

Thorny Issues

Next Meeting
WEDNESDAY
May 20th

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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POTLUCK!**

**AWARDS
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MINI SHOW**

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MAY PROGRAM

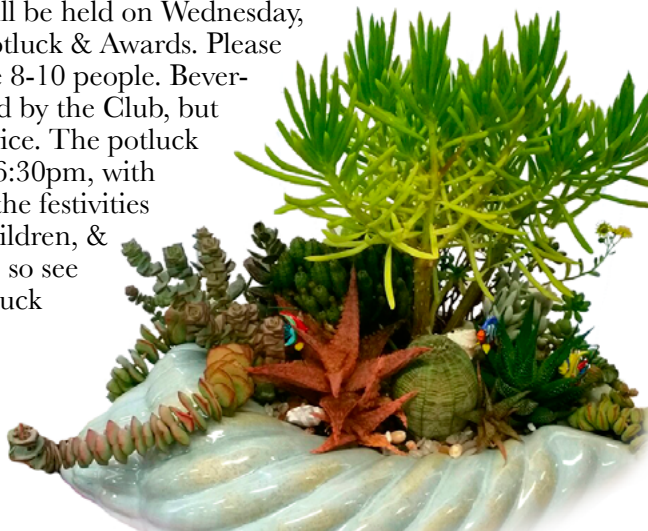
Club members worked hard putting on another great Show, as well as throughout the entire year. Now let's celebrate with our Annual Awards Potluck Dinner. Everyone is welcome, especially those new members who enjoyed our Show so much they decided to join the Club! This is one of our two potlucks each 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 20th 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

PUNCTURED THUMB AWARD

Well, it's that time of year again when the Punctured Thumb is awarded. Obviously, this refers to all of us removing those darn spines from whatever finger they have punctured. Somehow, thumb works best in this case. The premise of the award is to acknowledge a member(s) who has contributed much time, effort, sweat, blood and tears to the club. Each year someone new receives this and it is a surprise to the recipient. Come to the potluck to see who is surprised, embarrassed and speechless when fellow members bestow this coveted prize. Never a dull moment!

—Your Club Board



Best Dish Garden, "Scuba Anyone?", Candice Suter



CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU TO ALL EXHIBITORS, VOLUNTEERS & VENDORS FOR A GREAT 2015 SHOW AND SALE!



Photo by Candy Suter

Pottery by
Connie Esquibel

Again the Club has sponsored a beautiful award-winning show. First to thank is Steve Goodman, who did an outstanding job of organizing all the vendors and keeping the sales flowing smoothly. We could not finance the show without our vendors. This year we had ten plant vendors and three pottery vendors. Thank you Mike Price for herding the Plant Hotel, a very lively & busy area. 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 members. Again, Jane Dickey and JJ did a superb job of feeding us for the whole weekend. Thanks to Linda Roye for 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 awards. Thanks to Ellen and Dennis Ragasa for supplying the plant registration slips. 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, 'Cactus in Art and Sculpture'. Thank you Michelle, Shadow Box winner! We salute Ed Egan, our watchful Security person and his crew. Many thanks to JoEllen Arnold, who was both Judge and Clerk Chair. Marilyn Vilas handled award placement and ribbons. Keith Taylor staged the arrangement. No one would come to the Show without publicity. Gerhard Bock did these honors. Taking membership money and dispensing information was Sue Ballenger and her crew. Mara Aditajs did an outstanding job on designing and printing our attractive Show flyer and schedule. Lou Grubaugh and Erica Crosby did the signage. Our treasurer, Greg Lang, keeps the money flowing and the bills paid. 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!

— Marilyn Vilas

SOME STATISTICS...

- Cactus — 125 (*down from last year*)
- Other Succulents — 200 (*up from last year*)
- Planters — 14!! (*over twice from last year*)
- Dish Gardens — 4 (*again over twice from last year*)
- Bonsai — 5
- Nature's Container — 4
- Living Composition — 8
- Exhibitors — Junior-0, Novice-8 (*great!*), Advanced-13, & Open-10
- Public Attendance — 1400 people passed through the gate!
- Comment about the show: "Better than many other California club shows."

WELL DONE
EVERYONE!



Photo by Gerhard Bock

pottery by Mark Muradian



Best of Show & Best Madagascan Succulent
Pachypodium brevicaule, Mark Muradian



Best Haworthia, *Haworthia truncata*, Peter Beiersdorfer



Best Advanced Cactus, *Uebelmannia flavispina*,
Ron Harris



Best Mesemb, *Lithops sp.*, Naomi Bloss



Best Copiapoa, *Copiapoa cinerea v. columna-alba*,
Penny Newell



Best Agave, *Agave albopilosa*,
Nick Wilkinson



Best Mammillaria, *Mammillaria hahniana*,
Bill Munkacsy



Best Succulent Advanced & Best Caudiciform,
Fockea edulis, Keith Taylor

April Succulent and Cactus Mini Show Winners

CACTUS: ECHINOPSIS

1st: *Echinopsis* 'Dominos', Steve Goodman
2nd⁽⁰⁾: *Echinopsis* sp., Michelle Egan
2nd⁽⁰⁾: *Echinopsis* sp., Mary Schuett



