

Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter

December 2017

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NEXT MEETING
Holiday Pot Luck
Sunday December 10, at 12:00 Noon



REFRESHMENTS

Thanks to those who helped in November:

Rose Arbuckle	Debbie Hemingway
M. A. Bjarkman	Lynda Johnson
Karin Cozzolino	Marilyn Rubin
Robert DeCrescenzo	Betty Saunders
Greg & Lisa Horn	Arlene Starkey

For December see HOLIDAY POTLUCK below.

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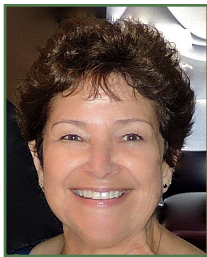
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am pleased that so many people attended our last meeting. Ernesto always gives a great presentation. Thanks to M.A. for running the meeting in my absence.

As the year ends, I would like to express my gratitude to all those in our Society that contribute to our meetings and Show and Sale. Our Society continues to grow, and the fact that so many members are involved really helps to make my job as President easier. I would personally like to acknowledge the following for their involvement:

- * **David Okihara** and **Dennis Emerson** for their help in setting up for our meetings.
- * **Jim Hanna** for bringing our give away and end of year plants, coordinating the vendors for the Show and Sale and being the link with other clubs, setting up flyers and distributing information.
- * **Jim Tanner** for coordinating the Minishow at meetings and contributing information on the plants of the month in our Newsletter.
- * **Mike Short** for setting up microphones at meetings and our wonderful Newsletter, Website, Calendar and Photography of plants.
- * **Gary Duke** for coordinating speakers, programs and end of year plants.
- * **Jade Nealy** for serving as co-coordinator of speakers and programs.
- * **Bernard Johnson** for his meticulous work as Treasurer.
- * **Sally Fasteau** for greeting members at meetings, maintaining our membership directory and welcoming new members.
- * **Sue Wong** for her work as Secretary, documenting and archiving minutes.
- * **M.A.** for serving as Vice President, and being so involved during the meetings.
- * **Laurel Woodley** for her photography and posting on social media for the Society.
- * **Carol Causey** for managing the kitchen during our meetings, the Show and Sale and holiday Potluck.
- * **David Hodgson** for helping Mike set up microphones during meetings and serving on the Board.
- * **Anita Caplan** for monthly and Show and Sale publicity.

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... **President's Message continued:**

- * **Cliff Wong** and **Jim Wood** for serving on the Board and contributing ideas.
- * **Heidi Husnak** and **Nancy Jengo** for coordinating the Annual Show and Sale.
- * **Phyllis** and **Robert DeCrescenzo** for their help during meetin set up and Phyllis for the decorations at the potluck.
- * **Dale La Forest** for his service as President these past ten years and for making the transition seamless.
- * **Lou Hagemeyer** and **William Wilk** for serving as liaisons.

* **Vendors** who sell plants and pots at our meetings.

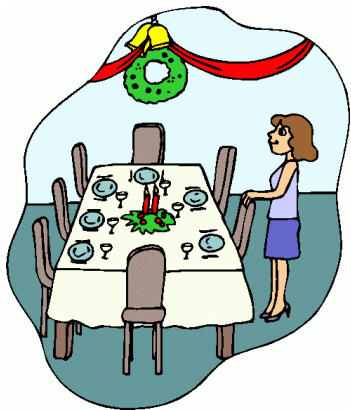
And thanks to all of you for your enthusiastic attendance and help in so many ways such as decorating, providing food, competing in the mini show, and stepping in when something needs to be done.

Thank you all for making this such a wonderful Society. I hope that even more of you will be so involved and help foster our goals of education, conservation, and "Learn Facts, Make Friends, and Have Fun!"

Maria E. Capaldo, President



ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK - Submitted by Maria Capaldo
December 10th, from Noon to 2 PM



Our annual Holiday Pot Luck will be held on Sunday, December 10th, our usual meeting date. The start time is noon. We will be in the auditorium. We will start set-up at 10:00 AM. Anyone with a flair for decorating or arms to help with table and chair set up is encouraged to come early. Any volunteers who have, please bring juniper for the tables. Phyllis has volunteered for the centerpieces.

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. Carol Causey is managing the kitchen. Check with Carol or the kitchen monitor when you bring your covered dish

for 8-12 people. It can be a salad, side hot or cold dish or dessert. Appetizers should be brought before noon so we have something to munch on during our social half hour. Don't forget a serving utensil. Please bring your food already heated or chilled, before 11:45. There really isn't time or the capacity to heat things up. The kitchen has one oven, one microwave, and a medium size refrigerator.



Please also bring your 2017 "Annual Plant", *Pachypodium lealii* subs. *saundersii*, which you received last December. This year's plants will be judged and everyone can pick up an "Annual Plant" for the 2018 contest. It will be fun to see how they did - dead or alive.

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.

We will also hold the drawing for 2 free memberships to CSSA for those who are interested and have not been members in the past.

After we adjourn, please pitch-in and help clean up. We expect to adjourn around 2:00 pm.



