



Thorny Issues

SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Volume 53, #5

Potluck Celebration & 2012 Show Awards

Tuesday, May 29th — Set Up @6:30pm/Dinner @7pm



BEST DISH GARDEN – ‘Seascape’
Marilynn Vilas

Everyone has 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 beside 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 Tuesday, MAY 29th 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 bring desserts; H-R bring salads; S-Z main dishes.

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BEST FEROCACTUS
Leuchtenbergia principis
Gregg DeChirico

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

ATTENTION: Due to the Memorial Day holiday falling on our regular scheduled meeting date - the Potluck & Show Awards meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 29th**

Thank you to all who volunteered to put together an outstanding event! Sales hit an all time high and attendance should reflect the same (haven’t heard the total yet). Frank Bloss gave me a glowing review of the register operators. Show was spectacular! Received positive feed back regarding the display and the C&S care and staging demonstrations. Congratulations to Penny Newell for winning Best of Show with her *Aloe pearsonii*. I would like to hear what the members think, bring your comments to the meeting. One more thing ... POTLUCK! Prepare your favorite dish for the post show feast!

– Keith Taylor

Cactus — Notocactus/Parodia

Notocactus, Oops Sorry Parodia — Having trouble finding the genus Notocactus in your Cacti and Succulent books? Well all the votes are in and whether you like it or not the genus Notocactus is no longer. All Notocactus species are now Parodias. (Kim Hamilton, CSSA)

Parodia was established in 1923 by Carlos Spegazzini with the name acknowledging the work of the Argentinean botanist L. R. Parodia. At the end of the 80's the IOS (International Organization for Succulent plant studies) worked on a reorganization



Parodia magnifica
(*Notocactus magnificus*)

of the genera of the Cactus family. A by-product of this was the inclusion of Notocactus in the genus Parodia. There is still a lot of opposition to this move. As defined here, there are about 50 species of Parodias that can go from small globose plants, to 3 feet tall columnar cactus (1m). They are native from South America, in Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Brazil. The cacti that were in the genus Parodia before the merge, do generally better in winter if kept above 50°F (10°C). This allows them not to go completely dormant. When going totally dormant they have a much higher probability to lose their roots, and can be pretty slow to restart in the spring. Some species on the other hand, particularly some in the old genus Notocactus, are fairly cold resistant, and can be used in outdoor cactus gardens. Most seedlings bloom in 2 to 3 years after germination. Parodia have abundant blossoms of large flowers. The plants previously called Notocactus or Wigginsia tend to live at low altitudes.

Mini Show Winners — April, 2012

Cactus — Your Favorite or Bloomer	
1 st	<i>Copiapoa tenuissima monstrose black</i> , Michelle Egan
2 nd	<i>Strombocactus disciformis</i> , Mary Schuett
Succulent — Your Favorite or Bloomer	
1 st	<i>Euphorbia lactea crest</i> , Michelle Egan
2 nd	<i>Pelargonium sp.</i> , Mary Schuett

Succulent — Aloe

Over 450 species of *Aloe* have been described with diverse forms and sizes. The genus includes small grass-like herbs and stem less succulent rosettes a few inches tall to larger species with stout 60ft trunks, occupying the



BEST IN SHOW & BEST ALOE
Aloe pearsonii
Penny Newell

ecological niche of trees. Aloes, with their waxy leaves, are well-adapted to harsh climates with infrequent precipitation. They can flower many times with clusters of yellow, orange or red tubular flowers, angled downwards on a simple or branched inflorescence. Aloes are distributed across sub-Saharan Africa, Madagascar, and Arabia. Aloes feature in prehistoric rock art by bushmen, and have been cultivated for thousands of years. However, the Egyptian Ebers Papyrus (ca. 1552 BC) refers to the medicinal value of Aloes, which were also used in embalming. Aloes were

known to the Greeks by 400 BC. The Greek herbal of Dioscorides (41-68 AD) recommends Aloe applied externally for wounds, hemorrhoids, ulcers and hair loss, and internally as a laxative.

Thought for the Month

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson



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.

