

Newsletter

Auckland Branch of the Cactus and Succulent Society of New Zealand Inc.

Meetings - 3rd Thurs of month at 7.30pm
Plant Sales - start at 7.00pm

May 2023

Dates	COMPETITION PLANT			MAIN FEATURE
	Open section (For all members)	Novice section (Membership 5 yrs & under)	FFF (For all)	
18 May	Criistate, Monstrose Fasciate or Mutant Plant	Criistate, Monstrose Fasciate or Mutant Plant	Flowers Foliage Form	73rd Branch AGM & Growing On Plants Bring a plate of finger food please
15 June	Matucana	Plant name beginning with "M"	Flowers Foliage Form	Talk or Demonstration

LAST YEARS AGM -- MINUTES OF **THE 72nd AGM - AUCKLAND BRANCH** of CSSNZ (INC)

HELD AT AHC HALL, 956 Gt NORTH ROAD, Western Springs Auckland,
ON THURSDAY 19th May 2022 AT 7.44 PM

The meeting opened with President, Max Croft in the Chair who welcomed the 31 members present.

MINUTES of the 71st Annual General Meeting were Printed in the newsletter & taken as read and confirmed.
 Moved Max Croft
 Seconded Gorakh
 Carried.

The President Report: M Croft read his report. giving an overview of the Societies activities during the year and moved its acceptance.
 Seconded Aaron / Jane
 Carried.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.
 Moved G Lee,
 Seconded Gorakh
 Carried.

Executive & Committee:

The Secretary read nominations as follows:

President :.. Max Croft
 Vice Pres: ..Gorakh Silvester
 Secretary: ..Max Croft
 Treasurer: .. Gloria Lee
 Committee: Martin Walker
 Liam O'Meara
 Sue Kirkby
 Jane O'Connor

As a ballot was not required, the above nominated members were declared appointed for the year.

Positions outside Committee

were accepted by members as follows:-
 Librarian: Roy Plackett
 Newsletter Editor : Max Croft
 Competitions: ..Liam O'Meara
 Pot Sales:Martin & Maribel Walker
 Host & Hostesses: ...?? ?.....

Plant Sales:Gloria Lee

Kitchen:- Volunteers required

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The ten-year membership bars – were presented to:-,
 30yrs Gloria Lee
 10yrs Noel Magnusson

Novice Competition

The Mike Hopkins Memorial Trophy for membership 5 years & under was won by Maria Borroga

Open Competition Trophy was Won by Gorakh and Max (equal)

The Treasurer's Report forms part of these minutes.

AGM Started 7.44 pm
 AGM Meeting Closed at 8.00 pm.

Our Auckland Branch AGM this meeting

Just to let you know the proceedings. Nominations for committee and Executive positions have to be in before the meeting starts at 7.30pm. The existing people holding these positions are put forward automatically as nominations. (Provided they are willing to continue) and any new nomination are added to this list for voting

The position of Librarian and Newsletter Editor are appointed by the committee, not by voting. But generally, it is a matter of chasing for volunteers.

We would love to have some new committee members, with some fresh ideas.

Anyone can be nominated by any other member, or you can just volunteer, we will fix the rest. Come and see me before the meeting or send me an email.

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Auckland Branch** of the Cactus and Succulent Society of New Zealand Inc. (CSSNZ)

DATE: Thursday 20 04 2023
TIME: 7:30pm
LOCATION: : AHC Hall,
956 Great North Road,
Western Springs, Auckland

IN ATTENDANCE:
Approximately 16 members.

President Max Croft welcomed everybody and declared the meeting open at 8pm.(after AGM)

VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS:
one visitor

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
Minutes of the meeting held on 16 03 2023, having been circulated in the newsletter, were taken as read.

