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SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

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POTLUCK CELEBRATION & 2014 SHOW AWARDS THURSDAY THURSDAY, MAY 15TH — SET UP @6:30PM/DINNER @7PM



BEST IN SHOW & BEST EUPHORBIA
Euphorbia euphorbia
(Nick Wilkinson)

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 Thursday, 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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PENNY NEWELL – STAGING
(Courtesy Candice Suter)

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

- Meetings are held the 4th 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

Thank you ALL for contributing to another outstanding Show! This year has surpassed the previous in all aspects! Set up was breeze and tear down was speedy due to many hands. Other than that damn Sycamore tree everything went smoothly!

– Keith Taylor

(Photo courtesy Candice Suter)



MINI SHOW — MAY 2014

Cactus — Favorite Show Winners!

Here are some of the Judges favorites —



BEST CACTUS ADVANCED
Melocactus glaucescens
(Penny Newell)



BEST CACTUS OPEN & BEST CREST
Mammillaria bocasana "Fred"
(Lisa Bloss)



BEST CACTUS JUNIOR
Gymnocalycium chiquitanum
(JJ Dickey)



BEST MAMMILLARIA
Mammillaria humboldtii
(Elton Roberts)



BEST GYMNOCALYCIUM
Gymnocalycium monvillei
(Marilynn Vilas)



BEST CACTUS NOVICE
Parodia herzogii
(Lorelei Dewe)

Succulent — Favorite Show Winners!

Here are some of the Judges favorites —



BEST SUCCULENT ADVANCED
Cyphostemma uter
(Penny Newell)



BEST SUCCULENT OPEN
Ceraria namaquensis
(Naomi Bloss)



BEST MINIATURE SUCCULENT
Dorstenia species
(Penny Newell)



BEST SUCCULENT JUNIOR
Adenium hybrid
(JJ Dickey)



BEST MADAGASCAN SUCCULENT
Operculicarya decaryi
(Naomi Bloss)

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2014 BEST IN SHOW AWARDS	
Best Plant in Show	<i>Euphorbia bupleurifolia</i> - Nick Wilkinson
Best Cactus Advanced	<i>Melocactus glaucescens</i> - Penny Newell
Best Succulent Advanced	<i>Cyphostemma uter</i> - Penny Newell
Best Cactus Open	<i>Mammillaria bocasana</i> "Fred" - Lisa Bloss
Best Succulent Open	<i>Ceraria namaquensis</i> - Naomi Bloss
Best Cactus Novice	<i>Parodia herzogii</i> - Lorelei Dewe
Best Succulent Novice	<i>Ibervillea lindheimeri</i> - Steve Goodman
Best Cactus Junior	<i>Gymnocalycium chiquitanum</i> - JJ Dickey
Best Succulent Junior	<i>Adenium hybrid</i> - JJ Dickey
Best Dish Garden	<i>Cowabunga Dude</i> - <i>Surf's Up!</i> - Mara Aditajs
Best Planter	Linda Roye
Best Euphorbia	<i>Euphorbia bupleurifolia</i> - Nick Wilkinson
Best Caudiciform	<i>Adenium arabicum</i> - Nick Wilkinson
Best Miniature Succulent	<i>Dorstenia sp.</i> - Penny Newell
Best Mammillaria	<i>Mammillaria humboldtii</i> - Elton Roberts
Best Ferocactus	<i>Ferocactus glaucescens</i> - Richard Withers
Best Aloe	<i>Aloe pearsonii</i> - Penny Newell
Best Agave	<i>Agave toumenyana bella</i> - Naomi Bloss
Best Crassula	<i>Crassula barklyi</i> - Peter Beiersdorfer
Best Ariocarpus	<i>Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus elephantidens</i> - Elton Roberts
Best Gymnocalycium	<i>Gymnocalycium monvillei</i> - Marilyn Vilas
Best Haworthia	<i>Haworthia truncata</i> - Peter Beiersdorfer
Best Madagascan Succulent	<i>Operculicarya decaryi</i> - Naomi Bloss
Best Crest (Cactus or Succulent)	<i>Mammillaria bocasana</i> "Fred" - Lisa Bloss
Best Rebutia	<i>Rebutia tiraquensis v. bicolorspina</i> - Lorelei Dewe
Best Cactus Collection	<i>Gymnocalycium</i> - Mara Aditajs
Best Succulent Collection	<i>Conophytum</i> - Penny Newell
Best Miniature Cactus	<i>Mammillaria theresae</i> - Bill Munkacsy

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Congratulations & Thank You to all - Exhibitors, Volunteers, & Vendors - for a Great 2014 Show and Sale!!



