

# Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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## May Program

### MAY 21 PIZZA PARTY!

Monday, May 21, 6 - 9 PM. Club members worked hard putting on another great show, as well as throughout the entire year. The club will be hosting a pizza party dinner for our members. Families and guests are welcome. Pizza and beverages will be provided by the club. We'll be dining in the small room at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center (not our normal meeting room). Pizza delivery is scheduled for 6:30 PM. In addition to celebrating our members, especially our show and sale volunteers, we'll spend some time capturing lessons learned from the show and sale. Please RSVP to Mariel at [president@sacramentocss.org](mailto:president@sacramentocss.org) by May 20 so we can be sure to have enough for everyone.



**See inside for highlights and pictures from our May Show and Sale, a huge success made possible by the hard work and dedication of our Club members, vendors, and volunteers!**

## Thank You from our Show Committee

**Congratulations & Thank You to all – Exhibitors, Volunteers, & Vendors – for a Great 2018 Show and Sale!!** Again the Club has sponsored a beautiful award-winning show. First to thank are Steve Goodman and Dennis Ragasa, who did an outstanding job of organizing all the vendors and keeping the sales flowing smoothly. **THANK YOU, STEVE and DENNIS!!** We could not finance the show without our vendors. This year we had 11 plant vendors and 3 pottery vendors. **THANK YOU ALL!!** Shawnee Giles herded the Plant Hotel, a very lively & busy area. **THANK YOU, SHAWNEE!!** Michelle Swanberg took on the task of feeding us the entire weekend! **THANK YOU, MICHELLE and all your helpers!!** 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. **THANK YOU, CAROLE HADA!!** for coordinating the volunteers. Mariel Dennis, our Show Chair, did an outstanding job of coordinating all the details. **THANK YOU, MARIEL!!** Keith Taylor did the show set-up and staging. He also made all the pots for the Best... awards. **KUDOS TO KEITH and his Pottery by Kitoi!!** Ellen Ragasa supplied the plant registration slips. **THANK YOU, ELLEN!!** 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. We had six juniors entries, 140 Novice entries (You Novices Rock!), 164 Advanced and 154 Open for a total of 500 (!) entries, including Division III (see below). The Shadowboxes, Rudy Aguilera in charge, were delightful. **THANK YOU, RUDY and all Shadowboxers\*!!** We salute Ian Dennis, our watchful Security person and his crew. **THANK YOU, IAN!!** JoEllen Arnold was both Judge and Clerk Chair. She kept the clerks and judges on their toes determining those final awards. **THANK YOU, JOELLEN!!** Steve Goodman handled award placement and ribbons. Keith Taylor staged the Best of... arrangement. **THANKS TO BOTH!!** No one would come to the Show without publicity. Brian Woods and Mariel Dennis did the honors. **THANK YOU, BRIAN AND MARIEL!!** Taking membership money and dispensing information was Carole Hada and her crew. **THANK YOU, CAROLE!!** Jackie Bousquin did an outstanding job on designing our attractive Show flyer and schedule. **THANK YOU, JACKIE!!** Erica Crosby, Mara Aditajs and Steve Goodman did the signage. **THANK YOU, ERICA, MARA AND STEVE!!** 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 CHRIS!!** If your name wasn't mentioned, please forgive. You know who you are and what you did. **A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL!!**

**\*SHADOWBOXERS:** Chere Peterson, Diana Aguayo, Shawnee Giles, Patty Whitmore and Nancy Damian.

**JUDGES:** Cactus – Barry Rice, Damon Collingsworth. Other Succulents – Stephen Lysaght, Ryan Penn. Novice – Penny Newell, Richard Withers. Tiebreaker – Charles Moore.

