

On The Dry Side

Greetings fellow MBACSS Members and succulent lovers,

For our August Membership Meeting we had a "Country Store" raffle event. About 40 members attended and most, if not all members, brought and donated items to be raffled. It was very interesting to see what everyone brought and fun to participate in the raffle.

Members who had signed up for the new name tags previously, were given theirs. Just know that anyone who wants a new hard plastic green name tag, needs to come to the monthly membership meeting and put your name on the sign-up list. That is the only way we are distributing them this time.

Nancy Thomsen talked about the Fall Sale and Show coming up and the need for volunteers for a variety of activities on all three days from helping with food, being a cashier, packer, monitoring the doors, general set-up and clean-up, etc. All members are invited and encouraged to choose which way they want to help make this event successful. See page 4 for more information on volunteering.



Sedum Hybrid



Haworthia

Jorge Quiñonez has agreed to be our temporary program chairperson and he discussed with the group some ideas for future events. Since we do not have a confirmed plan for October, someone suggested that we could do a "Make your Own Succulent Wreath" with member Daisy Szeto as our teacher. Daisy agreed to lead us and will let the Board know what she needs, sizes available, how much it will cost (members and club), limited number who can make their own wreath. Members who choose not to make one will also be invited to watch and learn as the other members do so.

As always, I look forward to seeing you in person at our monthly membership meetings. I so enjoy learning from you and sharing information about how to better care for my own succulents.

Mary Louise Cross
President

Photos
By
Paolo Albert

APPROVED MINUTES

August 7, 2022

Board of Directors Meeting Zoom Minutes

August 7, 2022, 11:00 – 12:00

Call to Order, Nancy Thomsen called the meeting to order in the temporary absence of Mary Cross.

Members Present: Jorge Quiñonez, Nancy Thomsen, Tom Karwin, Stan Verkler, David Kurtz, Jonelle Verdugo, Arnie Figueroa, Lyn MacDonald, Mary Cross.

Mary Cross added an item to the agenda regarding a problem with our website.

Minutes of July 10, 2022 were approved with the inclusion of the full name Casa "Abrego Women's Club in Monterey" in the "Membership" section.

Treasury – There was no report

Membership - Lyn MacDonald reported we have gotten three new members in July. 45 people have requested new name tags. Nancy reported that the new Membership Brochure is almost done and will be available for folks to take at the next membership meeting.

CSSA - Jorge Quiñonez reminded the group that the CSSA 2022 Convention will be in Denver this year and the Huntington Gardens will hold their 38th symposium September 2.

Committee Reports

Sunshine Committee – There was no report

Program - Jorge Quiñonez is our temporary Program chairperson.

August-There was a brief discussion about the August program involving the fun Country Store. People were reminded that there are three categories of donations: 1.plants, 2.miscellaneous, tools, pots, books, etc., 3. Three Sweet treats in an individual package - cookies or other treats. Stan recommended members bring nice plants you want to share/donate not just plants you don't want any more.

October – we still need a speaker. There was a discussion about options such as membership participation activities, or asking someone from the Santa Cruz Arboretum to come to talk to us.

Old Business

Fee to pay speakers: Jorge made a motions and Tom seconded and after discussion was approved to increase the amount of the stipend, we give to speakers from the November 2021 amounts to a straight \$250 for all speakers. After discussion by the Board, Jorge made another motion and Tom seconded it and was approved to pay mileage to speakers and judges at \$.14/mile for folks who come from 50 miles or more away. Mary will ask Naomi what the fee for judges is.

Projection Screen Update - Paul Albert reported earlier to Mary that there have been no takers for the screen and suggested we ask the Portuguese Hall if they would like to install it there for a discount of \$350. Mary will talk to Celeste

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MINUTES

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New Business

Fall Show & Sale - Nancy Thomsen and David Kurtz will work together to install the "I Volunteer" software so members can sign-up to volunteer on-line. Mary Cross volunteered to be in charge of the food for this Fall sale. We need to know how many tables will be available so Mary will ask Celeste how many new ones the hall is purchasing and their size so we will know how many we have to rent.

