

Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

May 2019

Volume 60, V

May Program

MAY 20 POTLUCK!

Our May meeting will be the first of our annual potlucks, to be held **next Monday, May 20th**. The potluck dinner will celebrate the annual show and sale. Everyone who helped with the show is encouraged to come. We'll capture lessons learned and suggestions to make next year's show even better. Please bring a dish to share (to serve 6-8 people). Drinks will be provided. Guests are welcome. There will be no speaker, plant drawings, or sales. Doors will open at 6:00 PM for setup, and the potluck will start at 6:30. This is 30 minutes prior to our normal meeting start time.

NOTE: We have removed the dish recommendations for the potluck that were sent out in email. Feel free to bring your favorite dish to share, whatever it might be! And one other change from the email: the club will be providing plates, napkins, and utensils.



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!

Meeting Details

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

Next meeting: May 20 — Potluck (NO REGULAR 4th MONDAY MEETING)

Shepard Garden & Arts Center | 3330 McKinley Blvd | Sacramento, CA 95816

center phone: (916) 808-8800 | www.sacramentocss.com

Thank You from our Show Committee

Congratulations & Thank You to all – Exhibitors, Volunteers, & Vendors – for a Great 2019 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** and all who volunteered in the sales area!! We could not finance the show without our vendors. This year we have 12 plant vendors and 3 pottery vendors. **THANK YOU ALL!!** Many volunteers herded the Plant Hotel, a very lively & busy area. **THANK YOU, ALL!!** Michele Swanberg and Elaine Thomas took on the task of feeding us the entire weekend! **THANK YOU, MICHELLE, ELAINE** 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 and Keith Taylor, our Show Chairs, did an outstanding job of coordinating all the details. **THANK YOU, MARIEL AND KEITH!!** Keith Taylor did the show set-up and staging. He also made all the pots for the Best of...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 6 junior entries, 51 Novice entries, 154 Advanced and 160 Open for a total of 371(!) entries, not including Division III (see below). The Shadowboxes, Rudy Aguilera in charge, were delightful. **THANK YOU, RUDY** and all Shadowboxers*!! We salute Ian Dennis and Shawnee Giles, our watchful Security persons and their crew. **THANK YOU, IAN and SHAWNEE!!** 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. Mariel Dennis did the honors. **THANK YOU, 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!!** Steve Goodman and Mariel Dennis did the signage. **THANK YOU, STEVE and MARIEL!!** Our treasurer, Greg Lang, keeps the money flowing and the bills paid. **THANK YOU, GREG!!** The photography display, organized by Jerry Friis, added much interest to the show. **THANK YOU, JERRY** and the 8 members who brought their photographs!! A big thanks goes to our Center monitors, **SARAH, CHRIS AND MABEL** (in absentia)!! If your name wasn't mentioned, please forgive. You know who you are and whatever you did is greatly appreciated. **A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL!!**

***SHADOWBOXERS:** Diane Aguayo and Chere Petersen did all five!!

JUDGES: Cactus – Naomi Bloss, Marilyn Vilas. Other Succulents – Bryan Gim, Tim Devine. Novice – Penny Newell, Cassidy Roberts-Yee. Tiebreaker – Charles Moore.

Photo Credits: Photographs used for this month's newsletter were taken at the May show and sale by Keith Taylor, Gerhard Bock, and Mariel Dennis.

