

## **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, June 10, 2018**

South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California

#### **Board Members:**

Maria Capaldo, President  
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#### **Committee Members (Tasked):**

Anita Caplan, Show and Sale Publicist  
 Jade Neely, Speaker Co-coordinator  
 Ann Nye, Monthly Publicist  
 OPEN, Kitchen Coordinator  
 Jim Tanner, Mini-show Coordinator

**Attendance:** 83 were in attendance.

President Maria Capaldo called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. in Frances Young Hall. She thanked everyone who was in attendance and wanted to start right away with the exciting lecture. She also reminded Club members to sign-in and put a raffle slip in the sprinkling can.

**Program:** Jade Neely introduced today's speaker, Rob Roy MacGregor, with a talk and demonstration on alternative ways to multiply your plant collection.

Rob thanked us for inviting him and announced there would be a short break coming up for those who forgot to sign-in and put their names on tickets for the free plant drawing and some of his lecture "experiments." Rob talked about buying a home 15 years ago in Riverside and how his Baja fishing trips inspired him to landscape his home with plants that reminded him of Baja. He worked with a local grower to learn about propagation techniques and tried his own through experimentation and a hands-on philosophy. He learned the Latin names of plants because they give a good description of what each plant should look like. We saw photos of his propagation projects and he performed his "lab experiments" on three different plants to show us the techniques: Bisection (basically cutting a succulent in half with a bread knife); Decapitation (removing the top of a cactus, applying cinnamon as an antiseptic and repotting when roots show); and Hot-nailing (heating a 16 penny nail with a torch to glowing red and pressing into the center of a cactus to destroy the growing center to allow more offshoots to form). Mad plant science at it's best! Several lucky Club members were chosen to take home the presentation plants and paraphernalia: Irene Rich, Melinda Hines, Janet Avent, Rose Arbuckle, Maria Blas and Regina Poblano. One cactus was later given to Ernesto Poblano because of it's potential large size. Find Rob on Facebook or watch his Hot-nail video on Instagram.

**Announcements before the break:** Maria exclaimed after the talk "that was amazing!" She asked Nancy Veits and Carol Knight to help Jim Tanner judge the Mini-show. She announced that there was a card for Carol Causey for members to sign. Carol is leaving on a train for Georgia this month and she would like to know all of us are thinking of her.

Rob Roy was available to continue to answer questions on propagation and selling.

Plants would be available for purchase.

Free plants and books were available up front on the right.

Maria asked all members to stay for elections of officers after the plant give away.

**After the Break:** The President reconvened the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

**Mini-show:** Nancy Veits announced the Mini-show winners, aided by Carol Knight. This month's plants were Cactus: *Gymnocalycium* and Succulent: *Pachypodium*. Nancy and Carol earned free plants.

The results will be published in the Society's newsletter, *Prickly News*, <http://southcoastcss.org/newsletters> and on our website at <http://southcoastcss.org/>.

**Dale LaForest** asked for information about a *Crassula ovata* left over from the Show and Sale and twenty pots that were left under a table at the last meeting.

**New members and guests:** Sally reminded us that the new year for membership starts in July. She thanked those who already renewed. Sally sent out e-mails with forms and also had them at the membership table to renew. She introduced five new members today: Pamela Broz, Roselyn Dear, Dee Dee Skjervem, Toni Luz and Karen Tanner.

**Birth month plants:** Maria offered Birth month plants for June. She suggested that the Golden Barrel Cactus would be perfect for hot-nailing.

**Door prize plants:** Helen Lu drew names while Maria announced the winners of the remaining free plants.

**Minutes approval:** The minutes of the May General Meeting, previously distributed, were approved and Maria thanked the Secretary.

### REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The speaker for July** was announced by Jade Neely: Ernesto Sandoval.

**July Mini-show** genera are: Cactus: *Lobivia* and *Echinopsis*; Succulent: *Sansevieria*. The Newsletter and the website have the plants of the month described with photos and is available at least two weeks before the meeting.

**CSSA Show and Sale:** Bill Wilk reminded us of the CSSA 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show and Sale at the Huntington Botanical Gardens at the end of the month. The category is open; they are not levelled. You need a Club badge and a ticket. Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> (sale and show plant set-up); Sale: Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am to 4:00 pm), July 1<sup>st</sup>. Show: Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at The Huntington, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino ([www.cssashow.com](http://www.cssashow.com)). Please drop off your plants for show on Thursday afternoon or Friday up to 4:00 pm. Friday at 5:00 pm will be judging of Show plants. Please remove your plants on Sunday after 5:00 pm. Sunday's dinner will be chili made by various members. If you lose your ticket, Bill will be at the Society table with an extra ticket on Saturday. A plant ticket is needed for each plant. Please fill them out ahead of time. Bill has extra plant tickets and green sheets with the Category numbers needed to complete the plant tickets.

**Election of Officers for 2018-2019.** Bob Caplan made an announcement for the Nominating Committee about voting for new Club Officers. The nominees were introduced (those present were called up front) before the Club vote: President, Maria Capaldo; Vice-President, M. A. Bjarkman; Treasurer, Bernard Johnson; 1<sup>st</sup> At-Large Board Member, David Hodgson; 2<sup>nd</sup> At-Large Board Member, Caitlin Rubia; 3<sup>rd</sup> At-Large Board Member, Clif Wong. Club members were given the opportunity to put their names in for one of these positions. A vote was taken for these nominees to become officers. They were elected unanimously by a vote of those present. Maria thanked the membership and those who have agreed to serve as officers.

**A mentorship for speaker coordinator** is being offered by Gary Duke. He said he has been planning speakers for a long time. If anyone would like to help him and Jade, he would like to start a mentorship for the next two years with a younger member.

### CONCLUDING MATTERS

The President thanked members who arrived early to set up the tables and chairs. She asked those who have time to please help stack the chairs and if they can, help put away tables. Maria asked members to please take back any leftover food in the kitchen and thanked those who brought food. The Board of Directors would be meeting in the classroom for distribution of books only. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm.

Submitted, Sue Wong, Secretary