

On The Dry Side



Dear succulent lovers,

This is a reminder that our next Membership meeting is open to all members and their guests. We will be meeting for the first time at our new location: Corralitos Grange Hall #487, 165 Little Corral Way, Corralitos, CA 95076. This facility is handicap accessible, has a small kitchen and there is good parking at the facility and in the park across the driveway.

Because of our concerns about Covid we will be making some changes as a way to take care of each other better and be more cautious.

1. Everyone must wear a mask during the entire meeting except when eating or drinking.
2. All members are requested to wear their name tags. Bring yours or check at the Membership table to see if there is a prepared one with your name on it or to make one for yourself.
3. We will not have a pot-luck but you are invited to bring your own food for eating together at the beginning of our gathering. Coffee and water will be provided by the club.

The meeting begins at noon with lunch and getting to know each other again. The Mini Show is back. You are invited to bring an Aloe or an Astrophytum to enter in the mini show and be judged by the other members.

The presentation will be a talk by Naomi Bloss, our founding member, on "How to prepare a plant for a judged show." To participate you are invited to bring a plant to present to the other members to discuss growth patterns, problems and other questions. If there are bugs be sure to put it in a plastic bag so your plant doesn't infect other plants.

We will have our raffle at the end of the meeting. You can buy 6 tickets for \$5.00 during the meeting for a chance to take home a new plant.

I look forward to seeing you all there.
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 Quinonez, 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. Balance is \$23,674.84 (less last expense). 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.

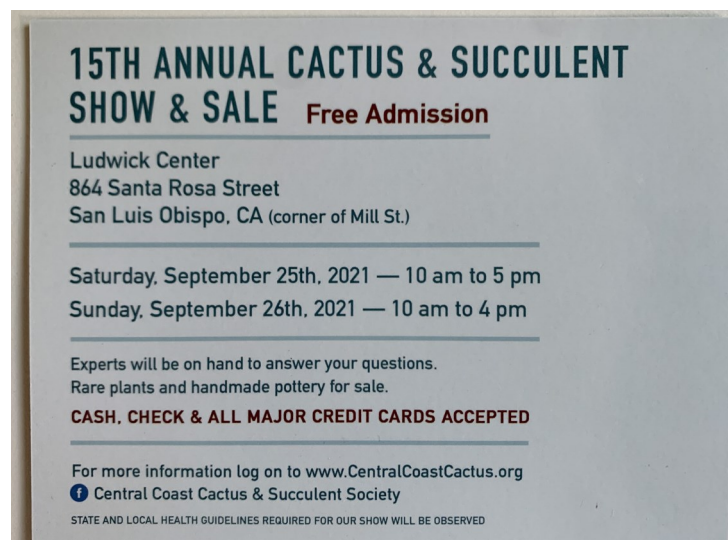
New Business

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.

UPCOMING SHOWS



MEMBERSHIP INFO

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**. It is a little tricky to find the first time. From Highway 1, head out Freedom Blvd. past the fairgrounds, turn right at Corralitos Road and left at Aldridge Lane, then turn right at Little Corral Way. There will be signs to help you find your way from Corralitos Road. There is plenty of parking near the hall and the building is ADA accessible.

Nominations Needed

The board has appointed a Nominating Committee for new board members. We will be electing board members near the end of the year to begin a 2 year term in January 2022. Last time we had an election, I stayed on the sidelines, but then promptly volunteered to edit the newsletter. As editor, I have participated in board meetings. It is another way to meet people in the club and help steer the club. If the same people are on the board every term, there will be no new ideas, no new input. We need your ideas and your energy and your excitement. When someone asks you to run for an office, please say "YES." It will be a fulfilling experience. --Editor

Portuguese Hall - Fall Plant Sale - September 18 & 19

Our Fall Sale is only 1 month away. We will need volunteers to take shifts at the sale as 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. We will be organizing the sale at the August meeting. Please be ready to volunteer. Start telling your friends and family about the sale and tell them to come early because it's going to be busy.

The poster is included in this newsletter. Feel free to print it out and post it.

Fall 2021 Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale

Presented by
The Monterey Bay Area
Cactus & Succulent Society

Sat Sept 18 9am - 5pm
Sun Sept 19 9am - 4pm

New Watsonville Location:
Portuguese Community Hall
124 Atkinson Lane, Watsonville

Free Parking & Free Admission

- Hundreds of Cacti and Succulent Plants
- Vendors on hand to answer your questions
- Bring a box to carry your plants home

Find more information at mbsucculent.org



JUNE MEETING

Here are some pictures of our meeting and garden tour which took place last month at Lyn and Lou's beautiful home. We had a short membership meeting followed by a tour of the grounds and lunch. It was a lovely day. Thank you to Lyn and Lou for hosting us in your wonderful garden.



CSSA Conservation Policy

Introduction

The prior Policy Statement was antiquated and dated back to an era when field collecting by hobbyist was not entirely discouraged. A new Statement was drafted that expressly discourages all field collection except for limited scientific studies, rescue operations, government sanctioned breeding programs and the like. The new Statement directly references and incorporates the IOS Code of Conduct. Important legislation (The America Endangered Species Act) and treaties (CITES) are expressly referenced. In short, the Conservation Policy Statement is taking a strong stand against the sale and showing of field collected plants.

Conservation Policy Statement

The Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) is the national organization for the study, education, and promotion of cacti and succulents. The popularity of cacti and succulents, their availability online, and their increased monetary value have critically endangered their populations in the wild. The conservation of these unique plants and their habitats is of critical concern.

Existing Policies and Guidelines

CSSA shall adhere to:

- ◆ All national and international guidelines, treaties, and laws regarding the protection of cacti, other succulents, and their habitats.
- ◆ The Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) treaty and the American Endangered Species Acts for both plants and animals.
- ◆ The International Organization for Succulent Plant Study (IOS) Code of Conduct.
- ◆ Specific conservation policies of the applicable State or other local jurisdictions.

CSSA Show and Sale Policies

- ◆ CSSA will not accept field collected plants in its competitive shows; plants in question will be evaluated by a review team upon entering.
- ◆ CSSA functions will not allow the sale, purchase, or promotion of habitat-collected plants.

- ◆ CSSA encourages its affiliate societies to adopt or incorporate CSSA Conservation Policies in developing their own missions and show and sale policies.

Commercial Selling

- ◆ CSSA endorses and promotes vendors which produce sale plants from seed, cuttings or other artificial means.
- ◆ CSSA discourages the use of nurseries and online vendors that sell field collected plants.

Legal Initiatives

- ◆ CSSA will work with our appropriate government agencies to modernize laws regarding the sale of plants across international borders, especially for hybrids.
- ◆ CSSA will endorse and promote state laws and policies pertaining to the rescue of plants due to urban or agricultural encroachment.
- ◆ CSSA will assist in the development of procedures to conserve and disseminate rescued plants.



Eriosyce napina subsp. *lembckei*. A little cactus of Atacama Region that is a species in danger.

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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