

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, November 14, 2021

Board Members:

Maria Capaldo, President
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 Co-coordinator
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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 1:32 pm. Scott Bunnell, her co-host, began recording the meeting for YouTube. She welcomed us all. Viewers can unmute themselves to ask questions at the end of the formal presentation. Questions can be posted to Chat. She asked Jade Neely to introduce today's speaker.

Program:

Jade, program co-chair, introduced our speaker, Joseph Stead called, "Propagate It Any Way You Can! Then Put It in the Ground." Joe is a full-time horticulture coordinator and part-time instructor at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa. He described various techniques he employed, including grafting, cuttings, seed, pollen collecting and air layering, that resulted in impressive trees and attractive plantings on the campus that are used as instructional material.

The presentation and Q&A session ended at 2:53pm after Maria thanked him.

November Brag and Garden Plants: Maria showed photos submitted by Club members of their favorite plants from their gardens. She thanked all for sharing.

November Plant-of-the-Month: Maria gave a photo presentation of the Plants-of-the-month. In the cactus category: North American columnar cactus. In the succulent category: Senecio (Caputia, Curio and Kleinia). The photographs are also posted in the newsletter and on the website.

Announcements:

December 19 Zoom Meeting: It will not be a holiday party again this year. There will be a Zoom presentation from John Trager called "Time for Taiwan." M.A. Bjarkman was given thanks for securing this speaker and contributing half of his presentation fee.

The information will be on our website where the Zoom link is always posted.

Plant-of-the-Month: December's category will be all of the past Plant-of-the -Year plants that members have grown over the years. The list of those plants will be on the website. Send photos from your garden and brag plants to Maria by December 10.

New Secretary:

Sue Wong stepped down as long-time Secretary of the Society starting this month. Maria thanked for her many years of service and noted her informative minutes that reflected the timbre of the meetings.

Her replacement will be Debra Bushweit Galliani, who has served on other horticultural-related boards.

Membership:

Starting in January, new annual membership dues of \$20 will be collected. The new form will be published in the newsletter and on the website for completion by new and renewing members.

CSSA Webinars: These programs continue to be available every other Saturday, at 10:00 am. The next one will be on November 27 with Brian Kemble discussing the genus yucca. It will be posted on our website and Facebook page. Thanks was given to Laurel for keeping up our Facebook page and to Caitlin Rubia for posting our meetings on Instagram

New CSSA Category of Membership: The annual cost of a supporting membership is \$20. It includes “To the Point” E-newsletter, CSSA webinars, access to the CSSA Seed Depot and access to the CSSA Biannual Convention; but not the CSSA Journal. A membership form will be published in our next newsletter.

Recording was stopped at 3:26 pm.

Reports:

Show and Sale: Our annual Show and Sale will be held on April 23 and 24 (setup on April 22) at The Palos Verdes Art Center (PVAC) at 5504 West Crestridge Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275. Ann Nye has agreed to do the publicity for the event. Thanks were given to Anita Caplan for all her years of publicity for our Society. We are seeking a Show Chair who would be responsible for set-up and securing volunteers for the event.

In Person Meetings: Maria met with the South Coast Botanic Garden CEO, Adrienne Nakashima, and President of the Foundation Board, Mike Molina, along with the presidents or representatives of other societies that have previously met at the Garden. The Garden is unable to provide indoor meeting space now, but indicated that the Koi Pond area is available. Maria and Adrienne will discuss when we would be able to meet.

Many meeting space options have been and will continue to be explored. The most desirable so far is the Palos Verdes Peninsula Center Library, both for its space and ease of parking. However, they will not allow selling within the premises. When Maria asked if members thought having vendors at our meetings was important, the response was overwhelmingly positive.

Minutes: The October Minutes were posted. There were no corrections and the Minutes were accepted as published.

Treasury Report: Bernard Johnson provided the Treasury Report.

Maria closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. The Zoom meeting was adjourned at 4:03pm to conduct a Board of Directors meeting immediately following.

Submitted,

Debra Bushweit Galliani, Secretary