Moved: Max

Seconded: Liam
Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: nil

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD:

CSSA Australia Haworthias
CSSA Newsletter
CSSNZ Wellington Newsletter
AHC Soil Newsletter
CSSACT Newsletter
Cactus Explorer ready
x BCSS Survey + April E News
x Get together in Perth
30 Sep -- 2 Oct 2023
Email from Didg Rowe, to get rid of his books & Technical & Reserch documents, as he very ill.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD:

Monthly Newsletter
All the above except "x"
MATTERS ARISING - Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Talk on our plants FFF etc.
Had Supper
Competition winners announced.
Raffle was drawn

Talk & photos by Sue Kirkby about the National Conference and garden visits in Palmerston Nth

Meeting Closed 9.34 pm

Max

Growing on plants.

Plants have been donated for members to take home and grow them on to the best that they can. Then bring them back 1 year later, to show off the result of your fabulous growing technique.

Started October 2011 meeting.

Plants were-

- 2011 - Crassula lycopodioides
- 2011 - Sulcorebutia crispata
- 2011 - Conophytum wettsteinii
- May 2012 - Crassula barklyi
- May 2013 - Parodia concinna
- May 2014 - Rebutia grandiflora
- May 2015 - Rebutia muscula
- May 2016 - Rebutia pulvinosa
- May 2017 - Mammillaria prolifera
- 2017 - Lapidaria margaretae
- May 2018 - Mammillaria ruestii
- May 2019 - Lithops Schwantesii rugosa c192
- May 2019 - Lithops pseudotruncatella groendrayensis ex C239
- June 2020 - Lithops bromfieldii glaudinae Ex C382
- May 2021 - Fockea edulis
- 2021 - Haageocereus australis
- 2021 - Anacampseros rufescens
- 2022 - Lithops Aueampiae EXC172
- 2022 - Melocactus ernestu

Bring in all your growing on plants to show us.

REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE BACK OF THE PLANT LABEL, or pot

Free Plant You will again receive another plant to grow on, but you will have to come to the meeting to get it.

Subscriptions

There are still a number of outstanding subs, we would love to see those members renew for the season.

I will be sending out a Friendly reminder Email to those who haven't paid by the end of May.

Full member \$40
Associate (same address)\$12
Junior (under 18).....\$12
Junior Associate.....\$5

Special Supper

for This Meeting. (May)
Please bring a plate of finger food,
Non Alcoholic punch is provided.

Competition AS this is our AGM night, the overall winners will be announced at this May meeting,

Our competition runs from June last year to May this year.
The Committee has decided that if a member wins Novice section twice, then they move on to the open section only.

The FFF competition is separate and finishes in November.

A Sad Loss

John Buttenshaw passed away
7th May aged 87

John & Nanette Joined the Cactus & Succulent Society in 1987, while living in Whakatane

Not long after I joined in 1993, the Bay of Plenty Branch was starting to buzz. The membership grew at a steady pace due to John's and Nanette's personalities.

John had a huge amount of knowledge, not just on cacti & succulent, but on most plants. He read a lot so if he didn't have an answer then back to a book.
(before google)

For a person with all his academic knowledge, it was interesting to see his handyman abilities, & craftsmanship work. He seemed to be able to fix anything.

Nothing was ever too much trouble

In 2006 they handed over all their jobs as President Secretary newsletter etc to other members, then 2008 they packed their bags and went to the Gold Coast Australia. They only participated in the Cactus Soc for a short period, and only grew a few succulents outside. They were there for approx 13 years, then decided 2 years ago to return to Whakatane where the family is.

John had been ill for sometime .and was steadily getting worse.

