

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, July 17, 2022

Board Members:

Maria Capaldo, President
 M.A. Bjarkman, Vice-president, CSSA Liaison & Program Chair
 Bernard Johnson, Treasurer
 Debra Bushweit Galliani, Secretary
 Terri Straub, At-large Board Member
 Gary Duke, At-large Board Member
 Sally Fasteau, Membership Committee Chair
 Lou Hagemeyer, CGCI Liaison

Jim Hanna, Finance Committee Chair & Plant Man
 Mike Short, Communications Committee Chair & Webmaster

Committee Members (Tasked):

Ann Nye, Monthly Publicist
 Terri Straub, Mini-Show Coordinator
 Laurel Woodley, Facebook
 Caitlin Rubia, Instagram
 Clif Wong, Newsletter Editor

There were 47 members and 2 guests in attendance. President, Maria Capaldo, called the meeting to order at 1:35pm in the South Coast Botanic Garden Auditorium. She welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Program:

Maria introduced our speaker and fellow Society member for almost 40 years, Gary Duke, whose “Northern Argentina” presentation was based on his November 2021 plant excursion. He has traveled extensively in South America and hikes inhospitable, challenging terrain to see their native plants. He has an active Instagram site (garyduke53) displaying his plants.

His talk ended at 2:42pm.

Announcements before the break:

Maria Capaldo: Maria asked Sally Fasteau to pick two names from the can, one to help judge and the other to assist with selecting names for the door prize plants.

Break-Reconvene: Maria recessed the meeting at 2:43pm and it was reconvened at 2:59pm.

July Mini-Show categories: Cactus: *Matucana* and *Oroya*; and Succulent: *Mesembs*, not including *Lithops* and *Conophytum*.

The plants were judged by Gary Duke and Terri Straub assisted by Nancy Sams. Winners in first, second and third place were awarded in novice, intermediate and open categories. They will be listed in our Newsletter, along with photographs. Nancy was offered a free plant selection for helping.

July brag and garden plants: None were shown.

Birth month plants: Members whose birthdays are in July were offered to select a free plant by Maria.

New members and guests: Sally introduced new member David McCarty-Caplan who was inspired by his mother, Anita Caplan, to join. He was then offered to select a free plant by Maria.

Sally advised that engraved badges for Society member are available for purchase at \$16.00 each if the minimum order of 30 is met. They will have a magnet backing. The badges would be available around October. All members are provided a paper name badge in the interim.

Sally announced that our Society membership is up to 110 at present. In addition, there are 4 honorary members.

Door prize plants: Jacob Youssefzadeh drew tickets for members to select a free plant. He had been offered a free plant for assisting.

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

Announcements:

August Meeting: Maria reminded attendees that our next meeting will be at South Coast Botanic Garden on August 14. We will have a very informative and entertaining speaker, Ernesto Sandoval, from UC Davis talking about “Feeding Succulents: How Fertilizer, Water pH and Soil Can and Should Be Adjusted!”

Any members who will be bringing guests to this meeting and wish free Garden admittance must provide Maria with their names by the Thursday before the meeting. Otherwise, they will be subject to the cost of Garden admission.

August Mini-Show Categories: Cactus: *Epithelantha*, *Frailea*, *Aztekium* and Succulent: *Dyckia*, *Puya* and *Hechtia*.

Announcements: Maria described The Los Angeles Inner City Show and Sale at the LA Arboretum the weekend of August 5-7 as having amazing plants and lots of vendors. Reservations for non-members of that garden are needed for entry (there is no reciprocal membership with South Coast Botanic Garden membership).

Information will be posted on our website for this upcoming event as well as others, including the Bromeliad Society Show and Sale on August 6 at the Palos Verdes Art Center.

Reports:

Treasury Report: Bernard Johnson provided the Treasury Report.

He announced that only two Society men’s large t-shirts remain for sale at \$16 each. The popular shirts were designed by Clif Wong, and modeled at the meeting by Lemono Lott.

Maria closed the meeting by thanking those who attended. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18pm. Maria asked Board members to remain for a meeting immediately following.

Submitted,

Debra Bushweit Galliani, Secretary