

On The Dry Side

Spring Show and Sale

Friday April 22 --- Club Members only 2 - 6
Saturday April 23 --- 9am - 5pm
Sunday April 24 --- 9am - 3pm
Portuguese Community Hall
124 Atkinson Lane, Watsonville



Hi Club Members.

This edition of the newsletter is dedicated to the Monterey Bay Area Cactus and Succulent Society Spring Show and Sale. The dates and times are listed above. Many of you have volunteered to take a shift or two during the weekend. If you haven't signed up yet, send me an email <nembuno@gmail.com> and I will set you up. Once you get to the sale, you will probably want to stick around. There is always something to do and lots of venders to chat with and discuss plants.

SHOW:

The Spring Show is a judged show. The winners receive a prize and bragging rights. The show managers are asking that we all bring a plant or two or three for the show. They don't have to be exotic or ancient or big. In fact some winners are very small. Bring your favorite plant or the two plants you want to show off or three plants that won't embarrass you. Most of the plants in the show will be in nice containers, but plants in a terra cotta pot have won best in show. There



are three levels of entrants, Novice, Intermediate and Open. You will fill out an Entry Card for each plant and need to know the Genus, Species, var./cultivar. The show managers will help you figure out what you don't know. Bring your plants Friday before 6pm so Janet and Naomi can get them set up. Judging begins at 8am Saturday morning. We need volunteers to monitor the show area the entire weekend.

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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

APPROVED MINUTES

February 2022

Board of Directors Approved Minutes
February 6, 2022 —11:00 – 12:00

Call to Order at about 11:05

Mary Cross

Board Members Present: Nancy Thomsen, John Guzik, Tom Karwin, Lyn MacDonald, David Kertz, Mel Foster, Jorge Quiñonez

Committee Chair people: Stan Verkler, Peter Biersdorfer

General Membership: Lou Falek

Minutes of January 2, 2022

Mary Cross

Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Roger and approved

Chairpersons' Reports

Treasury

– Roger Lane reported corrections to the November Holiday Party/Auction report: Expenses increased \$34.49, and expenses to vendors - \$2,323.50 and Total income increased to \$1,125.50.

January Income - \$155 for dues, \$66 for Raffle. Expenses – Speaker \$250.00, plants \$579.00, raffle plants \$135.00, February rent \$150.00, gift baskets \$80.00, Insurance \$228.00

-Ad hoc investment Committee Report: Lou Falek reported that the committee met.

After a discussion, the Board decided to invest \$15,000 in the S&P 500. Tom will send Roger the application for Fidelity. It was decided that checks of \$5,000 or more will from now on require two signatures, Treasurer and President.

-There was a discussion about creating some way for members to pay their dues on-line. Peter indicated we could use the "Square" process he used at the Fall Sale which can take Paypal/Apple Pay/ credit cards etc.

Nancy, Roger, Lyn, and Peter will formalize the process and the info will be made available on the Website and all publications in the future. They will report back at the June meeting.

-Suggested Budget for 2022 – Roger indicated he would provide that next month.

Membership

Lyn MacDonald reported that she had received \$1,055 in dues for 2022 so far, including 22 new members. 91 people have paid and 36 are still unpaid. She will try new ways to connect with them and get them renewed.

Sunshine Committee

Cheryl Albert wasn't present but reported that there were no sick people at that time.

Program

Annie Wolfe wasn't present, but the Board approved that for the February Membership Meeting Stan and Naomi can do a talk about soil mixtures and including a demonstration about re-potting. -The Mini-Show plants - Stan Verkler reported that the Mini-Show plants for February will be Farocactus in the cactus category and Pelargoniums in the succulent category.

-Plants for the March show will be Notocactus for the cactus category and Dudleya for the succulent category. There will be no April membership meeting due to the Spring Sale and Show but Mini-Show plants for May will be Coryphantha in the cactus category and Mesembs in the Succulent category.

-Raffle Plant Provider Schedule - Jorge Quiñonez will have the list of raffle plant providers available at the next meeting. He will provide the plants for the February membership meeting.

CSSA

Jorge Quiñonez indicated there was nothing new to report

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Old/New Business

Spring Show

Nancy Thomsen lead a discussion regarding times to start setting up, selling to ? on Friday or not. It is somewhat dependent on when we can get into the Hall. Mary will check with Celeste to see when we can get the key to the Portuguese Hall on Friday and how much extra it will cost. The primary topic for the March Board Meeting should be the Spring Sale/Show. Special care needs to be taken for the Show plants which need to be separate. Naomi will work with Peter to get the arrangement figured out. Mary will take overall responsibility for Publicity. Photographs will be taken of winning show plants.

Social Media for the Club - Sarah Gandara has created an Instagram account for the society and will work with Nancy on a flyer. Jorge will get the Facebook information to Sarah

New price for raffle plants will be on agenda next time.

Adjournment about 12:20pm

APPROVED MINUTES

March 2022

Board of Directors Approved Minutes March 6, 2022, 11:00 – 12:00

Call to Order - Mary Cross called the meeting to order at about 11:05am.
Board Members Present: Jorge Quiñonez, Lyn MacDonald Naomi Bloss, Nancy Thomsen, Thomas Karwin, David Kurtz, John Guzik
Committee Chairs: Stan Verkler

Minutes of February 6, 2022 – The minutes for the February 6 meeting will be read next month.

