

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 11, 2019

South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California

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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.

Vice President M. A. Bjarkman explained at 1:30 that we were still waiting for a key for the sound system equipment. She talked about the Intercity Show and Sale currently going on. This morning she brought today's speaker, Woody Minnich over from that show and said there were 1,500 plants there. While waiting for the key to access the sound system at 1:45 she pointed out the free plant table and the tables with other vendor items for sale. A key could not be found so the program continued without a microphone. All who spoke projected their voices well throughout the hall.

New Members: Sally Fasteau said there were no new members today. June Trahern's name was chosen to pick names for free plants.

Birth month plants: M. A. invited members with August birthdays to choose their plants. June Trahern chose names while M. A. invited those chosen to come up to pick their free plants.

Program: President Maria Capaldo introduced today's speaker, Woody Minnich. Woody has been a member of the Cactus and Succulent Society for decades. He gave his presentation: "20 Years in the Atacama, Land of the *Copiapoas*." He gave a dedication to member Lupe Hulett's late husband, Dick, who once told Woody that their trip to Chile was the best trip of his life. This trip was also special because it focused on a group of young people dedicated to cactus and succulents. Woody showed us images of *Copiapoas* which grow along the Chilean Coast. There were shots of purple mountain sunsets, clustering *Copiapoas* with dark and light spines and pale gray, green to even reddish coloring. Some clusters were four feet to eight feet across. Woody also included images of murals he saw along the way depicting sea urchins, *Copiapoas* with a native Atacama fox, aboriginal peoples and their ancestors.

Announcements before the break: Maria announced a ten-minute break.

After the Break: Maria reconvened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Mini-show: Laurel Woodley announced the Mini-show winners, aided by Jim Tanner. This month's plants were: Cactus: *Epithelantha*, *Frailea* and *Aztekium* and Succulent: *Dyckia*, *Puya* and *Hechtia*.

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: Laurel identified Diane Cottrell's plant as a Euphorbia and asked her to bring it to the next meeting for further identification.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 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.

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). Please see the Newsletter.

The Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Plants Symposium will take place on August 31. The event cost \$85.00. Maria said the Club has money to be divided among those who attend and wish to be reimbursed. Please let Bernard know if you are interested.

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

Programs Committee: September's speaker will be Tom Glavich, talking about "The High Drakensbergs," a mountain chain in South Africa. The September Mini-show genera are: Cactus: variegated cactus and Succulent: variegated succulent.

CONCLUDING MATTERS

Maria adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm.

Submitted, Sue Wong, Secretary