

On The Dry Side

Hello Members --

It's September and we are just days away from our first sale in two years. We have more space which means more plants, more pottery, more arrangements and a greater need for help. Many clubs have decided to cancel their fall sales due to COVID. Your board of directors have spent time planning our sale to make it as safe as possible for the public and our volunteers. We will have a mask requirement for everyone inside and we will be limiting the number of shoppers in the building. We still need volunteers for both days. We need door greeters at the entrance and other folks at the back door checking receipts as shoppers leave with their items. We also need one or two people to watch another door near the bathrooms. That job is easy. If you know you can sign up for a specific time, please let me know and I will pass it along. Other wise, please stop by during the weekend to work a two hour shift and give someone a break. Working the sale is a great way to meet other members and talk to growers about your plants. Everyone is friendly and helpful. Lunch and drinks will be available for volunteers.



Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 17 at the Corralitos Grange. Tom Glavich will be our speaker. As we did last meeting, we will not have a potluck, but we encourage you to bring a lunch or snack.

See you at the sale -
Nancy Thomsen
Newsletter Editor

APPROVED MINUTES

Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society

Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Agenda

August 1, 2021, 11:00 – 12:00

Mary Cross, Acting President called the meeting to order. Board members present: Naomi Bloss, Jorge Quinnonez, Stan Verkler, Nancy Thomsen, Cheryl Albert, Tom Karwin, Roger Lane, Peter Beiersdorfer. Members present: Mel Foster

Minutes of July 4, 2021 were approved as written

Chairpersons' Reports

Roger Lane, **Treasurer**, reported for July: Income: -0-, Expenses: Member Directory. \$196.65, Naomi Bloss - \$109.25 reimbursement for the Porta-Pottie rented for the last in-person meeting.

Membership – Mary Cross had no report

Sunshine Committee – Cheryl Albert reported she sent a card to Lydia Hernandez who has several members of her immediate family suffering from Covid in Mexico.

Program for Membership meetings. The Board discussed how the August meeting would proceed: all members will be requested to wear name tags provided. Everyone will be required to wear a face mask. The time will be from 12-2pm. Mary will get the key to the Grange Hall. Instead of a pot-luck lunch, members will be invited to bring their own lunch and eat together, and water and coffee will be provided by the club. Board members are asked to mix with members as a way to make the meeting more hospital and for folks to feel more welcome. There will be a raffle which Gary will be in charge of and Mary will provide the succulents. Stan will organize a mini-show featuring Aloes and Astrophytums to which members are invited to participate. Naomi will give a presentation "How to prepare plants for a judged show." She will also invite questions and asks members to bring plants they have questions about. Paul will bring the sound system.

Members will be asked to **volunteer** to help with various jobs during the Sale in September.

Volunteers are needed for 2 hr. shifts on the cash register and as packers from 9-5 on Saturday and 9-4 Sunday and for a number of other jobs.

A **nominating committee** was formed of Jorge and Cheryl to invite folks to run for election to the Board in December to serve the group for 2 years.

September will not have a membership meeting due to the Sale on third weekend.

Jorge Quiñonez had nothing new to report but will write an article for the newsletter about **CSSA** and inviting MBACSS members to join CSSA themselves.

Old Business

The Board discussed what to do about the **Projection Screen** at VFW and decided to first Check out if we can install it at the Grange Hall and if it is ok we will do that. Paul has one of the remotes. If we can put it at the Grange Hall, Mel and Paul volunteered to help the VFW commander to install it.

UPCOMING SHOWS

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



MEMBERSHIP INFO

New Meeting Venue

Our next in person membership meeting will be **Sunday, October 17** at our new location - the **Corralitos Grange**. It is in 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 this weekend. We still need volunteers to take shifts at the sale as door greeters, and a few other jobs. Volunteering for this event is a great way to meet members, interact with the growers and have fun.

Please volunteer.

Tell your friends and family about the sale and tell them to come early because it's going to be busy.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

This was submitted by Cheryl Albert

Rare Arizona Plant Wins Protection/ Center for Biological Diversity

Bartram's stonecrop is a blue-green desert succulent that could be driven extinct by livestock grazing, drought, and the notorious Rosemont Copper Mine outside Tucson, Arizona, home of the Center for Biological Diversity's headquarters. Following the Center's petition and legal action, on Monday the Fish and Wildlife Service finally agreed to protect it under the Endangered Species Act.



LEADERSHIP

Officers and Chairpersons for 2020 - 2021

Officers

President - Joseph Hidalgo
Acting President - Mary Cross
Vice President - Naomi Bloss
Secretary - Stan Verkler
Treasurer - Roger Lane
Membership - Lyn MacDonald
Sunshine Committee - Cheryl Albert
Affiliate Representative - Jorge Quiñónez
Directors at Large
 Gary Stubblefield
 Sarah Martin-Segal
 Nancy Thomsen
Immediate Past President - Tom Karwin

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 Managers - Naomi Bloss & Janet Sparks
Webmaster - Anita Crawley