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, September 13, 2026

Board Members:
Maria Capaldo, President
Liz Ying, Vice President
Debra Bushweit Galliani, Treasurer
Nancy Sams, Secretary
Teresa Nicolello, At-large Board Member
Linda O'Hara, At-large Board Member
Gustavo Cardenas, At-Large Board Member
Sally Fasteau, Membership Committee Chair
M.A. Bjarkman, CSSA Liaison & Program Chair
Debra Bushweit Galliani, CGCI Liaison
Mike Short, Communications Committee Chair & Webmaster
Terri Straub, Show & Sale Chair & Mini-Show Coordinator

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 35 members in attendance. President Maria Capaldo called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm in the Community Room of the Peninsula Center Library in Rolling Hills Estates. She welcomed attendees to the meeting and reminded members to sign in and put their name in the sprinkling can for door prize plants.

Program:

Maria introduced Sandy Masuo, who presented "Succulents: A Botanical History Tour." Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Announcements before the break:

Maria asked Sally Fasteau to pick two names from the sprinkling can: one to help judge the Mini-Show and one to assist with names for the free plants. She reminded attendees to sign in with Sally and put their name in the can for a possible free plant later in the program.

CSSA voting for Officers: Maria announced the candidates nominated for leadership positions on the CSSA Board of Directors. Only one candidate is running for each officer position, and Maria announced them and the four candidates running for the remaining posts. The Society voted by a show of hands and Maria tallied the votes. The winning nominees were Der-shing Helmer, Alice Rivera and Art Scarpa.

Nominating Committee: Lisa Toler volunteered to query members for their willingness to serve as an Officer or At-Large Board Member in 2027.

Maria announced a break at 3:40 pm.

Break-Reconvene:

Maria reconvened the meeting at 3:55 pm.

September Mini-Show categories: Cactus: *Parodia, Notocactus* and Succulent: *Sedum, Pachyphytum, Sempervivum, Graptosedum.*

The plants were judged by Sandy Masuo and assisted by Teresa Nicolello with overseeing by Terri Straub. Sandy announced the winners in first, second and third place who were awarded in novice and open categories. The

winners will be listed in our Newsletter and on our Website, along with photographs of the winners. Teresa was offered to select a free plant for helping.

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

Door prize plants: Valerie Anderson drew tickets for members to select a free plant, and announced the names of the winners. Valerie received a free plant.

Announcements:

Minutes: The August 9 Minutes were posted. There were no corrections, and the Minutes were accepted as published.

October Meeting: The next meeting will take place at the Torrance Airport, Zamperini Field, second Sunday, October 11 at 1 pm.

October Mini-Show categories: Cactus: *Ariocarpus, Obregonia* and Succulent: *Adeninum, Adenia.*

Reports:

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

Maria closed the meeting by thanking those who attended and announced that a Board meeting would follow. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Submitted by
Nancy Sams, Secretary