MINI-SHOW RESULTS - November 12, 2017

Open Cactus	1st	Laurel Woodley	<i>Copiapoa tenuissima f. monstruosa</i>
Open Succulent	1st	Jim Hanna	<i>Haworthia cymbiformis</i>
	2nd	Laurel Woodley	<i>Agave 'Snowglow'</i>
	2nd	Laurel Woodley	<i>Haworthia retusa f. variegata</i>
	3rd	Jim Hanna	<i>Agave applanata 'Cream Spike'</i>
	3rd	Jim Hanna	<i>Aloe nobilis</i>
Intermediate Cactus	1st	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Cereus peruvianus f. monstruosus</i>
	2nd	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Trichocereus f. monstruosa</i>
	2nd	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Opuntia f. monstruosa</i>
	3rd	Anita Caplan	<i>Mammillaria geminispina f. cristata</i>
	3rd	Anita Caplan	<i>Unknown crested</i>
Intermediate Succulent	1st	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Gasteraloe 'Ghost of Carlsbad'</i>
	2nd	Dale LaForest	<i>Sansevieria parva f. variegata</i>
	2nd	William Wilk	<i>Kalanchoe 'Aurora Borealis'</i>
	3rd	Anita Caplan	<i>Agave lophantha 'Quadricolor'</i>
	3rd	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Haworthia f. variegata</i>
Novice Cactus	1st	Terri Straub	<i>Cereus peruvianus f. cristatus</i>
	2nd	Bernard Johnson	<i>Unknown species crested</i>
	3rd	Russell Richer	<i>Cereus peruvianus f. cristatus</i>
Novice Succulent	1st	Bernard Johnson	<i>Agave filifera 'Shiro no Ohi'</i>
	2nd	David Hodgson	<i>Agave 'Kissho Kan'</i>
	2nd	Ted Johnson	<i>Agave isthmensis f. variegata</i>
	3rd	Bernard Johnson	<i>Agave applanata 'Cream Spike'</i>
	3rd	Jim Tanner	<i>Agave schidigera 'Shira ito no Ohi'</i>

[Click here for photos of the winning plants on our website](#)

SCCSS MINI-SHOW STANDINGS (as of November 12, 2017)

Open Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Capaldo, Maria	38	37	75
Duke, Gary	72	24	96
Gardner, Jim	19	46	65
Hanna, Jim		57	57
Woodley, Laurel	27	35	62

Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Caplan, Anita	20	15	35
DeCrescenzo, Phyllis	59	49	108
Knight, Carol	4		4
LaForest, Dale	24	9	33
Neely, Jade	11	8	19
Short, Mike	16	29	45
Wilk, William	56	72	128
Wood, Jim	9	7	16

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Bjarkman, M.A.	23	8	31
Bjerke, Martha		2	2
Fasteau, Sally	51	63	114
Hodgson, David		5	5
Hulett, Lupe	1		1
Johnson, Bernard	49	29	78
Johnson, Ted		17	17
Richer, Russ	2		2
Straub, Terri	13		13
Tanner, Jim	8	32	40
Unrine, Judy	2	5	7

[Click here to see the standings on our website](#)

Note that these are the final standings for 2017.

MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2018

	Cactus	Succulent
January	Mammillaria - Hooked Spines	Caudiciform (Beaucarnia, Calibanus, Dioscorea, Fockea, etc.)
February	Eriogyne, Neoptergeria, Neochilenia, Islaya	Crassula
March	Echinocereus	Gasteria and hybrids
April	SHOW & SALE	SHOW & SALE
May	Coryphantha, Escobaria, Acharagma	Dudleya, Cotyledon
June	Gymnocalycium	Pachypodium
July	Lobivia / Echinopsis	Sansevieria
August	Ferocactus, Leuchtenbergia	Stapeliads (Stapelia, Huernia, Orbea, etc.)
September	Discocactus, Uebelmania	Kalanchoe
October	Miniature (3in or less)	Miniature (3in or less)
November	North American Columnar (Saguaro, Cereus, etc.)	Senecio
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	HOLIDAY PARTY

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BOTANICAL GARDENS

DESERT FORUM

Saturday, 13 January 2018

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:00 - 9:45 **Registration**
Please bring your CSSA or affiliated club badge or membership card for admission. In order to receive free admission, you must arrive by 9:45. Late arrivers will need to pay for Huntington admission.
- 9:00 - 10:00 Coffee and doughnuts will be available in the lower part of the Desert Garden
- 9:00 - 11:00 **Desert Garden**
* Knowledgeable staff and docents will be stationed throughout the Desert Garden and Desert Conservatory.
* Aloes will be flowering
- 11:00 - 1:00 **Plant Sales - (exclusively for CSSA and club members)**
Gate opens by the Teaching Greenhouse at 11:00 for plant sales - *please, no early bird shopping, and no shopping after 1:00*. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted
- 1:00 - 5:00 **Free Time**
Participants are welcome to tour the gardens and galleries from 10:00 to 5:00.

Lunch:

- * The cafe in the visitor center features a variety of sandwiches, salads, and grilled items
- * The tea room at Liu Fang Yuan is an option for Asian food
- * The coffee shop by the Store offers a small selection of pre-made options

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY2017-2018

Board Members:

President	Maria Capaldo
Vice President	M.A. Bjarkman
Secretary	Sue Wong
Treasurer	Bernard Johnson
Communication Committee Chair	Mike Short
Finance Committee Chair	Jim Hanna
Membership Committee Chair	Sally Fasteau
Programs Committee Chair	Gary Duke
CGCI Liason	Lou Hagemeyer
CSSA Liason	Bill Wilk
Show and Sale Co-Chair	Heidi Husnak
Show and Sale Co-Chair	Nancy Jengo

At Large Board Members:

David Hodgson, Cliff Wong, Jim Wood

Committee Members (Tasked):

Publicity Coordinator	Anita Caplan
Refreshments Coordinator	Carol Causey
Speaker Co-coordinator	Gary Duke
Speaker Co-coordinator	Jade Neely
Mini-Show Coordinator	Jim Tanner

Other Positions:

Plant Man	Jim Hanna
Facebook	Laurel Woodley
Newsletter	Mike Short
Webmaster	Mike Short

! NOTICES !