Treasurer's Report - Roger Lane was not present

Chairpersons' Reports

Membership – After a discussion, it was agreed that for the future, Membership information and monies will be sent first to the Membership chair, not the Treasurer. Lyn MacDonald will contact Anita Crawley about changing the info on the website and will change the application sheets as well. Five new members have joined in 2022.
-The new membership roster will be printed and available starting at the March Membership meeting.
Members that have not renewed their membership by February 15 will not be included in the new director

Sunshine Committee - Cheryl Albert was informed that one of our co-librarians, Mel Foster has been diagnosed with a very aggressive form of cancer that is terminal.

Program - Annie Wolfe was not present but the Board decided that instead of having a speaker for the March meeting we would have an Auction of Mel Foster's very well-kept collection. Peter will be asked if he can again be the Auctioneer. Jonelle Verdugo, Lyn MacDonald, and Nancy Nichols volunteered to help with the auction.

Spring Show - Naomi Bloss reported there will be three judges to judge the plants that folks bring in. She will bring the Show rules to the March membership meeting. Help will be needed to set up the show itself. A motion was made by David and seconded by Lyn and approved by the Board for Naomi to buy skirts for the tables.
Vendors are encouraged to bring 10 or more plants for the show to be judged. All members, but especially Board members, are invited and encouraged to bring their plants to be entered and judged on Friday afternoon or before 8am on Saturday when the judging begins.

Spring Sale - Nancy Thomsen indicated we need many more volunteers to sign up to help with the many jobs such as in the "Plant Hotel" to keep plants safe on Sat. & Sun. There was a discussion about opening the sales to members on Friday afternoon some time. It was not known for sure when we can get the key but the desire was to open earlier on Friday morning so the vendors can be ready and set up for sales to members who help set-up on Friday afternoon for about 2 hours. Times will be Friday (sale) 2-4pm?, Saturday 9-5pm and Sunday 9-3pm. Annie Wolf volunteered to organize the food for vendors and volunteers others can volunteer to bring certain dishes or supplies.

Mary will complete the permit process for a bulk mail permit so we can send out post cards to our mailing list and she will work with Nancy to get the cards printed with the new permit number. The Board voted a budget of approximately \$350 for Jorge to purchase a Facebook add again this year. Sarah Gandara has set up an Instagram account to help with publicity and will work with Jorge on the Facebook add and notices on our web-site.

CSSA - Jorge Quiñonez will make sue CSSA has all our correct affiliate information including info about our Spring Sale and Show.

APPROVED MINUTES

March 2022 Continued

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Old Business

MBACSS'S investment account – tabled for next month

New Business

2022 MBACSS Budget – tabled for next month

Recycling at the Grange and Portuguese Hall – tabled for next month

Other Board Member topics –

- Stan Verkler suggested that we plan a trip for members to Lotus Land in Davis or the Bancroft Gardens in Walnut Creek as an incentive for new members. He will research the idea and feasibilities and bring them to the meeting after the Spring Sale.
- Naomi Bloss suggested that each officer of the Board should write up their job description as a way to help new people better understand the responsibilities. Mary will up-date the By-Laws which includes job descriptions for everyone and send a copy to each person so they can edit and change anything that is needed.
- Naomi Bloss made a motion to make Tom Karwin a Life Time member in acknowledgement of the work he has done for the club. It was seconded by Lyn MacDonald and approved unanimously.

Adjournment - Mary Cross adjourned the meeting at about 12:20pm

SPRING SHOW AND SALE

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SALE:

A sale poster or flyer is on page 2 of the newsletter. Please feel free to print it and post it at your local shops and restaurants.

The sale will be open Friday afternoon to club members only. Please do not bring guests as they will not be able to enter unless they join. Bring your club badge. If you haven't picked yours up, Lyn our great membership chair will help you get yours. The sale opens to the general public Saturday morning at 9:00. It is very busy at the start of the sale - very busy. If you have volunteered to help Saturday morning, please arrive by 8:30 - earlier might be better for parking. Please bring small boxes to the sale. We use them for shoppers to take their purchases home. Also, we use newspaper for packing so if you have any, please bring that too.

This sale we have more vendors and more plants, pots and supplies than our fall sale. We will be limiting the number of shoppers in the building at one time so everyone has some space. If you can't make it Friday, there will be plenty available all weekend.

The sale plants will have their own space and we encourage all members to bring a plant for the show and also to spend some time checking out the show plants. They are always beautiful and there will be members available to answer your questions.



All members and guests are encouraged to attend the show and sale, even if you just look at the show plants. It is a great opportunity to meet members and chat with vendors

See you this weekend!

Nancy Thomsen
Show and Sale Wrangler
Newsletter Editor

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
 Arnulfo Figueroa
 David Kurtz
 Jonelle Verdugo
 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 - Peter Beiersdorfer
 Show Managers - Naomi Bloss & Janet Sparks
 Sunshine Committee - Cheryl Albert
 Webmaster - Anita Crawley

May Mini-Show

Melocactus
 Mangave

June Mini-Show

Thelocactus
 Echeveria

Raffle plants supplied by:
 May -- Peter Beiersdorfer

June -- Daisy Szeto & Gloria Buxton

Our next membership meeting will be **Sunday, May 15** at the **Corralitos Grange -165 Little Corral Way, Corralitos**. There is plenty of parking near the hall and the building is ADA accessible.

We will meet at 12:00 noon for our lunch but come at 11:30 to help set up the room and catch up with other members. We will have a short meeting during our lunch to keep you informed about what is happening in the club. Our program will be from 12:30 to 1:30 or so followed by the mini-show and raffle.