

On The Dry Side

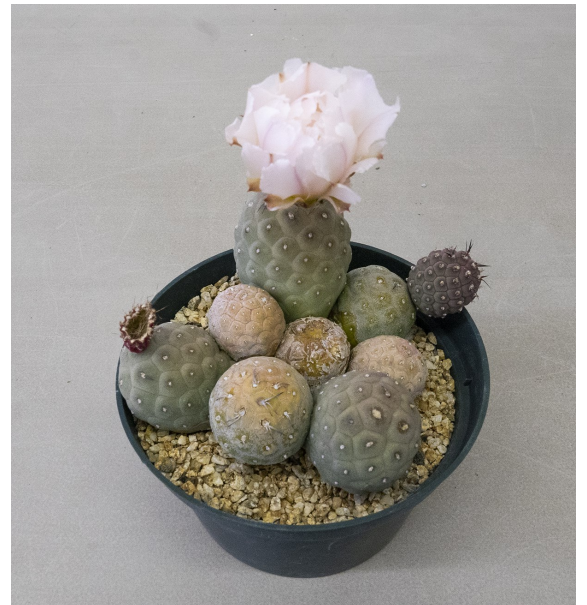
Dear fellow MBACSS members,
I was so sorry to have to cancel our in-person meeting in January and hope that you were safe and dry during our winter storms. I heard from some members who had problems with power outages and some road damage but have not heard of any of our members who had flood damage to their homes or businesses. I hope that still is the case. It was a stressful time in one way or another for all of us. We look forward to hearing the talk by J.D. Wikert, who was scheduled for our January meeting, some time later in the year.

Your Board of Directors is beginning to plan our Spring Sale and Show , April 21, 22, 23. You will see flyers and other publicity pieces out soon. Flyers will be available for anyone who comes to the February in-person membership meeting to take with them to help publicize our event. Again, Friday afternoon will be for members only. Non-members will be able to join at the Show on Friday and experience the sale in a much less crowded hall. Having the Friday sales times made our Saturday opening very much less stressful and the early bird folks didn't have to wait in line at all.

I'm personally glad winter is ending sooner than later. We still need more rain to fill up the reservoirs, but I tend to get depressed in the grey, dark, cloudy, rainy days of winter. And my garden suffers from a lack of my care when it's rainy and cold. But the weeds are flourishing!! I hope you are doing better with your gardens. I had a small green house which I had built but the deer decided they didn't like it and ran into it and broke it so the plants in it had to be all moved to safer places and/or transplanted. But I have a new kit to build another one. A good project to do as a way to anticipate Spring and begin to propagate more plant babies again and re-arrange everything.

In another part of this newsletter you can read about our speaker for the February meeting - Andrew Hazlett will talk and workshop..."Beginning Cactus Grafting Workshop". As always, I look forward to seeing all of you again at our in-person meeting, February, 19 noon – 2pm, at the Corralitos Grange Hall, 165 Little Corral Way in Corralitos.

Mary Louise Cross,
President
MBACSS



Photos
By
Paolo Albert

APPROVED MINUTES

January 8, 2023

Call to Order - Mary Cross called the meeting to order at 11:05am. Present were: Jorge Quiñonez, Lyn MacDonald, Lou Falek, Nancy Thomsen, Tom Karwin, Peter Biersdorfer, Stanley Verkler.

Minutes of December 4 – were approved as presented

Chairpersons' Reports

Treasury - Lou Falek's report was accepted as presented. There was a discussion about investing some of the funds in the treasury. Jorge made a motion to deposit 50% into a Wells Fargo liquid CD, seconded by Tom Karwin and accepted by the majority of those present after a discussion concerning what our financial needs might be in the near future.

Membership - Lyn MacDonald reported that 59 people have renewed their memberships for 2023 so far. She will send out a letter to everyone reminding folks that they need to renew by February 1, 2023 to be included in the paper roster.

Sunshine Committee - Cheryl Albert was not present. Mary reported sending a sympathy card to a member who's parent passed away recently.

Program - Jorge Quiñonez emailed the Program schedule for the year to all the Board and Committee members, inviting folks to note where raffle plants are needed and to volunteer to bring them. Our January speaker is J.D. Wilkert who will talk about Senecios. The Mini-Show plants will be Gymnocalycium in the cactus category and Senecios in the Succulent category. Jorge reported the speaker spot is still open for March, May, and November for 2023.

