

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, October 8, 2017

South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California

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Committee Members (Tasked):

Anita Caplan, Publicity Coordinator
 Carol Causey, Refreshments Coordinator
 Jade Neely, Speaker Co-coordinator
 Jim Tanner, Mini-show Coordinator

Attendance:

74 were in attendance.

President Maria Capaldo called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. in Frances Young Hall. She reminded everyone to add their names in the watering can for the free plant drawing. She asked Gary Duke to introduce the speaker.

Program: The Programs Committee Chair, Gary Duke, introduced speaker Tom Glavich, chairman of the Inter-City Show and Board member of CSSA. The topic of his presentation was “Euphorbias, a Survey and How to Grow Them.” He showed us beautiful photographs representing examples from the largest genus represented in cactus and succulent shows. He covered species by their region of origin, showing us unusual forms and different colored bracts. Tom also detailed the cultivation and propagation of these popular plants. Questions and answers followed his presentation.

Announcements before the break: The President thanked Tom Glavich for his presentation and asked Sally Fasteau to choose two names to help judge the Mini-show. She chose Phyllis DeCrescenzo and Connie Nettles.

Maria announced that two CSSA memberships will be given away at the holiday party. The names will be drawn at the party but the winners do not have to attend. Gary Duke explained some advantages of a CSSA membership such as four free journals per year and CSSA conservation and research grants for new hybrids. Maria said she learned a lot from reading their journals.

The President reminded us that we can purchase Tom Glavich’s book “*Beginners Guide to Gasteria, Haworthia, Agave and other Succulent Monocots*” from the CSSA website. He has also written many of our plant descriptions in our Club newsletter.

The President recessed the meeting at 2:40 p.m. for refreshments, plant sales, and the rest of the Mini-show judging.

After the Break: The President reconvened the meeting at 3:10 p.m. She introduced Tom Glavich to reveal the Mini-show winners. He was aided by Jim Tanner and Gary Duke. This month’s plants were Cactus: *Copiapoia* and Succulent: *Lithops* and *Conophytum*.

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

Brag table: The following plants were brought in: Nancy Mosher’s *Ariocarpus fissuratus* in flower; Rose Arbuckle’s *Sedum sieboldii* in full bloom; Bernard Johnson’s *Echinocereus scheeri*; Greg Horn’s *Tillandsia secunda*, a bare root that grows in rocks or wood chips.

New members, and guests: Membership Committee Chair Sally Fasteau introduced two new members, Todd Muilenburg and Carol Levi. They were invited to choose a free plant. Maria invited Phyllis DeCrescenzo and Connie Nettles to pick out a plant for helping to judge the Mini-show.

Birth month plants: Maria invited all members with an October birthday to pick out a free plant.

Door prize plants were drawn for by Phyllis DeCrescenzo and the names were read by Marilyn Rubin.

Minutes approval: The minutes of the September General Meeting, previously distributed, were approved with a spelling correction.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Programs Committee: The November Mini-show categories were announced by the President. Cactus: Crest and Monstrose. Succulent: Variegated.

Jade Neely announced the November 12 speaker will be Ernesto Sandoval. His topic is “Propagation of Cacti and Succulents.” He will bring plants for sale.

President: We were reminded that Mini-show plants should be potted as one plant, not multiples. It is alright to pot a plant with pups or rhizomes attached to it.

The Board discussed the CSSA membership drawing during their meeting last month. The Board will be donating \$1,000 to the CSSA Endowment Fund so that matching funds from a gift program will be added.

Sally Fasteau has new name badges available for members who haven’t picked them up yet.

Maria received a thank-you letter from the CSSA for the \$2,000 donation to the Convention Speakers Fund.

The November meeting will be held on November 12 which is the 2nd Sunday. The meeting will be in the Frances Young Hall.

Events: Member Greg Horn will hold a plant sale at his home on October 21 and 22 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. More information is on the SCCSS Website.

Treasurer: Bernard Johnson gave his Treasury Report.

CONCLUDING MATTERS

The President adjourned the meeting at 3:50 pm.

Submitted,

Sue Wong, Secretary