

## **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, August 12, 2018**

South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California

#### **Board Members:**

Maria Capaldo, President  
 M. A. Bjarkman, Vice-president  
 Bernard Johnson, Treasurer  
 Sue Wong, Secretary  
 David Hodgson, At-large Board Member  
 Caitlin Rubia, At-large Board Member  
 Clif Wong, At-large Board Member  
 Gary Duke, Programs Committee Chair & Speaker  
 Co-coordinator  
 Sally Fasteau, Membership Committee Chair  
 Jim Hanna, Finance Committee Chair & Plant Man  
 Mike Short, Communications Committee Chair,  
 Newsletter Editor & Webmaster

Lou Hagemeyer, CGCI Liaison  
 Carol Knight, Show and Sale Coordinator  
 William Wilk, CSSA Liaison

#### **Committee Members (Tasked):**

Maria Blas, Refreshments  
 Anita Caplan, Show and Sale Publicist  
 Debby Hemingway, Refreshments Assistant  
 Jade Neely, Speaker Co-coordinator  
 Ann Nye, Monthly Publicist  
 Jim Tanner, Mini-show Coordinator  
 Laurel Woodley, Social Media

**Attendance:** 75 were in attendance.

President Maria Capaldo called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in Frances Young Hall. She welcomed members and guests to the meeting. She asked Jade to introduce our speaker, Woody Minnich, nursery owner and CSSA Board member. Woody was unavailable at the moment so Jade announced that there were flyers on the table for the Long Beach auction and information on Gary Duke's Open Yard. While waiting for Woody, Maria talked about Carol Causey's move to Georgia. There was an address to write her on the table. She is now in western Georgia in a small town and would love to hear from members. Also, more about Gary's Open Yard Sale of his plants. He has done some additional hardscaping and landscaping to his property and will have wonderful plants for sale. It runs from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. The address is in the Club Newsletter. The telephone number is incorrect but it is correct on the hand out. Sally drew Rosemarie Murphy's name to help Woody later with judging the Mini-show and Luda Kuprenas's name to help later with the free plant drawing. Maria reminded members to put their names in the sprinkling can for the free plant drawing.

*"And now heere's Woody..."*

**Program:** Today's speaker, Woody Minnich, thanked us for inviting him. As a national CSSA Board member, he said they work toward the conservation of cacti and succulents, some of which are endangered in their natural settings. We need to do what we can to support nurseries. His presentation was entitled "The New, Rare and Seldom Seen Cacti and Other Succulents of Mexico." Mexico is his favorite place to see and photograph cacti. In a fifty year span, many area changes have taken place and some haven't changed. Woody showed us stunning photos of what's new and what's gone. He explained about local communities called "ejidos" which were set up by the Mexican government to help monitor plant habitats. This alliance has helped lead to the poaching of plants by communities trying to use them to supplement their incomes. They also supplement their earnings by charging tourists to photograph plants in their native settings—500 pesos seemed to be the going rate and the running joke among Woody and his friends. Mining is also stripping the landscape of plants. Woody supports tweaking laws and hiring border security plant specialists to help protect from the removal of cactus and succulents from their native areas. Woody is a gifted photographer, displayed in his pictures of mammillarias, echeverias and other beautiful and some rare plants. Many were extremely detailed and only the size of a quarter. Sadly, many of these plants are now gone from their native sites. As a teacher, Woody said he loves to educate people so they will know about these amazing plants. You can email him at [cactusdata@msn.com](mailto:cactusdata@msn.com).

**Announcements before the break:** Maria thanked Woody. She reminded members that there is a sign-up sheet for refreshments in the kitchen and thanked all those who brought refreshments today. Maria said plants would be available for purchase during the break. Free plants were available on the right. Please feel free to leave suggestions at the table where the box is. She will welcome any ideas to improve meetings for members.

**After the Break:** The President reconvened the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

**Mini-show:** Woody Minnich announced the Mini-show winners, aided by Rosemarie Murphy and Jim Tanner. This month's plants were Cactus: *Ferocactus* and *Luechtenbergia* and Succulent: *Stapeliads*.

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:** Maria said we should come up to the table later and see the photos of the new *Aztekium* in flower. Jim Gardner showed off his 40 year old *Cochemia posegeri* with its striking red flowers.

**New members and guests:** Sally introduced new member Michael Cozzilino. New members were invited to choose their free plants.

**Birth month plants:** Maria offered Birth month plants for August.

**Door prize plants:** Rosemarie was invited to choose a free plant for helping out earlier. Luda received a free plant for drawing names for door prizes. Maria announced the winners of the remaining free plants.

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

#### REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The speaker for September** was announced by Maria. Peter Breslin will be speaking on "Desert Island Rarities: Endemics of the Bahia Magdalena Archipelago, Baja California Sur." The topics are his current research and how to preserve rare species in Southern California.

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

**Huntington Succulent Plants Symposium:** Laurel Woodley reminded us about the Symposium on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Information is in the Newsletter. The Labor Day Symposium has very interesting speakers: Derek Tribble, Lucas Majure, Jeff Moore, Bongani Ntloko, John Trager, and Cathy Babcock. The fee is \$85.00. Lunch will be provided. You can buy plants. Reimbursement for registration is available. There is a total of \$250.00 which will be divided equally among those who have registered. Please submit proof of registration to Bernard, our Treasurer.

**The Begonia Club Show** was announced by Ted Johnson. It takes place two weeks from yesterday here in the auditorium.

**Show and Sale Chair:** Carol Knight has volunteered to coordinate the Show and Sale. Maria thanked Carol for stepping forward.

**Kitchen Coordinator:** Maria Blas will be the new Coordinator. The President said we still need people to help in the kitchen on a monthly basis. Anyone who can help is appreciated.

#### CONCLUDING MATTERS

The President said there was a suggestion to move our next August meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday because of the Intercity Show and Sale. She reminded us that the Show can also be attended on Saturday and there will be no need to change the dates of our future August meetings. She thanked members who arrived early to set up the tables and chairs. She asked to please help stack the chairs and if possible, help put away tables. There will be no Board of Director's meeting today. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Submitted, Sue Wong, Secretary