

# On The Dry

The topic of our February meeting was grafting. Andrew Haslett from the San Jose Club was our featured speaker and he was great. He demonstrated grafting in detail, showed the audience several examples of grafted plants and then grafted several in his presentation. It was a very entertaining and informative afternoon. Over 40 people attended the meeting including several members from the San Jose Club.

Our Spring Show and Sale is next month, April 21, 22, 23. We will not have a membership meeting next month as the show and sale will be that weekend. We always need help at this event. Please don't hesitate to volunteer. Friday is the "Members Only" sale. Members of our club and neighboring clubs can shop between 3:00 and 6:00. Please do not show up early to shop. Non-members may join our club Friday to shop the day.

The Show in spring is a judged show. The vendors will be bringing their special plants and members are invited to bring their special plants. There are three divisions, so if you are new to growing, you will not be in the same division as the vendors. It is great to see your plants with all the others and you may win a prize or get a ribbon.

As I said, we always need volunteers at the show. We will be using the iVolunteer app again, but there are some technical problems with the site and the link cannot be generated yet. We will get that link out as soon as possible.

The March meeting will be Sunday, March 19 at the Corralitos Grange. . Alan Beverly, from Ecoscape Nursery in Santa Cruz, will share his knowledge about Cultivations of Spiral Aloe (Aloe polyphylla) with us. I hope he brings some plant to sell.



Photos  
By  
Paolo Albert

# APPROVED MINUTES

February 1, 2023

**Call to Order: Mary Cross.** Note: Board Meetings have been changed to the first Wednesday of each month, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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

**Minutes of Jan. 8, 2023: Mary Cross.** Minutes approved as written.

## Chairpersons' Reports:

**Treasurer's Report: Lou Falek.** Report approved as written. Lou will open a bank CD to invest surplus funds. Discussed: preparing a budget for 2023 and/or preparing a budget for this year's sales. Also, discussed investing in fun activities for members, such as giveaways or field trips. ***Arnie, Stan and David formed a committee to research this idea.***

**Membership: Lyn MacDonald.** Ninety-one members have paid for 2023; these include new members (24) and renewals. Lyn sent out a renewal request in January and will send a last one this month. In 2022, we had 156 paid memberships.

### **Program: Jorge Quiñonez**

The January speaker (meeting cancelled due to storms) has been rescheduled to July. March is open. Will consider another hands-on program.

Jorge has received the spring sales flyer from Nancy and forwarded it to other clubs.

**CSSA:** Jorge. Conference is in Colorado Springs in mid-July. Stan noted that there are Zoom webinars 2x/month on Saturdays that are quite good. We belong to the California Garden Clubs in order to get their insurance that covers the Club during our meetings and shows.

Mary has many old Journal issues. Peter is interested in 2003 through 2015 and pricing was discussed.

**Sunshine/Hospitality: Mary Cross.** All are well that we know about.

**Old Business:** Mini-Shows and Raffles discussed...do we want to make money or have fun? Board agreed to continue Raffles, with 6 tickets/\$5 and no individual tickets to be sold. For the general raffle, we will pay \$4.50 per plant.

Each winner of the Mini-Show for best of category gets a ticket for the premium plant drawing. For the Mini-Show Drawing, we will now have 2, not 4 premium plants we pay \$25 each for. ***Mary will write a newsletter article to explain the Mini-Show and Raffle rules.***

Library: Jonelle has asked for two librarians to replace her. ***David Kurtz will take one spot, and he or Mary will speak with Peter Shaw as the possible second.*** Jonelle will coach one or both at the next meeting.

## **New Business:**

Spring Show. \*Social media: ***Leslie—will be contacted to see how she would be able to participate with publicity.***

\*Please pay for your MBACSS expenses up front, Lou will reimburse you. We will need to rent tables, order food, etc.

***\*Two people are needed to handle publicity. David will place the flyer on our Facebook page.***

***\*Lou will need to make a deposit to the Portuguese Hall 30 days before the show.*** Dates are April 21, 22, 23.

\*Possible cooperation with San Francisco Chapter for a sale? Some discussion, no decision for now.

\*Mary has contacted Portuguese Hall for the 2024 shows as dates get taken quickly. Spring 2024 show is April 12-13-14, and the fall show is Aug. 30-31-Sept. 1. She will need a check to hold these dates.

\*Arnie noted that we will likely receive a donation from his employer. It was thought that if we do receive this money it maybe could be used to help finance a member field trip.

**Adjournment: Mary Cross.**

## MARCH MINI SHOW

### Cactus - Rhipsalis

The Rhipsalis cactus genus is characterized by branching stems, which may be pendulous or erect. The stems are often cylindrical, but may also be angular or flattened. These plants grow in trees or in cracks of rocks. They are known for their very small, but numerous flowers.



### Succulent - Adromischus

The Adromischus genus consists of small, clumping leaf succulents. The genus name is derived from the Greek words for "thick" and "stem." These plants are known for their interesting looking leaves and small size.

### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of a member who is sick, had surgery, is grieving a loss or in any way needs some support or good cheer, please contact Cheryl Albert (831-760-1894 or [cherylalbert@charter.net](mailto:cherylalbert@charter.net)). She will send a card from the club to cheer them up and let them know we are thinking of them.

# FEBURARY MINI SHOW

February 19, 2023



Here are more  
photos from the  
February Mini  
Show featuring  
Ferocactus &  
Crassula





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

[mbsucculent.org](http://mbsucculent.org)



## CLUB NEWS

### Upcoming meetings:

#### **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 - Brian Kemble

Topic - Aizoaceae (mesembs) at the Ruth Bancroft Garden

Mini Show Plants - Astrophytum & Sansevieria

#### **June 18, 2023**

Speaker - TBD

Topic -

Mini Show Plants - Gymnocalycium & Mesembs

#### **July 16, 2023**

Speaker - J. D. Wikert

Topic - Succulent Senecios

Mini Show Plants - Copiopoia & Dyckia or Hechtia (any terrestrial bromeliads)



### **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

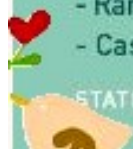
- Free admission & parking on-site
- Experts available for questions
- Rare plants & handmade pottery sale
- Cash/check/credit cards accepted



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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, March 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.