

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, July 14, 2019

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
 Terri Straub, At-large Board Member
 Clif Wong, At-large Board Member & Newsletter Editor
 Gary Duke, Programs Committee Chair & Speaker
 Co-coordinator
 Sally Fasteau, Membership Committee Chair
 Lou Hagemeyer, CGCI Liaison
 Jim Hanna, Finance Committee Chair & Plant Man

Carol Knight, Show and Sale Coordinator
 Mike Short, Communications Committee
 Chair & Webmaster
 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: 77 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 and our guest speaker and said we would break for refreshments after the presentation and there would be a business meeting for Board members afterwards.

Program: Gary Duke introduced today's speaker, Attila Kapitany. Gary said it is a real treat to have his good friend and nationally known speaker from Australia come today. Attila thanked his host, M. A. Bjarkman and began his presentation: "Botanical Gardens from Australia, A Tour Through My Eyes..." He and his wife love walking Botanic Gardens here and in Australia. They met and married in an Australian Garden and their photographs show their appreciation for plants and wildlife that live there. He showed a series of photos displaying the progress of a newly planted area in the Royal Gardens. "Botanic Gardens are significant to me because they bring me closer to nature." We saw Banyan trees with aerial roots reaching to the ground; palm trees with huge, dangerous spines up to 20 centimeters long; water lilies with puncturing spines and climbing succulents up in the tree canopy. "Botanic gardens are places where the imagination grows." Videos from Attila's talk can be found at www.australiansucculents.com.

Announcements before the break: Maria thanked Attila and asked Sally to pick two names from the can, one to help judge (Dale La Forest) and the other to assist with names for the free plants (Jim Gray). Maria thanked those who brought in refreshments today and M. A. for making the coffee. M. A. announced that Attila brought booklets for sale about Australian plants. Maria announced a fifteen minute break.

After the Break: Maria reconvened the meeting at 2:50 p.m. She reminded us that there were give-away plants on the table to the right.

Mini-show: Attila Kapitany announced the Mini-show winners, aided by Jim Tanner. This month's plants were: Cactus: *Matucana*, *Oroya* and Succulent: *Mesembs* (not *Lithops* or *Conophytums*).

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: Gary Duke displayed his *Austrocylindropuntia vestita* which grows in Bolivia at an elevation of 9,000 to 10,000 feet. The blooms stay open from morning until noon.

Bernard Johnson showed his *Gasteria* hybrid, salvaged from Maria's discarded clippings. It has been potted for a year and is full of pups, planted in potting soil and receiving high humidity with a dome over it.

New Members: Sally Fasteau introduced new members: Wendy Lavis and Matt Straup. Sally thanked those who have renewed their memberships and reminded those who need to renew that forms are available.

Birth month plants: Maria invited Jim Gray and Dale La Forest to choose their plants. Members with July birthdays were invited to choose their plants.

Door prize plants: M. A. read the names of members to receive free plants with Jim Gray assisting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Board Elections: Maria called the newly elected Board members up to the front. They are: President: Maria Capaldo; Vice-president: M.A. Bjarkman; Secretary: Sue Wong; Treasurer: Bernard Johnson; At-large Board Members: David Hodgson, Terri Straub and Clif Wong. Maria thanked Clif Wong as new editor for the Newsletter. Caitlyn Rubia is handling our Instagram account.

CGCI Award: Our Club submitted a request to award “Outstanding Private Garden” to David Hodgson. Lou Hagemeyer presented it to David as he showed examples of his beautiful garden design which he installed himself.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Programs Committee: The August Mini-show genera are: Cactus: *Epithelantha*, *Frailea* and *Aztekium* and Succulent: *Dyckia*, *Puya* and *Hechtia*. The information will be in the Newsletter. The speaker for August will be Woodie Minnich, “20 Years in the Atacama, Land of the Copiapoas.”

Bromeliad Show and Sale was announced by Ted Johnson. Free admission and parking at Rainforest Flora Inc., 19121 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance 90503 on Saturday and Sunday, August 3—4. Show hours are 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm Sat. and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Sun. Sales hours are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on both Sat. and Sun. There were flyers on the table.

Palos Verdes Begonia Society Begonia Show and Sale was announced by Ted Johnson. It will happen here in this hall on Saturday, August 24 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Free after Garden admission.

Orange County Show and Sale: Friday, July 26th from 12:00-8:00 pm; Saturday, July 27th from 9:00 am-7:00 pm at the Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S State College Blvd., Anaheim.

Intercity Show and Sale: August 10th-11th, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, LA County Arboretum. Free admission to members of the South Coast Botanical Garden, so bring your membership cards. Go early and bring your badge.

Home Plant Sale: Hank Warzybok will hold a plant sale at his home on Saturday, August 17th between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. The address is 4318 Canehill Ave., Lakewood 90713 (562-429-7110). You can see his landscaping in his front yard.

CONCLUDING MATTERS

Maria thanked everyone and announced that a Board of Directors meeting would be held today. She adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.

Submitted, Sue Wong, Secretary