

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 9, 2026

Board Members:

Maria Capaldo, President
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M.A. Bjarkman, CSSA Liaison & Program Chair

Debra Bushweit Galliani, CGCI Liaison
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 40 members in attendance. President Maria Capaldo called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm in the Fred McTaggart Hall in Hesse Community Park, Rancho Palos Verdes. She welcomed attendees to the meeting and encouraged members to sign in with Sally Fasteau and to put their name in the sprinkling can for a free plant later in the meeting.

Maria announced that plants on the door prize table are comprised of leftover plants from the annual sale and from donations. Members wishing to donate named quality plants may bring them in and place them on the door prize table.

Program:

Maria introduced Yvonne Savio who presented a program on "Propagating Succulent Cuttings." After a short slide presentation she had members gather around a table full of cuttings for a hands on demonstration which included questions and answers.

Announcements before the break:

Maria asked Sally 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.

Break-Reconvene:

August Mini-Show categories: Cactus: *Copiapoa*; Succulent: *Graptopetalum*, *Graptoveria*, *Pachyveria*.

The plants were judged by Karen Yoshioka and Terri Straub. Karen announced the winners in first, second and third place who were awarded in novice, intermediate and open categories. The winners will be listed in our Newsletter and on our Website, along with photographs of the winners taken by Mike Short. Karen was offered to select a free plant for helping.

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

Door prize plants: Teresa Nicoletto drew tickets for members to select a free plant and she announced the names of the winners. Teresa was offered a free plant.

Announcements:

The September meeting will be at the Peninsula Center Library- Community Room, 701 Silver Spur Road. Entry to parking and easy access to the room is off Deep Valley Drive. The meeting starts at 2:00 pm since the room opens at 1:00 pm. Sandy Masuo will present "Succulents: A Botanical History Tour".

Maria heard from the Botanic Garden and their room is not available to us until May and June of 2027. Parking is limited to 30 spaces for us so carpooling there is recommended. She reserved the room in case Hesse Park is not available on those dates. Maria asked for a show of hands whether it is preferred to have the Hesse Park location in order to keep the meeting location consistent. The majority of those present indicated by a show of hands that Hesse Community Park would be preferred if available.

Mini-Show Plants for September Cactus: *Notocactus*, *Parodia*; Succulents: *Sedum*, *Pachyphytum*, *Sempervivum*, *Graptosedum*

Minutes: The July 12 Minutes were posted. There were no corrections and the Minutes were accepted as published.

The Huntington Succulent Plants Symposium will take place on Friday, August 31 at 9:00 am. Tickets cost \$100 and include lunch, a series of speakers, a plant sale and auction. Information about the event is in our Newsletter.

Reports:

Treasurer's report: Debra Galliani read the Treasurer's Report.

Maria closed the meeting by thanking those who attended and asking for assistance in cleaning any loose soil around their chair. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Submitted by Nancy Sams, Secretary