Respectfully your editor, Mara Aditajs

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2012 BEST IN SHOW AWARDS

Best in Show	<i>Aloe pearsonii</i> — Penny Newell
Best Cactus Advanced	<i>Thelocactus phymatothelos</i> — George Avery
Best Succulent Advanced	<i>Euphorbia ambovombensis crest</i> — Penny Newell
Best Cactus Open	<i>Ortegocactus macdougallii</i> — Bill Munkacsy
Best Succulent Open	<i>Anomaluma dodsoniana</i> — Mary Schuett
Best Cactus Novice	<i>Mammillaria nejapensis</i> — Theo Goodwin
Best Succulent Novice	<i>Euphorbia horrida</i> — Theo Goodwin
Best Succulent Collection	<i>Cyphostemma</i> — Keith Taylor
Best Madagascan Succulent	<i>Operculicarya decaryii</i> — Naomi Bloss
Best Miniature Cactus	<i>Frailea asteriodes</i> — Penny Newell
Best Miniature Succulent	<i>Peperomia lilliputiana</i> — Keith Taylor
Best Crest	<i>Mammillaria mystax</i> — Ron Harris
Best Caudiciform	<i>Euphorbia suzanne-marnieranae</i> — Keith Taylor
Best Dish Garden	'Seascape' — Marilyn Vilas
Best Cereus	<i>Peniocereus greggii</i> — Keith Taylor
Best Opuntia	<i>Tephrocactus alexanderi ssp. geometricus</i> — Ron Harris
Best Euphorbia	<i>Euphorbia millotii</i> — Penny Newell
Best Mammillaria	<i>Mammillaria hahniana</i> — Bill Munkacsy
Best Ferocactus	<i>Leuchtenbergia principis</i> — Gregg DeChirico
Best Aloe	<i>Aloe pearsonii</i> — Penny Newell
Best Agavaceae	<i>Manfreda maculosa</i> — Nick Wilkinson
Best Crassula	<i>Crassula mesembryanthemopsis</i> — Penny Newell
Best Ariocarpus	<i>Ariocarpus retusus</i> — Marilyn Vilas
Best Gymnocalycium	<i>Gymnocalycium triacanthum</i> — Bill Munkacsy
Best Haworthia	<i>Haworthia emelyae</i> 'Picta' — Marilyn Vilas
Best Rebutia	<i>Sulcorebutia arenaceae</i> — Oksun Avery

Congratulations and Thank You to all – Exhibitors, Volunteers, & Vendors for a great 2012 Show!

Let's get to the details of how this all came to be:

- ◆ Plants, Open – Cacti 44 / Succulents 93
- ◆ Plants, Advanced – Cacti 46 / Succulents 62
- ◆ Plants, Novice – Cacti 13 / Succulents 15
- ◆ Plants, Junior – No Juniors
- ◆ Collections – Cacti 0 / Succulents 3
- ◆ Planters – 7, Bonsai – 3, Living Composition – 2
- ◆ Dish gardens – 1, Nature's Containers – 4



BEST EUPHORBIA
Euphorbia millotii
Penny Newell

◆ TOTAL PLANT ENTRIES – 290

◆ Attendance: Saturday – 750, Sunday – 713,
TOTAL – 1463

◆ Exhibitors – **Advanced (9)** Penny Newell, JoEllen Arnold, George Avery, Oksun Avery, Mary Schuett, Dick & Trish Bruga, Michelle Egan, Ron & Leona Harris, and Marilynn Vilas. **Open (11)** Keith Taylor, Elton Roberts, David Calibo, Gary & Ellen Stubblefield, J. D. Wikert, Gregg DeChirico, Nick Wilkinson, William Munkacsy, Naomi & Frank Bloss and Richard Withers. **Novice (4)** Theo Goodwin, Bill Hagbery, Marilyn Lawson and Michael Thompson.

◆ Shadow Boxes were decorated with the theme, "Making Music with Cactus and Succulents" by – Martha Bleshman (HM), Sandy Waters (2nd), Greg Lang (2nd), Theo Goodwin (3rd) and Michelle Egan (1st). Voting was done by the public. Beautiful creations by all of our artists.



