

# FLORIDA



## Program

**KELLY GRIFFIN WILL SHARE THE DETAILS OF  
HIS OCTOBER 2004 SOUTH AFRICAN TRIP**

## Member of the Month

**Pam Badger interviews past Vice President Jeff Harris**

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1:00 PM Room 101 Casa Del Prado  
Balboa Park, San Diego CA

# Presidents Message

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**G**reetings fellow succulent plant enthusiasts!

Our winter show began as a dark and stormy Saturday threatened to dampen our turnout. Within an hour of our setup time, the bright spirits and enthusiasm of our group had us all prepped and ready for a great turnout of hard-core succulent plant fanatics! Kudos as usual to the many volunteers and most excellent vendors who made this entire shindig a real success! Allen Clark, Terry Parr, Ed DeLollis, Lee Badger, Jeff Harris and Joe Kratz all deserve a standing ovation for their top-notch servitude and dedication. We think we raised about \$1000 more than we did last year, which is amazing considering the weather conditions we got to endure. The really bright side to this equation is that we should now have enough money in our treasury to make some substantial contributions to the Anza Borrego Foundation ( <http://www.theabf.org> ) to help with some of their needed land acquisitions and desert habitat protection. As spring is quickly approaching, we have a lot of opportunities for upcoming field-trips and getting involved with special projects for those of you with spare time on your hands. The Baja Garden at the San Diego Wild Animal Park is always in need of volunteers, and I am sure Chris Miller would love to hear from you if you're interested in

getting involved, for example. I am also interested in hearing what sorts of field trips you all might like to take this year. Don't forget about the upcoming biennial CSSA convention in Phoenix this August, either. Another sign that spring is eminent are the various plant-related events peppering our calendars. Quail Botanic Gardens annual spring sale is during our regular meeting weekend, but QBG members get early shopping on Friday before the general public, and runs the entire weekend (Saturday and Sunday). The Home and Garden Show will have come and gone by the time most of you have read this, so it may be a moot point, but another annual event where the SDC&S Society is usually well represented.

Today was the first sunny day of so many days of rain lately. It struck me yesterday that I am beginning to get punchy and edgy as a result of so much grey and wet and slugs and snails. It's inevitable that after so many gloomy and wet days, at this time of year, many of our plants are on the verge of exploding from so much water. In the nursery blooms of algae, moulds, and fungi can happen almost overnight with devastating results. Water moulds in seedlings are especially devastating

Well I look forward to seeing you all and hearing how you and your plants have been faring with these interesting conditions we've all been dealing with the past few weeks!

Best wishes,

**Mark Fryer**

Cover: Agave sp.  
Photo Credit: Kay Quijada

The March program will cover Kelly Griffin's recent trip to South Africa in October of 2004. Many Aloes and other interesting succulent stuff but also Lachenalias, Proteas and other fun too. Pretty much anything growing of interest plus a few other botanical surprises just for fun. Kelly made part of the trip with Brian Kemble of the Ruth Bancroft Botanical Garden and part with some other great people from the plant world. He was very fortunate to spend some time touring with Gerhard Marx, Ernst Van Jaarsveld, Graham and Francoise Williamson and Andrew Hankey of the Walter Sisulu Botanical Garden in Johannesburg. He adds: "They all were extremely kind and helpful in every way possible and I owe a great deal of thanks to all of them for the pictures and stories I intend to share with you".

San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society Brag Table Winners for January 7th Judge: Woody Minnich

CACTUS

1st Place: *Astrophytum caput-medusae*

Juergen Menzel

2nd Place: *Turbinicarpus niebla*

Juergen Menzel

3rd Place: *Echinocereus nivosus*

Don Patterson

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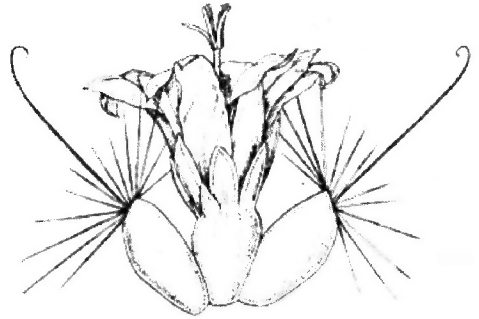
1st Place: *Pelargonium altenans*  
Rudy Lime

2nd Place: *Hydnophytum formicarium*  
Kelly Griffin

2nd Place: *Sarcocaulon herrei*  
Rudy Lime

3rd Place: *Othonna arborescens*  
Andrew Wilson

3rd Place: *Albuca Namaquensis*  
Mark Fryer



Editor's Note:

Please enjoy the photos of our Winter Show & Sale. Credits go to Tim Nomer, Kay & Joe Quijada and Pam Badger.



