

## **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, May 21, 2023**

#### **Board Members:**

Maria Capaldo, President  
Terri Straub, Vice President  
Bernard Johnson, Treasurer  
Debra Bushweit Galliani, Secretary  
Vincent Darmali, At-large Board Member  
Braulio Mena, At-large Board Member  
Shane Mullen, At-large Board Member  
Sally Fasteau, Membership Committee Chair  
Lou Hagemeyer, CGCI Liaison  
Jim Hanna, Finance Committee Chair & Plant Person  
M.A. Bjarkman, CSSA Liaison & Program Chair

Mike Short, Communications Committee Chair & Webmaster

#### **Committee Members (Tasked):**

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

There were 54 members in attendance. President, Maria Capaldo, called the meeting to order at 1:30pm in the South Coast Botanic Garden Auditorium. She welcomed attendees to the meeting.

#### **Program:**

M.A. Bjarkman introduced our speaker, Duke Benadom, whose program was on “Baja, California End to End.” A question and answer period followed his talk, which concluded at 2:40pm.

#### **Announcements before the break:**

**Maria Capaldo:** Maria asked Nancy Sams, who handled the membership duties at this meeting, to pick two names from the sprinkling can: one to help judge and the other to assist with selecting names for the door prize plants. She announced a break to give folks time to shop our vendors, including our speaker’s books for sale.

#### **Break-Reconvene:**

Maria recessed the meeting at 2:43pm and it was reconvened at 3:06pm.

**May Mini-Show categories:** Cactus: *Parodia/Notocactus* and Succulent: *Euphorbia* (not from Madagascar).

The plants were judged by Duke Benadom and assisted by Pamela Broz with overseeing by Terri Straub. Winners in first, second and third place were awarded in novice, intermediate and open categories. The winners will be listed in our Newsletter and on our Website, along with photographs taken by Mike Short. Pamela was offered a free plant selection for helping.

**Brag Table:** Jim Gardner showed his 10- to 15-year-old *Sinningia leucotricha* in the Gesneriaceae family.

**New members and guests:** Nancy announced that N. Joy Coffee, joined as a new member and was offered to select a free plant.

**Birth month plants:** Members whose birthdays were in April and are in May were offered to select a free plant by Maria.

**Door prize plants:** Linda Vore drew tickets for members to select a free plant and M.A. announced the names of the winners. Linda selected a free plant.

**Announcements:**

**Next Meeting:** : Our speaker for June will be Ron Kaufmann discussing “Life on the Rocks: The world of Rupicolous Orchids.”

**June Mini-Show categories:** Cactus: *Opuntia*, *Tephrocactus*, *Cylindropuntia*, *Austrocyllindropuntia*; and Succulent: *Cissus*, and *Cyphostemma*.

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

**CSSA Show and Sale:** Maria announced the annual Show & Sale for our national organization will be June 23 through 25 at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens. There will be a dinner on Saturday night that will cost \$30 per person and \$5 at the bar. She asked those who are interested in attending the dinner to let her know. Volunteers are needed to work at the event. Entry for non-volunteers requires making reservations on the Huntington Library website. The links to all the information is on our Website on the Events page.

**Reports:**

**Treasury Report:** Bernard Johnson provided the Treasury Report.

Maria closed the meeting by thanking those who attended and requesting that members assist in restoring and tidying up the room. A Board meeting would follow in the auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 3:44pm.

Notes by Laurel Woodley

Submitted,

Debra Bushweit Galliani, Secretary