BEST SUCCULENT – NOVICE
Euphorbia horrida
Theo Goodwin



BEST CACTUS ADVANCED
Thelocactus phymatothelos
George Avery

Let's start with the *alpha & omega* part of our event – **Set-Up and Clean-Up:** Ron & Leona Harris, Penny Newell, Mabel Lotz, Keith Taylor, Lou Grubaugh, George & Oksun Avery, Wilda Knoesen, Beverly Clairfield, Richard Withers, George Krigas, Greg Lang, Deek Dittrich, Dennis & Ellen Ragasa, Karen & Ken

Dines all pitched in to set up the exhibition, kitchen & plant sales areas. George & Oksun Avery, Michelle & Ed Egan, Sue Edelmayer, Michael Thompson, Renee Hyatt (Two new members as of April! Thanks for pitching in.), Theo Goodwin, Allanya Kirby, Dennis & Ellen Ragasa, J. D. Wikert, Karen & Ken Dines, George Krigas, Richard Withers, Bill Hagbery, Keith Taylor, Penny Newell, Sandy Waters, Ron & Leona Harris and Mary Schuett all helped to put the Show to bed until next year. As with anywhere you go, there are **Hosts** to greet you as you enter – Steve



BEST MAMMILLARIA
Mammillaria hahniana
William Munkacsy

Chilardi, Sam Ghilardi, Carolyn Silva, Mike Price, Marilyn Lawson, JoEllen Arnold, Theo Goodwin, Allanya Kirby, George Avery, Oksun



BEST CRASSULA
Crassula mesembryanthemopsis
Penny Newell

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BEST REBUTIA
Sulcorebutia arenaceae
Oksun Avery

Avery, Penny Newell, and Beverly Clairfield greeted our guests, counted them, and answered their many questions under the leadership of Martha Bleshman. The **Membership** table, staffed expertly by Oksun & George Avery, Theo Goodwin and Steve & Sam Ghilardi, who signed up many new members for the Club! **Security** was under the watchful eyes of Ed Egan and our Show **Ambassadors** – Beverly Clairfield & Penny Newell, traveled about helping wherever they were needed. The **Plant Sales** area, the other half of our Show and no less important, was CEO'd by Dennis & Ellen Ragasa with their crew – Wilda Knoesen, Emma Knoesen, Sandy Waters,



BEST MINIATURE CACTUS
Frailea asteriodes
Penny Newell

Greg Lang, Karla Munkacsy, Bill Hagbery, Jim Yocum, Ginger Martin, Gary Stubblefield, Ron Harris, George Krigas and Donna Jacobson. Beverly Clairfield and Ron & Leona Harris were Plant Hotel Concierges. **Club Sales Table** was tended by Trish &



BEST AGAVACEAE
Manfreda maculosa
Nick Wilkinson

Dick Bruga and Kathy Hodges. **Vendors** participating this year were, William Munkacsy, J.D. Wikert, Nick Wilkinson, Mark Muradian, Elton & Joene Roberts, Richard Withers, Naomi & Frank Bloss, Connie Esquibel, Steve Pate, Gregg DeChirico, Alex Rigg, David Calibo, Gary & Ellen Stubblefield, and our own SC&SS plants (which were lovingly maintained at Dick & Trish Bruga's homestead by Kathy Hodges, Marilyn Vilas, Lou Grubaugh, and Wilda & Emma Knoesen). Dennis and Ellen send out a big Thanks to those who saved and collected all of those cardboard flats for the Plant Sales area. The Exhibition part of our Show was in the hands of the expert **Judges** who were called upon for their expertise by Michelle Egan, – **Open/Advanced Cacti**, Fred Gaumer &

Richard Bernard — **Open/Advanced Succulents**, Brian Kimble & Marilyn Pekasky. — **Novice**, Penny Newell & Marilyn Vilas. **Clerking for the Judges** was administered by JoEllen Arnold — **Cactus**, Greg Lang & George Krigas — **Other Succulents**, Theo Goodwin & Ellen Ragasa — **Novice**, Martha Bleshman &



BEST MADAGASCAN SUCCULENT
Operculicarya decaryii
Naomi Bloss

Beverly Clairfield. **Awards and Best Plants Placement** was under the careful eyes of Ron & Leona Harris. **Publicity** was handled by Gerhard Bock. We had numerous items in the Sacramento Bee advertising the show! **Food &**



