



# Espinas y Flores

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chris Miller

Wow, just wow. Did we have a great Winter Show & Sale or what? Record attendance and record sales; it doesn't get much better than that. You cannot hold an event like this without an army of volunteers to make it come together.

We start with Advertising. Sue Thomas and her beautiful fliers, Christine Vargas & her media contacts, Jeff Harris flooding garden web sites from Kamaloops Canada, Kirsten working her magic on the web page & Facebook, all of you sharing the flier with friends and on Facebook, and Kelly Griffin going on TV Saturday morning. No wonder we had such a great crowd.

Set-up on Friday went smoothly with the help of George Plaisted, Bill & Jean O'Daniel, Susan Hopkins, Mary Aparicio, Jerry Markle, Brian Shepherd, Cathy Clark, Mary & Jim Reiser, Russel Ray, Don Hunt,



Sandy Wetzel-Smith, Mike Fernandes, and Paula Munoz. Tom Knapik and Kelly brought in the plants for the Menzel Auction and set them up in room 101. Most of our vendors set up Friday afternoon and evening, so set-up Saturday morning was pretty smooth.

Also on Saturday morning, Paul Maker brought in the registers, and the sales team set things up for non-stop action. Jim DeForest once more led the team to victory. The team included Diane Tigard, Melanie Howe, Brita Miller, Winston Chan, Sara Clayton, Sue Thomas, Suzy Perkins, Jessica McGee, Linda Stewart, Deya Wilson,

Deb Schmal, Heather Chan, Tammy Fletcher, Patty Miller, and Christine Vargas. This group worked so

well that although the line went all the way around the room, time in line at the longest was 39 minutes. The line was continually moving, and customers were making new friends in line.

For customers, the day started with a visit to the booth out in front to renew or sign up as new members. The Greeters were Candy Garner, Wendy Goldman,



Penny Sommerville, Antonina Lansangan, and Betsy Markle. They also had a Plant Hotel for the customers' plants so that customers had a safe place to leave their plants to get their vehicles. Lots of new members were signed up.



The kitchen crew was led by Sandy Wetzel-Smith. They suffered through a couple hours of the drain mishap but still managed to keep us fed and hydrated. I don't have a list of names for the kitchen crew; please know you are appreciated.

Our unpaid holding area was manned by Chuck Ramey, Norb Roden, and others. They did a great job and made a difference in the number of plants sold.



Geoff Twitchell, Chris Dawson, & Julie Dixon were security on the Auction Plants all day, and we appreciate their efforts. The Auction was held in the afternoon, with Tom Knapik, Mark Fryer, & Kelly Griffin acting as auctioneers. Proceeds went to support the Scholarship Fund. I know several people went home with a plant that Jürgen loved, and they are happy knowing they have a part of his collection to cherish.



The Show Chairs, Bill O'Daniel and Kelly Griffin, did a great job organizing the Show, both prep before and execution. Mark Fryer and Gary James were the Judges, and Susan Hopkins headed the clerking crew of Alison Baldwin and others. Paul & Carol Maker tallied the results, and Paul took the trophy pictures. Jean O'Daniel and Susan Hopkins ran the information table in the courtyard and gave out club fliers until they ran out. Stephen Zolezzi and Sherman Blench ran the Paid Holding Area in the patio. The patio area was a busy place all afternoon.

Boxes. We had a wonderful selection to choose from and more than we needed, which is better than running out. Thanks to all of you who brought boxes. Remember, June is coming and we need more than we had for the winter show. So keep up the good work!



Brian Shepherd did a great job leading the Security team provided for Show and Sale Security. His team included Jerry Markle and Paula Munoz—who braved the cold Friday evening to guard your show plants—Mike Marika, Rom Chisum, Luis Urias, Mary May,



Mike Fernandes, Steve Schmal, Ginger Steketa, Herb Stern, Lynn Grant, and Rick Plant.

The clean-up volunteers were great. Russel Ray, Mike Fernandes, and Jim & Mary Reiser broke down tables for George to put away. May Fong Ho broke down boxes, with help. May and I swept the floor and picked up trash. Bill & Jean O'Daniel and friends cleaned up the show area. Susan Hopkins gathered the club info and put it away. Sandy and team with Cathy Clark cleaned up the kitchen and stored stuff away. Others helped in the final efforts of the show but by then my memory was slipping and like everyone else I just wanted to go home and sit down.



