

On The Dry Side

Greetings from the President

Dear fellow MBACSS members,

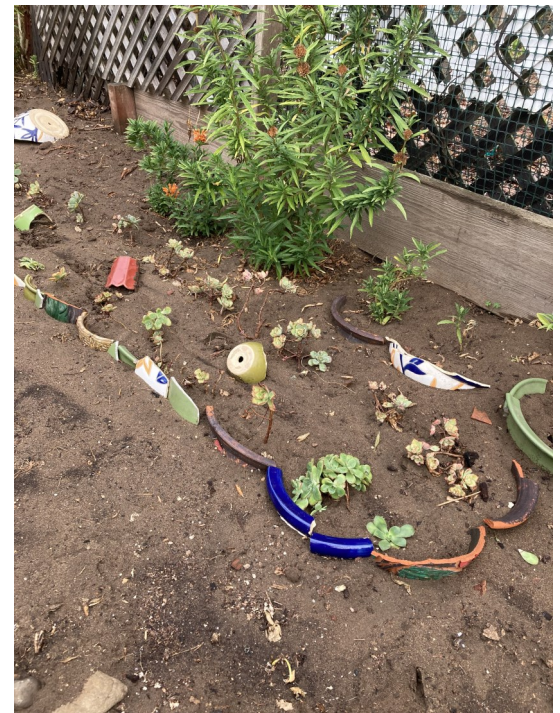
I'm busy trying to do my Fall cleaning in my yard and beginning efforts to prepare for winter rains. This always involves re-potting, moving, and/or re-arranging some of my plants. In this process I re-found a whole bunch of broken pots that have accumulated over the years. While trying to figure out what to do with them I also planted a 6-8 ft row of aeonium cuttings to make a kind of hedge near my back fence. Some of my broken pieces are pretty and I got the idea to use some of them as an edge in front of the aeoniums. I am including one picture to give you a better idea. Do you have an innovative thing you have done in your yard to help you resolve a problem? Be sure to take a picture and send it to the Editor, Nancy Thomsen, to be included in a future issue of the newsletter.

At our October in-person membership meeting several members made suggestions for changes about how we go forward that the group decided to accept. One suggested change was to acknowledge new members by giving them a plant (that Ellen and Gary Stubblefield will provide). So, if you are a new member in 2023 let us know at the next meeting so we can gift you with a new succulent or cactus plant. After this meeting we will acknowledge at every meeting any new member who is attending their first in-person membership meeting. Thank you, Ellen and Gary, for your generosity and care for our group and our members.

Our November Membership meeting speaker will be J.D. Wikert who will talk to us about Aloes for Beginners...a very big topic but I am confident he will make it interesting. But before that we will have our election of Board Member Officers for 2024-25. We will accept nominations from the floor for all the positions in addition to those already nominated. See later in the newsletter for the list of current nominees. For the Mini-Show, members are invited to bring their favorite plant to show and talk about rather than bringing a plant of a particular genus. And, as usual, we will have our plant drawing/raffle at the end of the meeting. Whew! A lot to deal with in one meeting.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Mary Louise Cross, President
MBACSS



APPROVED MINUTES

October 4 2023

October 4, 2023, 7:01 – 8:08 p.m.

Call to Order: Mary Cross.

Members present: Mary Cross, Nancy Thomsen, Peter Beiersdorfer, Jorge Quiñonez, Lyn MacDonald, Lou Falek, Thomas Karwin, Cheryl Albert, Stan Verkler and Meryl Abramson.

Minutes of September 6, 2023: Meryl Abramson. Action items from the minutes reviewed. Minutes accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Lou Falek. Report accepted as presented.

Chairpersons' Reports:

Membership: Lyn MacDonald. We have a total of 187 members, 119 of which are singles.

Programs: Jorge Quiñonez. Daisy will instruct a workshop on building wreaths; payment of \$45 should go to Daisy. Please RSVP so that she can plan for materials. There will be a mini-show, and raffles. See newsletter for details. November speaker is TBA.

Sunshine Committee: Cheryl Albert. Jonelle's memorial will be held at the Aquarium on Oct. 27.