### Cactus Flower Hilites



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*warasae*, Ed  
Del Ollos,  
Formerly  
*Notocactus*

*Epiphyllum*  
*G. Graham*



*M. melanocentra*

*Bomati agul*

*Mammillaria*  
*bombycina*,  
Patsy W.



### SDCSS Winter 2005 Show

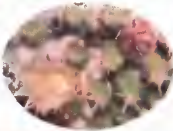


*M. zedmanniana*  
*monstrose*, John Buchanan

*Astrophytum*  
*ornatum*, Ed  
Del Ollos

*Thelocactus*  
*matudae*

*Mammillaria*  
*latwinskiana*,  
JL



thing, I was forced to discriminate after having my growing area reduced.



plants are a little water stressed, they are more colorful. I water manually, with a hose. In the winter I don't water at all. In the Summer a couple of times a month, depending on the weather. Depending

*When was that?* I first came to the meeting in late 1996.

*What was your inspiration to begin planting a landscape with these plants?* I wanted to replace grass with plants of more beauty. I also wanted to experience the plants more like they are in habitat.

*What did you use to prepare for planting?* A shovel, some old soil saved from old potted plants, and rock collected in the San Diego mountains to promote drainage in my clay soil. And lots of sweat.

*How do you handle watering?* I water them very infrequently. I try to recreate habitat, watering as little as possible. I have found that when the

on the plants, of course - the winter growers are kept dry in the summer, going dormant and growing in the winter rains.

*Do you use fertilizers?* Yes, the cheap stuff, balanced, diluted to quarter strength, all year round, as long as plants are in growth.



*What was/is your greatest challenge in landscaping with cactus and succulents?* Just keeping up with them... the weeding, watering, fertilizing - generally keeping them to a manageable and definable size.

*What do you consider the benefits of growing succulents?*

They grow so easily in San Diego, there is always something in bloom. The joy of giving cuttings away. [note: Jeff gives away plants over the internet. Over the past 5 years he has sent plants to over a hundred people all over the country all for the cost of shipping.]

*How has your landscape evolved over time?*

I am now more concerned with getting a permanent placement of the plants, now that I know more of how they grow, I can better judge where they will do best. The increased use of rocks, ever larger, to compliment the plants. The use of raised beds -the plants like it with the improved drainage and creates a nice look.



*What plants do the best in your garden?* Aloes, Kalanchoes, Aeoniums, basically, any crassulea. Opuntias - about any ceroids - I love the blue ones. Cotyledons, Tylecodens - lots of the winter growers

*Which plants have been most problematic in your landscape?* I've been pretty lucky so far, I did loose some Madagascar plants when it rained and the temp went below 40

degrees.

*What is your "dream plant," the one that has eluded you?* Actually, I don't have one right now, having recently acquired the *Aloe pillansii* I had been lusting after. I'm sure there will be another soon.

*Do you have a favorite story*

*related to succulents?* It was was two weeks after 9/11 and I was flying to NY City to visit a friend, taking some pumice with me to help with rooting succulent cuttings. This lead to an interesting discussion with the captain of the plane and the harbor police, after this "suspicious" substance was discovered in my luggage. In my defense, I must say , the bags were labeled "horticultural pumice."

*Do you have a favorite succulent garden in San Diego (public or private)? What do you appreciate about that garden?* Well... small scale would be the Badgers; large scale Phil Favel's. I appreciate the mature specimens, the sheer size and scale of the plants, they are all I aspire to in a private garden.