CSSA & Affiliates - Lou reported that Nancy Thomsen is the person getting the MBACSS copy of the CSSA Newsletter. Mary forwarded the Garden Club Newsletter to Lou.

Old Business

Evaluation of 2022 Holiday/End of the Year meeting - It was agreed that the event was fun and a success, but some changes were suggested: that the live auction should be turned around to be at the stage side not the window side of the room. The silent auction should not have a bid limit and needs to be at a place further away from the live auction so folks could hear better. The order should be live auction first, then silent auction to close after live auction is completed, and the drawing for plants for paid up members at the end. The time should be noted to end by 3pm. It was agreed that dealing with the live auction tables and members is a bigger job than anticipated.

Changes for 2023 based on 2022 experience – There was a discussion about conflicts of our dates for sales with San Jose in 2022 & 2023. Since we have to firm up our dates a year in advance, it was decided that we will change our dates in 2024 to avoid the same problems. Mary will therefore contact the Portuguese Hall Board to see if we can have the dates April 12, 13, 14, 2024 for our spring sale and August 30, 31, September 1, 2024 for our fall sale. If approved, Mary will sign the contracts and Lou will send them the required deposit.

Venue for in-person meetings – it was decided that the Corralitos Grange Hall continues to be a good venue for our in-person meetings. Mary will contact them to verify our dates and Lou will send them a check for the rental cost for the year.

Schedule for Raffle Plant Providers - Jorge Quiñonez noted that he would like members who have lots of plants to volunteer to bring plants for the Raffle (they will be paid \$4.50 per plant)

New Business

Change time/day for Board meeting? Zoom? in-person? – The Board decided to continue to meet on zoom but to change the Board meetings to the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm starting in February 2023. In-person meetings will stay the same.

Library (storage of extra magazines and other materials) – The Board discussed options for dealing with the stacks of CSSA journals that continue to be stored at Mary's house. Peter indicated he would buy some copies from 2003 to present for which Mary will send him an inventory. Also, a notice of CSSA journals available for members to buy will be put in the newsletter and any left overs will be taken to the Spring and Fall sales to be given away.

Recruit Spring Show/Sale Chair (April 21,22,23) – Nancy Thomsen volunteered to again be in charge of the Spring Sale. She indicated she has begun to work on designing the posters and post cards.

Mini-Show rules (limit # of plants brought) – Stan asked that this item be tabled until next meeting

Other Items - The email from John Schwark regarding joint efforts regarding sales and shows was tabled until next meeting.

