

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

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Minutes of the General Meeting, January 12, 2020

South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California

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Anita Caplan, Show and Sale Publicist

Jade Neely, Speaker Co-coordinator

Ann Nye, Monthly Publicist

Jim Tanner, Mini-show Coordinator

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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 and wished all a Happy New Year and hopes for the best year ever. All members were asked to please sign in and put their names in the sprinkling can for the free plant drawing after the break.

Maria gave an emotional tribute to member Hank Warzybock who passed away in December: He passed from a heart attack. We will miss him a lot. He was a member and president of the Long Beach Club. Hank joined here in 2000. He was also a vendor here. He loved the desert and plants. Hank replaced his entire front lawn with succulents. I also want to honor him as one of those special people on this earth who was concerned with the environment, had a joy of life and was so kind to everyone. We will miss his great sense of humor and camaraderie. Thanks to all who attended his memorial. It meant so much to his family.

Program: Jade Neely introduced today's speaker, Jeff Moore. She called his new book "eye candy" and said it is his fourth. Jeff then gave his presentation entitled the same as his book: "2019 Spiny Succulents: Euphorbias, Cacti and Other Sculptural Succulents and (Mostly) Spiny Xerophytic Plants." His photos displayed stunning photographs from his book, showing amazing forms and gorgeous colors. With this book, Jeff wants to inspire collectors and catch the attention of new enthusiasts. He went through each category of succulents from large to small, displaying examples of variations in each species. He also talked about grower's gardens and where to tour botanical gardens. Anyone interested in seeing a blooming sequence of a red *Echinopsis* shown in one of his photos can go to YouTube and search for "EchinopsisFreak." Jeff is currently working on his next book about *Agaves* and *Dudleyas*. His books and plants were available on the side table for sale during the meeting. You can visit Jeff's nursery in Solana Beach called Solana Succulents.

Announcements before the break: Maria thanked Jeff Moore and asked members to please support his book. Irene Rich's name was chosen to help judge the Mini-show and Jackie Johnson's name was chosen to announce the free plant winners.

The Huntington Desert Forum will take place on Saturday, January 18th at 9:00 am. Be sure to check in before 9:45 am for free admission with your Society badge. Please see Sally today if you do not have a badge so she can email a paper copy to you. There will be coffee and donuts in the Southern part of the Succulent Garden if you arrive early. The Conservatory will not be open, however, you will be able to check out changes at the top of the Garden. There will be a sale afterwards (starting at 11:00 am) and you will have the rest of the afternoon at leisure. You may bring lunch or eat at one of the cafés at the garden. Unusual plants will be on sale. Those interested can talk about carpooling after the break. M. A. said there are usually many bus groups attending. You can choose to eat at the Tea Room, Asian Café or the regular café. You can see the galleries as well.

Before adjourning, Maria thanked all who brought refreshments today. She asked those members to please put their names down on the list. She reminded us that there is a sign-up sheet for refreshments in the kitchen. The meeting was adjourned for 20 minutes. Plants were available for purchase and free plants were available on the table to our right. Maria invited members to help themselves to give-away plants and free CSSA journals.

Announcements after the break: Maria reconvened the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Mini-show: Jeff Moore announced the Mini-show winners, aided by Irene Rich and Jim Tanner. This month's plants were: Cactus: Clumping straight-spined *Mammillaria* and Succulent: *Aloes*.

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

New members: Sally Fasteau introduced new members Sharon Gregorio and Kathleen Woodfield, who were each welcomed and offered a free plant.

Birth month plants: Members with December birthdays were asked to choose their free plants, followed by those with January birthdays. Jackie Johnson picked names from the sprinkling can while M. A. Bjarkman read the names for the winners of the free plants.

2019 Mini-show point winner Martin Dorsey was presented with a plant from Maria.

Brag table: M. A. proudly displayed her *Sinningia*, with a large caudex full of pups and "flowers on flowers." She also wanted to plug the meeting on the 3rd Saturday of January at the Huntington and asked members to come next week.

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

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Programs Committee: February's Mini-show genera are: Cactus: Epiphytic cactus and Succulents: *Haworthia* and *Astroloba*. The speaker for February will be Sean Dean Gildenhuys (*Haworthiopsis*), all the way from South Africa. This talk was originally scheduled for the CSSA convention, but the government would not grant a visa for his visit, so he is touring the clubs to talk with his travel paid for by CSSA.

The South Bay Bromeliad Society is planning a plant sale in February, according to Ted Johnson.

Plant sale: Hank Worzybok's daughter is planning a sale of his plants. There is no date yet. The Club will send out an email with the date at a later time.

Show and Sale: Anita Caplan spoke about our annual Show and Sale taking place on April 4th and 5th. Clif Wong has made postcards. Anita will distribute the postcards next month. It is important that Club members give them to friends and neighbors. It helps support our programs and donations and educates the public about these plants. It also helps promote their cultivation. The Show also helps recruit new members and is good for the environment. Maria suggested that stores selling succulents may be willing to post the cards. If you are out for a walk and see a yard with lots of succulents, leave them a card.

CONCLUDING MATTERS

Maria adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm. She asked members to please help put away the chairs and tables. She announced that there would be a Board Meeting afterwards. Maria also asked if anyone could help clean up the kitchen and thanked all for coming to the meeting.

Submitted, Sue Wong, Secretary