SUCCULENT: AGAVE

1st: *Agave leopoldii*, Keith Taylor
2nd: *Agave* 'Kissho Khan', Linda Roye
3rd⁽⁰⁾: *Agave lophantha* 'Quadricolor', Michelle Egan
3rd⁽⁰⁾: *Agave potatorum*, Steve Goodman
HM: *Agave lophantha* sp., Mary Schuett



Euphorbia lactea 'Rainbow Crest',
grafted on *Euphorbia nerifolia*

UPCOMING MAY SUCCULENT AND CACTUS SHOW

Mini Show Descriptions by Steve Goodman. Photo by Gerhard Bock

Succulent • Grafted Cactus • Grafted

Grafting plants in the world of cactus and succulents is done for a few different reasons. There are some plants, believe it or not, in the world of succulents that are difficult to grow on their own roots. They are grafted onto a hardy rootstock to give them a decent chance at living. Others are not quite so finicky, but they will grow faster and sturdier when grafted onto a hardier plant. On the extreme end of the spectrum are plants like the brightly colored *Gymnocalycium* 'Moon' cactus which have no chlorophyll at all and have to be grafted in order to survive. Even though they will live these plants generally have a shortened life span. The most common plants used for grafting cactus are some of the many genera in the *Cereus* family or *Pereskopsis*. It's a little more complicated in the non-cactus succulent world because the rootstock needs to be in the same or a closely related genus as the plant you wish to graft. Whatever the reason, grafted plants can be quite beautiful and I hope to see some good ones in the Mini-show.

SHADOWBOX WINNERS

Many thanks to everyone who helped and entered in the Shadowbox category. First place was won by Michelle Egan, 2nd pl. Patty Whitmire, 3rd pl. Cher'e Peterson, Honorable Mention Sue Ballenger and Candy Suter, clerks Jackie Kang and Penny Newell. Your participation was greatly appreciated.

-Michelle Egan, Shadowbox chairman

SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Next Meeting
Wednesday May 20th, 7:00pm

Shepard Garden & Arts Center
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Michelle Egan's Winning Shadowbox

For publication submissions email:
succulentcrazy@gmail.com by the 8th of the month

2015 BEST IN SHOW AWARDS

AWARD	PLANT NAME	EXHIBITOR
Best Plant in Show	<i>Pachypodium brevicaule</i>	Mark Muradian
Best Cactus Advanced	<i>Uebelmannia flavispina</i>	Ron Harris
Best Succulent Advanced	<i>Fockea edulis</i>	Keith Taylor
Best Cactus Open	<i>Ariocarpus fissuratus</i>	Elton Roberts
Best Succulent Open	<i>Dioscorea elephantipes</i>	Mark Muradian
Best Cactus Novice	<i>Mammillaria petterssonii</i>	Candice Suter
Best Succulent Novice	<i>Haworthia radula</i>	Linda Roye
Best Cactus Junior	None	
Best Succulent Junior	None	
Best Cereus	<i>Trichocereus camarguensis</i>	Oksun Avery
Best Dish Garden	“Scuba Anyone?”	Candice Suter
Best Planter	“Something Borrowed, Something Blue”	Mara Aditajs
Best Opuntia	<i>Puna clavarioides</i>	Elton Roberts
Best Euphorbia	<i>Euphorbia loricata</i> (true form)	Elton Roberts
Best Caudiciform	<i>Fockea edulis</i>	Keith Taylor
Best Miniature Succulent	<i>Haworthia parksiana</i>	Jaan Lepson
Best Mammillaria	<i>Mammillaria hahniana</i>	Bill Munkacsy
Best Ferocactus	<i>Leuchtenbergia principis</i>	Keith Taylor
Best Aloe	Aloe ‘Sparkler’	David Calibo
Best Agave	<i>Agave albopilosa</i>	Nick Wilkinson

2015 BEST IN SHOW AWARDS

AWARD	PLANT NAME	EXHIBITOR
Best Crassula	<i>Crassula tecta</i>	Penny Newell
Best Ariocarpus	<i>Ariocarpus fissuratus</i>	Elton Roberts
Best Gymnocalycium	<i>Gymnocalycium spegazzini</i>	Bill Munkacsy
Best Haworthia	<i>Haworthia truncata</i>	Peter Beiersdorfer
Best Madagascan Succulent	<i>Pachypodium brevicaule</i>	Mark Muradian
Best Crest (Cactus or Succulent)	<i>Euphorbia obesa</i>	Bill Munkacsy
Best Rebutia	<i>Sulcorebutia bicolor</i>	Bill Munkacsy
Best Cactus Collection	No award given	
Best Succulent Collection	Gibbeaum Collection	Lorelei Dewe
Best Miniature Cactus	<i>Mammillaria theresae</i>	Elton Roberts
Best Copiapoa	<i>Copiapoa cinerea v. columna-alba</i>	Penny Newell
Best Mesemb	<i>Lithops sp.</i>	Naomi Bloss
Best Sansevieria	<i>Sansevieria robusta</i>	Wilda Knoesen
Best Variegated (Cactus/Succulent)	<i>Euphorbia lactea variegata</i>	Penny Newell
Best Notocactus	<i>Notocactus magnificus</i>	Oksun Avery