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SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

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## POTLUCK CELEBRATION & 2013 SHOW AWARDS

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH — SET UP @6:30PM/DINNER @7PM**



Best in Show, Best Succulent Advanced, & Best Aloe  
*Aloe pearsonii*  
(Penny Newell)

Club members worked hard putting on another great Show, as well as throughout the entire year. Now let's celebrate with our Annual Awards Potluck Dinner. Everyone is welcome, especially those new members who enjoyed our Show so much they decided to join the Club! This is one of our two potlucks each year and besides our love of plants we love good food and conversation. Come, visit, dine and relax as we present the coveted *Punctured Thumb Award*. **Our May monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15th for the potluck & awards.** Please bring a dish to serve 8-10 people. Beverages will be provided by the Club, but bring your own service. The potluck set up will begin at 6:30pm, with dinner at 7pm and the festivities at 8pm. Spouses, children, & family are welcome, so see everyone there!

**Potluck Assignments: Last name A-G main dishes; H-R bring salads; S-Z desserts.** — Show Committee

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E=MC2  
CLASS-LIVING COMPOSITION  
(Mara Aditajs)

### Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

- Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7pm
- Location: Shepard Garden & Arts Center in Sacramento.
- 3330 McKinley Blvd
- Center's phone number — 916/808-8800
- No official meeting in December
- The public is warmly invited to attend meetings

## President's Message

**ATTENTION: Due to the Memorial Day holiday falling on our regular scheduled meeting date - the Potluck & Show Awards meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15th**

Here it is Monday after the big Show weekend and I don't know about the rest of you but I was beat, overslept this morning and still feel like I could take a nap (which I probably will after lunch). Thank you to ALL who contributed to make another outstanding event. If anyone has questions, concerns or ideas regarding the Show or Sale please bring them to the meeting or email me. — Keith Taylor

## MINI SHOW — JUNE 2013

### Cactus — “Your Favorite”

Here are some of the Judges Favorites —



BEST CACTUS ADVANCED  
*Copiapoa serpentisulcata*  
(Penny Newell)



BEST CACTUS OPEN  
*Ortegocactus macdougallii*  
(William Munkacsy)



BEST CACTUS NOVICE  
*Neoporteria nidus senilis*  
(George Krigas)



BEST CACTUS JUNIOR  
*Mammillaria* sp.  
(JJ Dickey)



BEST OPUNTIA  
*Cumulopuntia grahamii*  
(George Avery)



BEST MAMMILLARIA  
*Mammillaria schiedeana*  
(Marilynn Vilas)

### Succulent — “Your Favorite”

Here are some of the Judges Favorites —



BEST SUCCULENT OPEN  
*Sarcocaulon pattersonii*  
(William Munkacsy)



BEST SUCCULENT NOVICE  
*Haworthia limifolia*  
(Mara Aditajs)



BEST SUCCULENT JUNIOR  
*Echeveria imbricata*  
(Lily Wilson)



BEST CAUDICIFORM  
*Fouquieria fasciculata*  
(Keith Taylor)



BEST MINIATURE SUCCULENT  
*Echeveria rundelli*  
(David Calibo)



BEST CREST  
*Aeonium x 'Starburst' crestata*  
(Linda Hornstein)

# SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY — 2013 SHOW & SALE

## 2013 BEST IN SHOW AWARDS

Best Plant in Show	<i>Aloe pearsonii</i> — Penny Newell
Best Cactus Advanced	<i>Copiapoa serpentisulcata</i> — Penny Newell
Best Succulent Advanced	<i>Aloe pearsonii</i> — Penny Newell
Best Cactus Open	<i>Ortegocactus macdougallii</i> — William Munkacsy
Best Succulent Open	<i>Sarcocaulon pattersonii</i> — William Munkacsy
Best Cactus Novice	<i>Neoporteria nidus senilis</i> — George Krigas
Best Succulent Novice	<i>Haworthia limifolia</i> — Mara Aditajs
Best Cactus Junior	<i>Mammillaria sp.</i> — JJ Dickey
Best Succulent Junior	<i>Echeveria imbricate</i> — Lily Wilson
Best Cereus	<i>Echinopsis sp. Crest</i> — Bill Hagbery
Best Dish Garden	“Get Your Kicks on Route 66” — Mara Aditajs
Best Opuntia	<i>Cumulopuntia grahamii</i> — George Avery
Best Euphorbia	<i>Euphorbia millottii</i> — Penny Newell
Best Caudiciform	<i>Fouquieria fasciculata</i> — Keith Taylor
Best Miniature Succulent	<i>Echeveria rudely</i> — David Calibo
Best Mammillaria	<i>Mammillaria schiedeana</i> — Marilyn Vilas
Best Ferocactus	<i>Leuchtenbergia principis</i> — Keith Taylor
Best Aloe	<i>Aloe pearsonii</i> — Penny Newell
Best Agave	<i>Manfreda undulate</i> ‘Chocolate Chip’ — David Calibo
Best Crassulaceae	<i>Dudleya pachyphytum</i> — Keith Taylor
Best Ariocarpus	<i>Ariocarpus fissuratus</i> — William Munkacsy
Best Gymnocalycium	<i>Gymnocalycium triacanthum</i> — William Munkacsy
Best Haworthia	<i>Haworthia truncata variegata</i> — Penny Newell
Best Madagascan Succulent	<i>Euphorbia millottii</i> — Penny Newell
Best Crest	<i>Aeonium x ‘Starburst’ crestata</i> — Linda Hornstein
Best Rebutia	<i>Sulcorebutia arenaceae</i> — Oksun Avery
Best Succulent Collection	<i>Ophthalmophyllum</i> group #1 — Penny Newell
Best Miniature Cactus	<i>Frailea asteroides</i> — Penny Newell

# Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society — 2013 Show & Sale

## Congratulations & Thank You to all - Exhibitors, Volunteers, & Vendors - for a Great 2013 Show and Sale!!



BEST FEROCACTUS  
*Leuchtenbergia principis*  
(Keith Taylor)

Again the Club has sponsored an award-winning show (pun intended). We specifically want to thank Karl Karl, who took over the cash register duty after the unexpected death of Frank Bloss (see Sunshine, Pg. 6). We owe Karl a big thank you for spending his weekend with us, enabling our sales to proceed without a hitch. **THANK YOU, KARL!!** Speaking of sales, Ellen and Dennis Ragasa did another outstanding job of organizing all the vendors and keeping the sales flowing smoothly. Ellen and Dennis also supplied our registration tags. **THANK YOU, ELLEN AND DENNIS!!** Keith Smith and his crew managed the Plant Hotel, a very lively & busy area. Their diligence kept everyone happy while purchasing plants. **THANK YOU, KEITH!!** Most of the Club's plant table, (money goes directly to club) was



BEST AGAVE  
*Manfreda undulata* 'Chocolate Chip'  
(David Calibo)

propagated and arranged by Trish and Dick Bruga with additions from various members. **THANK YOU, TRISH, DICK AND CONTRIBUTORS!!**



BEST REBUTIA  
*Sulcorebutia arenaceae*  
(Oksun Avery)

More thanks goes to Karen and Ken Dines. For the whole weekend, our bellies were full of delicious food and our thirst was slaked with various drinks from water to wine. **THANK YOU, KAREN AND KEN!!**

Without the various volunteers throughout the weekend, the Show would not be possible. Give yourself a big pat on the back if you volunteered for anything. Keith Taylor, our Show Chair, did an outstanding job of set-up and staging. He also made all the pots for the Best... awards, including extra pots for the Juniors. **KUDOS TO KEITH!!** Without exhibitors there would be no show. For each of you who brought in even one plant, consider yourself a winner. The public appreciated each and every plant.



BEST EUPHORBIA &  
BEST MADAGASCAN SUCCULENT  
*Euphorbia millotii*  
(Penny Newell)



BEST CRASSLACEA  
*Dudleya pachyphytum*  
(Keith Taylor)

A special pat on the back goes to all the exhibitors who entered planters, dish gardens, bonsai, living compositions and nature's containers. Division III, Allied Interest, has not been so well represented in years. Let's continue this trend. The Shadowboxes were delightful with interpretations of this year's theme, 'Show Some Spine'. Our own Michelle Egan chaired and won the voting for her lovely composition, while herding the judges. **THANK YOU, MICHELLE!!** Also doing some herding was JoEllen Arnold, Clerk Chair. She kept the clerks and judges on their toes determining the final awards. **THANK YOU, JOELLEN!!** Marilynn Vilas handled award placement and ribbons but the display arrangement was

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staged by Keith Taylor. No one would come to the Show without publicity. Gerhard Bock did these honors. **THANK YOU, GERHARD!!** Taking membership



**BEST ARIOCARPUS**  
*Ariocarpus fissuratus*  
(William Munkacsy)

money and dispensing information was George Avery. This was his last duty as membership chair. **THANK YOU, GEORGE (AND OKSUN)!!** Mara Aditajs did an outstanding job on designing and printing our attractive Show flyer and schedule. **THANK YOU, MARA!!** Lastly, but not the least, is our intrepid Treasurer, Greg Lang. He keeps the money flowing and the bills paid. Without him, we would be in deep debt. **THANK YOU, GREG.** A big thanks to our Center monitors, Don and Chris.