So now he has gone but not forgotten, by anyone who knew him

Competition Results



Open 1st - Luen Jones
Astrophytum ornatum



Open 2nd - Martin & Maribel
Astrophytum myrio variegated
x black spined capricorne



Open 3rd - Martin & Maribel
Astrophytum onzuka

Novice - NIL

Other Open plants



FFF - Flowers, Foliage, Form



FFF 1st - Martin & Maribel
Dioscorea elephantipes
 var. *montana*



FFF 2nd - Roy Plackett
Lithops helmuthii
 var. *helmuthii*



FFF 3rd - Liam O'Meara
 Lithops x 3

Other FFF



Articles for future newsletters are very welcome from any member. Deadline next issue **4th Jun 2023**

To a Cactus Enthusiast

Dedicated to and written for Mrs. Harry N. Osgood, Chicago, Illinois. NZ Journal Sept 1956

Some people collect china, some stamps, others bills; but a few hardy souls collect cacti (cactuses to you). These persons fairly bristle with enthusiasm and cactus spines. Their speech is a hybrid cross between the longer medical terms and double talk with all the obscurity of a legal document. Their eyes glow with a peculiar glint as they lovingly caress their prickly pets. Visitors to the home of a cactus collector are particularly warned to look twice and then not sit down. Woe betide the misguided thief in the night who tries to creep in through a window lined with shelves of cacti. They are as friendly as a floating

mine, one touch and zap! An ill-tempered ferocious cactus is an ideal burglar insurance. They've even been known to bite the hand that feeds them. Yet the enthusiast tends his little glasshouse of baby cacti as ardently as a hospital watches over its maternity wards. He knows full well the little devils are only waiting to grow big enough to turn on him even at this stage they try to nip. Nature stretched her imagination in plant form when she designed cacti; but the cactus grower improves on nature by grafting various species on one another. Thus, was modernistic architecture born. So the next time the beauties of some cacticle needlework are shown to you, remember it is more comfortable to look impressed than to feel impressed. The point is not to get the point.

WORDS TO DESCRIBE FLOWERS

Our thanks to our former President, Karl Johnson, for the following details of the parts of a flower:-

FLOWER: The blossom of a plant; which is usually made up of Tepals, Stamens, and a Pistil.

TEPAL(S): A collective term for all of the petal-like parts of a flower i.e. both the Calyx and Corolla.

PERIANTH: Has the same meaning as Tepals.

CALYX: A collective term for the Sepals of a flower.

SEPAL(S): The outermost ring of petal-like flower parts, usually showy and conspicuous.

COROLLA: A collective term for the Petals of a flower.

STAMEN(S): The male or pollen-bearing structure of a flower, consisting of an Anther and a Filament.

ANTHER: The pollen-producing portion of a Stamen.

FILAMENT(S): The usually thin stalk of a Stamen, which bears the Anther.

PISTIL: The female or egg-bearing structure of a flower, consisting of a Stigma, Style, and one or more Carpels.

STIGMA: The part of the Pistil, usually the top, which receives the pollen for fertilisation.

STYLE: The usually slender upper part of the Pistil which contains the egg-cells which form seeds after fertilisation.

CARPEL(S): The bottom portion of the Pistil which contains the egg-cells which form seeds after fertilisation.

And Martin used Google to help him add a bit more:

MONOECIOUS: With staminate (M) and pistillate (F) flowers on the same plant. E.g. Aloes, cacti.

DIOECIOUS: With staminate (M) and pistillate (F) flowers on different plants. E.g. some Euphorbia species, Adenia, Dioscorea, Gerrardanthus, some Kedrostis, Zygosicyos.

BISEXUAL: Having both sexes within the one flower. E.g. Aloes, all cacti.

UNISEXUAL: Flower is either male or female. All Euphorbia.

SELF-STERILE: incapable of self-fertilization. SELF-

FERTILE: capable of self-fertilization.

OVARY: the female reproductive organ, found in the gynoecium of the flower. It forms a part of the pistil, it contains the ovules and is situated at the base or point of meeting of sepals and petals. The pistil may have a single carpel or several carpels fused together.

OVULE: the organ that forms the seeds. It is borne in the ovary and consists of nucellus protected by integuments, precursors of embryo/endosperm, and seed coat, respectively.