*Thanks Jeff, it has been a pleasure talking with you.*



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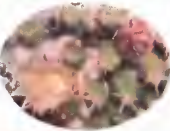


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*Epimedium*  
*sp. 'Bicolor'*



*Calliandra*  
*grandiflora*



*Euphorbia*  
*graciliflora* 'Interit'

## SDCSS Winter Show 2005



*Empetrum*  
*fruticosum*  
'Dusky Emperor'



*Saxifraga*  
*hyemalis*



*Premia auricula*, Arnold Chase,  
succulent alpine primrose

*Saxifraga*  
*caerulea*



*Hebe*  
*verna*



*Euphorbia*  
*polychroma*  
'Dusky Emperor'

## Flower Highlights



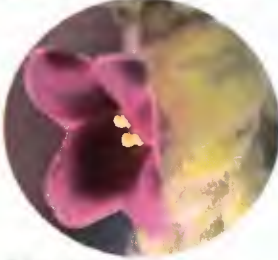
*Gastonia*  
*bicolor* v  
*leptostachya*



*Saxifraga* cf. *clavicornis*







*Atanochloa tomentosa*  
Sally Rogers / Marina



*Crassula* sp.



*Kalanchoe* sp. G. Graham

## SDCSS 2005 Winter Show



*Tachemata  
stolonosa*  
Lillian  
Aron



Also hybrid  
C. Martin



*Othonna acrocomis*  
Tom Distenfeld

## Flowers # 2

*Calliandra* sp. G. Graham



*Euphorbia hibernica*



# Upcoming Events

2005

**April 3-4**: 2005 Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society Show & Sale at the Denver Botanical Gardens

**April 2**: Master Gardeners San Diego Home Gardening Seminar for more info call 858-694-2860

**April 9,10th**: 9am-5pm; South Coast CSS, plant show & sale at South Coast Botanical Garden; contact Dick Hulett at 310-832-2262 (E-mail [petplants@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petplants@sbcglobal.net)); Carol Causey at 310-675-5843; Jim Hanna at 562-920-3046 or [aloecats1@aol.com](mailto:aloecats1@aol.com). This is a unique artistic non-judged show with multiple displays.

**April 16**: CSSA Board Meeting at Huntington Botanical Gardens

**April 29**: Lake Hodges Native Plant Club annual Spring Gardens Tour for more info call 858-487-6661

**April 24th**: South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show, South Coast BG; 310-831-1209

**April 30th-May 1st**: Sunset C&SS show & sale; Veterans Memorial Ctr, Culver City 310-822-1783

**May 15th**: 10-5 Huntington Gardens Plant Sale, 1151 Oxford Road San Marino, CA

**May 15th**: Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale, LA Arboretum 310-831-1209

**May 21st: 1-4, 22nd: 9-4** Gates C&SS show & sale, Jurupa Mtn Cultural ctr; Glen Avon CA; 909-360-8802

**May 21**: First Annual Encinitas Garden Festival and Gardeners Marketplace. Info: [arosado@ci.encinitas.ca.us](mailto:arosado@ci.encinitas.ca.us)

**June 4,5th**: San Diego C&SS Summer Show & sale, Balboa Park 619-477-4779

**July 1 - 3**: CSSA Annual Show and Sale at Huntington Botanical Gardens

**August 5 - 11**: CSSA 31st Biennial Convention, Scottsdale Plaza Resort, Phoenix, Arizona Host Club: The Central Arizona Cactus & Succulent Society  
Special Rate for Rooms \$89 per night (Normally \$300)

Convention Chairman, Duke Benadom Program Chairman, Leo Martin e-mail: [leo1010@attglobal.net](mailto:leo1010@attglobal.net) Confirmed speakers already include Sheila Collenette, Chuck Hanson, John Lavranos, Mark Muradian, Gard Roper, Guy Wrinkle.

**August 20, 21st**: Intercity Show & Sale, 18th annual; LA Arboretum 626-798-2430, 818-998-9306

**Sept 3rd**: 21st Annual Succulent Symposium; Huntington Gardens

**Sept 4th**: CSSA Board Meeting, HBG

**September 25th**: Long Beach C&SS Annual Auction; 18127 So. Alameda St, Compton CA

**October 15,16**: San Gabriel C&SS Winter show & sale; LA Arboretum; 301 N. Baldwin, Arcadia, CA

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**January 14** CSSA Board Meeting, Ahmanson Class Room, HBG

**April 15** CSSA Board Meeting, Ahmanson Class Room, HBG

**June 30 - July 2** CSSA Show and Sale, HBG

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