

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, February 11, 2024

Board Members:

Maria Capaldo, President
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 Mike Short, Communications Committee Chair & Webmaster

Committee Members (Tasked):

Ann Nye, Monthly Publicist
 Terri Straub, Show & Sale Chair & Mini-Show Coordinator
 Laurel Woodley, Facebook
 Nancy Sams, Instagram
 Maria Capaldo, Newsletter Editor

There were 39 members in attendance. Vice President, Terri Straub, called the meeting to order at 1:28pm in the South Coast Botanic Garden Auditorium. She welcomed attendees to the meeting. She advised that the scheduling and location of the meeting would be different to allow the Garden to stage their Lunar New Year celebration in the Auditorium due to the wet conditions on the meadow. The meeting would adjourn to Classroom B after the presentation and the plant drawing would then be held, followed by a short business meeting.

Program:

Terri introduced our speaker Gary Duke who spoke on “Chile: More than Copiapoas.” Stefan Burger led a group of four people, including Gary, on a tour of the region. Plants ranged from very large to those that were almost undetectable as they were buried under the soil. Showy flowering Nolas and poppies were blooming at the time along with some succulents.

A short question and answer period followed his talk due to time constraints, which concluded at 2:26pm.

Announcements before the break by Terri:

Terri asked Sally Fasteau to pick two names from the sprinkling can: one to help judge and the other to assist with selecting names for the door prize plants. The volunteers selected free plants. She also reminded attendees that our next meeting will be on the third Sunday of the month.

Break-Reconvene:

Terri recessed the meeting at 2:26pm. Attendees moved to Classroom B for the conclusion of the meeting. It was reconvened at 2:27pm.

Brag table: None.

New members and guests: None.

Birth month plants: Members whose birthdays are in February were offered to select a free plant by Terri.

Door prize plants: Karen Yoshioka drew tickets for members to select a free plant and Sally announced the names of the winners.

February Mini-Show categories: Cactus: *Coryphantha*, *Escobaria* (all have been moved to *Pelecyphora*), *Acharagma*, *Cochemia*, *Sclerocactus* and Succulent: *Gasteria* and hybrids (this includes intrageneric hybrids).

The plants were judged by Gary Duke and assisted by John Nisenwaner with overseeing by Terri Straub. Winners in first, second and third place were awarded in novice, intermediate and open categories. The winners will be listed in our Newsletter and on our Website, along with photographs taken by Mike Short.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: Our next meeting is on the third Sunday of March, not the second Sunday.

Show and Sale: Terri will coordinate volunteers for our Show and Sale at our next meeting.

Reports: None.

Terri adjourned the meeting at 2:45pm.

Submitted by,

Debra Bushweit Galliani, Secretary