



# Thorny Issues

SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

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## COUNTRY STORE!!—COUNTRY STORE!!—COUNTRY STORE!! September 23rd ♦ 7 pm

Our September program is The Country Store. This is a fundraiser for our Club with proceeds supporting future activities such as the Christmas Party, so be generous!

Center doors will open at 6:30 pm for set-up. Country Store will start promptly at 7:00 pm. Arrive early to set out your donations, buy your tickets and settle in for a fun and fruitful night. For those who have never experienced our Country Store, just visualize the room full of plants, produce and bakery goods with a Silent Auction thrown in! There will be 5 raffle areas: Cacti, Other Succulents, House Plants, Produce and Sam’s Sweet Shoppe. If you bring plants, please bring clean well-grown ones, labeled if possible. The ‘Cactus’ and ‘Other Succulents’ donations are obvious. House Plants can be anything including African violets, bromeliads, ferns, fuchsias, geraniums, bulbs, trees, seeds, perennials, annuals, pots, rocks, etc. Better items from these areas may be moved to the Silent Auction table. The Produce area includes fresh produce, home canned items, herbs, fruits, nuts, jams, jellies, zucchini bread and so forth. Sam’s Sweet Shoppe is all calories. Bake an extra batch of cookies, a cake, more of that zucchini bread, brownies, etc. Please place a few cookies, brownies, slice of cake or bread on a paper plate, cover with plastic wrap and it will be raffled for the hungry mob. This will keep your energy level up for all the furious raffling and snatching happening at the rest of the tables. There will be a one-time only extra table with items from Sam Williams’ estate; to include: craft kits (rug/needlepoint) and other succulent themed items.

All tickets will be 50¢. Each table will have a container where you place your ticket stub. Good tactics are to place your tickets where you want to win the most!

The last area is the Silent Auction. Hopefully there will be Cactus and Other Succulents themed items donated such as jewelry, place mats, glasses, mugs, towels, greeting cards, pictures, stationery, books, pots, nicer plants or planters – all kinds of stuff. These items will be displayed with a bid sheet for each. Write your name and your bid on the item’s sheet. Your bids will not be hidden so there is potential for spirited competition on a coveted item. One-dollar minimum between bids.

Come, relax and bring a box to take home your goodies. Questions? Contact Marilyn Vilas [SEE ROSTER].

P.S. Volunteers are needed to be ticket callers at all but the Silent Auction. Just show up and request the table you want. Sadly, we will need a replacement for Sam Williams as he always did the calling at the now aptly named, *Sam’s Sweet Shoppe*.

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*Mammillaria microthele*  
William Munkacsy  
Trophy Table Intercity Show  
(Courtesy CSSA)

### 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



# 2013 Intercity Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale

The Intercity Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale is said to be the largest of its kind world wide. I don't know about that but it is the biggest I've ever seen. Three southern California clubs come together to create this event — San Gabriel, Los Angeles and Long Beach. Up to 1500 plants are entered in the Show every year, 20+ vendors supplying plants and pots that you can not find anywhere else. The Saturday evening banquet and auction provides attendees with the opportunity to win show quality, rare and unusual plant material.



*Agave titanota*  
Best Advanced Agave  
Ron & Leona Harris

Ron and Leona Harris, Barbara Coelho and myself made the trip down. This

was Barbara's first time attending and it was like watching a "kid in candy store" as she moved through the sales area. Ron and Leona entered their show stopping *Tephrocactus geometricus* and *Agave titanoto*, both vaulting to the trophy table winning Best Advanced Cactus and Best Advanced Agave. My *Dioscorea elephantipes* won Best Advanced Succulent and *Raphionacme flanaganii* received an Outstanding Specimen rosette.

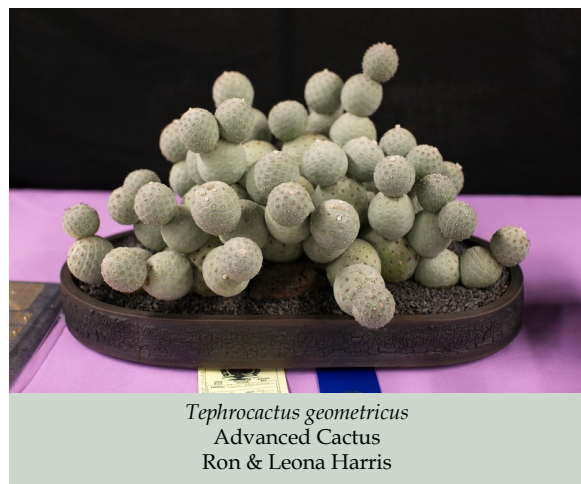


*Dioscorea elephantipes*  
Best Advanced Succulent  
Keith Kitoi Taylor

It's well worth the trip, if you're in the L.A. area mid August. Make a point to stop by and don't forget your camera because you'll see things you have not seen before!  
— Keith Taylor, Exhibitor & Judge



