

## 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, September 12, 2021

#### Board Members:

Maria Capaldo, President  
 M. A. Bjarkman, Vice-president  
 Bernard Johnson, Treasurer  
 Sue Wong, Secretary  
 Terri Straub, At-large Board Member  
 Clif Wong, At-large Board Member & Newsletter Editor  
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 Gary Duke, Programs Committee Chair & Speaker  
 Co-coordinator  
 Sally Fasteau, Membership Committee Chair

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 Chair & Webmaster

#### Committee Members (Tasked):

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

Our President, Maria Capaldo, began the meeting at 1:30 pm. She welcomed us to the meeting. Scott Bunnell from the Long Beach Cactus Club served as our co-host. Maria asked all viewers to mute themselves during the meeting. Viewers can unmute themselves to ask questions during the interactive presentation. Questions can be posted to Chat. She asked Gary Duke to introduce today's speaker. Scott began recording the meeting for YouTube.

#### Program:

Gary introduced our speaker, Jeff Moore, with a presentation on the material in his new book: "Agaves – Species, Cultivars and Hybrids." Jeremy Spath is the co-author. It is Jeff's first joint project. He showed us a 350-page advanced copy of the books still sitting in a shipping container in Long Beach. The book covers agaves in habitat and cultivation with stunning photographs.

Agaves are becoming so popular in landscaping. The book shows gorgeous landscaping photos. It also talks about how tequila is produced from certain species. There are agaves shown in deserts, mountains and at beaches. Dried agave stalks are strong enough to use for surfboards. He talks about how to identify agave species. There are displays of striking variegation throughout the book. Some produce wonderful color and can stress into shades of red. There are great examples of imprinting. The book also has a section on agaves as container plants. There is information on pests and diseases. There is also a section on inflorescence. Agave species are displayed in alphabetical order. He tried to show common and rare agaves. Hybrids are towards the end of the book. There are six to eight pages on new hybrids—no names yet. Not all of them may make it to market. The last section talks about *Mangaves*—a hybrid of *Manfreda* and *Agave*. They behave like agaves and bloom earlier (in five to seven years). Jeff ended his talk with a "commercial" for his nursery and previously published four books. He is working on a new book with Jeremy Spath called "Dudleyas." You can visit his website at [www.solanasucculents.com](http://www.solanasucculents.com) to order his new book. The softcover version will sell for \$39.95 and a limited-edition hardcover version will be available by direct order only for \$69.95.

Maria thanked Jeff and urged everyone to go check out his nursery. A question and answer period followed, ending at 2:40 pm.

**September Brag and Garden Plants:** Maria began by showing Bernard's photo of Dale Chihuly's glass sculpture depicting an Agave-like plant in the Bronx Botanic Gardens. She then showed photos submitted by Club members of their favorite plants from their gardens. She thanked all for sharing.

**September Plant-of-the-Month:** Maria gave a photo presentation of the Plants-of-the-month which were: Cactus: *Discocactus/Uebelmannia*; and Succulents: *Kalanchoe* in all categories submitted. Maria thanked everyone for their contributions.

**Announcements:**

**New Board Members needed:** Maria is still looking for volunteers to replace Sue Wong as Club secretary. The Club also needs someone to arrange for speakers.

**October meeting:** Gary announced that the October Zoom meeting will be with a grower from Colorado, Rod Haenni, on "Seed Propagation." Rod is a vice president of CSSA. Every seed grower has a slightly different process, so this should be interesting.

**CSSA Webinars** continue to be available every other Saturday at 10:00 am. The next presentation is September 18<sup>th</sup> by Ernesto Sandoval: "Feeding Succulents: How Fertilizer, Water, pH, and Soil Can and Should Be Adjusted." All presentations are usually available on YouTube and may be accessed through a link at the CSSA website or on its Facebook page. Ours is recorded on our Facebook page and the link is on our website.

***Recording was stopped at 2:55 pm.***

**Reports:**

**Minutes:** July's Minutes were posted. There were no corrections and the Minutes were accepted as published.

**Treasury Report:** Maria gave Bernard Johnson's Treasury Report.

**Other upcoming events:**

**Pop-up-sale:** at Green Touch Nursery next Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be twelve to fifteen vendors selling cacti, succulents and pottery.

**Orchid Show:** The South Bay Orchid Society Annual Orchid Fall Show & Sale will be held at the Palos Verdes Art Center this Saturday and Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be free parking. Admission is \$5.00. Children under 12 are free.

**Slow website loading:** Mike is investigating the cause of a slow-down with our website on the internet.

Maria closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and hoped to see everyone next month. The Zoom meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Submitted, Sue Wong, Secretary