New Business: Field Trips. Stan contacted Linda McNally at the Arboretum. Saturday, Nov. 4 at 12:30 p.m. is the only time that she can accommodate our group for a tour. The tour will be approximately 1-1.5 hours. The Board directed Stan to confirm the tour.

Old Business: All. Fall Sale & Show wrap-up. Discussion about one vs. two sales per year. We generally attract 26 or 27 new members each sale. Concepts to increase attendance were floated including: providing educational and fun sessions during the sale, as other clubs do; the idea of promoting the show coupled with a Santa Cruz visit as a destination, i.e., "come for the sale, stay for the beach/state parks/attractions".

November Election Committee: Mary will email Cheryl the phone numbers of the other Committee members. Mary agreed to run again as President, Nancy agreed to run as V.P., Jorge agreed to continue with Programs if chosen, Lou will continue as Treasurer if chosen, and Meryl will remain Secretary if chosen. Stan will run the mini-show for one more year. The Committee will be looking for a Membership Director and anyone interested in taking over the Newsletter, or looking to compete for the above Board positions.

Adjournment: Mary Cross

Respectfully submitted by Meryl Abramson

ELECTIONS

November 19, 2023

Here are the nominations for the upcoming election for
2022-2024 Board of Directors for the
Monterey Bay Area Cactus and Succulent Society

President

Mary Louise Cross

Vice President

Nancy Thomsen

Secretary

Meryl Abramson

Treasurer

Lou Falek

Membership

Directors at Large

Daisy Szeto

Kristof Tigyi

Peter Shaw

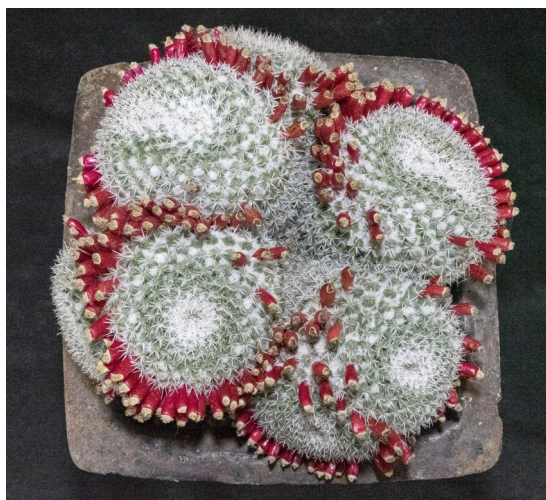
David Kurtz

Affiliate Representative

Jorge Quiñónez

Immediate Past President

Tom Karwin



Photos By
Paolo Albert



NEW NEWS

MINI SHOW

At our October membership meeting, one of the members (Peter Shaw) suggested that instead of designating a particular genus of cactus or succulent, that the membership be invited to bring a favorite plant of any category they would like to show the other members...a kind of "Show and Tell" rather than category competition. Each person who brings a plant (dish gardens are ok) will be invited to share something about their plant...what makes it special? ... history? ...classification? ... etc?. Members who bring plants and talk about them to the group will be given 2 free drawing tickets for their participation. So please, bring a favorite plant to the meeting and share with us about it.

End of the Year Party

Once again, we will have a catered lunch for all the members who attend our December 17, 2023 End of the Year/Holiday Party and Auction. Each year we celebrate the end of another successful year with food and an auction. This year we will have a **plant exchange**. All those attending are invited to bring a plant in at least a 4" pot that is mature, healthy, and well established. Everyone who brings a plant will have their name put into a drawing and as their name is drawn, they can choose a different plant to take home. This plant exchange is a lot of fun and everyone gets to go home with another nice plant.

It is important that those who are attending RSVP by December 3rd so we can order enough food.

Please don't come to this fun event without letting us know ahead of time.

RSVP to either:

mbacss.editor@gmail.com

mbacssmembership@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed

We are forming a steering committee for upcoming sales. We need ideas -- lots of ideas about how to make the show and sale draw more people. We have reserved the current location through 2024, but we can move the location, change the dates, add some activities, join with other clubs. We are open to any ideas to grow the event. I will talk about this at the meeting this month and next month. I will collect ideas and then we can come together to discuss them. Please think about this and bring your ideas to me.

