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SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER | DEC 2022



As the fiftieth year anniversary of our Society draws to a close, I would like to acknowledge members who have contributed in so many ways to our Society. Personal thanks go to the following:

Mike Short, for managing our Website, Events Calendar, his Photography of Mini Show plants, sending out communications to all the members, and setting up microphones at meetings.

Clif Wong, for the monthly Newsletter, designing our Show and Sale postcard, as well as the posters, signage and T shirts for the Show and Sale. He is now working remotely from Massachusetts which makes his contributions so worthy of our gratitude.

Debra Bushweit Galliani, for her work as Secretary, documenting and archiving minutes, revising Bylaws and Operating Procedures, and auditing the financial records with Bernard.

Sally Fasteau, our membership chair, for maintaining our membership directory, greeting members at meetings, and welcoming new members.

M.A. Bjarkman, for serving as Vice President, speaker coordinator and liaison to CSSA.

Terri Straub, for managing the Mini-Show, which involves tallying the Mini Show results at meetings and contributing information on the plants of the month in our Newsletter. She was the coordinator for the April 2022 Show and Sale, and is a Member at Large on the Board.

Bernard Johnson, for his meticulous work as Treasurer and help with setting up for meetings.

Jim Hanna, for supplying our monthly drawing and end of year prize plants, coordinating the vendors for the Show and Sale, and being the link with other clubs, setting up flyers and distributing information.

Gary Duke, for serving as member at large, procuring plants and being a great source of information.

Ann Nye, for publicity for our Show and Sale and monthly meetings.

Bob Caplan, for being the Nominating Committee in 2022.

Dennis Emerson, for his help in setting up and taking down our meetings and helping with membership table at meetings for Sally.

Laurel Woodley, for her photography, posting on Facebook for the Society and willingness to be a source of advice for our Mini-show and member questions.

Caitlin Rubia, for posting on Instagram.

Lou Hagemeyer, our CGCI liaison.

Bob De Crescenzo, for his help at setting up the meetings.

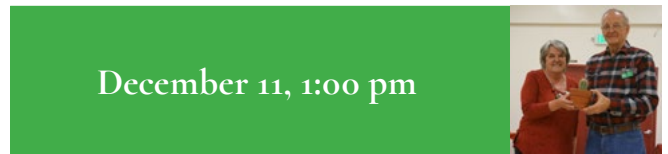
Cory Zedler, for his help at setting up the meetings.

I also thank **Braulio Mena**, for agreeing to get speakers, and his help at meetings, **Vincent Darmali**, and **Shane Mullen** for agreeing to be Members at Large on the Board.

There are so many tasks to keep our meetings running and to make our Show and Sale successful, so many of you have helped in some way. I thank you all for your contributions.

I look forward to see you at the Holiday Party, see the write up for more information.

I hope to see you there!
Maria E. Capaldo, President



“The 2022 SCCSS Holiday Gathering.”



Save the Date: South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale, April 15-16, 2023 at the PV Art Center



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Our Holiday Pot luck

Our Holiday Pot Luck will be held on Sunday, December 11th, our usual meeting date, at the South Coast Botanic Garden.

The festivities will start at **1PM in the Auditorium**. We will start set-up at 12 Noon. Anyone with a flair for decorating or arms to help with table and chair set up is encouraged to come at that time.

The Club will provide prime rib and ham, paper plates, cups, and plastic utensils. Coffee, tea and water will be available. You may bring your own drink if you want something else. Please bring a covered dish for small servings for 20 people. It can be a salad, casserole, side hot or cold dish or dessert. (please keep desserts to a minimum). Don't forget a serving utensil with your name on it. Please bring your food already heated or chilled. We are unable to warm things up in the kitchen.

We are asking everyone to please enter through the auditorium, not the kitchen. You may drop off your dish from your car at the kitchen if you need to do so. Entry to the garden is free for members or those bringing a guest. Adult guests will be permitted with a paid \$10 admission. Check in with Sally at the door. Please do not bring young children. If you are interested in bringing someone, please let Maria know by E-mail at minniecap@icloud.com.

Please also bring your 2022 "Annual Plant", *Fockea edulis* which you received at the March meeting. It will be fun to see how they did – dead or alive. Please also bring your form for how you grew your plant. This is available on the website and in this Newsletter. Everyone can pick up an "Annual Plant" for the 2023 contest.

The Mini-show winners will be announced and prize plants will be awarded to the people with the highest point totals. We will award to the highest 4-point total in each category. Thanks to all who participated in this interesting and educational activity.

After we adjourn, please pitch-in and help clean up. We expect to adjourn around 3:00 pm.





“The South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society 2022 Holiday Gathering”



Members and guests only: Our first Holiday gathering in 3 years will be held on Sunday, December 11th. The festivities will start at 1PM in the Auditorium. Awards will be given for the top winners of the Mini Show for the year. Please also bring your 2022 “Annual Plant”, *Fockea edulis*, which you received at our March meeting, which will be judged. Everyone can pick up an “Annual Plant” for the 2023 contest. It will be fun to see how they did – dead or alive. Please also bring your form for how you grew your plant. This is available on the website, in the Newsletter, and below.





