

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, March 11, 2018

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: 77 were in attendance.

President Maria Capaldo called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in Frances Young Hall. She welcomed all and expressed thanks for the rain that gave us a respite from having to water our gardens. Club members were reminded to sign in and put a raffle slip in the sprinkling can. While the projector was being set up, she told us that is a new one, purchased by the Club. Our speaker today is Jeff Moore, owner of Solana Succulents in San Diego and author of a new book "Soft Succulents." Jeff will be available throughout the meeting for purchase and signing.

Program: Jeff Moore explained how he started writing his new book "Soft Succulents," about "pretty, glorious, colorful stuff." He showed us beautiful photo after photo of non-spiny plants, displaying some of them in potted arrangements, on chairs, in wreaths and in the ground. The best thing is that most of these plants do well in our native habitat of Southern California. His other two books are: "Under the Spell of Succulents" and "Aloes & Agaves." You can visit his nursery "Solana Succulents" in Solana Beach on Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Maria announced that Jeff Moore will be selling and signing books during the break.

Annual Show and Sale: Maria began going over the schedule for the Show and Sale. Set up will be at 12:00 noon on Friday, April 6. This is the time we will need folks to help with setting up tables, bringing in plants for the Society's sale table to be labelled and priced. Maria and Bill Wilk will be pricing plants. Also, help is needed with the display table set up. We will be awarding prizes for the display tables in two categories: specimen plants (usually 8-10 per table) with identification, or artistic, which can be art or artistic plants. The round six-foot table will be used for the displays and will require a cover. The public will vote on Saturday for the best tables and certificates will be awarded to the winners, the money to be used to purchase items only from the Society's Show and Sale. First place, \$60.00; second place, \$40.00; third place, \$20.00. We will also have a Society Show table to bring in your specimen plants. Up to four points toward the Mini-show total will be awarded for plants brought or for a display table. Plants on display will remain until 4:00 pm on Sunday. For those who help set up on Friday, it will be a time to preview the vendor's offerings and although no plants can be purchased on Friday, you may hold plants to purchase on Saturday. The doors open at 9:00 am on both sale days, Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8 and morning workers are expected to arrive by 8:30 am to be oriented to their tasks. On Saturday and Sunday, there will be lunch served for the vendors and volunteers and we ask Society members to bring in side dishes for potluck. Food dishes can be stored overnight. Please bring in dishes that don't need refrigeration or reheating. We don't need them in fancy bowls. Heidi asked members to sign up for general hosting duty. She also asked for room temperature food dishes. The Kid's Planting Station needs cuttings for 3" to 4" pots. Please bring them Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning. Anita Caplan asked members to see her if they wanted more postcards advertising the Show and Sale. There is no designated parking for volunteers but they can park

in the side of the lot closest to the kitchen back door. There are no other events scheduled for the weekend like there was last year.

Announcements before the break: Maria announced that Lisa Mori will help Jeff Moore judge the Mini-show. Jackie Bouvier will help M.A. by picking names for free plants. Please collect newspapers and boxes and drop them off for the April Show and Sale. Maria asked members to rejoin us at 3:00 pm after the break.

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

Mini-show: Jeff Moore announced the Mini-show winners, aided by Jim Gardner. This month's plants were Cactus: *Echinocereus* and Succulent: *Gasteria* and hybrids.

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: Jim Gardner displayed his 20 year old *Euphorbia fruticosa*, fragrantly blooming in time for our meeting.

New members, and guests: Warren Koga joined our Club this month. Maria stated that anyone joining now will have their annual fee applied to their 2018-2019 membership (begins in June) and will enjoy a free membership for the rest of this 2017-2018 period.

Birth month plants: Members with a March birthday chose their free plants.

Door prize plants: Jackie Bouvier drew names for M.A. to announce the winners of the remaining free plants.

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

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Mini-show genera are: Cactus: *Coryphantha*, *Escobaria*, *Acharagma*; Succulent: *Dudleya*, *Cotyledon*. The Newsletter and the website have the plants of the month described with photos and is available at least two weeks before the meeting.

The speaker for May was announced by Jade Neely. Brian Gold from the Sunset Succulent Society will talk about how to identify cactus. We will play a game and his presentation will feature his photography skills.

Carol Causey will be having a plant sale at her home on March 17-18. She has been a collector for more than forty years and she has lots of plants to sell. See our website for address and times. All other events are listed under the events tab, and then go to the list view for details of the events. If you want to go early, call her for an appointment.

Upcoming Orchid Sale, Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society Sale and a Succulent Symposium (Waterwise Botanicals). Please see the Club website under the events tab/list view to get the details.

The South Bay Bromeliad Associates Spring Sale was announced by Ted Johnson. The sale is on Saturday, March 24 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The sale is at Live Arts Landscapes nursery, 1329 W 130th Street, Gardena, CA 90247. The sale will feature plants from member's collections.

Call for kitchen help during meetings: Maria asked for help with two positions in the kitchen setting up coffee and utensils and putting them away afterwards. Volunteers need to come to the kitchen before 1:00 pm to set up and clean up occurs after the break. M.A. suggested it would be more fun for a group of two or three to work together.

T-shirts for sale. Maria displayed the new club t-shirts we will be offering for sale. She thanked Clif Wong for the design and David Hodgson for the idea and coordinating the printing. Sizes available are M, XL and XXL. David can order more if there are a lot of requests. We still need to set a price. There will also be aprons for sale at the Show as well. Please wear your aprons to work at the Show if you have them.

The Spring Plant Sale at South Coast Botanic Garden was announced by Laurel Woodley. It occurs on March 24 at 7:00 am to 9:00 am for members only and 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for members and the general public.

New Club Officers can be nominated for the 2018-2019 year. The Nominating Committee is headed by Jim Gardner and Bob Caplan. Please tell them if you are interested or if you hold a position and wish to continue. Nominees will be announced in May for a vote to be taken in June.

CONCLUDING MATTERS

The President adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm.

Submitted, Sue Wong, Secretary