Nancy Thomsen
Show Chair

NOVEMBER MEETING

November 17, 2023



J.D. Wikert



pic: Aloe tomentosa flowers

Our speaker this month is J.D. Wikert. He will be presenting on Aloes.

J.D. is a fisheries biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service working on restoration of habitat for salmon in California's 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 been actively propagating succulent plants for around 20 years and has figured out how to kill most succulent species over that time. He is a member of both the Sacramento and Stockton Cactus and Succulent Societies, and is president for the Stockton Club and is trying to grow the club back after the Covid hiatus.

J.D. will be speaking on the genus Aloe (plus the other 5 genera that used to be called Aloe). J.D.'s presentation will include information regarding taxonomy, distribution, cultivation, and propagation as well as providing pictures of many of the more readily available species.

You might have seen J.D. speak in previous meetings about Adromischus or Senecio a few years ago. He also has presentations on Adromischus, Dudleya, Gasteria, Haworthia, Sedum, Senecio, and a general Succulent Overview.

J.D. will bring plants to sell at the meeting. He can take cash or Venmo.

OCTOBER MEETING

We made succulent wreaths at the October membership meeting. Daisy Szeto lead the members and anyone who wanted to helped. Daisy showed us how to get started and then let everyone help make 3 wreaths. By the end of the meeting, we had 3 lovely wreaths that we gave away in a drawing. Everyone who attended had a good time and the winners of the wreaths were very excited.



FIELD TRIP

Saturday, November 4, 2023

On Saturday Nov. 4th our Club was hosted to an hour and a half guided Tour of the University of California Santa Cruz Arboretum. Linda McNally, who is a member of our Club, is the Supervisor of plant propagation at the Arboretum. We started at 12:30 PM, and the day's weather could not have been better. Sunny and comfortable at about 73F. We started by looking at the newly planted in Rock Garden in front of the Visitor's Parking Lot. There were large mounds of clumping Euphorbias from South Africa growing happily in full sun. We then walked through the Australian Garden and saw many mature Banksias which produce beautiful yellow and gold cone-like flowers. We were then given an extensive tour through all of the propagation greenhouses and saw many specimen size succulents and cacti. The Dudleya collection of Steve McCabe was also seen. The Arboretum encourages people who are fairly comfortable with re-planting to volunteer in the growing area, the more the better. Also on Saturday, Nov. 18 there will be a large sale of Succulent Wreaths, Dried Flower arrangements, Gifts and Decorations, and rare Plants. This is a good time to look for unique plants from the Arboretum collection. Look at the UCSC/ Arboretum website for further details about this Sale - 9-10, members only, 10-3:30 for the public. A final note, we had a group of about 20 who attended this trip. Let our Board members know if you would be willing to host a tour of your garden. We need input for future plans about Field Trips for our Club.

- by Stan Verkler



CLUB NEWS

Upcoming meetings:

November 19, 2023

Speaker - TBA

Topic:

Mini Show Plants - Show & Tell

December 17, 2023

End of the Year Membership Party

Corralitos Grange

Holiday meal

Live and Silent Auctions

Dues

With the end of the year approaching, it is time to renew your membership. You have several ways to renew, but the online option is the best. You can also use the form on this page and bring a check to a meeting or send a check in the mail. If you joined at the last sale, your membership is good through 2024.

<https://mbacss.square.site/>

Future MBACSS Sales Save the Dates

Here are the dates of the upcoming sales for 2023 and 2024

Spring 2024 - Apr 12, 13, 14

Fall 2024 - Aug 30, 31 Sep 1

MONTEREY BAY AREA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Membership Dues are payable by
January 1, 2024

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____
(required to receive newsletter)

Renewing ____ New Member ____

Payment by: Check ____ Cash ____ CC ____

Type of Membership:
Single \$15 per year _____
Family \$20 per year _____

Members paid by the Christmas Party will be entered in a special plant drawing.

Pay online - <https://mbacss.square.site/>

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

WINTER DORMANT (SUMMER GROWERS) These dormant from November through February.