BEST CAUDICIFORM
Euphorbia suzanne-marnieranae
Keith Taylor

Refreshments are also a very important element. You need to feed the troops to keep them working – Karen and Ken Dines fed the crews wonderfully and we all contributed to the Sunday potluck – YUM! We would also like to send a big Thanks to our Center monitors – Mabel, Don & Chris for all of their logistical assistance. **Hopefully I have extended Thank You to each & everyone who participated and helped in whatever way they were able to contribute. It is greatly appreciated! Allow me to ask for your forgiveness if I have forgotten anyone!!**

– Keith Taylor, 2012 Show Chair

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

➤ JUDY B. BECKER

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➤ PAUL BERGER

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➤ KRIS BJELLAND

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➤ PHILLIP BLANTON & DAVE SEFTON

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➤ GEORGE & ANNYCE CHERTORISKY

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➤ CHRIS COGGINS

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➤ DOUG & JOANN DELANEY

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➤ BOB FEYOCK

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➤ BETTY FONG

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➤ BARRY & PATTY FRENCH

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➤ ELIZABETH HERRERA

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➤ SOPHIA HUI & JESSE VASQUEZ

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➤ RENEE HYATT & MICHAEL THOMPSON

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➤ RACHAEL ISKOW

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➤ GREG LUTEFF

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➤ PAULETTE MULLIGAN

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➤ REBECCA J. NEIS

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➤ PUNKY PALMERINI

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➤ SARA PLATZ

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➤ KATHY SIEBENMANN

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➤ **ROBIN VANDOREN**

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➤ **MICHAEL YU**

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➤ **RENEWING MEMBERS**

Gregg DeChirico

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J.D. Wikert

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Nick Wilkinson

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➤ **SHADOW BOXES FINAL RESULTS**

Theme – *Making Music with Cactus & Succulents*

- 1st** – African Tribal (Michelle Egan)
- 2nd** – RCA Victor, His Master’s Voice (Greg Lang)
- 2nd** – Phantom of the Opera (Sandy Waters)
- 3rd** – Gene Autry, Way Out West (Theo Goodwin)
- H.M.** – The Blues (Martha Bleshman)

All entries were beautiful and carried out the theme. It was a difficult vote to cast to pick just one!

– Michelle Egan, *Shadow Box Chair*

➤ **NEW LIBRARIAN**

George Krigas is our new Librarian! Our thanks to George for stepping up to this important position. Call or email him before the meeting with your requests. [Redacted]

■ **CSSA 47TH ANNUAL SHOW & SALE**

The Cactus & Succulent Society of America (our national society) will have their 47th Annual Show and Sale at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA., June 29, 30 & July 1, 2012. 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 30 at the Annual Banquet. Volunteers needed, free admission is your reward. For more info contact Barbara Hall, [Redacted] or go to www.cssainc.org.

– Marilyn Vilas, *Affiliate Representative*

➤ **REMINDER FOR SHOW CHAIRS**

Show Chairs!! Remember to return your updated binders to Keith Taylor, 2012 Show Chair, in order that they be returned to the Show box (which is housed in our storage unit) ready for next year’s 2013 Show. A great time would be the May Potluck & Awards Dinner on Tuesday, May 29th

– Keith Taylor, *2012 Show Chair*

➤ **CARMICHAEL 36TH ANNUAL SHOW & SALE**

DATE – May 19 & 20

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)

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

➤ **SAN FRANCISCO SUCCULENT & CACTUS SOCIETY – ANNUAL SHOW & SALE 2012**

The Show & Sale will be held Saturday, June 9th & Sunday June 10th from 9am to 5pm. It will be held at the San Francisco County Fair Building, in Golden Gate Park. The address is 9th Avenue/Lincoln Way, San Francisco.

➤ **ACCORDING TO DEBRA LEE BALDWIN –**

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- ...water shortages and drought impact many regions.
- ...they're a good lawn alternative.
- ...they're fire-resistant and fire-retardant.
- ...they're easy to cultivate and propagate.
- ...they require minimal maintenance.
- ...they range in size from tiny-leaved ground covers to tall trees.
- ...many have geometric shapes.
- ...they add interest to gardens large and small.
- ...leaves and stems come in every color.
- ...they're intriguing year-round.
- ...most produce long-lasting, vivid flowers.
- ...new cultivars are being introduced all the time.
- ...they're more readily available than ever before.
- ...they're highly collectible.

For lots more great info – www.debraleebaldwin.com



FIRST CLASS

Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, May 29th

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c/o Mara Aditajs, Editor

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