Fall Show & Sale Publicity – Nancy Thomsen said she is thinking about providing two different post cards...one for members to use to individually promote the sale and one to use as a post card for bulk-mail. Jorge Quiñonez will again put in the ad on Facebook

Website Problem - Anita Crawley is having regarding website and security package offerings (Bluehost – malware protection plans). It was decided to take her recommendation and ignore the requests for more money (like it is a scam). Mary Cross will find out from her what she thinks the consequences of inaction might be.

The meeting was Adjourned at 12:15 by President, Mary Cross

SCREEN FOR SALE – PLEASE HELP!

When we were meeting at the VFW Hall, we shared a motorized electric projector screen with them to be used with our speakers and programs. The Corralitos Grange Hall will not allow us to attach it to the walls so we have found another solution and would like to sell our screen to some organization that could use it. It is in perfect condition and includes a controller/clicker. Originally it cost about \$700 and we are willing to sell it for about \$350 (price is negotiable). If you know of any organization that might be able to use it, please go to the website below for a picture and information about it. <https://www.ebay.com/itm29511874667>. It is currently stored in Freedom and it could be brought to the membership meeting so you could pick it up. (it is heavy!)

**Free
admission!**

Cactus and Succulent Society of San Jose



Fall 2022 Show/Sale:

9/24: 10am-5pm

9/25: 10am-4pm

Society Members

Early Access:

9/23: 6:30-8pm

9/24: 8-10am

Peterson Middle School
1380 Rosalia Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Featuring rare and unusual cacti and succulents, pottery and other related merchandise.

- Experts on hand to answer your questions
- Plant Hotel available for your convenience
- BYOB! Be GREEN and bring your own box

*For the latest information on volunteer opportunities, membership, and COVID requirements, please:
visit <https://csssj.org>.*

Follow us on Social Media:

Facebook @SJcactussucculents | Instagram @sj_cactus_succulent

FALL SHOW AND SALE

September 16, 17, 18, 2022

Our Fall Show and Sale is this weekend. We are using a new application to sign up volunteers and it has worked well. Many of you have already signed up. There are some openings. You can use the following link to find open slots. You should receive an email to remind you of your time slot. Please be early to your shift.

https://mbcss.ivolunteer.com/volunteer_fall_sale_2022

The sale will be open to members from 3 - 6 Friday. Those interested in becoming members can sign up that day and be included in the members only sale. Bring friends and family to encourage them to sign up!

The Spring show is formally judged, but the Fall show is judged only by visitors. We encourage you to bring your favorite plants to enter in the show. Show plants need to be at the venue by Friday afternoon. We have a new setup for the show and need as much time as possible to get it ready.

See you at the sale!

HAVING A PROBLEM WITH YOUR SUCCULENTS OR CACTUS? LOOKING FOR GARDENING ADVICE?

The Master Gardener program has a hotline which is available to the general public for questions about all aspects of gardening, including succulents and cactus. All you have to do is take a picture of the plant with the problem in question and send it with an explanation to: hotline@mbmgs.org. Because this site is taken care of by volunteers only, it's not as fast as some of the other internet resources. It could take a couple of days to get a response, but you can be assured that your answer will be based on the latest scientific information available (i.e., not just hear-say).

Upcoming Sales

September 23-25

Cactus and Succulent Society of San Jose Show/Sale [Facebook.com/SJcactussucculents](https://www.facebook.com/SJcactussucculents)

CLUB NEWS

Upcoming meetings:

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

Oct 16, 2022

Topic - Succulent Wreaths - this will be an interactive activity.

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



Trichodiadema Bulbosum



Pelcyphora Asclliiforma

Future MBACSS Sales

Save the Dates

Here are the dates of the upcoming sales for 2023

Spring 2023 - Apr 21, 22, 23

Fall 2023 - Sep 15, 16, 17

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, October 16, 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.