

On The Dry Side

The last half of the year is a busy time for the club.

In August we have our country store which is a fun activity that lets members get to know each other and share plants and related items with each other.

In September, we have our Fall Show and Sale. The Fall Show is not a judged show and you are encouraged to bring some plants to show off. We will be using an online application for scheduling this year. You will receive a link to sign up to volunteer for the sale. Friday, Sep 16 will be a Members only sale from 3 - 6pm.

In October and November we will have regular membership meetings with a mini show and raffle.

In December, we will have our End of the Year Holiday Party.

We have a new membership brochure. If you know some people who might want to join, ask Lyn for a few brochures to pass along.

We have postcards to promote the Fall Sale. Some will be available at the next meeting. It is included in this newsletter.

The new membership name badges will be available at the meeting for those members who ordered them previously.



Lithops Flaviceps



APPROVED MINUTES

July 10, 2022

July 10, 2022, 11:00 – 12:00

Call to Order was at 10:04am

Members present: Nancy Thomsen, Roger Lane, Lyn MacDonald, Tom Karwin, Arnie Figueroa, David Kurtz, Jonelle Verdugo, Jorge Quinonez, Stan Verkler, Mary Cross

Minutes of June 5, 2022 - Mary Cross reported corrections to the minutes and Nancy made a motion to accept them as corrected and Lyn seconded it. Minutes were accepted

Treasury - Roger Lane sent copies of the May and June Treasurer's Report to all the Board Members and they were accepted as presented.

Membership - Lyn MacDonald reported she got an email from "Casa...." Asking if anyone from our group would be willing to give a speech about succulents to their organization. Mary will follow up and email them back. About 20 members signed up for the new badges so far. Sign-ups will again be invited at the next membership in-person meeting. Lyn indicated she is having difficulty connecting with the vendor again, but Nancy said she has another source for them if need be. The new brochure is being created and will be ready soon. 500 will be printed for distribution at meetings, sales & shows, email inquiries, etc.

CSSA - Jorge Quiñonez reported that the annual CSSA show and sale at the Huntington Garden was last weekend. CSSA will have a symposium in September which affiliate members are invited to. There will be 5 or 6 speakers. Entrance fee includes lunch. Attendees will be allowed to shop at their store.

Committee Reports

Program - We need a new Program **Chair**. Jorge volunteered to be the temporary Chair through October.

June: Mary reported that our June in-person membership meeting was fun, and attendees provided information about what kind of programs the members would like and what they want to learn.

July: Peter Biersdorfer will be our speaker at the July Membership meeting. He will share with us a trip to Santiago de Chile, the highest mountain in the western hemisphere, Aconcagua. This region is the source of many plants found in our gardens. The Mini-Show plants will be: Mammillaria for the cactus category and Lithops for the succulent category. (The Mini-Show will be against the wall by the windows on a bigger table than we have been using and the raffle plants will be on a table in the middle of the room rather than against the wall.) The Mini-Show will happen at the beginning of the meeting rather than the end. The raffle plants will be provided by Stan Verkler.

August: The Country Store will be our August program. Members are invited to bring items to donate to the club such as plants, gardening equipment, books, etc. to be used in this large raffle. Items will be divided into categories: 1) cactus/succulents, 2) pots/tools/books/misc., etc., and 3) desserts (put into individually packaged zip lock bags). Raffle tickets will be \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Tickets are then placed in the containers on the table for the category from which you wish to win an item.

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Sunshine Committee – no report

Old Business

Screen for Corralitos Grange Hall - Paul Albert has put the old screen up for sale on-line and has purchased a new screen that is portable.

New Business

Fall Show & Sale

- Peter had previously sent a copy of the floor design to folks to get feedback.
- The Board discussed the need for **publicity** for our Fall show & sale which should begin now. Stan indicated he would research radio and TV public service announcements, Jorge will take care of Facebook ads, Mary will research print media public service announcements, Nancy will re-design a professional looking post cards without the \$ off coupon and Mary will get it to the bulk mail, Nancy will get new sandwich boards made for the on-street signs

- **Times** for sales will be: Friday members only from 3-6pm, Saturday open to all from 9am – 5pm, Sunday open to all 9am – 3pm. All publicity will be consistent in promoting these times, so we avoid the problem we had last Spring.

- David Kurtz suggested we use a **volunteer sign-up** app for the fall sale. He will send a sample to the board to see how it works. Nancy will give David a sample of volunteer jobs so members can "pretend" sign-up as a way to test it.

Suggested guidelines for MBACSS Programs

The Board had a brief discussion about the Guidelines Jorge had compiled and sent to everyone.

Adjournment - Mary Cross adjourned the meeting at 12:32pm

THE MONTEREY BAY AREA
CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

FALL SHOW AND SALE

HUNDREDS OF CACTUS AND SUCCULENT PLANTS

HANDMADE POTTERY

LARGE PLANT SHOW

VENDORS AND GROWERS ON HAND
TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

THE MONTEREY BAY AREA
CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

FALL SHOW AND SALE

FRIDAY, SEPT 16 ♣ 3PM - 6PM
SATURDAY, SEPT 17 ♣ 9AM - 5PM
SUNDAY, SEPT 18 ♣ 9AM - 3PM

PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY HALL

124 ATKINSON LANE, WATSONVILLE

FREE PARKING



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AUGUST MEETING

August 21, 2022

August Meeting --- Country Store

Our August meeting will be the annual Country Store. This is a fun event. Everyone brings plants, books, pots, any other related items and/or single serve desserts. The items are organized into 3 or 4 tables - plants, plant items, desserts. From here it's a raffle. Everyone buys tickets to put in the ticket containers on each table. When everyone has placed their tickets, the callers at each table start picking names and it goes around the room over and over as winners pick items. It is a fun, loud, social event and I hear there are going to be some books available.

Everyone passes along items they no longer need or that they want to share with others and we all go home with new things to be excited about. Start looking around now for the plants and items you might want to bring. For desserts, it's usually a bag with a couple of cookies or cupcakes. Food items need to be packaged separately. The proceeds go to the club to fund future events.

There will not be the usual raffle and the library will be open.

Upcoming Sales

Intercityshow.com (LA)

September 23-25

Cactus and Succulent Society of San Jose Show/Sale Facebook: SJcactussuccvulents

September 3

Huntington Succulent Plants Symposium 9AM - 5 PM Rothenberg Hall

www.huntington.org

<https://southcoastcss.org/event/huntington-botanical-gardens-37th-succulent-plants-symposium-2022/>

CLUB NEWS

Upcoming meetings:

Sep 18, 2022 -- no meeting -- come to the Fall Sale

Oct 16, 2022

Topic - Members' experiences with Summer and Winter Dormancy
Mini Show Plants - Ariocarpus & Graptopetalum

Nov 20, 2022

Speaker/Topic -
Ernest Sandoval / "Feeding Succulents: How Fertilizer, Water pH and Soil
Can and Should Be Adjusted!"
Mini Show Plants - Pilosocereus & Euphorbia

Dec 18, 2022

End of the Year Party

Fall Show and Sale

The Fall Show and Sale is only two months away. We will be using a web service to schedule volunteers this time. Finally getting into the 21st century. You will be able to sign up for volunteer slots online. It is very easy. We are in trials with the site now. For those who do not want to use the web application, talk to Nancy Thomsen (Show Coordinator). The Sale will be at the Portuguese Hall in Watsonville. The sale will be open to Members Only on Friday afternoon.

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

MINI SHOW

July 2022



Here are some photos from the
July Mini Show featuring
Mammillaria and Lithops



Photos
By
Paolo Albert



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, August 21, 2022
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.