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## 2018 BEST IN SHOW AWARDS

AWARD	PLANT NAME	EXHIBITOR
Best Plant in Show	Cyphostemma juttae	Keith Taylor
Best Cactus – Advanced	Aztekium ritteri	Penny Newell
Best Succulent – Advanced	See Best Plant in Show	
Best Cactus – Open	Ariocarpus caput-medusae	Naomi Bloss
Best Succulent – Open	Agave albopilosa	David Calibo
Best Cactus – Novice	Tephrocactus articulatus v. papyracanthus	Annie Wolf
Best Succulent – Novice	Bursera fagaroides	Cassidy Roberts-Yee
Best Cactus – Junior	Mammillaria dioica	Ryan McAninch
Best Succulent – Junior	Haworthia pumila	Ryan McAninch
Best Cereus	Echinocereus fendleri ssp. kuenzleri HK267	Elton Roberts
Best Dish Garden	“Land Before Time”	Mara Aditajs
Best Planter	Euphorbia platycada/clavarioides/obesa	Annie Wolf
Best Opuntia	See Best Cactus – Novice	
Best Euphorbia	Euphorbia suppressa	Keith Taylor
Best Caudiciform	See Best Plant in Show	
Best Miniature Succulent	Sempervivum arachnoideum v. minor	Theresa Roberts
Best Mammillaria	Mammillaria theresae	Elton Roberts
Best Ferocactus	Leuchtenbergia principis	Keith Taylor
Best Aloe	Aloe erinacea	Keith Taylor
Best Agave	See Best Succulent – Open	



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Best Crassula	Dudleya pachyphytum	David Calibo
Best Ariocarpus	Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus crest	Elton Roberts
Best Gymnocalycium	Gymnocalycium triacanthum	Bill Munkacsy
Best Haworthia	Haworthia maughanii	JoEllen Arnold
Best Madagascan Succulent	Pachypodium rosulatum	Naomi Bloss
Best Crest (Cactus/Succulent)	See Best Ariocarpus	
Best Rebutia	Rebutia heloisa	Penny Newell
Best Cactus Collection	Tephrocactus sps.	Peter Beiersdorfer
Best Succulent Collection	Haworthia sps.	Peter Beiersdorfer
Best Miniature Cactus	Blossfeldia liliputana	Keith Taylor
Best Copiapoa	Copiapoa cinera v. columna-alba	Penny Newell
Best Mesemb	Lithops sp.	Peter Walkowiak
Best Sansevieria	Sansevieria pinguicula	JoEllen Arnold
Best Variegate (Cactus/Succulent)	Gymnocalycium buenekeri variegata	Bill Munkacsy
Best Notocactus	Notocactus magnificus	Cassidy Roberts-Yee
Best Bulb	Haemanthus deformis	Peter Beiersdorfer



## April Mini-Show Winners

The April Mini-Show featured an unusual category, nonstandard or novelty pottings, and the members brought in some very creative entries. Everything from organic shadowbox planters, appliances, toys, and unusual ceramic pottings filled the tables. A special Honorable Mention was given to Wendy Ikelman for the most exotic entry, Succulents Dancing To the Music in A Record Bowl, with the pot made from a reshaped vinyl record that made the transition from disc to four-cornered container.

### SUCCULENT

1<sup>ST</sup> Place – Elaine Thomas, Echeveria seconda

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – (Tie) Mariel Dennis, Euphorbia mamilaris, AKA Indian Corn Cob, Chere' Peterson, Haworthia cymbiformias in a Living Composition rock, and Rudy Aguilar, Palergonium/Geranium in a matching colors painted pot

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – (Tie) Steve Goodman, Echeveria species in a ceramic woman's head pot and Joel Parker, Mammillaria carnea in a fountain funnel

### CACTUS

1st Place – Kris & Ryan McAninch, Assorted plants in a Need More Coffee Pot

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Rudy Aguilar, Mammillaria Plumosa

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mariel Dennis, Portulacaria afra varigata AKA Elephant Food in an elephant planter

Honorable Mention – Wendy Ikelman, Miscellaneous Succulents Dancing To The Music In A Record Bowl



*May Flowers*





## More Pictures from the May Show and Sale!



### 2018 Show Statistics

- Planters: 4
- Dish Gardens: 7
- Bonsai: 3
- Nature's Container: 3
- Living Composition: 8

### Meeting Details

The Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 PM.  
 Next meeting: May 21 — Pizza Party  
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