

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 Zoom Meeting, August 9, 2020

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Anita Caplan, Show and Sale Publicist
Jade Neely, Speaker Co-coordinator
Ann Nye, Monthly Publicist
Jim Tanner, Mini-show Coordinator
Laurel Woodley, Facebook
Caitlin Rubia, Instagram

The meeting was convened at 1:30 pm. The Club's Zoom meeting was co-hosted by our President, Maria Capaldo and Scott Bunnell from the Long Beach Cactus Club. Maria began by thanking Scott for hosting this meeting and helping with the technical aspects, allowing Maria to pay attention to the meeting. Thanks went to Clif Wong for all his work with the Newsletter. There are so many great photos of gardens and plants that he publishes. It is great to see everyone's photos of plants and gardens. Thanks went to Gary and Jade for continuing to get speakers.

Program: Gary Duke introduced Jackson Burkholder as our presenter. He's been growing cactus for about twenty years. He is working on a Master's Degree in biology at Texas State. Jackson entitle his presentation "The Botany of Cacti: An Introduction." His website is www.presicioncactus.us. His work is on cactus and general plant anatomy. His talk is an attempt to answer the question "What is a cactus?" He described them through four main categories: systematics, ecology, anatomy and phenology. There were many informative drawings of the exterior anatomy of cacti and cross sections. A twenty-minute question and answer period followed.

At 3:05, Maria thanked Jackson and made her announcements:

Programs Committee: Next month's Zoom meeting will take place on September 13 at 1:00 pm for social time and the presentation will begin at 1:30 pm. Our speaker will be Gunnar Eisel on "The Folklore, Enchantment and Evolution of the C & S Hobby from 1894 to the present day." September Mini-show genera are: Cactus: *Ariocarpus*, *Obregonia* and Succulents: *Adenium*, *Adenia*.

Photos of members' gardens will continue to be included in the Newsletter, as well as Plant-of-the-Month photos. Please send them to Maria by September 12 and they will appear in October's Newsletter. This month's POM will appear in September's Newsletter.

Online Plant Database: Mike Short is opening up an online plant database, MOP-DB, to members. This is a great way to document your plants. When you first get a plant you can take a photo and label it as to when and where you received it. Then enter some information about it. By looking up these plants, you can also learn about them. You will automatically have a database of your plants, while adding to the database for others to see. The platform is on the website <https://mop-db.shortsnet.com/>. This project is Mike's own work which he is sharing with SCCSS.

Plants for sale: Gary Duke is still selling plants on Instagram about every two to three weeks (Garyduke53).

Treasury Report: Bernard Johnson gave his Treasury Report.

Members' Garden Photos: Maria shared a presentation of members' spectacular garden photos sent in for this month. Afterwards, she displayed the Mini-show photos in each category which will appear in the Club Newsletter. Maria will do another presentation at next month's Zoom meeting.

Cactus in the Arts: Bob Caplan shared three interesting facts about cacti and how they are mentioned in the arts: (1) A musician in Argentina played cactus spines in a concert. (2) There is a Youtube video of a cactus song being sung. Maria will put the site in the Newsletter. (3) There is a clip of the late actor John Wayne seeking water from a barrel cactus in one of his movies. Maria will post that link in the Newsletter as well. Jason will also add a link to a Czech cactus song.

Social Media: Laurel Woodley is posting the Plants-of-the-Month on our Facebook page along with members' garden pictures. Caitlyn Rubia is posting for us on Instagram. Scott Bunnell added that the Long Beach Club has a group page for posting photos.

Maria thanked Jackson again for his presentation and thanked Scott for co-hosting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Submitted, Sue Wong, Secretary