

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, May 13, 2018

South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California

Board Members:

Maria Capaldo, President
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 Nancy Jengo, Show and Sale Co-Chair

Committee Members (Tasked):

Anita Caplan, Show and Sale Publicist
 Jade Neely, Speaker Co-coordinator
 Ann Nye, Monthly Publicist
 OPEN, Kitchen Coordinator
 Jim Tanner, Mini-show Coordinator

Attendance: 55 were in attendance.

President Maria Capaldo called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. in Frances Young Hall. She welcomed all and wished us a Happy Mother's Day. She thanked all who helped with the Show and Sale last month, especially Heidi and Nancy for co-chairing. Next year we will need a new Chairman, if anyone would like to volunteer.

Program: Jade Neely introduced today's speaker, Brian Gold, from the Sunset Cactus and Succulent Society. He got interested in plants at age 13 and still has some of his originals. He works in an operating room and has been a photographer for years. The name of his presentation was "Que es la Planta/Que es la Flor" (Name that Plant). It was an interactive slide show made specifically for our Club. He displayed his close-up photos of flowers, foliage and the plants themselves. Unique forms, leaf textures, stamens and seed pods all blown up on the large screen. After showing his photos and a small break, we all participated in a game show—a 15 slideshow quiz of "Name that Plant." A second tie-breaker quiz followed. Gary Duke won 1st prize and Terry Straub won 1st prize in the Novice category. They each chose a framed photo by Brian.

Announcements before the break: Maria asked Sally to pick 2 names from the can. Ann Nye was chosen to help Brian judge the Mini-show and Clif Wong was chosen to help M. A. draw names for free plants. Maria thanked Karin Cozzolino for potting and bringing in Aloe plants and Lynda Johnson for contributing Agaves for the free plant drawing. Plants were available for purchase during the break. Free plants and CSSA journals were available also. We adjourned for 15 minutes.

After the Break: The President reconvened the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Mini-show: Brian Gold announced the Mini-show winners, aided by Jim Tanner. This month's plants were Cactus: *Coryphantha*, *Escobaria acharagma* and Succulent: *Dudleya*, *Cotyledon*.

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

New members, and guests: Seventeen new members joined the Club. Sally introduced the three who were attending today: Suzanne Sover, Kate Sover and Jane Allen. Sally reminded us that membership renewals start in June. She asked members to print their renewal forms from the Club website, if possible.

Birth month plants: Maria thanked Sally for her work and offered Birth month plants for April and May.

Brag Table: Maria asked if anyone left a plant on the Show and Sale Society table. Dale showed his *Crassula ovata* (it may be a “Crosby’s Compact.” Dale had another plant for identification: *Senecio barberton*.)

Door prize plants: Clif Wong 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

T-shirts for sale: Maria asked if anyone is interested in purchasing Club t-shirts. Orders will be taken by size and will be ordered if there is enough interest. She acknowledged David Hodgson for suggesting and overseeing the project and Clif Wong for designing the front image. Three members stood up and modelled them.

The speaker for June was announced by Jade Neely. Rob Roy MacGregor will present “Alternative Ways to Propagate Cacti and Succulents.” He will also be bringing plants to sell.

June Mini-show genera are: Cactus: *Gymnocalycium*; Succulent: *Pachypodium*. The Newsletter and the website have the plants of the month described with photos and is available at least two weeks before the meeting.

Carol Causey has been a collector and member of our Society since the early 70’s. She will be moving out of the area in June. Due to illness, she is not able to come to the meetings to say farewell. However, she welcomes anyone who wants to visit to say goodbye--just call first. She will be receiving newsletters at her new address in Georgia which will be published with the roster in case anyone wants to keep in touch. Maria will be writing a tribute to her in the next Newsletter.

Anita Caplan was thanked by Maria for all her publicity work for the monthly meetings as well as the Show and Sale. Anita will continue to publicize the Show but her monthly duties will be taken over by Ann Nye. If you have any publications or sites that you would like to see our information published in, please let Ann know. Maria thanked Ann for agreeing to be our monthly publicist.

California Garden Club is having their annual convention to be held June 4-7 at Tuolumne, CA. If anyone is interested in attending and needs registration information, please see Maria or Lou Hagemeyer.

CSSA National Show: Laurel Woodley announced the CSSA 53rd Annual Show and Sale. We can bring plants to show. The category is open; they are not levelled. You need a Club badge and a ticket. Laurel has tickets and brochures. Sale: Friday, June 29th-30th, July 1st. Show: Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at The Huntington, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino (www.cssashow.com). All affiliate Clubs are getting the same information but only our Club and the Sunset Club live along the coast, maybe giving an advantage for certain Show plants. Plants must be in on Friday. It is a great opportunity to meet other Clubs. Saturday is also the annual meeting of CSSA. Club members are welcome to come. There will be a dinner and research awards will be given. There will be an auction with all proceeds going to the CSSA Research Fund. Maria will put the information in the Club newsletter.

The Nominating Committee for new officers, consisting of Jim Gardner and Bob Caplan, have completed their task for the upcoming year. Since neither of them were able to attend the meeting, Maria read the slate of officers that we will vote on next month. This will also be listed in the newsletter. SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019: President—Maria Capaldo; Vice-President—M. A. Bjarkman; Secretary—Sue Wong; Treasurer—Bernard Johnson; 1st At-Large Board Member: David Hodgson; 2nd At-Large Board Member: Caitlin Rubia; 3rd At-Large Board Member—Clif Wong. Maria also asked that anyone interested in putting their names in for one of these positions should come forward or notify her or the Nominating Committee.

The Vice-President made a few announcements: There will be a one hour CSSA meeting with the Board on Saturday from 5:00-6:00 pm on the weekend of the CSSA Show and Sale.

The Long Beach Cactus Club Show and Sale is next weekend from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be potters, plants and displays.

M. A. said we will all miss Carol’s presence in the kitchen. She asked for two members to take charge of the kitchen duties. She said it will not interfere with listening to the meeting.

CONCLUDING MATTERS

The President thanked members who arrived early to set up the tables and chairs. She asked those who have time to please help stack the chairs and if they can, help put away tables. The Board of Directors would be meeting in the classroom as soon as the chairs and tables were put away. Members were welcome to attend. Maria adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Submitted, Sue Wong, Secretary