

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 8, 2019

South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California

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Committee Members (Tasked):

Anita Caplan, Show and Sale Publicist
Jade Neely, Speaker Co-coordinator
Ann Nye, Monthly Publicist
Jim Tanner, Mini-show Coordinator
Laurel Woodley, Social Media

Attendance: 70 were in attendance.

President Maria Capaldo called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in Frances Young Hall. She welcomed members and guests and asked members to make sure they were signed in and put a ticket in the sprinkling can for giveaway plants. She asked how many have read the Club Newsletter and thanked Clif Wong, the new Editor. She also thanked those who wrote articles included in the Newsletter and/or contributed photos: M. A. Bjarkman, Jim Tanner, Joe Tillotson, Jim Gardner, and Laurel Woodley. Maria stated that previously the set-up chairs and tables were left over from a Church meeting and since they aren't meeting here in the future, she asked for members to come in early to help set up.

Program: Jade Neely introduced today's speaker, Tom Glavich. Tom wrote the articles "To the Point" in the CSSA Journal, which are now in book form. Tom gave his presentation on "The High Drakensbergs in Summer," mountains running through the country of Lesotho and along the coast of South Africa. The areas he visited ranged up to 10,000 feet. The slopes were green with grass due to high rainfall and contained many waterfalls. Tom's amazing photos showed Alpine plants such as *Euconis* and *Pelargonium* as well as *Senecio* and *Euphorbia*. In the area of Oxbow, he photographed *Agave* and asters before the native goats could eat them. *Kniphofia* attracted bright yellow Sunbirds. Heidelberg has thousands of *Aloe ferox* growing on the hillsides. Parasitic plants grew on trees and the abundant grasses. Seeds for some of the plants shown today can be ordered from Silver Hill Seeds. Tom said that you will need a small seed import license to do so. Bulbs can be ordered from Brent and Becky's Bulbs, but a different type of import permit is needed.

Announcements before the break: Alice Tanaka's name was chosen to help judge the Mini-show and Martha Bjerke's name was chosen to help pick names for the free plant giveaway. Maria announced that we want to give a seed propagation workshop following our October meeting. The Society will supply seeds and substrate. Today there will be a sign-up sheet for up to thirty people. If there is a lot of interest and you don't get a place on the list, we will hold another seed propagation workshop in the Spring and will put you on that list. There will be a sign-up sheet for those interested during the break. Also, please see Bernard if you went to the Huntington Symposium and you are interested in sharing in the reimbursement fund. Maria will be running a slideshow of some highlights of their experiences at the CSSA convention in San Luis Obispo. Plants were available for purchase and free plants were available as well. Thanks were given to all who brought refreshments and Maria asked contributors to put their names down on the kitchen list. Maria announced a fifteen-minute break.

Announcements after the break: Maria reconvened the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Fifteen people signed up for the seed propagation workshop. Maria said members still wanting to sign up for the workshop or renew their memberships

should see Sally. Images from the CSSA Convention continued to show on the front screen during the reveal of the Mini-show winners.

Mini-show: Tom Glavich announced the Mini-show winners, aided by Jim Tanner. This month's plants were: Cactus and Succulent: *Variegated*.

The results will be published in the Society's newsletter, *Prickly News*, <http://southcoastcss.org/newsletters> and on our website at <http://southcoastcss.org/>.

Passing member: One of our members, Maria Jenkins, passed away in July and her family donated her plants to our Society. Some of them were on the door prize table and Maria said she will be repotting others for future meetings and the Show and Sale, others were donated to the Garden for propagation.

New members: Sally Fasteau introduced new member Judy Lieber, who was offered a free plant.

Birth month plants: M. A. invited members with September birthdays to choose their free plants, as well as Martha and Alice. Martha picked names while M. A. invited those chosen to come up to pick their free plants. M. A. also thanked Ana MacKenzie for her delicious seed mix snack in the kitchen.

Brag table: Mike Short brought in his red *Crassula capitella subs. thrysiflora* for display.

Minutes approval: The Minutes of the August General Meeting, previously distributed, were approved.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Programs Committee: Jade announced that October's speaker will be Gunnar Eisel with "Astrophytum Revisited." She said he is very active with CSSA and organized the CSSA Convention.

October's meeting: will be held on the same day that the Garden is holding a fair, so parking may be limited. Maria suggests finding someone to carpool with and arrive early to be able to get parking. In addition, the Garden has offered the Club the availability of two tables to sell plants. Please let Maria know if you want to be selling for the day or weekend. You must man your tables yourselves.

October Mini-show: will be Cactus: *Turbinocarpus* and Succulent: *Adromischus*.

Los Angeles Show and Sale: Will be held at the Sepulveda Garden Center on Saturday, September 14th.

NEW BUSINESS

Laurel explained that we are a CSSA affiliate and can vote for new CSSA officers as a group, as well as individuals with CSSA memberships. She read the qualifications of the four candidates on the ballot that appears in the CSSA Journal so the Club could choose the three favorites with a show of hands. Kelly Griffin, Phuc Huynh and Sandy Chase received the most votes. Cal Kaminer was the fourth candidate. Laurel will submit the results of the Club vote.

CONCLUDING MATTERS

Maria adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm. She stated that there would be no Board meeting following and asked those who were able to please help put away the tables and chairs.

Submitted, Sue Wong, Secretary