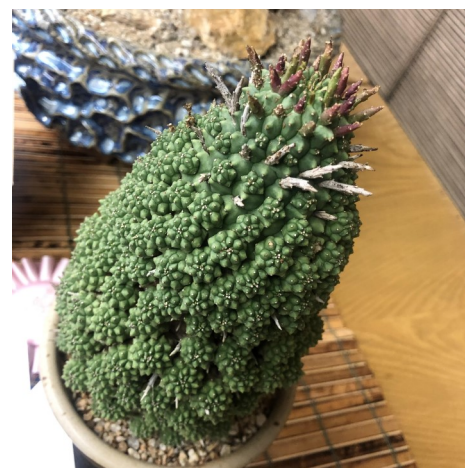
2019 BEST IN SHOW AWARDS

AWARD	PLANT NAME	EXHIBITOR
Best Plant in Show	<i>Ceraria namaquensis</i>	Peter Walkowiak
Best Cactus – Advanced	<i>Rebutia arenacea</i>	Cassidy Roberts-Yee
Best Succulent – Advanced	<i>Fouquieria purpusii</i>	Penny Newell
Best Cactus – Open	<i>Ariocarpus retusus</i> cv. 'Cauliflower'	Kal Kaminer
Best Succulent – Open	See Best Plant In Show	
Best Cactus – Novice	<i>Echinocereus</i> sp.	Scott Fike
Best Succulent – Novice	<i>Euphorbia genoudiana</i>	David Roberts
Best Cactus – Junior	<i>Aporocactus flagelliformis</i>	Ryan McAninch
Best Succulent – Junior	<i>Sedum cremnosedum</i> cv. 'Crocodile'	Ryan McAninch
Best Cereus	No Award Given	
Best Dish Garden	'Fairy Falls'	Elaine Thomas
Best Planter	Lithops	Cassidy Roberts-Yee
Best Opuntia	<i>Puna bonnieae</i>	Oanh Vu
Best Euphorbia	<i>Euphorbia multiceps</i>	Naomi Bloss
Best Caudiciform	<i>Cyphostemma currorii</i>	Annie Wolf
Best Miniature Succulent	<i>Crassula barklyi</i>	Peter Beiersdorfer
Best Mammillaria	<i>Mammillaria theresae</i>	Elton Roberts
Best Ferocactus	<i>Ferocactus schwarzii</i>	Cassidy Roberts-Yee
Best Aloe	<i>Aloe pearsonii</i>	Penny Newell
Best Agave	<i>Agave albopilosa</i>	Dave Calibo



2019 BEST IN SHOW AWARDS

AWARD	PLANT NAME	EXHIBITOR
Best Crassula	<i>Crassula hemisphaerica</i>	Keith Taylor
Best Ariocarpus	See Best Cactus - Open	
Best Gymnocalycium	<i>Gymnocalycium asterium</i>	Bill Munkacsy
Best Haworthia	<i>Haworthia koelmaniorum</i>	Marilynn Vilas
Best Madagascan Succulent	<i>Pachypodium brevicaule</i>	Keith Taylor
Best Crest (Cactus/Succulent)	<i>Euphorbia brevirama x monstrose</i>	Peter Walkowiak
Best Rebutia	See Best Cactus - Advanced	
Best Cactus Collection	Mammillaria	Peter Beiersdorfer
Best Succulent Collection	<i>Euphorbia medusa</i> – mini	Peter Walkowiak
Best Miniature Cactus	<i>Frailea asterioides</i>	Penny Newell
Best Copiapoa	<i>Copiapoa serpentisulcata</i>	Penny Newell
Best Mesemb	<i>Conophytum burgeri</i>	Keith Taylor
Best Sansevieria	No Award Given	
Best Variegate (Cactus/Succulent)	No Award Given	
Best Notocactus	<i>Notocactus magnificus</i>	Cassidy Roberts-Yee
Best Bulb	<i>Haemanthus deformis</i>	Peter Beiersdorfer



More Pictures from the May Show and Sale!



April Mini-Show Winners

CACTUS: REBUTIA/SULCOREBUTIA

1st: Theresa Roberts, *Rebutia krainziana*

2nd: Linda Roye, *Rebutia x 'sunrise'*

3rd: Rudy Aguilar, *Rebutia bicolor*

SUCCULENT: ALOE/GASTERALOE

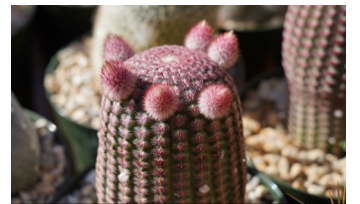
1st: Steve Goodman, *Gasteraloe x 'Green Ice'*

2nd: Troy Fajerson, *Aloe x 'Red'*

3rd: Theresa Roberts, *Aloe parvula*



More Pictures from the May Show and Sale!



