

# Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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## May Program

### MAY 22 POTLUCK • AWARDS • RAFFLE

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.

Potluck set-up starts at 6:30 PM, with dinner at 7 PM and festivities at 8 PM, including the presentation of the Punctured Thumb Award. Families & guests of members are welcome.



### 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

### Potluck Assignments

(by first letter of last name):

A – G Main Dishes

H – R Salads

S – Z Desserts

Please bring a dish to serve 8–10 people. Beverages will be provided by the Club. Please bring silverware, napkins, and plates for yourself and your guests.

*Because of the May show and potluck, there will be no May mini-show. We will resume in June with Adenium (not Adenia) and Discocactus. New members are encouraged to participate and, for each plant you bring in, you receive a ticket for the drawing. Just remember that you must have had the plant for at least three months prior to entering it.*

**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 2017 Show and Sale!!** Again the Club has sponsored a beautiful award-winning show. First to thank are Greg Lang, Steve Goodman and Dennis Ragasa, who did an outstanding job of organizing all the vendors and keeping the sales flowing smoothly. **THANK YOU GREG, STEVE and DENNIS!!** We could not finance the show without our vendors. This year we have 11 plant vendors and 3 pottery vendors. **THANK YOU ALL!!** Linda Roye herded the Plant Hotel, a very lively & busy area. **THANK YOU, LINDA!!** The Club's plant table, (money goes directly to club) and freebies were supplied by Keith Taylor, Trish and Dick Bruga, and Poot's Nursery, with additions from various members. **THANK YOU to the ABOVE!!** Stephanie Reali and her crew, Carole Hada, Leslie Goodman, Robyn Andrews, Greg Lang and Keith Taylor, took on the task of keeping us fed and watered on Saturday with the Club and members furnishing Friday and Sunday food. **THANK YOU, STEPHANIE and CREW!!** Without the various volunteers for security and hospitality throughout the weekend, the Show would not be possible. Give yourself a big pat on the back if you volunteered for anything. **THANK YOU, MARIEL DENNIS and ED EGAN,** for coordinating these volunteers. Keith Taylor, our Show Director, did an outstanding job of set-up and staging. He also made all the pots for the Best... awards. **KUDOS TO KEITH!!** Without the volunteers who came in early Saturday and stayed late Sunday for set-up and teardown, we would have no show. **THANKS TO EVERY ONE OF YOU!!** 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. **THANK YOU, EXHIBITORS!!** The Shadowboxes were delightful with interpretations of this year's theme, "Sensational Succulents." **THANK YOU, MICHELLE!! Shadow Box winner was CHER'E PETERSON!!** Mariel Dennis organized programs of 'how-to's for the public as well as having Robin Stockwell for a book signing. **THANK YOU, MARIEL, KEITH AND ROBIN!!** JoEllen Arnold was both Judge and Clerk Chair. She kept the clerks and judges on their toes determining those final awards. **THANK YOU, JOELLEN!!** Marilynn Vilas and Steve Goodman handled award placement and ribbons. Keith Taylor staged the arrangement. **THANK YOU, MARILYNN, STEVE and KEITH!!** No one would come to the Show without publicity. Joe Samora and Mariel Dennis did these honors with outstanding results. **THANK YOU, JOE and MARIEL!!** Taking membership money and dispensing information was Oanh Vu and her crew. **THANK YOU, OANH!!** Jackie Bosquin did an outstanding job on designing our attractive Show flyer and schedule. **THANK YOU, JACKIE!!** Lou Grubaugh, Erica Crosby, Mara Aditjas and Steve Goodman did the signage. **THANK YOU LOU, 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 monitor, MABEL!** If your name wasn't mentioned, please forgive. You know who you are and what you did. **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL!!**

**Judges:** Cactus – Tim Devine and Doug Walker. Succulents – Charles Moore and Ernesto Sandoval. Novice – Keith Taylor and Lorelei Dewe. Tie Breaker Judge – Patrice Farncomb.

