

Espinas y Flores



Newsletter of the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society
An affiliate of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America

Next Meeting: October 13th
There will be no
General Meeting
in September!

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Herb Stern and Brian Shepherd in proper attire!
 Photo by Christine Vargas

On the Cover: Baja Garden at the Safari Park.
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 San Diego Zoo, Safari Park.



Mammillaria thornberi

By Paul Maker

President's Message



Our membership is growing! We are at almost 900 members with many new members signing at the June Show/Sale. We extend a warm welcome and know you will enjoy the many events, activities, and opportunities the club has to offer.

Compliments were abundant on Brian Kemble's August program, *Agave's as Art*. The photos and perspectives were spectacular! Who knew agaves could be the "models" of the succulent world.

Melanie's Plant of the Month presentation on Carnivorous Plants, was also well liked! Considering the water needs are the opposite of what we're used to, they are a tempting group of plants to start collecting.

And last but not least, Mary Reiser's workshop on bugs was well attended. She gave members great advice on keeping the critters at bay, something we all find useful!

In lieu of the club picnic this year, our members have been invited on a San Diego Zoo, Safari Park tour, scheduled for Saturday, September 8th. May-Fong Ho coordinated ticket sales at the August general meeting. If you signed up, May will send you details soon, via email. You must have a ticket to attend. Please contact May at mayfongho@yahoo.com, if you have questions.

We are still looking for folks to fill positions within the club. Some of the titles may sound intimidating and out of reach, but if you are interested in helping and meeting more people within the club, please email me and we can talk about the details (c.miller@cox.net). SDCSS is an amazing organization because of you, our volunteers, and we are looking forward to some fresh faces and new ideas.

Please do not show up in September, for a meeting. There will NOT BE A MEETING IN SEPTEMBER! We will resume on October 13th. ~ Chris Miller

If you got it, flaunt it...



If you had entered a plant into the Novice or Advanced Cactus Brag Table categories at the August meeting, you would have won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place; maybe all three since there were no entries.

The brag table is most often filled with amazing plants in the "succulent" category. It is not unusual for the cactus categories to be void of entries. Above are photos of trophy winning cactus plants from previous shows. These are examples of beautifully grown cactus. Show us your cactus! It doesn't have to be a trophy winner, bring it anyway. We want to see everyone's plants and if you bring a cactus, your odds of winning are pretty good!

October challenge...At the October meeting, cactus will rule the table! All plants are welcome of course, but we want to see at least six cactus entered in each of the Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced categories.

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News from the Safari Park's Gardens

The Old World Garden (OWG) has reopened and people are visiting both the OWG and the Baja Garden in droves because of the new trail leading there from the Australia Walkabout exhibit.

A huge thank you goes to Ric Newcomer, a long-time SDCSS member, who donated an excellent collection of mostly cactus, and Shirley Berrys, who also donated a large collection to the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. The donated plants look terrific where they are planted along the new trail to the Baja Garden.

As always, if you have plants or materials to donate, or if you would like to volunteer at the gardens, please contact May Fong Ho at 760-233-3948 or mayfongho@yahoo.com.

Description of the photos: (Left) Donated collections are being planted along the trail to the Baja Garden; photos by May-Fong Ho. Below are Scenes from the Baja Garden; photos by Susan LaFreniere. Photos used with permission of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. ~ Dee Morgan

Attention Safari Park Tour Attendees....

For those who signed up to attend the Safari Park Tour scheduled for Saturday, September 8th, please keep your eyes out for additional information that will be provided to you via email, by May-Fong Ho, the coordinator. If you have questions, please contact her (information in above paragraph).



~~Coffee~~ in the Garden Plant and Pottery Sale

Saturday, September 1st, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
8151 Doe Point, San Diego

Melanie Howe, Jim De Forest, and Julie Dixon have teamed up to host a plant and pottery sale at Melanie's house in San Carlos. There will be no coffee! 😂

Melanie's front garden will be open and you can view nicely grown California natives, succulents, fruit trees, and butterfly plants.

Please bring a beverage as it may be a warm day and refreshments are not provided.

For sale will be cacti, succulents, bromeliads, and hand-crafted pots. Please bring a box or other container in which to carry your purchases.

