

On the Dry Side

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society

President's Message

by Stan Verkler

Hello everyone, I would like to invite you to join us on Sunday Dec. 20th for our annual Holiday Party and Auction.

We will begin our meal about 12:15 p.m. provided we can be all set up with tables, chairs, plants, and food by that time. We would like to have as many of you as can volunteer to arrive at the Veteran's Hall by 11:00 a.m. to help set up tables, chairs, bring in plants, and arrange food and beverages.

We will be having both a live auction for plants \$20 and up after the lunch, and a Silent Auction for plants \$4.00—\$20.00, for which you can bid during lunchtime.

Our club will provide roast turkey and ham for the meal. We are having a special potluck table so please consider bringing a favorite side dish or beverage to share for 5-to-8 people. If you are a currently paid-up member, or joining the club on Sunday, you will be entered in a raffle for a plant to be treasured.

Hope you all can come and enjoy the festivities.

Election of Officers for 2016

Our December Holiday Party & Auction will include a brief but important business agenda for the election of officers for 2016.

Page 4 of this newsletter presents the bylaws' descriptions of the board's officers and the nominees for each position.

Members may nominate others for any of these positions.

Note that there is no nominee for the third Director-at-Large slot, so we will invite nominations or volunteers for this position.

The primary qualification for the board is the desire to contribute to the society's success.

Save the Date!

MBACSS Party December 20, 2015

Gather at 12:00
Our not-to-miss event
for members & guests.
Raffle, auction, gifts,
food & good company.

Board Meeting December 20, 2015

11:00 a.m.
Members always
welcome to attend

Future Meetings 3rd Sundays

1960 Freedom Blvd.,
Watsonville, CA.
Open: 12:00
Potluck Lunch: 12:30
Program: 1:00





Minutes of the MBACSS Board Meeting November 2015

Stan opened the meeting with a discussion, followed by Board's approval, of a lifetime membership, certificate and a gift of pottery to Linda and Manson Waters for their years of dedication and service to the club.

Next month will be our Christmas celebration. The club will pay for turkey and ham, receipts to be given to Ruth for reimbursement. An announcement will be made at the meeting for volunteers to purchase and cook said items.

Stan, Naomi and Manson will purchase gift plants at Jeff's and Altman's nurseries on December 11. \$600 has been budgeted to purchase 75 plants; \$400 for auction plants (members may bring a maximum of 3 each); \$150 for food/table ware. Linda will purchase diverse gifts.

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$16,642.87 (this includes about \$4,300 in sales taxes to be sent to the Board of Equalization in January of 2016.) Total income from Sept/Oct raffles is \$331. Membership is increasing. Dues collected as of 11/2: \$1,940 for 119 individual members and 35 family members. Total expenses: \$695.79.

The San Jose Club is planning a bus trip to Las Angeles and has invited our club to participate. Each club would pay 50% of the bus rental, driver and his food and lodging. Participants would pay \$100 toward those costs as well as for their own food and lodging.

The board discussed two trip options. Option 1 is carpooling to 29 Palms for a desert/wildflower trip of five days, Friday – Tuesday, March 11 or 18. Option 2 is a trip to see the Huntington Botanical Gardens' greenhouses in San Marino.

Four new officers need to be found for the coming year: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Gary is in charge of the slate. An announcement will be made during the meeting regarding the four positions to be filled.

Upcoming meetings and programs:

January — Peter Walkowiak

February — Steve McCabe

March — Petra Crist or Rob Skillin

April 23 & 24— MBACSS Spring Show & Sale
(set-up on April 22)

May — Jeff More.

October 1 & 2 — MBACSS Fall Show & Sale;
(set-up on Sept 30.

Adjourned at 11:45.

Pat Livensparger, Secretary

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Review of November's Program

by Suzy Brooks

For our November program, Tony Krock, Succulent Curator at the Terra Sol Garden Center, presented his photo-illustrated talk, titled "Hunting Agave Utahensis in the Southwest States."

Tony Krock is quite the fan and seeker of *Agave utahensis*, a compact plant with incredible spines. Two of the species are *A. utahensis nevadensis*, which is blue with dark spines, and *A. utahensis eboraspina*, which is greener with white spines.



