

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, August 13, 2023

Board Members:

Maria Capaldo, President
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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 1:33pm in the South Coast Botanic Garden Auditorium. She welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Program:

Maria introduced our speaker, Russel Ray who presented a program called “Nature’s Geometry: Succulents” that focused on the Fibonacci number sequence found in nature. Through photographs of plant ribs, spines, petals and structure, he demonstrated the mathematical commonalities that follow Fibonacci numbers. A question and answer period followed his talk, which concluded at 2:29pm.

Announcements before the break:

Maria Capaldo: Maria asked Sally Fasteau 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. Mike Short was thanked for his beautiful photographs of the Mini-Show winners. During the break Maria showed a slide show of photos taken by Laurel Woodley and herself of their flowering plants from the past two months.

Break-Reconvene:

Maria recessed the meeting at 2:33pm and it was reconvened at 2:53pm.

August Mini-Show categories: Cactus: *Astrophytum*; and Succulent: *Sedum*, *Phedimus*, *Pachyphytum*, and *Sempervivum*

The plants were judged by Russel Ray and assisted by Cheryl Seiver 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. Cheryl was offered a free plant selection for helping.

Brag Table: Nothing was presented.

New members and guests: Sally announced that Harland Roades joined as a new member and will be offered to select a free plant.

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

Door prize plants: Cynthia Keenan drew tickets for members to select a free plant and Maria announced the names of the winners. Cynthia selected a free plant for her assistance. Maria thanked Bonnie Ikemura for her plant donations.

Announcements by Maria:

Next Meeting: Our speaker for September will be award-winning plantsman Peter Walkowiak who will present a “Soil and Staging Workshop” program.

September Mini-Show categories: Cactus: *Ariocarpus* and *Obregonia*; and Succulent: *Adenium* and *Adenia*.

Minutes: The July Minutes were posted. There was one correction of the number of attendees and the Minutes were accepted.

Huntington Symposium: The 40th Annual Succulent Plants Symposium will be held at the Huntington Botanical Gardens on September 1 from 9:00am to 5:00pm and includes a continental breakfast, lectures, presentations, lunch, a silent auction, tour of the desert garden and a plant sale. The cost is \$100 for the day and registration information is on our Website under the Events page.

The Board approved a fund of \$250 for the use of partially reimbursing attendees, as has been the Society’s practice. Evidence of registration is to be presented to Bernard Johnson. The \$250 will be split evenly among the attendees, with a maximum of \$50 reimbursed per person, and will be determined at our September meeting.

Reports:

Treasury Report: Bernard provided the Treasury Report.

Maria closed the meeting by thanking those who attended. The meeting was adjourned at 3:12pm.

Submitted,

Debra Bushweit Galliani, Secretary