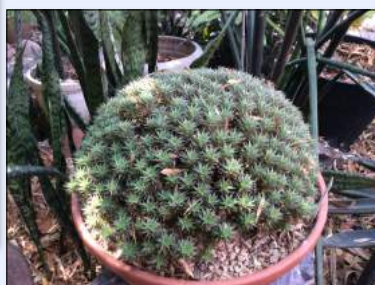
Cash only!!



Moving Sale!

September 15th & 16th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
4466 Cherokee Ave, San Diego, 92116

Jim DeForest will be selling a large portion of his collection.
Cactus, succulents and tillandsias will be priced to sell.
No early birds please! **Cash only!**



CACTUS

August Brag Table Winners

Novice: No entries

Intermediate:

- 1st: Bev Grant - *Echinocereus mojavensis* (1)
- 2nd: Bev Grant - *Oreocereus trollii* (2)
- 3rd: May-Fong Ho - *Mammillaria carmenae* 'Super clone' (3)

Advanced: No entries

SUCCULENTS

Novice:

- 1st: Rachel Burns - *Huernia zebrina* (4)
- 1st: Rachel Burns - *Huernia schneideriana* (5)
- 2nd: Olga Batalov - *Agave geminiflora* cv 'Leaping Lizard' (6)
- 3rd: Olga Batalov - *Avonia quinaria* ssp *alstonii* (7)
- 3rd: Rachel Burns - *Echeveria agavoides* x *loui* (8)

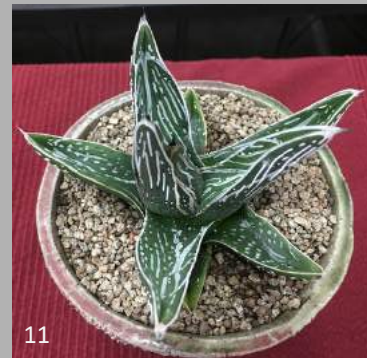
Intermediate:

- 1st: Bev Grant - *Fockea crispa* (9)
- 2nd: Chuck Ramey - *Dyckcohnia* cv 'Conrad Morton' (10)
- 3rd: Chit missing

Advanced:

- 1st: Kelly Griffin - *Agave pintilla* selection (11)
- 2nd: Kelly Griffin - *Agave utahensis* x *subcerulata* selection (KJG) (12)
- 3rd: Kelly Griffin - *Aloe* x KJG (*castillioniae* x) (13)

Accounting by Denise Huntsman-Griffin. Photos by Tina Zucker





Grown and
photographed by
Rick Bjorkland

Left: *Lophocereus schottii* cephalium

Above: *Ferocactus rectispinus*

Below left: *Opuntia macrocentra*

Bottom left: *Agave polianthiflora*

Below right: *Caesalpinia cacalaco*





Trichocereus
'Super Apricot'
by Rick Bjorkland

2018 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- SEPT. 1 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM.**
All day at the Huntington. Questions: 626-405-3504
- SEPT 8 SDCSS Member Tour, San Diego Safari Park, 15500 San Pasqual Valley Rd., Escondido, CA**
Tickets are required and can be requested on August 11th, at the SDCSS General Meeting in Balboa Park. Questions; mayfongho@yahoo.com. SDCSS Members Only event.
- SEPT 15 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION -12-5PM, RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS,**
6400 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90615 INFO. 562-631-5876
- Oct 13 SDCSS General Meeting, Rm 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego**
- Oct. 13-14 BAKERSFIELD CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE SAT. 10-5 & SUN. 11-3**
St. Paul's Church, 2216 17th St., Bakersfield, CA. Free admission. Parking info - 619-831-8488
- OCT. 27-28 PALOMAR CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SHOW AND SALE**
SAT 10-5, SUN 10-3, San Diego Botanic Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Rd., Encinitas, CA
Info: brita_miller@yahoo.com ph.858-776-7216
- NOV. 3-4 SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 9am-4pm BOTH DAYS**
Show and sale - LA County Arboretum, 310 No. Baldwin, Arcadia, CA
Manny Rivera 626-780-6957 or John Matthews 661-714-1052
- DEC 15 SDCSS Holiday Party, Rm 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. More details to come.**