INFLORESCENCE: the complete flower head of a plant including stems, stalks, bracts, and flowers.

RACEME: a flower cluster. The flowers at the base usually develop first.

An Aloe typically has a branched inflorescence with several to many racemes, each raceme holding up to hundreds of individual flowers.

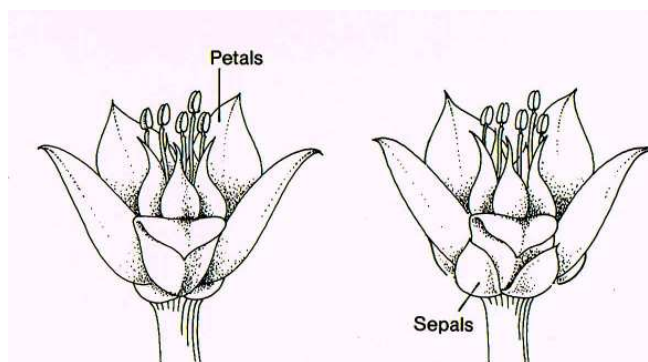
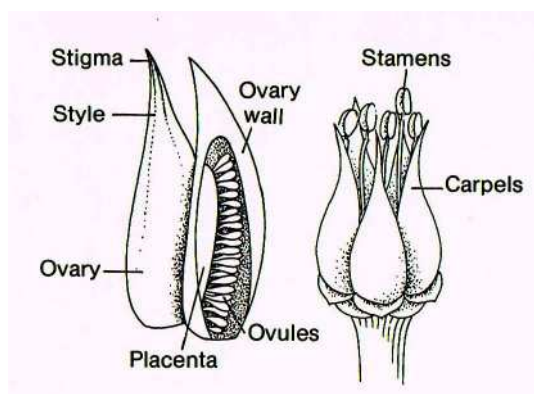
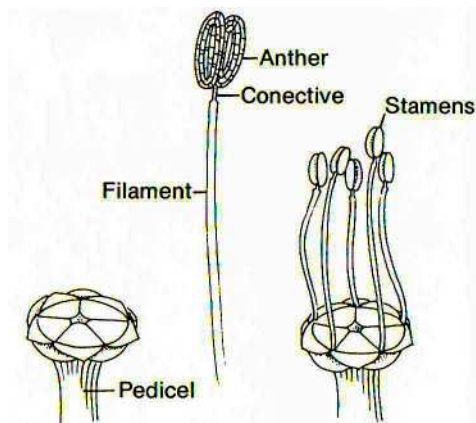
And the Editor found some sketches

The **book** is -

Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Succulents & Cacti

By Gordon Rowley

These are parts of a simple flower based on the Crassulaceae family.



Coromandel Cacti

Cactus & Succulent Mix

No expense spared in this premium formulation. Controls root bugs, fertiliser releases over 18 months or more, no need for liquid feeding, plants grow steadily without bolting, includes generous trace elements, uses optimum pH for cacti & succulents, drainage is superb, "wetting" problems banished forever.

30 Litre bag for \$20

For seed raising, and cacti in small pots, and fine rooted plants such as Lithops, Crassula and Echeveria we recommend sieving our mix to remove larger particles.

NURSERY HOURS Very limited opening hours

Check the Website for days & times, & rain cancellations.

170 Mt Wellington Highway, Panmure.

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Other bits.

Teacher:- If I gave you two cats, then another two, then another two, how many would you have.

Johnny - "Seven"

Teacher:- No listen carefully - If I gave you two cats, then another two, then another two, how many would you have.

Johnny - "Seven"

Teacher:- Let me put it a different way - If I gave you two apples, then another two, then another two, how many would you have.

Johnny - "Six"

Teacher:- Good, - Now If I gave you two cats, then another two, then another two, how many would you have.

Johnny - "Seven"

Teacher -, Johnny - where do you get seven from.

Johnny - Because I already have a freaking cat..

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