2019 Show Statistics

- Planters: 5
- Dish Gardens: 5
- Bonsai: 1
- Nature's Container: 3
- Living Composition: 5

Attendance

- Saturday: 1272
- Sunday: 800



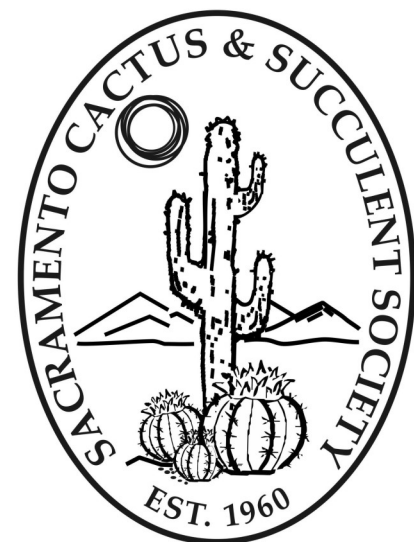
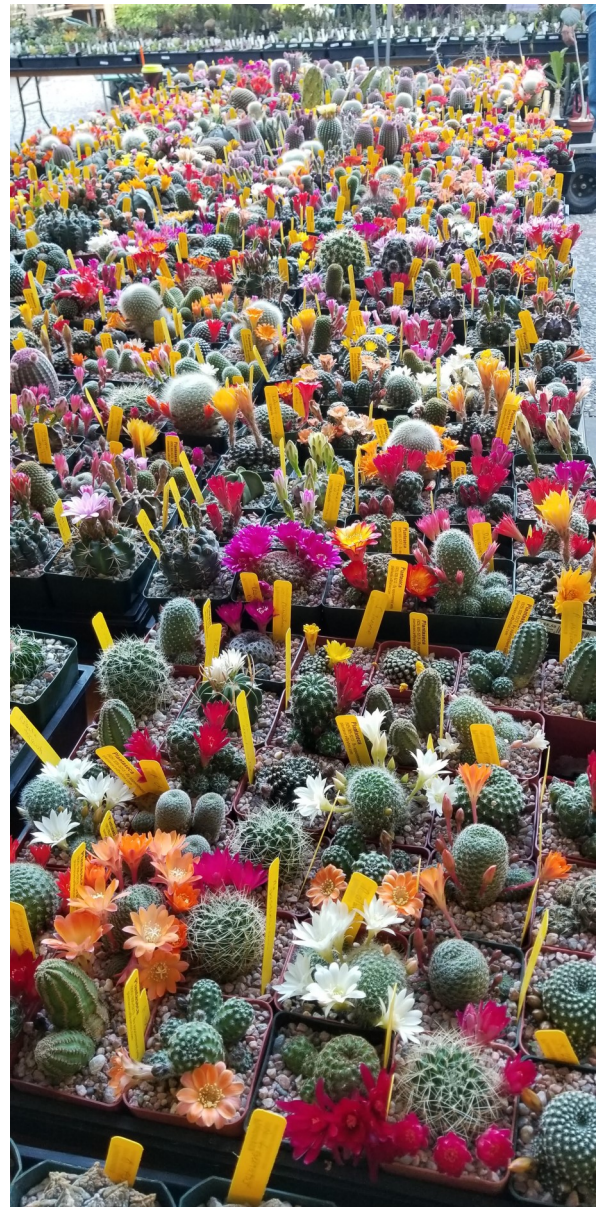
Newsletter Editor Needed

The SCSS is looking for a new editor to take over (or co-edit) the monthly newsletter. If you're interested, please contact Stephanie at newsletter@sacramentocss.com. The newsletter is our primary communication with the club each month, and the editor gathers content from our board members and chairs (but doesn't have to write anything!) It is currently prepared in Microsoft Publisher but could be moved into any publication tool. Sounds too difficult? It's not! If you can use Microsoft Word, you have the skills to put together our newsletter.