BEST CAUDICIFORM
Adenium arabicum
(Nick Wilkinson)

Again the Club has sponsored an award-winning Show (pun intended). We want to thank John Bloss, who took over the cash register duty. 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, JOHN, ELLEN AND DENNIS!!** We could not finance the show without our vendors. This year we have ten plant vendors and two pottery vendors. **THANK YOU ALL!!** Steve Goodman and Mike Price herded the Plant Hotel, a very lively & busy area. Their diligence kept everyone happy while purchasing plants. **THANK YOU, STEVE AND MIKE!!** Most of the Club's plant table, (money goes directly to Club) was propagated and arranged by Trish and Dick Bruga with additions from various



BEST HAWORTHIA
Haworthia truncata
(Peter Beiersdorfer)

members. **THANK YOU, TRISH, DICK AND CONTRIBUTORS!!** We cannot thank the Dickey family - Jane, JJ, Ed & Christa enough. For the whole weekend, our bellies were full of delicious food and our thirst was slaked. **THANK YOU, JANE, JJ, CHRISTA AND ED!!** 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. Thanks to **LINDA HORSTEIN** coordinating these volunteers. Keith Taylor, our Show Chair, did an outstanding job of set-up and staging. He also made all the pots for the Best...



BEST FEROCACTUS
Ferocactus glaucescens
(Richard Withers)



BEST ALOE
Aloe pearsonii
(Penny Newell)

awards. **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. The Shadowboxes were delightful with interpretations of this year's theme, 'Succulent Samba'. **THANK YOU, MICHELLE!!** Shadow Box winner was a Dickey family project: **THANK YOU TO JJ, JANE AND CHRISTA!!** We salute Ed Egan, our watchful Security person and his crew. **THANK YOU, ED!!** JoEllen Arnold was both Judge and Clerk Chair. She kept the clerks and judges on their toes determining those final awards. **THANK YOU, JOELLEN!!** Marilyn Vilas, with Penny



BEST ARIOCARPUS
Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus elephantidens
(Elton Roberts)



BEST AGAVE
Agave toumeyana bella
(Naomi Bloss)

Newel's help, handled award placement and ribbons. Keith Taylor staged the display arrangement. No one would come to the Show without publicity. Gerhard Bock did these honors. **THANK YOU, GERHARD!!** Taking membership money and dispensing information was Ginger Martin and her crew. **THANK YOU, GINGER!!** Mara Aditajs did an outstanding job on

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BEST PLANTER
(Linda Roye)

designing and printing our attractive Show flyer and schedule. **THANK YOU, MARA!!** Lou Grubaugh and Erica Crosby did the signage. **THANK YOU LOU AND ERICA!!** Our treasurer, Greg Lang, keeps the money flowing and the bills paid. **THANK YOU, GREG.** A big thanks goes to our Center monitors, Mabel and Brian.

If your name wasn't mentioned, please forgive. You know who you are and what you did so –

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!!



BEST SUCCULENT NOVICE
Ibervillea lindheimeri
(Steve Goodman)



BEST MINIATURE CACTUS
Mammillaria theresae
(William Munkacsy)



BEST REBUTIA
Rebutia tiraquensis v. bicolorspina
(Lorelei Dewe)

SOME STATISTICS:

- ◆ Cactus – 150 (twice the plants from last year!)
- ◆ Other Succulents – 135 (down from last year)
- ◆ Planters – 6
- ◆ Dish Gardens – 2
- ◆ Bonsai – 2
- ◆ Nature's Container – 4
- ◆ Living Composition – 5
- ◆ Exhibitors – Junior-1, Novice-9 (great!), Advanced-7, and Open-10

Random Comments about the Show: From a judge: "It was a difficult Show to judge as most all plants were perfection." From a visitor: "This is the best show I have ever seen." **WELL DONE EVERYONE!!**



BEST DISH GARDEN
"Cowabunga Dude – Surf's Up!"
(Mara Aditajs)



BEST CACTUS COLLECTION
Gymnocalycium
(Mara Aditajs)

DATES & DETAILS —

➤ PEARL LEMKUIL – OBITUARY



Born in Onawa, Iowa, Dec. 31, 1919. Passed away peacefully at home on April 23, 2014 at the age of 94. Preceded in death by her husband of 57 years Burdelle (1999), son Stanley (2013) and sister Herberta Olhausen (1978). Pearl is survived by her loving daughter Jeanne Lemkuil, sisters, Irene Williamson, Bea Powers and Ethel Dewald and many relatives and friends.

Pearl was active in the Sons of Norway, her church, Trinity United Methodist, was a charter member of the Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society (1960) and a founding member of the Carmichael Cactus and Succulent Society (1970). She worked part time for 25 years at Weinstocks. Pearl was a loving, wonderful, devoted and caring mother, wife and friend. She enjoyed cactus and succulents, flowers, plants, gardening, stamp collecting, travel and holidays/activities with her family and friends. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

A Memorial will be held to celebrate her life on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 11am, Trinity United Methodist Church, 2245 Highridge Dr. Sac. 95825.

