

# On The Dry

Dear fellow MBACSS members,

I begin by wishing you each and all and very HAPPY NEW YEAR! May 2023 prove to be a very productive and good year for all of us.

2022 was a year of challenges and changes, but our society came through it with a number of successes in spite of Covid. We had a successful Spring and Fall Show and Sale, a large number of new members signed up and began attending our in-person meetings, many of you volunteered to help with a variety of activities of the Society. We have new permanent name tags for members who attend the meetings, thanks to a grant from Driscoll's. We were also fortunate to have several well-known local speakers share their knowledge of growing succulents and cacti with us. We also enjoyed several "hands-on" style meetings. We ended with our fun End of the Year Holiday Party/Auction in December.

About 65 people attended our year end celebration. Members who had paid dues received a free premium plant. The catered meal included several vegan dishes. Dessert featured cactus shaped cookies made by our Membership Chairperson, Lyn MacDonald.

Peter Beiersdorfer acted as our auctioneer with the help of Jaan Lapson, who both helped make it fun. Both the live and silent auctions included some interesting and rare plants.

2023 will include our Fall and Spring sales and show as well as speakers and hands-on meetings. Your Board meets every month to plan and make sure things run smoothly. With the help of you volunteers, we are a vibrant and active club. Thanks for all you do to keep us strong and healthy.

Mary Louise Cross, President  
MBACSS



*Adenium Obesum*



*Escobaria Missouriensis*

Photos  
By  
Paolo Albert

# APPROVED MINUTES

**December 4, 2022**

Call to Order: Mary Cross

Members present: Mary Cross, Lyn MacDonald, Lou Falek, Jorge Quiñonez, Arnie Figueroa, Jonelle Verdugo, Nancy Thomsen, Stan Verkler, David Kurtz, Meryl Abramson.

Minutes of Nov. 6 2022: Meryl Abramson. Minutes approved with changes.

Chairpersons' Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Lou Falek. Board discussed raising membership rates to cover Square's mark-up. Idea tabled until October meeting for 2024 rates.

Membership: Lyn MacDonald. Thirty-three members have paid for 2023. Lyn will send out another email requesting dues payments. The Society has close to 200 members.

Sunshine/Hospitality: Mary Cross. All are well as far as we know.

Program: Jorge Quiñonez

Jorge will email Stan the mini-plant list for next year.

Holiday party (12/18): All. Board, please arrive at 11:00 for help setting up tables. Food will be delivered at 11:30. 46 people have signed up for the party, with 60 people estimated to come. For the live auction, please bring plant/s worth \$25 or more. For the silent auction, plants less than \$25. Bring 3 plants per member. Stan will purchase about 50 gift plants for paid up members only. Mary and David will give out tickets; names will be called at end of party. Peter and Jan agreed to call the live auction. No raffle, no mini-show. Mary will contact the few people with no emails listed.

CSSA: Jorge. No update. Mary noted that we have not received the CSSA magazine. (After the meeting, Lou reported that we have, in fact paid our membership, in October).

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Mary Cross.

# JANUARY MEETING

**January 15, 2023**



**J. D. WIKERT**

with a fish

Our speaker this month will be J.D. Wikert. He has been actively propagating succulent plants for 15+ years. He will be speaking on the succulents of the genus *Senecio* (including the updated taxonomic revision). J.D.'s presentation will include information regarding taxonomy (the branch of science concerned with classification), distribution, cultivation, and propagation as well as providing pictures of many of the more readily available species.

J.D. is a fisheries biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service working on restoration of habitat for salmon in the Central Valley and lives in Lodi, California. Previously, he worked in Florida sampling fish and doing lake restoration. He is a self-trained succulent hobbyist and usually has more than 100 flats of plants in his back (and side) yards. J.D. has figured out how to kill many succulent species and mostly grows the ones he can keep alive. He is a member of both the Sacramento and Stockton Cactus and Succulent Societies, and is currently trying to resuscitate the Stockton Cactus and Succulent Society after a long Covid hiatus.