SCSS Plant Of the Year 2022



Scientific Name:
Fockea edulis
Common Name:
Hottetot Bread
Family:
Apocynaceae
Place of Origin:
South Africa and Namibia

Description: A semi-deciduous perennial caudiciform succulent with long vining stems. Fockeas are [dioecious](#), so a male plant and a female plant are needed to produce seeds. The flowers are pollinated by fruit flies and the female plant produces grey-greenish seed pods called follicles. Seeds have long white filaments to assist in wind dispersal.

Care and Cultivation: A good plant for beginners as it is easy to cultivate and the water storing caudex takes on interesting shapes. Water weekly during the growing season and plant in well-draining soils. Growth slows down in the January – April period but the plant never goes into complete dormancy and always carries some leaves. Plants cannot tolerate more than occasional light frosts. In coastal SoCal they may be grown in full sun or partial shade. The caudex is partially or totally buried so when re-potting the caudex may be elevated to expose what was below ground.

Note: Seed grown and sown in June, 2020.

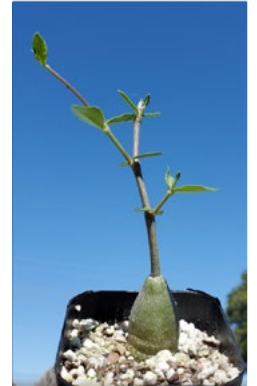




Plant of the Year Questionnaire

Fockea edulis

Please use **one** form per person and circle answers



1. **Where did you grow your plant? (circle an answer)**

- Full sun
- Partial shade, such as patio, under shade cloth, etc
- Full shade
- Full summer sun and partial shade during the winter

2. **Did the plant survive until Nov 2022?**

Yes / No

3. **Did you like the plant? If so, why did you like it or did not like it?**

Yes / No

Comment?

4. **Did the plant flower in your possession? Color?**

Yes / No

Comment?

5. **Did you repot it?**

Yes / No

Comment?

6. **What was the approximate watering schedule? (circle an answer)**

- Every 1–4 days
- About once/week
- About every other week
- About 1/month
- Never

7. **Did you fertilize? With what kind of fertilizer, and how much? (circle an answer)**

- Every watering
- Every other watering
- Once/month



Mini-Show Plant Calendar



Mini-Show Plants for 2023

December 2022	Holiday Potluck	Holiday Potluck
January 2023	Mammillaria straight spine (clumping)	Aloe
February 2023	Epiphytic Cactus	Haworthia, Astroloba
March 2023	Echinocactus	Agave, Manfreda, (inc. x Mangave)
April 2023	2023 SCCSS SHOW & SALE	2023 SCCSS SHOW & SALE
May 2023	Notocactus, Parodia	Euphorbia (not from Madagascar)
June 2023	Opuntia, Tephrocactus, Cyllindropuntia, Austrocylindropuntia	Cissus, Cyphostemma
July 2023	Melocactus	Bromeliaceae (other than Tillandsia)
August 2023	Astrophytum	Sedum, Pachyphytum, Sempervivum
September 2023	Ariocarpus, Obregonia	Adenium, Adenia
October 2023	Copiapoa	Graptopetalum, Graptoveria, Pachyveria
November 2023	Crested and Monstrose	Crested and Monstrose

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SCCSS Mini-Show November Winners

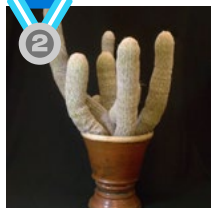
Open Cactus



1st: Jim Gardner
Oreocereus trollii



2nd: Maria Capaldo
Espostoa sp.



2nd: Jim Gardner
Espostoa lanata



3rd: Gary Duke
Oreocereus trollii

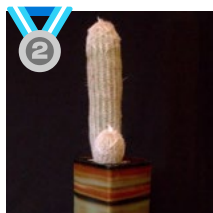


3rd: Maria Capaldo
Oreocereus trollii

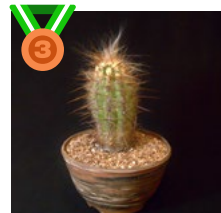
Intermediate Cactus



1st: Mike Short
Oreocereus trollii



2nd: Mike Short
Espostoa lanata



3rd: Bernard Johnson
Oreocereus pseudofossulatus



3rd: Bernard Johnson
Oreocereus trollii

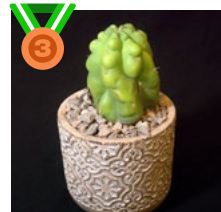
Novice Cactus



1st: Braulio Mena
Cleistocactus strausii 'Silver Torch'



2nd: Braulio Mena
Trichocereus spachianus



3rd: Gloria Diaz
Cereus repandus
(= *C. peruvianus*)
f. *monstruosus*



3rd: Gloria Diaz
Espostoa lanata



SCCSS Mini-Show November Winners

Open Succulent



1st: Phyllis DeCrescenzo
Pelargonium (White)



