

# On The Dry Side

I'm late. I'm a week late. Somehow I lost an entire week. My goal was to have the newsletter out a week before the meeting and I now realize the meeting is tomorrow not next week. To be fair, I have had a busy couple of weeks. Right after the board meeting, my kids had a surprise birthday party for me. I have never had a surprise party. It was fun and I got presents. Besides that, it was NBA playoffs time. Congratulations to the Golden State Warriors for winning the NBA Championship. I never doubted you. I still don't know how I lost a week. A mind is a terrible thing to waste.



My friend's father passed away a few months ago. He lived in Sunnyvale and she lives in southern Oregon. I volunteered to keep some overflow stuff in my garage and deliver it to her in May. Dave and I made that trip in late May. After unloading an overstuffed SUV, I had so much empty space to come home. One thing I have trouble finding locally is pumice. I know you can get it some places, but it just doesn't work for me. So when we had all that space and some good size empty boxes and bags, I had an idea. We found a landscape business in Klamath Falls Oregon to get pumice. We backed up the vehicle, lined 2 boxes with plastic bags and started to fill a 5 gallon bucket. Each box held 3 buckets full, so that's a total of six 5 gallon buckets. I had no idea what this was going to cost since it's \$10 for a small bag in home improvement stores. I went to the office, told him what I had and he charged me \$15 even. No sales tax in Oregon. We brought it home and I have so much pumice. Every plant I re-pot gets a much better soil mix now. I go up to visit every year, but now I'll have an additional reason to visit.

The newsletter is actually full of club news. Check it out and bring a plant tomorrow to the meeting. I hope to see you there.

Please excuse an grammar or punctuation errors as my usual proof-reader is not available today.

Nancy Thomsen, Editor



# APPROVED MINUTES

## May 2022

### Board of Directors Approved Zoom Meeting Minutes May 1, 2022, 11:00 – 12:00

**Call to Order:** Mary Cross called the zoom meeting to order at 11:07am.

**Minutes:** The minutes for the April 3, 2022 Board meeting were approved with the correction of adding Jorge's name to the list of Board Members present.

**Treasurer:** There was no Treasurer report. Roger Lane was not present.

**Membership:** Lyn MacDonald reported we had 121 memberships in 2021, 30 did not renew for 2022, and 55 new memberships have been added this year. We need a new brochure which Lyn and Nancy will produce. We will be ordering official badges to be produced for the members. which we will order from the supplier three times per year. If members lose their badges they will be provided with info. with which to purchase their own.

#### Chairpersons' Reports

**Program:** Annie Wolf was not present. but it was reported that our speaker for the May membership meeting will be Doug Dawson who will talk to us about Mesembs. Annie made arrangements with the San Francisco Club to invite him to speak to us the Sunday before he would speak at their club meeting on Tuesday evening. The May Mini-Show will be Mangave in the succulent category and Melocactus in the cactus category. Peter Biersdorfer will provide the raffle plants.

For the June meeting: Daisy Szeto & Gloria Buxton will provide Raffle plants and categories for the Mini-show are: Thelocactus in the cactus category and Echeveria in the succulent category.

**Sunshine Committee:** Cheryl Albert was not present, but it was reported that Gary Stubblefield seems to be doing much better and looks great.

**Affiliate Representative:** Jorge Quiñonez reported that CSSA will be having their **annual Show and Sale at the Huntington Gardens** in San Marino July 1-3. (Go to [huntington.org](http://huntington.org) for tickets or [cssashow.com](http://cssashow.com) for details) **San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society** will be having their annual Show and Plant Sale on June 17-19 at the San Francisco County Fair Building Golden Gate Park (Friday from 3-7pm will be members only and we are invited to participate if we wear our name tags.) **Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society** will be having their 2022 Show & Sale on May 28 & 29 at Nipomo High School. (for info go to: [centralcoastcactus.org](http://centralcoastcactus.org))

#### Old Business

**Spring Sale:** Peter Beiersdorfer lead a discussion about the Spring Sale. More tables are definitely needed and may need to be ordered or purchased. 86 people came on Friday to the "Members Only" portion of the sale. This will be promoted more for the Fall Sale. This prevented a long waiting line on Saturday morning. There were 10-15% more purchases than last Fall, but the individual sales were less per person. The tables will be re-arranged for next year – possibly putting the Show tables in the "Plant Hotel" area and re-arranging the cashier tables.

