

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, February 10, 2019

South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California

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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: 85 were in attendance.

Show and Sale: The speaker was delayed by traffic. President Maria Capaldo called the meeting to order at 1:25 pm and talked about the Show and Sale while he set up. Due to scheduling issues, the Club Show and Sale will be held on April 6th and 7th with set-up on the 5th at 1:00 pm. No pre-sale will occur as our usual practice. A Society display table will be available and members are invited to bring their prize or favorite succulent and cactus plants to show off. Please have them free of pests with clean pots ready for show. It would help if you have a plant name, at least a genus. Name tags will be available. It also helps to put your name on tape on the bottom of the plant so it will be returned to you at the end of the Show if you forget. You may bring them on Friday or early on Saturday morning.

In addition, six-foot round tables will be available for those who wish to have either a specimen plant or an artistic display. Bring a tablecloth to cover the table. Voting will take place for the people's choice for each category of table and prizes will be awarded. In addition, you will receive a Mini-show point for each plant up to four for display plants or four points for a display table.

The old postcards have the old date and we have new ones with the correct date. If anyone has signed up and can't make the first weekend, please see Nancy. Anita asked us not to throw away any old postcards. Bring them to the March meeting or change the dates by hand.

Nancy Jengo announced that we still need volunteers for the Show. We need someone to stand around for questions, tag pullers, the Society Show Table (1:00 pm on Friday to put on tablecloths) and early on Saturday to finish setting up. Maria said there was an explanation of jobs on the table. Carol Knight has forms to set up your own table for Artistic or Specimen Plant Display.

Program: Gary Duke introduced today's speaker, Guillermo Rivera. A Florida resident, he gives tours all over the world. Gary took his trip to Baja, where Guillermo was able to pinpoint the exact location of a rare barrel cactus, practically wiped out of existence. Guillermo treated us to a photographic tour: "Crossing the Andes: A Journey Through Argentina and Chile." There were close-up photos of cacti plus beautiful shots of mountain landscapes. He has been giving tours for nineteen years and has a degree in Botany. Check out his website: www.PlantExpeditions.com. His website contains pictures from more recent trips.

Announcements before the break: Before we adjourned, Maria thanked Guillermo for his presentation and then asked Sally to draw names of members to help judge the Mini-show (Karen Yoshioka) and choose names for free plants (Martha Bjerke) after the break.

After the Break: The President reconvened the meeting at 3:12 p.m. She asked all who brought food refreshments today to write their names on the kitchen list so they can be acknowledged. Also, please see the list in the kitchen for the Show and Sale Potluck.

Mini-show: Guillermo Rivera announced the Mini-show winners, aided by Martha Bjerke and Jim Tanner. This month's plants were: Cactus: *Stenocactus*, *Echinofossulocactus* and Succulent: *Euphorbia* from Madagascar.

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: M. A. displayed her *Sinningia cardinalis*, bursting out with red blooms.

New members and guests: Sally announced that two new members joined this month but wished not to be introduced.

Birth month plants: Maria wished all a Happy Valentine's Day and offered Birth month plants for February.

Door prize plants: M. A. offered plants to Karen and Martha for helping and then announced the winners of the remaining free plants, assisted by Martha.

Minutes approval: The minutes of the January meeting, previously distributed, were approved.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Programs Committee: Gary Duke announced the March program: Rob Skillin—"Kenya, Land of Tropical Succulents." March Mini-show genera: Cactus: *Thelocactus*; Succulent: *Aeonium* and *Greenovia*.

Audit: Martha Bjerke helped perform an audit of our books and assured us everything is in accordance with Club bylaws.

CSSA Convention: The dates for the CSSA Convention are July 17-20, in San Luis Obispo and the theme is "Succulents, Conserving our Treasures." This is a biennial meeting during which there will be excellent speakers from all over the world, plant and pottery vendors, a live and silent auction, a local sales area reception and a banquet. Please go to the website: <http://cssaconvention.com> for information and to register. It is for CSSA members only. Registration forms are on the literature table.

The Bromeliad Spring Sale on Saturday, March 9, 2019 was announced by Ted Johnson. Sponsored by the South Bay Bromeliad Society, the hours are from 10:00 am to 3:00 PM. It will be held at Live Art Landscapes Inc, 1329 W 130th Street, Gardena, CA 90247.

CONCLUDING MATTERS

Vice President M. A. Bjarkman asked how many members went to the Desert Forum? It occurs one day a year and allows members of the local Clubs to come for the day for free to the Huntington. Look out for it next year during the Martin Luther King Day weekend (Saturday).

Maria thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 3:50 pm.

Submitted, Sue Wong, Secretary