2nd: Jim Gardner
Tylecodon schaeferianus



2nd: Gary Duke
Tylecodon paniculatus



3rd: Gary Duke
Tylecodon stenocaulis



3rd: Jim Gardner
Tylecodon striatus

Intermediate Succulent



1st: Bernard Johnson
Pelargonium carnosum (=P. ferulaceum)

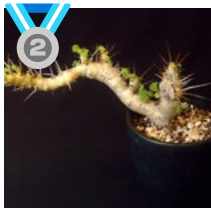


2nd: Bernard Johnson
Pelargonium carnosum
(=P. ferulaceum)

Novice Succulent



1st: Martin Dorsey
Tylecodon cacalioides



2nd: Martin Dorsey
Sarcocaulon herrei



3rd: Braulio Mena
Sarcocaulon vanderietiae



3rd: Martin Dorsey
Pelargonium appendiculatum



NOVEMBER

SCSS Mini-Show (NOVEMBER 13, 2022) Final Standings

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Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total	Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total
Bjarkman, M.A.	0	4	4	Caplan, Anita	2	4	6	Capaldo, Maria	40	50	90
Bjerke, Martha	2	12	14	Johnson, Bernard	26	71	97	DeCrescenzo, Phyllis	28	45	73
Blas, Maria	0	1	1	Johnson, Ted	0	8	8	Duke, Gary	59	32	91
Cottrell, Diane	0	6	6	Lott, Lemono	0	12	12	Gardner, Jim	10	41	51
Darmali, Vincent	8	6	14	Short, Mike	11	10	21	Hanna, Jim	0	4	4
Davis, Gretchen	1	1	2					Woodley, Laurel	2	12	14
Diaz, Gloria	4	6	10								
Dorsey, Martin	0	12	12								
Galliani, Debra	0	4	4								
Mena, Braulio	20	12	32								
Mori, Joyce	0	2	2								
Neely, Jade	0	1	1								
Nisewaner, John	0	12	12								
Straub, Terri	72	40	112								

Mini-Show Rules

Exhibitors must be club members and must be present at the meeting in order to receive points. One name representing the same household must be used unless plants are grown separately. Mini-show coordinator will be consulted if there is any question of entry identity.

Any container may be used, including plastic, as long as it is clean. All plants must be groomed and free of pests and disease.

There are two plant categories, "Cactus" and "Succulents". Up to three plants per individual may be entered in each category.

There are three entry classes: "Novice", "Intermediate" and "Open". Only members new to the hobby would be expected to be in the novice class.

After the November meeting, members' point totals will be reviewed by the Board of the Society. Novice members awarded more than 64 points or winning at least 6 first place awards will be asked to move to the Intermediate class in both categories. Intermediate Members awarded more than 64 points or winning at least 6 first place awards, will be asked to begin showing in the Open class.

All plants must be grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of six months for novice and intermediate and one year for open class. An individual plant may be entered only once a year

Scoring:

- First Place: 6 points
- Second place: 4 points
- Third place: 2 points

Placement: all entries that are not disqualified receive one point





SCCSS Membership Application

New and Renewing Members: You can either fill in the information on a computer then print, or print first then write in the information. Please sign after printing.

Make check payable to: **SCCSS**
Mail form and payment to: **Bernard Johnson,**
629 18th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Date mm/dd/yy:

Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Email Address: Phone:

Our membership year begins January 1 and ends December 31.

- \$20.00 Membership: Renewal or New Member
- Lifetime Member Honoree: No Charge
- I am a Member of CSSA – Cactus and Succulent Society of America

The above information will be included in our Membership Directory (for use by members only). If you wish to exclude any of the above information from the Directory, please indicate your exclusions here.

Do not publish my: Email Phone Address

SCCSS is a 501 3C organization. In addition to your dues you may make an optional charitable donation to support our philanthropic endeavors as well as the operating expenses of the organization. If you choose to do so, please indicate the amount _____. You will receive a donation receipt. Thank you.

I agree to have my information published in the Membership Directory with noted exceptions.

Signature Date: _____

Sally Fasteau, Membership Chair
sallyfasteau@cox.net
310-544-1313

ms-20220218

Date _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ Amount _____ Donation _____ Receipt _____

Upcoming Events

[Click here for Full List](#)



SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

December 11 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm PST
South Coast C&SS Holiday Gathering
2022 (members and their guests only)
South Coast Botanic Garden, Frances
Young Hall 26300 Crenshaw Blvd.,
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

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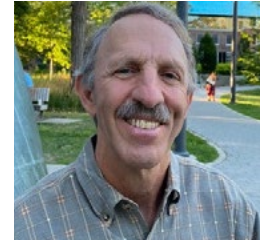


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Dylan Hannon
"Othonnas for the Collector"

January 8 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm PST

South Coast Botanic Garden,
Frances Young Hall
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.,
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA



SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

John Trager
"Huntington Happenings"

February 12 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm PST

South Coast Botanic Garden,
Frances Young Hall
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.,
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

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