

## **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, October 8, 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 48 members in attendance. President, Maria Capaldo, called the meeting to order at 1:32pm in the South Coast Botanic Garden Auditorium. She welcomed attendees to the meeting and brought attention to *Agave multicolor* bulbs on the Give Away table in a flat, which she rescued from a grower.

#### **Program:**

Maria introduced our speaker and Society member, Jim Gardner spoke about “Fascinating Succulent Flora of the Canary Islands.” He took us on a tour of his visits to all the islands while concentrating on the genus *Aeonium* and *Greenovia*.

A small selection of his *Aeonium* plants, displayed in his hand-made pots, were described. Some were starting to emerge from dormancy. He recommended repotting *Aeoniums* during the next two months and to avoid summer potting.

A question and answer period followed his talk, which concluded at 2:35pm.

#### **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.

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

Maria recessed the meeting at 2:37pm and it was reconvened at 2:52pm.

**October Mini-Show categories:** Cactus: *Copiapoa*; Succulents: *Graptopetalum*, *Graptoveria* and, *Pachyveria*.

The plants were judged by Jim Gardner and assisted by JoAnn Welkowsky 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. JoAnn was offered a free plant selection for helping.

**Brag Table:** Jim Gardner brought in about 30 small *Aeonium goochii* plants that he grew from seed and were given away as Door Prizes.

**New members and guests:** Sally announced that Cheryl Ware and Liz Ying joined as new members and they were each offered to select a free plant.

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

**Door prize plants:** Ellyn Meikle drew tickets for members to select a free plant and Maria announced the names of the winners. Ellyn selected a free plant.

**New Business:**

**Nominating Committee:** An announcement of slate of Board members for election next month was made. Members were invited to nominate themselves or someone to add to the ballot. The final slate will be published in the November Newsletter and voting will take place in November.

**Huntington Symposium:** This is the last chance for reimbursement for attendance at the Huntington Symposium. Please let Bernard Johnson know today if you wish to be reimbursed.

**Meetings at the Garden:** We have dates for our meetings through August of next year. We will start scheduling speakers. Please let us know either directly or through the suggestion box, if you have names of speakers you would like us to contact.

**Announcements:**

**Next Meeting:** Our November speaker will be Steven Frieze who will talk on “Oaxaca, Mexico.”

**November Mini-Show categories:** Cactus and Succulents: *Monstrose* and crested plants.

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

**Reports:**

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

**Leadership Conference:** Maria advised that there is a Leadership conference sponsored by the Costa Verde District of the CGCI that will be held on November 9, at the South Coast Botanic Garden. This is open to all member organizations of CGCI. If you have any leadership desires, this is a good conference to get you informed. I have a flyer if anyone is interested.

Maria closed the meeting by thanking those who attended and it was adjourned at 3:20pm. She indicated that a Board meeting would follow.

Submitted, with assistance from Laurel Woodley

Debra Bushweit Galliani, Secretary