It was reported that two members were considering being co-Librarians: Mel Foster and Janelle Verdugo. Both indicated it depended on storage of the books in a place other than their homes. The new meeting location may provide a space for us to put one or two locked cabinets or it may be necessary for us to rent a storage unit of some kind.

Donations: Naomi Bloss reported that **Ann Shine's estate** donated 4 boxes of slides and journals from her succulent trips. She and Paul Alberts will form a committee to examine them to see how we might use them as informational and educational items. Stan Verkler was not present so had no report on the donation from Peggy Meneice.

Facebook site for members to buy/sell plants: Sarah Martin Segal was not present.

New Business

Need new meeting location: The Board discussed options for a new meeting place. It was agreed that the Corralitos Grange seems to be the best option and we will proceed to contract with them to use their hall every third Sunday for our membership meetings. One consideration is if they would allow us to store two locked cabinets for our library books there. We considered the idea of maintaining our Board meetings on zoom the first Sundays of every month rather than before the membership meetings on the third Sundays.

2021 Fall Show and Sale: The dates for our Fall show and sale at the Portuguese Hall in Watsonville are: September 17, 18, 19, 2021. Beginning planning needs to be the formation of a publicity committee. Anyone who might be interested in joining this committee is invited to contact Mary Cross. It was noted that Sarah Martin Segal and Sharon Lucchesi have contributed greatly to publicity in the past, but both are committed to serious family needs at this time. Please consider helping the club in this way.

Adjournment at 12:00 noon.

DIRECTIONS TO EVENT

Driving Directions to Lou and Lyn's house at 76 Nunes Road, Watsonville

From Highway 1:

If going South:

Take exit 431, Mar Monte Avenue. The exit road curves to the right. At the stop-sign, right turn onto Mar Monte Ave and cross over highway 1.

If going North:

Take exit 431 and right turn onto Mar Monte Avenue which goes into the woods and slightly downhill to a stop sign. Take a left turn at the stop sign and go to the top of the hill then turn right onto White Road. The road is level for a short while, and then goes downhill. Cross "1-lane-bridge", and look for Nunes Road on the left immediately after the yellow school bus sign. (See Nunes Road section below)

From Freedom Boulevard / Watsonville:

Turn onto White Road at the Cactus Corner Deli. Follow White Road up the hill through the woods, and then downhill past the school bus sign. If you come to "one lane bridge", you have gone too far, go back 100 feet. At the bottom of the hill, Nunes Road is on the right.

From Nunes Road

It is a small road (almost looks like a driveway). Letters in red. Drive most of the way to the end, past the white fence. Driveway for #76/88 is on the right. Right turn into driveway. Most cars will park in the grass at the bottom. Persons with mobility challenges (only) should go straight through the gate and up our steep driveway to the house. Stan will be shuttling folks up the driveway.

Bring a sick plant to the July gathering Bring a plant you want to help

Growers and other knowledgeable members will be available to help with your sick, scrawny, or infested plant. If it has bugs - bag it so those bugs don't find a new home. You can also bring a plant you need help identifying or one you want to show off.

PRESENTATIONS

New Meeting Venue

Our first in person membership meeting will be **Sunday, August 15** at a new location - the **Corralitos Grange**. It is in the middle of Corralitos east of Watsonville/Freedom. **The address is 165 Little Corral Way, Corralitos**. I haven't driven there yet, but give your self plenty of time to get there the first time. Next month we will have more details about the meeting.

Portuguese Hall - Fall Plant Sale - September 18 & 19

Our Fall Sale is only 2 months away. We 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 have fun. At the July gathering, board members will be starting to fill volunteer spots and we nail down the details at the August membership meeting . Start telling your friends and family about the sale and tell them to come early because it's going to be busy.

MEMBER NEWS

Sculptures by Lyn MacDonald

No these are not real - they are statues created by our club member Lyn MacDonald. They are titled Prickly Pear Polly & Prickly Pear Patti. These vibrant cactus sculptures are made of fiberglass. The flowers are spigot handles and bottle caps.

They are installed at Sierra Azul Nursery - 2660 E Lake Street Watsonville in their annual ***Sculpture Is*** show.



LEADERSHIP

Officers and Chairpersons for 2020

Chairpersons

Librarians - Jonelle Verdugo and Mel Foster
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
Sunshine Committee: Cheryl Albert
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