

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 12, 2019

South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California

Board Members:

Maria Capaldo, President
 M. A. Bjarkman, Vice-president
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Mike Short, Communications Committee Chair,
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Lou Hagemeyer, CGCI Liaison
 Carol Knight, Show and Sale Coordinator
 William Wilk, CSSA Liaison

Committee Members (Tasked):

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

Attendance: 53 were in attendance.

Maria Capaldo called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. She thanked everyone who volunteered for our annual Show and Sale.

Program: Jade Neely introduced speaker Ernesto Sandoval. He spoke about “The Inside and Outside of Cactus and Succulents.” He explained what these plants have and do on the inside and the outside to help protect them from the elements.

Announcements before the break:

M.A. Bjarkman reported that Gary James from the Long Beach Cactus Club will lead another trip to Baja for whale watching next March 9—15. Let M.A. know if you are interested.

Maria Capaldo recessed the meeting at 2:40 for refreshments.

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

Mini-show: Gary Duke announced the Mini-show winners. This month’s plants were: Cactus: Dish garden and Succulent: Dish garden.

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

Maria thanked the judges, Gary Duke and Joyce Mori.

New Members: Sally Fasteau announced five new members: Nancy Sams, Francine Hope, Kris Kritz, Aya Youssefzadeh and Coty Zedler and let them choose their free plants.

Birth month plants: Members with April and May birthdays chose their free plants.

Door prize plants: M. A. drew names aided by Jacob Youssefzadeh to announce the winners of the remaining free plants.

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

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Programs Committee: The June Mini-show genera are: Cactus: *Rebutia*, *Aylostera*, *Sulcorebutia*, *Weingartia* and Succulent: *Echeveria*. The speaker for the June meeting will be Gary Duke talking about “Landscaping and Microclimate for Small Yards.” He has written a book based on his experiences setting up his gardens. The book will be available at the meeting.

The Long Beach Cactus Club will be holding their Show and Sale on May 18--19th from 9--1 p.m. at Rancho Los Alamitos in Long Beach.

Kal Kaminer is opening his nursery in San Fernando Valley on the 18th—19th of May also. Maria has more information for those interested.

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, live and silent auction, local sales area reception and banquet. Please go to <http://cssaconvention.com> for information and to register.

The Huntington Show and Sale is June 28—30.

NEW BUSINESS

Maria asked for volunteers to help in the kitchen. Ana MacKenzie volunteered to help clean up today.

Mike Short, our Newsletter Editor, has asked to be replaced. Maria would like anyone with good computer skills and a talent for editing to come forward as our new editor. Mike has also been our Website manager and due to other projects he is pursuing, needs to step down as editor. Please consider volunteering for this. Mostly, it is formatting the articles and photos that are submitted by others into a template format that Mike has created.

Maria has asked Bob Caplan, Jim Gardner and Lynda Johnson to be on the Nominating Committee to elect Board members for the upcoming year. Positions that exist are a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three At-large Board members. All of the present Board members have agreed to continue on in their position, except for Caitlin Rubia who has moved up North, so we do need one At-large Board member. The purpose of the At-large members is to represent the General membership at Board meetings. The Board meetings are generally held after the General meetings about five times a year on average based on any decisions that need to be made for the Society. We will have election of officers at the next meeting, but this is an opportunity to volunteer to put your name on the list.

CONCLUDING MATTERS

Maria adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted, Terri Straub