Club News and Notes

Instant Landscaping! A six-foot *Euphorbia trigona* in a pot needs a new home! Contact Patty Needham at 916-729-2985 or email Lloydbean@surewest.net.

Ask Me buttons! If you have not done so already, please return your button to Mariel Dennis for next year's show. Thanks.



Upcoming Events

May 18-19. Carmichael Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale. Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael, CA. Saturday 9am-4pm, Sunday 9am-3pm.

Jun 8-9. Fresno Home & Garden Show and Fresno Cactus and Succulent Society Spring Sale. Clovis Veterans Memorial, 808 4th St., Clovis, CA 93612. www.fresnocss.com.

Jun 8-9. San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society Show and Sale. San Francisco County Fair Building, 1199 9th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122. Saturday and Sunday 9am - 5pm.

UC Berkeley Botanical Garden Events

Tuesday, May 21, 2 pm - 4 pm. Spring Floral Centerpiece Design with Lennie Larkin of B-Side Farm. Learn to create gorgeous wild-feeling arrangements in this hands-on workshop with designer, and farmer, Lennie Larkin of B-Side Farm and Floral Design. You'll go home with an exquisite centerpiece. \$95 / \$85 UCBG Members

Saturday, May 25, 10 am - 12 pm. Botanical Perfume Workshop with Jessica Hannah. Join us for this two hour beginners natural perfume workshop. You'll learn about the history and art of natural perfumes. You will create a formula with oils from around the world, including Italian bergamot, Haitian vetiver, Bulgarian rose, and more. \$85 / \$75 UCBG Members

Tuesday, May 28, 3 - 4 pm. May Butterfly Walk. Join Sally Levinson, 'caterpillar lady', and Sarab Seth, 'butterfly guy,' for a guided walk through the Garden in search of butterflies. Bring binoculars if you have them. Space is limited to a first-come basis. Free with garden admission. Butterfly walks are held the fourth Tuesday of the month, April through October.



Cactus & Succulents Convention Philippines

U.N. Square Mall
San Marcelino Street Corner United Nations Avenue, Ermita, Manila

May 17 - 19, 2019
[8:00 AM - 6:00 PM]

When Art emulates Life

Learn from the master potter himself **Keith Kitoi Taylor** and create living artworks!

May 19, 2019 | Manila Prince Hotel,
San Marcelino St. Corner UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila

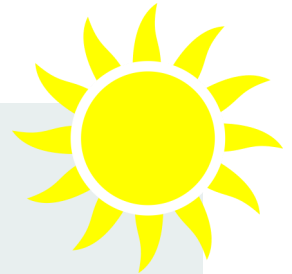
P1,500

For the whole day:
9 Speakers; 10 topics

Morning Session (9:00 AM-12:00 N)	Afternoon Session (2:00 PM - 5:00 PM)
Keith Kitoi Taylor / Growing for Size and Presentation Lino Rom / Care for Cacti and Succulents in the Tropics Buchi Rumero / Collecting Agaves Noney Sionosa / Aloe Chong Pason / Managing Disease and Pests	Staging for Presentation / Keith Kitoi Taylor Gymnocalycium & Astrophytum / Dan Saclangan Pollination and Seed Growing Techniques in Grafting / Ron Apostol Intro to Pottery / Joey de Castro Designing with Cactus / Wilson Simuangco Angel and Succulents

For reservations please contact us at our Facebook page @cactusandsucculentconventionphilippines

Sunshine Corner



Greg Lang, our treasurer, lost his father last month. The club sends condolences to Greg and his family. A card has been sent. Also, we missed the Center's monitor and our honorary member, Mabel Lotz, at the show. Mabel has some health issues but will be back with us soon. A card has been sent from all of us wishing her well. Remember to let me know (530-753-7011 or nedmar@omsoft.com) if anyone needs a cheer!

—Marilynn Vilas, Sunshine Chair

WELCOME

Pam Anderson
Skye Bergen
Adeline Chautard
Martin Dunlap
Liza Fox
Chris Hartung

Don Hartung
Stephen McCabe
Janet Nunes
Katalina Reyna
Janet Sanchez
Joseph Smith