(L) *A. utahensis* var. *eboraspina* (Ivory-spined Agave)
(R) *A. utahensis* var. *nevadensis*; (Clark Mountain Agave)

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Given excellent drainage, sun, and light feeding, agaves make spectacular subjects for your garden.

Tony shared his interest and pictures with us. If you weren't there you won't know about Kokoweef! Next time you drive to the California/Nevada border, go through Whiskey Pete's parking lot and down Power Line Road to see the most northern and cold hardy of the agaves.

Wonderful plants and you don't have to go half way around the world to see them!

Thanks, Tony.

Kokoweef Peak about 250 miles from Los Angeles, near the Ivanpah Mountains in San Bernardino County. In 1934, a gold prospector claimed to have discovered a 3,000-foot cavern inside Kokoweef Peak, and he sealed the entrance temporarily. It has never been found since then, despite numerous explorations. For more info, see [Kokoweef Inc.](#)



Election of Officers for 2016

The MBACSS's Officers

1. **PRESIDENT** presides at all regular and special meetings of the membership and meetings of the board, and appoints special committees as required
2. **VICE PRESIDENT** presides at meetings in the absence of the president and undertakes the duties of president in all respects when the president is ill, has resigned or is otherwise unavailable.
3. **SECRETARY** keeps the minutes of regular and board meetings and attends to the correspondence of the Society.
4. **TREASURER** receives and keeps all the Society's funds and keeps full and adequate records of all receipts and disbursements, Assists the membership chair in collecting annual dues.
5. **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR** collects all dues, compiles an annual list of current members, and distributes the membership list to all members
6. **AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE** maintains contact with Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) and the California Garden Clubs, Inc., and reports pertinent information to the board and the general membership.
7. **DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE** (three) attend board meetings and represent the views of the general membership.
8. **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT** may be called upon by the President or Board to offer knowledge gained from previous experience.

Nominees for 2016

- Thomas Karwin
- Naomi Bloss (incumbent)
- Stan Verkler
- Ruth Pantry (incumbent)
- Linda McNally (incumbent)
- Jeff Brooks (incumbent)
- Anita Crawley (incumbent)
Gary Stubblefield (incumbent)
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- Stan Verkler



Pleiospilos nelii 'Royal Flush'

Argyroderma spp. (Living Stone)

Pleiospilos nelii (Split Rock)

November Mini-Show

reported by Jeff Brooks

Novice

Cactus:

1. Dianne Fields- *Mammillaria spinosissima*
(no other entries)

Succulent:

1. Dot Hurley- *Agave* sp.
2. Lupe Allen- *Aeonium arboreum variegata*
(no other entries)

Intermediate-

Cactus:

(no entries)

Succulent:

1. Sally Ramseck- *Senecio scaposus*
2. Justin Delemus- *Agave Khan*
3. Suzy Brooks- *Agave lophantha 'Quadricolor'*

Advanced

Cactus:

1. Gary Stubblefield- *Copiapoa hypogaea*
2. Jeff Brooks- *Vatricania guentheri*
3. Ellen Stubblefield- *Mammillaria prolifera*

Succulent:

1. Ellen Stubblefield- *Echeveria 'Compton Carousel'*
2. Jeff Brooks- *Euphorbia milii 'Fireworks'*
3. Jeff Brooks- *Aloe brevifolium 'Variegata'*

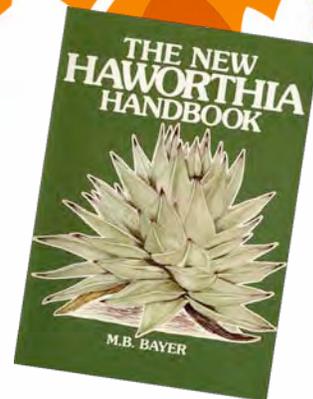
Look at a Book

reported by Suzy Brooks

New to our library, 'The New Haworthia Handbook', by M.R. Bayer, published by the National Botanic Gardens of South Africa.

This is a small sized paperback full of information, history, and color pictures of this genus with its many shapes and colors.

Thumb through this one and you will think there are aloes and echeverias in it but it's all those little gems the haworthias.



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