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## 2016 BEST IN SHOW AWARDS

BEST PLANT IN SHOW	PACHYPODIUM SUCCULENTUM
BEST CACTUS ADVANCED	MELOCACTUS GLAUCESCENS
BEST SUCCULENT ADVANCED	PETOPENTIA NATALENSIS
BEST CACTUS OPEN	ASTROPHYTUM DIGITOSTIGMA C-MEDUSAE
BEST SUCCULENT OPEN	PACHYPODIUM SUCCULENTUM
BEST CACTUS NOVICE	TEPHROCACTUS GEOMETRICUS
BEST SUCCULENT NOVICE	SARCOCAULON HERRREI
BEST CACTUS JUNIOR	NONE
BEST SUCCULENT JUNIOR	NONE
BEST CEREUS	STENOCEREUS HOLLIANUS CREST
BEST DISH GARDEN	
BEST PLANTER	
BEST OPUNTIA	PUNA CLAVARIOIDES
BEST EUPHORBIA	EUPHORBIA UNISPINA
BEST CAUDICIFORM	IPOMOEA PLATENSIS
BEST MINIATURE SUCCULENT	DORSTENIA SP.
BEST MAMMILLARIA	MAMMILLARIA MELALEUCA
BEST FEROCACTUS	NONE

*Awards continued on page 4*



### 2017 Show Statistics

- Cactus: 89
- Other Succulents: 282
- Planters: 9
- Dish Gardens: 3
- Bonsai: 3
- Nature's Container: 8
- Living Composition: 6
  
- Public Attendance: **1,694** people passed through our gate!



## 2016 BEST IN SHOW AWARDS (CONT.)

BEST ALOE	ALOE PEARSONII
BEST AGAVE	AGAVE KICHIOKAN MARGINATA
BEST CRASSULA	CRASSULA BARKLYI
BEST ARIOCARPUS	ARIOCARPUS KOTSCHOUBEYANUS
BEST GYMNOCALYCIUM	GYMNOCALYCIUM BAYRIANUM
BEST HAWORTHIA	HAWORTHIA REINWARDTII
BEST MADAGASCAN SUCCULENT	UNCARINA ROEOESLIANA
BEST CREST	EUPHORBIA LACTEA
BEST REBUTIA	REBUTIA HELIOSA
BEST CACTUS COLLECTION	NOT GIVEN
BEST SUCCULENT COLLECTION	EUPHORBIA
BEST MINIATURE CACTUS	MAMMILLARIA BLOSSFELDIANA
BEST COPIAPOA	COPIAPOA CINEREA V. COLUMNA-ALBA
BEST MESEMB	DINTERANTHUS POLE-EVANSII
BEST SANSEVIERIA	SANSEVIERIA PINGUICULA
BEST VARIEGATE (CACTUS/SUCCULENT)	AGAVE VICTORIA-REGINA ALBA
BEST NOTOCACTUS	NONE
BEST BULB	ALBUCA SPIRALIS



### Shadowbox Awards

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to all who participated in the Shadowbox competition!

**1st:** Cher'e Peterson  
**2nd:** Patty Whitmire  
**3rd:** Michelle Egan

**Honorable Mentions:**  
 Robyn Andrews  
 Shawnee Giles

### April Mini-Show Winners

#### CACTUS

1st: *Thelocactus lloydii*, Steve Goodman  
 2nd: *T. hexaedrophorus*, Michelle Egan  
 3rd: *T. heterochromus*, Linda Roye

#### SUCCULENT

1st: *Dudleya brittonii*, Michelle Egan  
 2nd: *D. caespitosa*, Linda Roye  
 3rd: *D. brittonii*, Kris McAninch



## Upcoming Events

### FRESNO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY ANNOUNCES ANNUAL SHOW & SALE – SEPTEMBER 9–10

The Fresno Cactus and Succulent Society will hold their annual show and sale on September 9-10. The show and sale will be held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District at 808 4th Street in Clovis. Saturday: 9am to 6 pm (exhibition starts at 10am), Sunday (show and sale): 9am to 4 pm. For more information, visit [www.fresnocss.com](http://www.fresnocss.com).

### UPCOMING MEMBER GARDEN TOURS

Several members have offered to open their gardens to members and guests. You can obtain their addresses from our membership directory or contacting them directly. No personal information is posted online or in the newsletter, but an email will be sent closer to the date with contact details.

Saturday, June 3 – Mariel Dennis, Rancho Cordova, 9am to 1pm

Saturday, June 17 – Linda Roye, 9am to 1pm

If you'd like to show off your garden, please contact Mariel Dennis at [marield@comcast.net](mailto:marield@comcast.net).



### Meeting Details

The Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 PM.

Next meeting: May 22 **Annual Potluck**

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# More Pictures from the May Show and Sale!

