

On The Dry Side

I am so saddened to inform you all that one of our Librarians, Mel Foster, has passed away from an aggressive form of cancer. Mel joined us in 2019. He was a friendly presence in the group, and we will greatly miss his presence at meetings and events.

About 40 member gathered for our in-person, mask free (!) February meeting. The weather was so nice that we set up chairs outside where we ate our lunches and had a short meeting before the program. The Mini-show featured Ferocactus and Pelargoniums. Several members brought plants for show and tell and dish gardens to be judged. For the program we listened to the very interesting presentation and demonstration on potting mixes and re-potting given by Stan Verkler and Naomi Bloss. Several members brought in plants with problems to have them examined and evaluated and/or re-potted by Stan. Arnie Figueroa held a successful plant raffle to close out our fun and interesting February meeting.



Our next membership meeting will be March 20, 2022 starting at 12:00 noon. Come any time after 11:00am to help set up the chairs and tables. Once again, we will do a "bring your own lunch." Our newest printed membership roster will be available at this meeting to all members who have paid their dues for the year.

The program will consist of the auction of Mel Foster's succulent and cactus collection. Before his passing, Mel requested his succulent collection be sold as a way to support his wife Terri. Mel's collection is very well cared for with numerous healthy and unique plants, as well as some very mature plants, especially Euphorbias. Bring a friend with you to share in the auction and acquire some very special plants (most in clay pots) and support one of our members.

The Mini-Show will feature Notocactus for the cactus category and Dudleya for the succulent category. Dish gardens are encouraged and there will be time at the end for Show and Tell plants/stories.

See you there. Bring your name badge and some cash!

Mary Cross
President



APPROVED MINUTES

No Approved Minutes this month



THE MONTEREY BAY AREA
CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

SPRING SALE 2022

HUNDREDS OF CACTI
AND SUCCULENT PLANTS

SATURDAY

APRIL 23RD

9AM - 5PM

SUNDAY

APRIL 24TH

9AM - 5PM

FREE PARKING & FREE ADMISSION

PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY HALL
124 ATKINSON LANE, WATSONVILLE, CA

VENDORS ON HAND TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS
BRING A BOX TO CARRY YOUR PLANTS HOME

FIND MORE INFORMATION AT MBSUCCULENT.ORG

MARCH MEETING

March Meeting Program

Plant Auction of Mel Foster's Plants

Our friend and librarian, Mel Foster passed away last month. We will be having an auction of his plants during the March membership meeting, with the proceeds going to Mel's wife Terri. We will have a live auction for about 25-40 plants. Also we will have a Silent write-in Auction for other plants in the collection. There are approx. 60 to 75 plants we would like to sell. All are in clean, healthy and attractively staged condition. Stan will bring the plants to the Hall around 11:15 to set up and arrange. Please be prepared to pay by cash or check. We don't have reliable internet service at the hall, so we can't use our credit card scanners. We will have our usual plant raffle as well.

March Mini-Show

Notocactus

Dudleya

May Mini-Show

Melocactus

Mangave

Raffle plants supplied by:

March -- Annie Wolf

May -- Peter Beiersdorfer

CHANGE TO THE BY-LAWS

At our February 2022 membership meeting, a vote of the membership has made a change to the by-laws. A new board position, MBACSS Founder, has been added and Naomi Bloss will fill that position.

SPRING SHOW AND SALE

April 22 - 24, 2022

MBACSS Spring Show and Sale

By Nancy Thomsen

When: April 22, 23 & 24, 2022

Time: Saturday: 9 - 5 Sunday: 9-3

Where: Portuguese Hall in Watsonville

Our Spring Show and Sale is approaching fast. We still need volunteers. Working the show is a great way to meet members and ask the vendors questions as well as a great opportunity to buy some wonderful plants, containers and supplies and of course to see all the beautiful show plants.

Set up

We can always use help setting up. We will be opening the venue at 8:00 Friday morning. Set up doesn't mean heavy lifting - though there is some of that. There are several areas of the Sale Floor that need to be arranged. If you have some free time Friday, stop by to help. (Please)

Food

Annie Wolf has taken charge of the food for the weekend. She needs 2 volunteers to help in the kitchen on Sunday. Saturday is covered. We are also looking for any kind folks who can bring anything like a dessert or a salad. Please email Annie if you can help. humanbeingannie@gmail.com

Volunteers

We need volunteers for almost every position. You can email Nancy @ nembuno@gmail.com to volunteer. Naomi will need several volunteers throughout the weekend to monitor the show area. If you don't have a job in mind, we can give you one when you arrive. If you want to drop in, we will give you a job.

Publicity

There is a flyer in the newsletter you can send to friends or print out and post around your town. Mary Cross is in charge of publicity. If you have any publications or media sources, please contact Mary crossmarylouise@gmail.com

Show

The Spring Show is a judged show. Naomi Bloss is the Sale Floor Manager. She emphasizes that all members can bring several plants to show and be judged during the sale. Judging will begin after 8:00am on Saturday morning. Prizes will be awarded such as handmade pots for best plants. There are different levels and categories so a beginner is not in the same level as an expert or professional. We are enlarging the show area so we need many plants to fill the space. Everyone is encouraged to bring a plant or three.

Clean up

As with set up, we will need some help cleaning up. This moves fast once we get started. The more folks who help, the faster we get done.

Thank you to everyone who has taken on a role. I really appreciate your help.

If you'd like to volunteer for any of these positions or if you helped in an area last fall and have ideas, talk to Nancy at the meeting or email her at nembuno@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY MINI SHOW



Here are some photos from the February meeting Mini Show



LEADERSHIP

Officers and Chairpersons for 2020 - 2021

Officers

President - Mary Cross
Vice President - Nancy Thomsen
Secretary - John Guzik
Treasurer - Roger Lane
Membership - Lyn MacDonald
Affiliate Representative - Jorge Quiñónez
Directors at Large
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 David Kurtz
Immediate Past President - Tom Karwin
Founding Member - Naomi Bloss

Chairpersons

Librarians - Jonelle Verdugo
Mini-Show - Stan Verkler
Newsletter Editor - Nancy Thomsen
Photography - Paul Albert
Programs - Annie Wolf
Publicity - Sarah Grandara (Social Media)
Raffles - Arnie Figueroa
Sale Floor Manager/Liaison - Peter Beiersdorfer
Show Managers - Naomi Bloss & Janet Sparks
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