

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, June 9, 2024

Board Members:

Maria Capaldo, President
 Terri Straub, Vice President
 Bernard Johnson, Treasurer
 Debra Bushweit Galliani, Secretary
 Martha Bjerke, At-large Board Member
 Vincent Darmali, At-large Board Member
 Nancy Sams, At-large Board Member
 Sally Fasteau, Membership Committee Chair
 M.A. Bjarkman, CSSA Liaison & Program Chair
 Braulio Mena, CGCI Liaison

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

Committee Members (Tasked):

Ann Nye, Monthly Publicist
 Terri Straub, Show & Sale Chair & Mini-Show Coordinator
 Laurel Woodley, Facebook
 Nancy Sams, Instagram
 Maria Capaldo, Newsletter Editor

There were 45 members in attendance. Vice president, Terri Straub, 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 Jeff Moore, of Solana Succulents near Del Mar, who talked about his new book “Dudleyas” that he co-authored with Kelly Griffin and Jeremy Spath. Dudleyas are found from the Southern Oregon coast to the Baja coast and some inland areas. They are used to living in harsh environments, in some cases on rocky slopes, and do not need much tending in gardens. Of the few species that are in cultivation, Jeff recommends starting with *D. brittonii*, *D. pachyphytum* and *D. virens* ssp. *hassei*.

A question and answer period followed his talk, which concluded at 2:30pm.

Announcements before the break by Terri:

Terri 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.

Society T-shirts were available for sale at the check-in table for \$12 each. Old CSSA Journals were at the information table for attendees to help themselves.

She announced a break to give people time to shop our vendors, including Jeff Moore who was selling his books and plants.

Break-Reconvene:

Terri recessed the meeting at 2:31pm and it was reconvened at 2:42pm.

June Mini-Show categories: Cactus *Gymnocalycium*; Succulent: *Pachypodium*.

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

New members and guests: Mark Reeves and Virginia Reeves joined in April and Laurie Keller joined at the June meeting. They were welcomed and Terri offered them a free plant.

Member Passings: Sally delivered the sad news that Bob and Nancy Mosher passed away. They were long-time members and active in earlier years.

Brag Table: No plants were presented. Terri brought a cactus and asked for assistance with a discoloration condition.

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

Jackie Johnson Announcement: Jackie expressed appreciation for our Society and its members. After meeting Narcissa Ortega at our April Show & Sale, she received prepared dishes from Narcissa that they had spoken about. As thanks, Jackie brought a bouquet of white and pale yellow tall alstroemerias from plants she purchased many years ago at a Botanic Garden sale.

Ted Johnson Announcement: Ted advised that the annual Bromeliad Society Show & Sale would be held at the Palos Verdes Art Center on August 10.

Door prize plants: Braulio Mena drew tickets for members to select a free plant and Terri announced the names of the winners. Braulio selected a free plant.

Announcements by Terri:

CSSA Show and Sale: It will be held at the Huntington Botanical Gardens from June 28 through 30. An email was sent to members describing the opportunity to receive free admission. Reservations are needed for admission. Volunteers get admitted for free on the day they work.

Minutes: The May 19 Minutes were posted. There was one correction by Debra Galliani that the number of attendees was 50 and the Minutes would reflect that. The corrected Minutes were accepted.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on July 14. Ernesto Sandoval will be speaking on “30+ years of Growing Succulents Professionally and Learning from Others and the Wild.”

July Mini-Show categories: Cactus: *Ferocactus*, *Leuchtenbergia*; Succulent: *Kalanchoe*

New Business:

Treasurer’s Report: Terri read Bernard Johnson’s Treasury Report.

Terri closed the meeting by thanking those who attended and asked for help stacking the chairs. It was adjourned at 3:00pm. She indicated that a Board meeting would not follow.

Submitted by,

Debra Bushweit Galliani, Secretary