J.D. has a number of presentations on succulent plants that he has given in the past, so if you like the current talk but would like more, feel free to request any of the others from this list: *Adromischus*, *Aloe*, *Dudleya*, *Gasteria*, *Haworthia*, *Sedum*, and *Stapeliads*. He also has a general talk on succulent care and a new presentation on watering succulents. J.D. has developed these talks to teach himself more about these cool groups of plants, but by no means considers himself an expert. J.D. also spends way too much time on Facebook in various succulent plant groups.

Now it is time for us all to renew our MBACSS Memberships for 2023. Membership Dues for 2023 are payable by January 1, 2023. If you joined MBACSS in September 2022 or after, you do not owe dues until January 2024. We will be updating our membership directory in February.

The easiest way to renew is online. Go to the website

**[mbsucculent.org/membership](https://mbsucculent.org/membership)**

We also accept checks in the mail

**Lyn MacDonald**  
**MBACSS Membership Chair**  
**76 Nunes Road**  
**Watsonville, CA 95076**

If you have any questions, please email  
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Lyn MacDonald/Falek  
MBACSS Membership Chair

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Payment by: Check\_\_Cash\_\_CC\_\_

Type of Membership:  
Single \$15 per year\_\_\_\_\_  
Couple \$20 per year\_\_\_\_\_

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Pay online - **[mbsucculent.org](https://mbsucculent.org)**

If you are paying by mail, send check to:  
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## CLUB NEWS

### Upcoming meetings:

#### **Jan 15, 2023**

Speaker - J D Wilkert

Topic - Senecio

Mini Show Plants - Gymnocalycium & Senecio

#### **Feb 19, 2023**

Speaker - Andrew Hazlett

Topic - Beginning Cactus Grafting Workshop

Mini Show Plants - Ferocactus & Crassula

#### **Mar 19, 2023**

Speaker - TBD

Topic -

Mini Show Plants - Rhipsalis & Adromischus

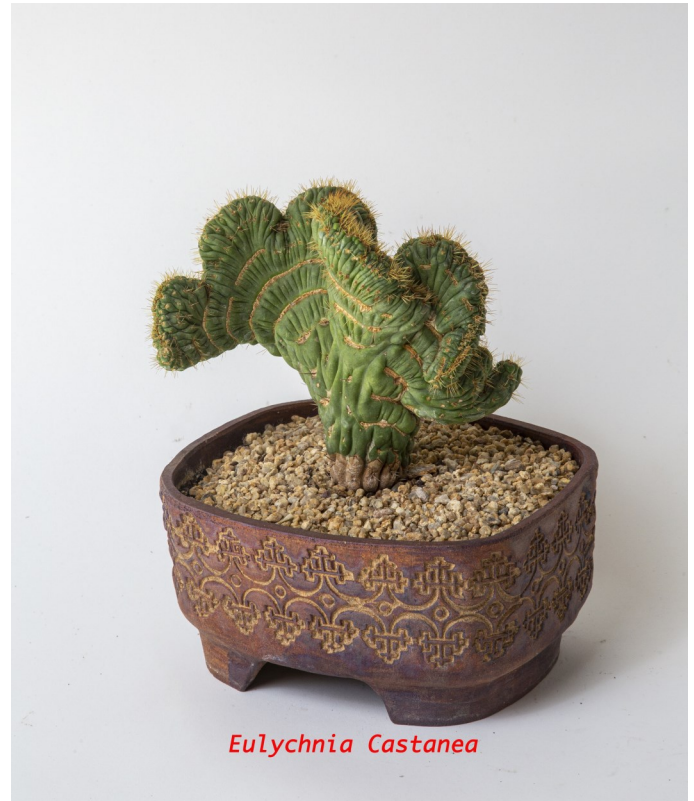
#### **April 21 - 23 Spring Show and Sale**

#### **May 21, 2023**

Speaker - TBD

Topic -

Mini Show Plants - Astrophytum & Sansevieria



### **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 2022 - 2023

#### Officers

President - Mary Cross  
Vice President - Nancy Thomsen  
Secretary - Meryl Abramson  
Treasurer - Lou Falek  
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

Librarian - Jonelle Verdugo  
Mini-Show - Stan Verkler  
Newsletter Editor - Nancy Thomsen  
Photography - Paul Albert  
Programs - Jorge Quiñónez  
Publicity - Leslie Shores  
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, January 15, 2023**  
**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.