

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, November 11, 2018

South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California

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Committee Members (Tasked):

Maria Blas, Refreshments
 Anita Caplan, Show and Sale Publicist
 Debby Hemingway, Refreshments Assistant
 Jade Neely, Speaker Co-coordinator
 Ann Nye, Monthly Publicist
 Jim Tanner, Mini-show Coordinator
 Laurel Woodley, Social Media

Attendance: 71 were in attendance.

President Maria Capaldo called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. in Frances Young Hall. She welcomed members and guests. She said in honor of celebrating Veteran's Day tomorrow, we would like to acknowledge all who have served in the Armed Forces. Those who served were asked to stand and received applause. She requested that everyone make sure that their cell phones were turned off.

Program: Jade Neely introduced today's speaker, Tom Glavich. Jade told us that Tom wrote "To the Point" in the CSSA Journal. Tom displayed his images and spoke on "Pelargoniums of Southern Africa." His photographs displayed beautiful images focusing on the small and sometimes brightly colored flowers. Differences in leaf shapes identified some of the shrubby succulents. Tom explained that when plants are propagated from seed, each flower displays a different pattern. When propagated as cuttings, each plant appears the same as the parent plant. The leaves and flowers of Pelargoniums vary from hot pink with strokes of darker color to almost mostly white with tiny markings. We saw images of flowers varying in size from 1-1/2" to a group of five that would fit on a penny. Tom's cultivation and propagation mix recipe is: 80% pumice to 20% potting mix. He also uses 100% pumice for tuberous cuttings (requires extra fertilization). You can find more information and photographs on his website: www.skyviewsucculents.com. At the end of Tom's talk, he was asked what he, as a judge, looks for in a show of Pelargoniums? He responded that he likes to see that they have been worked on, as in shaped up for Bonsai. He also says the tuber can be raised up slightly above the soil line for display and it is better to display Pelargoniums that are in flower. He believes the overall design of the plant and pot matters most.

Announcements before the break: Before we adjourned, Maria reminded us that there was a sign-up sheet for refreshments in the kitchen. She asked volunteers to put their names down if they brought refreshments. She thanked all who brought refreshments today. She told us there was also a sign-up sheet for the Pot Luck in December. If you know what you will bring, please list it. Maria announced that Jose Ramirez was chosen to help judge the Mini-show. Russell Richer was chosen to help M. A. pick names for free plants. Plants and pots were also available for purchase during the break and free plants were available on the table to our right.

After the Break: The President reconvened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Mini-show: Tom Glavich announced the Mini-show winners aided by Jose Ramirez and Jim Tanner. Maria thanked them afterward and offered Jose to choose a free plant for judging. This month's plants were: Cactus: North American Columnar Cacti and Succulent: *Senecio*.

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

Birth month plants: Maria offered Birth month plants for November.

Door prize plants: M. A. announced the winners of the remaining free plants, assisted by Russell Richer. Maria pointed out that there was *Manfreda* on the free table. She said it goes dormant in Winter and will keep a smaller size if potted.

Minutes approval: The minutes of the October Meeting, previously distributed, were approved.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

December Pot Luck will take place on Sunday, December 9th at noon in the hall. Food will be served at 12:30 pm. Ham and beef will be provided by the Club. Please bring some vegetarian dishes and label those that contain meat. After eating, prizes will be awarded to those who scored highest in the Mini-show. Also, please bring your Plants of the Year. They will be judged on who grew them best. Questionnaires on growing and care from the website will be collected. Volunteers are needed to set up and decorate tables. Phyllis DeCrescenzo has volunteered again to make the centerpieces. Water, coffee and tea will be provided. The event usually ends around 2:00 pm.

Auditing the Club books needs to be done by a couple of volunteers that will check Bernard's books by looking at checks and payments. M. A. and Martha Bjerke have volunteered.

The April 2019 Show and Sale is approaching. Carol Knight and Nancy Jengo will be collecting the names of volunteers. Most of our Club income comes from the Sale. Also, save your cuttings for the Club Sales Table if you are repotting plants at home.

Huntington Desert Forum at the Huntington Botanical Gardens will happen on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Wear your badge or see Sally for i.d. and you will be admitted for free. There will be access to the Huntington and the Cactus and Succulent Conservatory with docents.

Hof's Hut will be offering free pies for veterans on Monday, November 12th as reported by Jackie Johnson.

CONCLUDING MATTERS

The President adjourned the meeting at 3:30 and thanked all.

Submitted, Sue Wong, Secretary