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➤ SUNSHINE CORNER

It is so sad to report that our last charter member, Pearl Lemkuil, has passed. The Club has already sent a sympathy card to her daughter, Jeanne Lemkuil, who is also a member. The Club authorized a memorial donation to the Center and a plaque for the memorial board is being engraved. Our sincere condolences go to Jeanne and family. Our Club has lost a treasure. Below is Pearl among her treasures & content!

– Marilyn Vilas, Sunshine Chair



➤ CARMICHAEL 38TH ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

DATE – May 17 & 18

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

HOURS – Saturday: 9am-4pm & Sunday: 9am-2:30pm
Displays, plants and pots for sale, raffles and refreshments. And, of course, free plants to the first 100 participants each day. (www.ccandss.com)

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

➤ CENTRAL COAST C&S 8TH ANNUAL SHOW

May 24 & 25, 2014 (MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND)

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

Sunday: 2 pm – Live auction of show quality plants.

Unusual, rare, & hard-to-find specimen plants along with traditional favorites – Pottery by local artists, designed for succulents – Knowledgeable growers & experts.

Ludwick Community Center

864 Santa Rosa Street – San Luis Obispo, CA

Free Admission – centralcoastcactus.org

➤ SAN FRANCISCO SUCCULENT & CACTUS SOCIETY – 2014 SHOW & SALE

Our Annual Plant Show & Sale is held every June at the Hall of Flowers in San Francisco. The sale features many vendors from California and beyond selling succulents, cacti, pottery, bromeliads and more. It features an hourly raffle of quality succulents. A courtesy plant hotel is available for shoppers to leave their un-purchased plants stowed safely while they continue to shop. An information area is available for those with questions about their plants and care or are interested in joining SFSCS. The plant show is a showcase of amazing succulent and cactus plants that varies year to year – there are new displays of fabulous succulents, cacti, and bromeliads to surprise and inspire us. Visitors can vote for their favorite plant and table.

San Francisco County Fair Building

1199 9th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94122

Saturday & Sunday 9 am - 5 pm, June 21-22

For more information – SFSCS website

➤ SHADOW BOX – “SUCCULENT SAMBA”

Michelle Egan, Shadow Box Chair for our 2014 Annual Show put out a call for competitors. The Center has 5 shadow box slots for creative souls to put plants & props together for this year’s theme, “Succulent Samba.” The results were spectacular, to say the least. Here are the 5 Shadow Box entries, along with their creators –

DATES & DETAILS — (CON'T)



**Shadow Box photos courtesy, Candice Suter

1ST PLACE
Jane Dickey & Crew



2ND PLACE — Candice Suter (left)
3RD PLACE — Sue Ballinger (right)



4TH PLACE — Michelle Egan (left)
5TH PLACE — Michelle Egan (right)

➤ INTERCITY SHOW – ROAD TRIP

Start date: 8/8/14 (Friday) — **End date:** 8/10/14 (Sunday)
Last day to book by: 7/18/14

Marriott Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:
Courtyard Los Angeles Pasadena/Monrovia — for 109.00 USD/per night

Book your group rate: Sacramento Succulent and Cactus Society >> (this link takes you directly to our reservation group sit) — or call Tara 626-531-8002

Once you have reserved your room, please send an email with your name, cell phone and name(s) of any others who will share the room to Martha Bleshman bleshie2@gmail.com. In this way, a list will be compiled to be used when boarding the bus to LA. We will know who to expect and for whom we need to wait or call before taking off down the freeway!

— Keith Taylor & Martha Bleshman

➤ 2014 SHOW JUDGES

So you know who to thank or blame, here is a list of the judges: **Cactus:** Marilyn Pekasky, Doug Walker. **Other Succulents:** Charles Moore, Ernesto Sandoval. **Novice:** Tim Devine, Richard Withers.

— Marilynn Vilas, Awards Chair

Mini Show Winners — April, 2014

Cactus — Gymnocalycium

1st *Gymnocalycium vatteri*, Michelle Egan

2nd *Gymnocalycium spegazzinii*, Steve Goodman

Succulent — Anacampseros

NO ENTRIES

Thought for the Month

*Look deep into nature
and then you will
understand everything
better.*

— Albert Einstein



From the Editor's Desk —

Publication Deadline — 10th of each month.
Please forward all submissions for consideration to my contact info (per your choice) found on back page.

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Respectfully your editor, Mara Aditajs



BEST CRASSULA
Crassula barklyi
 Peter Beiersdorfer

FIRST CLASS

Next Meeting Date ♦ Thursday, May 15th

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c/o Mara Aditajs, Editor



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www.sacramentocss.org



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 [Redacted]	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 [Redacted]	11	12	13 [Redacted]	14 
15 	16 [Redacted]	17	18	19	20	21 SFSCS Show & Sale 9am – 5pm
22 SFSCS Show & Sale 9am – 5pm	23	24	25	26 [Redacted]	27	28
29	30					