**Spring Show:** Naomi Bloss was not present. Arnie was thanked for the cards he created to identify the show categories.

**Screen for Grange Hall:** Paul Albert was given permission to hire someone to put up our screen in the Hall.

#### New Business

**Donation from Driscoll's:** Arnulfo Figueroa suggested that the \$1,000 donation from Driscoll's could be used to purchase the new name tags for the members. It was also suggested that we get a new larger coffee pot for our meetings.

**2022 Fall Sale & Show:** Nancy Thomsen indicated she was willing to be in charge of the Fall show which will be the third weekend of September. She suggested we no longer offer \$1 off coupons. Cards should be for promotion only. The cards are a part of the promotion effort and should be continued (964 were sent to San Jose alone). Nancy indicated our promotions should start now...earlier promotion is better! Mary reported that the Portuguese Hall is ok with our sale on Friday (not just set up) but we will be charged an extra amount, to be determined, for sales.

**2023 Sales and Shows:** Mary Cross reported that the approved dates for the 2023 Sales will be the third weekends of April and September.

Adjournment was at 12:20pm.

## JUNE MEETING

We will have our June meeting Sunday, June 19. This is the same weekend as the San Francisco club's sale. That means most of our vendors will not be at the meeting. Instead of the usual speaker or presentation we will have an extended Show and Tell. **We ask that you bring a special plant.** Why is it special you ask? For any reason you wish. It can be a rare plant or one you nursed back from the edge of death or your first plant or a plant you got from Grandma or Grandpa. Any reason for it's specialness. During the meeting we will each talk about our plant and explain why it's special. This will be a great way to get to know each other and especially get to know our new members. Everyone who shares will receive a terracotta pot from Mel Foster's collection of terracotta pots.

There will not be a Mini-Show this month, but there will be a raffle.

Speaking of the Mini-Show, in July, the Mini-Show will work a little differently. We will move the voting to earlier in the meeting, during lunch and the beginning of the meeting. This gives Stan a chance to organize the winners. The plant categories will be more familiar so more members can participate.

**No Mini-Show  
For  
June**

**July Mini-Show**

Mammillaria

Lithops

**No Mini-Show  
For  
August**

Raffle plants supplied by:

June -- Daisy Szeto & Gloria Buxton

July -- Stan Verkler

# MINI SHOW

May 2022

Here are some photos from the May Mini Show featuring Melocactus and Mangave



## CLUB NEWS

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership Director Lyn is working on updating our membership brochure. It will have information on how to join and when and where our meetings occur. This is a nice tri-fold, full color, professional brochure. When it is completed, Lyn will bring them to the meetings so you can take some to your friends who want to join.

### SF Club Sale

The SF Cactus and Succulent club is having a sale June 17, 18, 19. Friday, June 17 will be a Members Only sale. If you are a member of the Monterey Bay club, you can get in on this **Members Only sale from 3 - 7pm Friday June 17.** Show your membership badge at the door.

### Membership Badges

The board of directors has approved the making of new badges for active members. You may have seen a few long time members with green name badges that include the club name and the member's name. These were offered to members in the past, but that stopped several years ago. The board has decided to bring them back. Look for sign-up sheet at future meetings.

### Future MBACSS Sales

#### Save the Dates

Here are the dates of the fall and spring sales for 2022 and 2023

**Fall 2022 - Sep 16, 17, 18**

**Spring 2023 - Apr 21, 22, 23**

**Fall 2023 - Sep 15, 16, 17**

## OTHER CLUB NEWS



 **San Francisco Succulent Show & Plant Sale** 2022

**Together at Last!**

**June 17-19**  
**[sfsucculent.org](https://sfsucculent.org)**

At the San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park

Photo by Adriaan Louw

### Cactus and Succulent Society of America

#### 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale



July 1 - 3, 2022

The Huntington

Huntington Hours 10 AM to 5 PM

1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA

INFORMATION 626-405-3504

Open to the public with paid admission or Huntington membership  
Advance online timed entry reservations are now required **ONLY** on weekends for both visitors & Members. NO WALK-INS. Limited daily capacity. Friday sale reservations strongly recommended.

Go to the [huntington.org](https://huntington.org) website for tickets

See [www.cssashow.com](https://www.cssashow.com) for further details.

# 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 -  
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

Our next membership meeting will be:

**Sunday, June 19**  
**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.