Adjournment - Mary Cross adjourned the meeting at 12:30pm

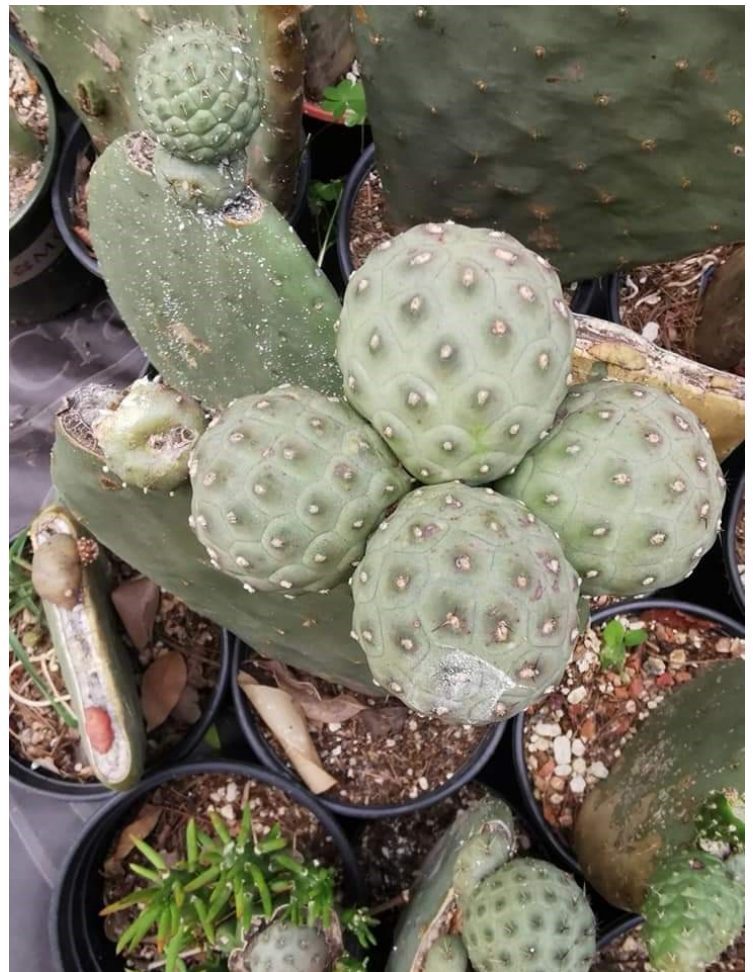
FEBRUARY MEETING

February 19, 2023

Andrew Hazlett **Beginning Cactus Grafting Workshop**

The easiness of grafting cacti
how to start and then outpace cactus on their own roots

Andrew Hazlett from the CSSSJ (the San Jose club) will give a talk on grafting cacti for the February meeting. Grafting success requires an understanding of when and how the cactus grow along with some good tools such as a clean sharp blade. The first half of the talk will focus on considerations for grafting, including basic principles of grafting through graft stock compatibility. For the second half of the talk, cactus grafting demonstrations will be shown. Andrew is an avid grafter in the growing season and has saved troubled plants in the winter with grafting. Bring your grafted cactus to the February meeting to show off!



2023 DUES

**If you haven't paid your dues for 2023
please use the link below pay your dues and join us for
another year of fun activities, knowledgeable speakers and
learning about cacti and succulents.**

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

We also accept checks in the mail

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MONTEREY BAY AREA CACTUS AND
SUCCULENT SOCIETY
PLEASE PRINT

Name(s)_____

Address:_____

Phone:(____)_____

E-mail:_____

Renewing ____ New Member ____
(required to receive newsletter)
Payment by: Check__Cash__CC__

Type of Membership:
Single \$15 per year_____
Couple \$20 per year_____

Membership Dues are payable by January 1, 2023. Members paid by the Christmas Party will be entered in a special plant drawing.

Pay online - **mbsucculent.org**

If you are paying by mail, send check to:
Lyn MacDonald, MBACSS Membership Chair
76 Nunes Road
Watsonville, CA 95076

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MBACSS



MONTEREY BAY AREA CACTUS AND
SUCCULENT SOCIETY PRESENTS

SPRING SHOW AND SALE 2023

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 OPEN 3PM - 6PM
(CLUB MEMBERS ONLY ON FRIDAY)

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 OPEN 9AM - 5PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 OPEN 9AM - 3PM

FREE PARKING
FREE ADMISSION

LARGE VARIETY OF
CACTI
SUCCULENTS
POTTERY
BOOKS
UTENSILS

EXPERTS ON HAND
TO ANSWER YOUR
QUESTIONS

A HUGE SHOW WITH
HUNDREDS OF
BEAUTIFUL CACTUS
AND SUCCULENT
SPECIMENS

PORTUGUESE
COMMUNITY HALL

124 Atkinson Lane
Watsonville, CA

See our website for
more information

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CLUB NEWS

Upcoming meetings:

Feb 19, 2023

Speaker - Andrew Hazlett

Topic - Beginning Cactus Grafting Workshop

Mini Show Plants - Ferocactus & Crassula

Mar 19, 2023

Speaker - Alan Beverly

Topic - Cultivation of Spiral Aloe

Mini Show Plants - Rhipsalis & Adromischus

April 21 - 23 Spring Show and Sale

May 21, 2023

Speaker - TBD

Topic -

Mini Show Plants - Astrophytum & Sansevieria

June 18, 2023

Speaker - TBD

Topic -

Mini Show Plants - Gymnocalycium & Mesemb



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

OTHER CLUB NEWS

CENTRAL COAST CACTUS
& SUCCULENT SOCIETY

**2023
SHOW
& SALE**

**MAY
27&28**



Abutilon reticulatum

15TH ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

Nipomo High School, 525 N Thompson Ave

Saturday, May 27 – 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, May 28 – 10 am to 4 pm

NEW YOUTH GROWER CATEGORY

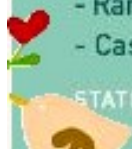
- Free admission & parking on-site
- Experts available for questions
- Rare plants & handmade pottery sale
- Cash/check/credit cards accepted



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CCCSS FACEBOOK



STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH GUIDELINES WILL BE OBSERVED OR EXCEEDED

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, February 19, 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.