If your name wasn't mentioned please forgive. This year we decided not to list all exhibitors, vendors, volunteers, etc. You know who you are and what you did so—

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!!**

## SOME STATISTICS:

- ◆ Cactus — 74
- ◆ Other Succulents — 211
- ◆ Planters — 20(!)
- ◆ Dish Gardens — 7
- ◆ Bonsai — 3
- ◆ Nature's Container — 6
- ◆ Living Composition — 5
- ◆ Exhibitors — Junior-4, Novice-10 (wow!), Advanced-7, and Open-6



**BEST HAWORTHIA**  
*Haworthia truncata variegata*  
(Penny Newell)



**BEST MINIATURE CACTUS**  
*Frailea asteroides*  
(Penny Newell)



**BEST GYMNOCALYCIUM**  
*Gymnocalycium triacanthum*  
(William Munkacsy)



**BEST DISH GARDEN**  
"Get Your Kicks on Route 66"  
(Mara Aditajs)



**BEST SUCCULENT COLLECTION**  
*Ophthalmophyllum* group #1  
(Penny Newell)

## DATES & DETAILS

### ➤ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Debra & Robert Beskeen  
Loralei Dewe  
Claudia & Betty Erickson and Sabrina Royal  
Elsa Espejo-Stoffly  
Steve Goodman  
Janis Larson  
Daphne Reimer  
Linda Roye

### ➤ RETURNING PAST MEMBERS

Enid Clark  
John & Erica Foster  
Dawnica Gallegos  
Mary L Hooks  
Diana Penman

### ➤ SUNSHINE CORNER

It has been a sorrowful few weeks. On April 5th, Stanley Lemkuil passed. He was the son of Pearl Lemkuil, our charter member (a member since 1960!) and the brother of member Jeanne Lemkuil. Stan had a unique sense of humor. He often accompanied his mother to meetings. Sam Williams, our member extraordinaire, passed on April 24th. It would take pages to list all of the accomplishments of Sam and his late wife, Dorothy. They traveled extensively in South America and Africa, collecting and observing plants. They also were active in numerous clubs and on the Board of Directors of the national society, CSSA. This is truly the end of an era. Last but not least, Frank Bloss passed on April 26th. He was the gentle patient man who kept our cash registers going each May. His wife, Naomi, and daughter, Lisa, have been vendors at our sale. This is a great loss not just for our Club but also for all Northern California C&S clubs. Cards have been sent to the families of all of the above but feel free to add your own; addresses may be found in the roster. *– Marilyn Vilas, Sunshine Chair*

### ➤ SAMUEL ARTHUR WILLIAMS – OBITUARY



Born September 16, 1922 in Ponca City, Oklahoma. He died peacefully at home in Carmichael, CA., with his devoted family at his side on April 24, 2013 at the age of 90. He is survived by his sister Virginia Hicks of San Bernardino, CA., his son Steven (Debra); his grandchildren Bryan, Brandon (Tara), Valerie, and Stephanie Fryman; and his great grandchildren Daphne,

Parker, Hannah, Blake and Drake Fryman, also many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy and oldest son Robert. As an active member of the National Cactus and Succulent Society of America since 1970, a member of the local Sacramento, Stockton, Oakland, San Jose and Monterey Bay area clubs, and as a charter and life member of the local Carmichael club, he held a variety of committee positions and received many prestigious awards over his 40+ year affiliations. He was an Navy World War II Veteran and worked for the State of California Water Resource Department retiring at age 55, so he could travel while still young enough to enjoy it. The family wishes to thank Sutter Hospice for their supportive care. Please join the family for a Celebration of Life open house at the Carmichael Park Veteran's Memorial Building, 5750 Grant Ave., Saturday, May 11, 2013, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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### ➤ A LITTLE HISTORY

Visiting the Show on Sunday was Pearl Lemkuil. Pearl is the Club's remaining Charter Member – she joined in 1960 when the Club was first organized. Pearl has exhibited in the May Show every year since then, except the last two because of health reasons. That is amazing! I watched Pearl's face as she was looking at the plants – her eyes devoured each plant – enjoying her love of cactus and succulents. Best of health, Pearl, and see you at the Show next year. *– Marilyn Vilas, Sunshine Chair*

### ➤ REMINDER FOR 2013 SHOW CHAIRS

Show Chairs!! Remember to return your updated binders to Keith Taylor, 2013 Show Chair, in order that they be returned to the Show box (which is housed in our storage unit) ready for next year's 2014 Show. A great time would be the May Potluck & Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 15th *– Keith Taylor, 2013 Show Chair*

### ➤ CSSA 35TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION



The Austin Cactus & Succulent Society would like to invite you to Austin, Texas for the 2013 CSSA Convention. It will be held June 15th through 20th at the Hyatt Regency Austin. The Hyatt is located in the heart of downtown on Lady Bird

Lake – within walking distance of many Austin attractions.