Genus	Family	Origin
Adenia	Passifloraceae	South Africa
Adenium	Apocynaceae	Africa
Agave	Asparagaceae	Mexico
Alluaudia	Didiereaceae	Madagascar
Brachystelma	Apocynaceae	South Africa
Bursera	Burseraceae	North & South America
Calibanus	Asparagaceae	Mexico
Ceropegia	Apocynaceae	Africa
Cissus	Vitaceae	Tropics
Cyphostemma	Vitaceae	Madagascar
Didieria	Didiereaceae	Madagascar
Dorstenia	Moraceae	Africa
Echeveria	Crassulaceae	Central America
Encephalartos	Zamiaceae	Africa
Euphorbia	Euphorbiaceae	South Africa, Madagascar
Ficus	Moraceae	Tropics
Fockea	Apocynaceae	South Africa
Huernia	Apocynaceae	East & South Africa
Ibervillea	Acanthaceae	Mexico, Baja California
Ipomoea	Convolvulaceae	Tropics
Jatropha	Euphorbiaceae	North & South America
Lithops	Aizoaceae	South Africa
Monadenium	Euphorbiaceae	Africa, Madagascar
Moringa	Moringaceae	NW India (Himalayas)
Operculicarya	Anacardiaceae	Tropics
Pachypodium	Apocynaceae	Madagascar and Africa
Pedilanthus	Euphorbiaceae	Mexico
Plumeria	Apocynaceae	Central America, Mexico
Pseudolithos	Apocynaceae	NE Africa
Pterodiscus	Pedaliaceae	South Africa
Raphionacme	Apocynaceae	Africa
Sinningia	Gesneriaceae	Central & South America
Stapelianthus	Apocynaceae	Madagascar
Synadenium	Euphorbiaceae	East Africa
Tillandsia	Bromeliaceae	South America
Trichocaulon	Asclepiadaceae	Madagascar
Trichodiadema	Aizoaceae	South Africa
Xerosicyos	Cucurbitaceae	Madagascar

SUMMER DORMANT (WINTER GROWERS) these are dormant during May through August

Genus	Family	Origin
Adromischus	Crassulaceae	South Africa
Aeonium	Crassulaceae	Canary Islands
Aloe	Asphodelaceae	South Africa
Anacampseros	Anacampserotaceae	South Africa
Astroloba	Asphodelaceae	South Africa
Avonia (<i>Anacampseros</i>)	Anacampserotaceae	South Africa
Bowiea	Asparagaceae	South Africa
Bulbine	Asphodelaceae	South Africa
Ceraria (<i>Portulacaria</i>)	Didiereaceae	South Africa
Conophytum	Aizoaceae	South Africa
Cotyledon	Crassulaceae	South Africa
Crassula	Crassulaceae	South Africa
Dioscorea	Dioscoreaceae	Tropical regions
Dudleya	Crassulaceae	SW North America
Fouqueria	Fouquieriaceae	Mexico
Gasteria	Asphodelaceae	South Africa
Gibbaeum	Aizoaceae	South Africa
Graptopetalum	Crassulaceae	Mexico
Graptoveria	Graptopetalum x Echeveria	Mexico
Haemanthus	Amaryllidaceae	South Africa
Haworthia	Asphodeloideae	South Africa
Kalanchoe	Crassulaceae	South Africa, Madagascar
Neohenricia	Aizoaceae	South Africa
Othonna	Asteraceae	South Africa
Pachycormus	Anacardiaceae	Baja California
Pachyphytum	Crassulaceae	Mexico
Pachyveria	Pachyphytum x Echeveria	Mexico
Pelargonium	Geraniaceae	South Africa +
Peperomia	Piperaceae	Central America
Portulacaria	Didiereaceae	South Africa
Sansevieria	Asparagaceae	South Africa, Madagascar
Sarcocaulon	Geraniaceae	South Africa
Sedeveria	Sedum x Echeveria.	Mexico
Sedum	Crassulaceae	numerous
Senecio	Asteraceae	Numerous
Stomatium	Mesembryanthemaceae	South Africa
Talinum	Talinaceae	Tropical Regions
Tylecodon	Crassulaceae	South Africa

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

Immediate Past President - Tom Karwin
Founding Member - Naomi Bloss

Chairpersons

Interim Librarian - David Kurtz
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, November 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 bring your own lunch and a chance to 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.