

On The Dry Side

The Fall Show and Sale was a huge success! Seems that folks were ready to buy some stuff and they did just that. We had a long line of people waiting to get into the sale on Saturday morning. With our new venue, we had more vendors and more room to move around. Later in the newsletter are some pictures that Paolo Albert took of the show. Jaan Lepson sent some pictures of set up and some beautiful photos of plants from the show. Though it was lots of work, it was also lots of fun.

Our membership meeting is Sunday, October 17 at the Corralitos Grange. Our speaker for this meeting is Tom Glavich, who will be presenting on Winter Growing Plants. Learn more about Tom on page 3.

The Mini Show this month is Copiopo Cactus and Haworthia Succulents. See examples on page 3. Bring a plant or 2 from your collection to show off. The members pick their favorites and the winner receives raffle tickets. (I think that's how it works. It's been so long.)

The raffle plants will be from Naomi Bloss.

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.

APPROVED MINUTES

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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.

Library The Board discussed what to do with possible excess books including selling them to members. Stan said he will help evaluate which ones to sell. Tom said there is a software called "Bookpedia" that can be purchased to tell a person what the content of a book is.

New Business

Fall Sale

- Peter Beiersdorfer reported he has re-worked the layout for the sale based on the recent walk through at the hall with 6 ft. distancing between the tables

- Publicity - It was suggested that we could possibly use the San Jose roster from their sale to send our sale info. Roger will look into that and may have the roster. Nancy will produce flyers for people to put up in stores, doctor's office, etc. and post cards to mail out as well as to use for collecting names for our mailing list. Mary will provide Nancy with the address list for the post cards to be mailed. Notices need to be sent to appropriate newspapers and other publications, other succulent clubs around California and the CSSA for their calendars. Mary will complete the application for a bulk mail permit and get the info to Nancy.

- Jan Shaw volunteered to be in charge of the food for vendors during the sale

- Set-up will be after 1:00pm on Friday. Tear Down will be after the sale on Sunday. We have to be all cleaned out by Monday.

- Cashiers – Kathy Wittpenn will be in charge of getting volunteer sign-ups for cash registers and packers for the sale. We will use iPads with cash drawers rather than cash registers. Roger will purchase a cash box and get cash for change at the pay stations. The estimate was that 85% will pay with credit cards and 15% will pay with cash.

- Volunteers are needed for cash register operators, packers, door security, plant hotel, security and occupancy counting at the doors, membership info. There is a need for crowd control in the first ½ of Saturday and Sunday at the front entrance, to limit the number of people allowed in at a time, and all each day to monitor the back door to be sure folks have paid and the side door to be sure folks are not leaving without paying.

- Covid precautions – everyone will be required to wear a mask. The expanded table spacing will make it possible for folks to social distance.

- Roger is taking care of the Insurance info and payments of deposit & balance due for the Hall.

- Folks will be invited to bring boxes and newspapers for packing plants.

- We need signage outside and in. Gary has some signs and Naomi indicated she has a banner that could be put on the fence by the open gate.

- We need to see if the Portuguese Hall has wifi capability.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cross, temporary secretary

OCTOBER MEETING

Our next meeting is Sunday, October 17 at the Corralitos Grange starting with bring your own lunch at 12:00. We will have our first in-person speaker in over a year. The mini show will feature Copiopo Cactus and Haworthia Succulents. Masks are required when indoors and not actively eating or drinking.

Example
of
Copiopo
Cactus



Example of
Haworthia
Succulents



Tom Glavich is a long time grower of succulent plants and bulbs. He is a member of several Los Angeles Area clubs, and is one of the co-chairs of the Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show. He is a frequent speaker at Southern California Horticultural Societies and the author of over 100 articles for CSSA publications

Tom's presentation is on Winter Growing Succulents

This talk will look at winter growing succulents from three Mediterranean regions of the world. The first will be South Africa, followed by the Mediterranean and then the West Coast of California and Baja. This talk is a quick survey concentrating on showing a few examples of many genera, some common, and some rarely seen. It will conclude with a discussion of the basics of cultivation of winter growing plants.



Dudleya cymosa ssp pumilla



Eriospermum folioliferum

FALL SALE



The Fall Show and Sale was a great success



UPCOMING ELECTIONS

In November we will have an election for all the 2-year positions on the Board. Below is a list of duties from the By-Laws for your information. At the Fall Sale, we added many new members. To keep the club vibrant and thriving, we need members to take leadership roles. Newer members are great resources for the board with new ideas and new experiences. If you are not ready to take on a bigger role, consider running for Member-at-Large. You do not need to be a plant expert to be an effective board member. All you need is enthusiasm and to be available on the 2nd Sunday morning of the month for virtual board meetings.

Please say "YES" when a member of the nominating committee asks you to run for a board position. If no one asks, find a current board member and we will get you involved.

PRESIDENT presides at all regular and special meetings of the membership and meetings of the board, and appoints special committees as required.

VICE-PRESIDENT presides at meetings in the absence of the president and undertakes the duties of president in all respects when the president is ill, has resigned or is otherwise unavailable.

SECRETARY keeps the minutes of regular and board meetings and attends to the correspondence of the Society.

TREASURER receives and keeps all the Society's funds and keeps full and adequate records of all receipts and disbursements, Assists the membership chair in collecting annual dues.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR collects all dues, compiles an annual list of current members, and distributes the membership list to all members.

AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE maintains contact with Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) and the California Garden Clubs Inc., and reports pertinent information to the board and the general membership.

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE (three) attend board meetings and represent the views of the general membership.

All officers serve for terms of two years.

The President of the Society may be elected to that office for no more than two consecutive terms.

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