

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

Affiliate of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America (CSSA) • Associated Plant Society of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI)

Minutes of the General Meeting, August 13, 2017

South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California

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Committee Members (Tasked):

Anita Caplan, Publicity Coordinator
 Carol Causey, Refreshments Coordinator
 Jade Neely, Speaker Co-coordinator
 Jim Tanner, Mini-show Coordinator

Attendance:

72 were in attendance.

President Maria Capaldo called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in Frances Young Hall. She asked Gary Duke to introduce the speaker.

Program: The Programs Committee Chair, Gary Duke, introduced returning speaker Woody Minnich. The topic was “An Island in the Arabian Sea. Socotra,” focusing on succulents. His beautiful photographs took us on a journey from shore to mountains with amazing Dragon’s Blood Trees, Boswellia and Aloes. He entertained us with stories about tuna dinners overseen by a watchful Egyptian vulture, showing us “a beautiful array of plants, animals and marine life” on the island. At the end of the talk, he fielded questions from the audience.

Announcements before the break: The President chose a name to help judge the Mini-show because Woody was heading back to the Inter-City Show. Woody judged the advanced entries of the Mini-show and JoAnn Welkowsky’s name was chosen to assist Gary Duke with the remainder of the judging. Maria also announced that Vice President M.A. Bjarkman was leaving early as well and Dennis Emerson would choose tickets for the plant drawing after the break. She recessed the meeting at 2:37 p.m. for refreshments, plant sales, and the rest of the Mini-show judging.

After the Break: The President reconvened the meeting at 3:05 p.m. She introduced Gary Duke to talk about *Ariocarpus*. Gary told how they are Spring and Fall growers and how to water accordingly.

Mini-show: At the Mini-show table, Gary Duke announced the winners not mentioned earlier by Woody Minnich in the categories of Cacti and Succulents. The results will be published in the Society’s newsletter, *Prickly News*, <http://southcoastcss.org/newsletters> and on our website at <http://southcoastcss.org/>.

Brag table: Gary Duke showed the plants at the brag table: Bill Wilke’s *Echeveria runyonii* ‘Topsy Turvy’ and Gary’s own *Crassula falcata*. Dale La Forest brought in a *Kalanchoe rotundifolia* to be identified. Maria asked if anyone had seen a *Fockea edulis* that has gone to seed?

New members, and guests: Membership Committee Chair Sally Fasteau introduced 3 new members. JoAnn Welkowsky, was thanked for helping to judge the plants, Greg Horn and Brent Sprengle. All were offered a free plant.

Birth month plants: The President invited all members with an August birthday to pick out a free plant. Maria announced Phyllis DeCrescenzo’s birthday and she was invited to choose first.

Door prize plants were drawn for by Dennis Emerson and names were read by the President.

Minutes approval: The minutes of the July General Meeting, previously distributed, were approved as submitted.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Programs Committee: Gary Duke announced that next month Gunner Eisel will be speaking on the topic “A Weird and Funny Hobby.” The presentation will show “Show Plants” and statistics from other Societies as to what plants people like and dislike.

President: Maria asked if there were any objections to publishing the meeting Minutes on the SCCSS website (minus the Treasurer’s Report) instead of e-mailing them to each member individually. None were opposed.

The September meeting will be held on September 10 which is the 2nd Sunday. The meeting will be in the Frances Young Hall. The September Mini-show categories were announced. Cactus: *Astrophytum* and Succulent: *Adenium* and *Adenia*.

Events: Huntington Succulent Symposium will take place on September 2. Anyone wanting to attend may receive some reimbursement for entry which is \$85. Reimbursement amount will be divided among the number of members attending. Bring your receipt to the following SCCSS meeting.

Lynda Johnson will be having an Open House garden tour on August 19, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The address is 17820 Florwood Ave, Torrance 90504. There will be over 100 free plants and cuttings available. If you have plastic pots between 3” and one gallon that you no longer need, they would be appreciated.

Maria told us that a report on the CSSA Convention will be in the newsletter. She urged us to attend the next one in two years that will be held in San Luis Obispo. Laurel Woodley won a Service Award from CSSA. Please see your convention photos on Facebook.

Inter-City Show photos will be posted on Facebook.

Treasurer: Bernard Johnson gave his Treasury Report and added that a donation was made to Speakers in CSSA.

CONCLUDING MATTERS

The President adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm.

Submitted,

Sue Wong, Secretary

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