The rich succulent flora of Texas provides numerous opportunities to visit plant habitats. There are approximately 136 taxa (95 species and 41 varieties) of cacti found in Texas. Other succulents include species of

## DATES & DETAILS — (CON'T)

agave, dasylirion, euphorbia, fouquieria, hechtia, hesperaloe, ibervillea, jatropha, manfreda, nolina, and yucca. There will be several field trips to locations in Austin and the Central Texas area (including nurseries, gardens and habitats) to see many of these species. Our Club is excited to be hosting the CSSA and is busy planning what we hope will be an informative and educational (as well as fun and memorable) experience.

### ➤ **CSSA 48TH ANNUAL SHOW & SALE**

The Cactus & Succulent Society of America (our national society) will have their 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Show and Sale at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA., June 28-30, 2013. Sale all days from 10:30-5 pm (4 pm on Sunday). Show hours 10:30-4:30 each day, closing at 4 on Sunday. There will be a rare plant auction Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Banquet. Free to the public. For more info contact Barbara Hall, 818 -368-6914 or go to [www.cssainc.org](http://www.cssainc.org).

– Marilyn Vilas, Affiliate Representative

### ➤ **CARMICHAEL 37TH ANNUAL SHOW & SALE**

DATE – May 18 & 19

LOCATION – Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael.

HOURS – Saturday: 9-4 and Sunday: 10-3

Displays, plants and pots for sale, raffles and refreshments. And, of course, free plants to the first 100 participants each day. ([www.ccandss.com](http://www.ccandss.com))

– Gerri Wigglesworth, Newsletter Editor for Carmichael Cactus & Succulent Society

### ➤ **CENTRAL COAST C&S 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SHOW**

May 25 & 26, 2013 (MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND)

Saturday: 10 am – 5 pm & Sunday: 10 am – 4 pm

Sunday: 1 pm – Live auction of show quality plants.

Ludwick Community Center

864 Santa Rosa Street – San Luis Obispo, CA

Free Admission – [centralcoastcactus.org](http://centralcoastcactus.org)

### ➤ **MORE PHOTOS FROM THE SHOW**

Pottery vendor, Connie Esquibel admiring flowering cactus plants Saturday AM just before the Plant Sale was to begin. Folks were already in line!



Check out this visitor, slurping nectar from the cactus blossoms.

He stayed for a while sampling nectar from

many, many plants. (Photos courtesy Gerhard Bock & Keith Taylor)

## Mini Show Winners — April, 2013

### Cactus — Rebutia/Sulcorebutia

1<sup>st</sup> *Sulcorebutia arenacea*, George Avery

2<sup>nd</sup> *Rebutia perplexa*, George Krigas

3<sup>rd</sup> *Sulcorebutia rauschii*, Michelle Egan

### Succulent — Agave

1<sup>st</sup> *Agave victoriae-reginae* 'Albomarginata,' Dennis

2<sup>nd</sup> *Agave victoriae-reginae*, Michelle Egan

3<sup>rd</sup> *Agave* 'Kissho Kan,' Linda Hornstein

## Thought for the Month

“True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.”

*Arthur Ashe (American social Activist and Tennis Player, the first black winner of a major men's singles championship. 1943-1993)*



### From the Editor's Desk –

**Publication Deadline – 10th of each month.**  
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Respectfully your editor, Mara Aditajs



# FIRST CLASS

Next Meeting Date ♦ Wednesday, May 15th

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## June, 2013

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2 [REDACTED]	3 [REDACTED]	 JUNIOR TROPHY TABLE			7	8 SFSCS Show & Sale (Golden Gate Park, San Francisco)
9 [REDACTED] SFSCS Show & Sale	10 [REDACTED]	11	12	13 [REDACTED]	14 	15
16 [REDACTED] FATHER'S DAY	17	18	19	20	21 	22
23 [REDACTED]	24 Sacramento C&S Mtg – 7 pm	25	26 [REDACTED]	27	28	29
30						