*Raphionacme flanaganii*  
Outstanding Specimen  
Keith Kitoi Taylor



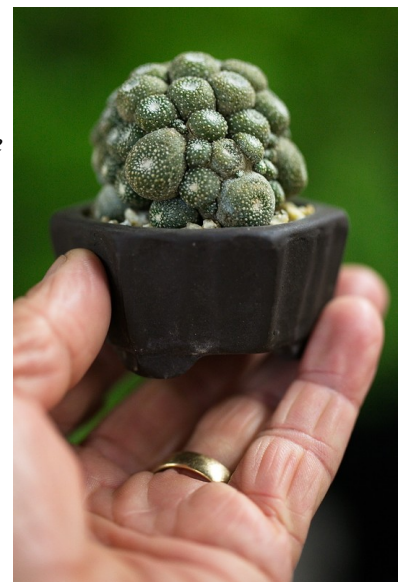
*Tephrocactus geometricus*  
Advanced Cactus  
Ron & Leona Harris



*Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus*  
Best Ariocarpus Crest  
William Munkacsy



*Aloe 'Reuben Shein'*  
Best Aloe  
Greg DeChirico



*Blossfeldia lilliputiana*  
Best Miniature Cactus  
Kyle R.

## DATES & DETAILS —

### ➤ SUNSHINE

Dick Bruga, one of Club's propagation team, had rotator cuff surgery on August 29th. He is home and on the road to recovery. If you wish to send a cheery get-well card/note, his address is in our roster. The Club has already sent one from all of us. Also, at the August meeting the membership approved a \$200 memorial to be sent to the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center in the name of Sam Williams. This has been done and the family notified. A plaque has been engraved and placed on the memorial board with Sam's name.

— Marilyn Vilas, Sunshine Chair

### ➤ UCD ARBORETUM — FALL PLANT SALE

At these sales customers will find plants suitable for replacing their lawns or refreshing their landscapes. Attractive, low-water, easy-care California native plants, as well as a large selection of Arboretum All-Stars and other regionally-appropriate plants, will once again line the aisles of the UC Davis Arboretum Teaching Nursery in October. Mark your calendars and plan to arrive early for the best selection!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th**  
 9 AM – 11 AM: Members only  
 11 AM – 1 PM: Open to the public  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20th**  
 9 AM – 1 PM: Open to the public

### ➤ AFFILIATE REPORT

Our Society (Club) is a member of the national society, Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) as our Club chooses to pay annual dues to CSSA. In return, our Club receives the national bimonthly journal (Cactus and Succulent Journal, [SEE LIBRARY]) and a notice of our annual show and sale published in the bimonthly newsletter, To The Point, which is sent with every journal. Marilyn Vilas is your Affiliate Officer (renamed from Affiliate Representative). Recently at the biennial national convention, a workshop brainstormed what else the national society could do to support the affiliate clubs.

Some suggestions: Speakers' List, Guidelines for running a club, Communications between clubs and, better communication with CSSA and its Board. Chris Miller, CSSA Board member, is focusing on affiliate support, and is starting an affiliate column in TTP. He is requesting ideas and information about affiliates, including publicizing our annual show/sale, increasing and retaining membership, etc. I will be soliciting our members for any ideas or suggestions to pass on. Please contact me at my email or at a meeting with your questions and thoughts.

— Thanks, Marilyn Vilas

## Mini Show Winners — August, 2013

Cactus — Astrophytum / Digitostigma	
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Digitostigma caput-medusae</i> , Keith Taylor
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Astrophytum myrostigma</i> , Mary Schuett
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Astrophytum capricorne</i> , Michelle Egan
Succulent — Euphorbia	
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Euphorbia medusa crest</i> , Michelle Egan
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Euphorbia stellata</i> , Keith Taylor
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Euphorbia bupleurifolia</i> , Steve Goodman
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Euphorbia decaryi</i> , Ellen Ragasa
HM	<i>Euphorbia milii</i> , Linda Hornstein
HM	<i>Euphorbia francoisii</i> , Dennis Ragasa
HM	<i>Euphorbia stellaespina</i> , Mary Schuett

Thought for the Month

**"What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have never been discovered."**

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.

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Respectfully your editor, Mara Aditajs





*Ariocarpus fissuratus*  
William Munkacsy  
Trophy Table Intercity  
Show (Courtesy CSSA)

# FIRST CLASS

Next Meeting Date ♦ Monday, September 23rd

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[www.sacramentocss.org](http://www.sacramentocss.org)



## October, 2013

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 [Redacted]	2	3 [Redacted]	4	5 Annual Fall Art, Plant, Craft Sale 10 - 4
6 [Redacted] Annual Fall Art, Plant, Craft Sale 10 - 4	7	8			11	12 [Redacted]
13 [Redacted]	14	15			18	19
20	21 [Redacted]	22 [Redacted]	23	24 [Redacted]	25	26
27 [Redacted]	28 Sacramento C&S Mtg – 7pm	29	30 [Redacted]	31 [Redacted]		

There are 4-5 pots from last year's pottery workshop that have gone unclaimed. They will be donated to the Country Store if I am not notified, either by email or before I put them on the table.  
– Keith Taylor, President