I know I missed some of you and I want you all to know how much I appreciate all of your efforts towards making our Show and Sale a success. A fine-tuned machine we are. Our only issue other than flooding in the kitchen was too many customers, and is that really a problem?



Rumor was that whomever held his box the highest would get free plants.

Stay warm through the cold spell. Spring is around the corner.





MARCH WORKSHOP

A SLICE OF ECHEVERIA by Tina Zucker



I love Echeverias. I love the way they pup out so I can no longer see the main branch. I appreciate their colors and textures. Some that have not been hybridized seem stronger and more prolific. Other hybrids have added to

our large collections. A few years ago, I wanted to propagate an *Echeveria agavoides ebony*. I was afraid to make the cut so Kienan did it for me. A monster was created. The enjoyment of making a cut and watching that plant send out pups is so satisfying. Also ask me about how I root my cuttings.

If you have an Echeveria that you think needs pruning, bring it with you to my workshop and we can talk about it.



Workshops

We are in the process of completing the schedule for the monthly pre-meeting workshops (11-12 pm) for July, August, October, and November, and are looking for members who would like to share their knowledge and experience with us. If you have a topic



that you would like to present for any of the above months, I would appreciate hearing from you either at a meeting or by emailing me at [hbs@sover.net](mailto:hbs@sover.net). However, if you would like to present a workshop but are not quite sure about a topic, I have compiled a list of questions

and answers that could be emailed to you, which also includes corresponding source links. I, as well as other Society members, appreciate the volunteers who share their background and knowledge with us.

Pat Putis, Workshop Coordinator

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### The New, Rare & Seldom Seen Cacti & Succulents of Mexico — Wendell S. (Woody) Minnich 2017

Mexico is considered by many to be one of the richest regions in the world for cacti. From the United States to the north, to its southern border of Guatemala, there are an amazing number of genera and species to be found. These range from the tiny *Turbinicarpus* to the giant *Pachycereus*. Within the reaches of Mexico, there are many diverse geologic environments. These habitats vary from the coastal and inland lowlands to its many high mountain niches. For almost 50 years, I have been lucky enough to have traveled most all of Mexico. Thus, my favorite regions for exploring include the most popular Baja California, to the mysterious Sierra Madre Occidental, and the succulent rich Sierra Madre Oriental. It is from these famous territories that the majority of the highly desired collector's taxa are to be found.



*Fouquieria purpusii*



*Astrophytum coahuilensis*



*Echeveria laui*

The ever-popular genera of *Agave*, *Dasylerion*, *Fouquieria*, *Ariocarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Aztekium*, *Echeveria*, *Gymnocactus*, *Mammillaria*, *Pelecephora* and *Turbinicarpus* are just a few of the genera where the addition of new species has become common. Due to the excitement and interest in these new plants, there have been numerous negative side effects that have

evolved. This increased interest in these new plants, combined with the commercial powers of the internet and Google, has created new distribution avenues for the marketing of the rare and or endangered species. Plants that I have seen for many years are now facing new threats from commercial collecting. CITIES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) and the enforcement of local and international laws regarding illegally collected plants



*Aztekium valdezii*



*Echeveria agavoides*

has had very little impact on cur-tailing the destruction of specific plant populations. This is especially true when plants are new or highly desired because of their scarcity in the collector's circuit.

Come join me as I show you many of the new cacti and other succulents of Mexico. Also, I hope to share with you what is happening to these wonderful plants, partly as a result of our new electronic world and the power of money!

### Wendell S. (Woody) Minnich

Woody, as he is commonly known, grew up in the Mojave Desert and has had an attraction to desert plants and animals since the early 1950's. He has been involved with the cactus and succulent world as a grower, field explorer, club and organization leader, writer, photographer, lecturer and presenter.



Having been a speaker all over the world, Woody is most often associated with giving presentations on his field work from the places he has traveled, such as: Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Madagascar, Mexico, Namibia, New Zealand, Peru, Socotra, South Africa, the United States and Yemen. He is also recognized for having operated the nursery Cactus Data Plants since 1975. Woody's show quality plants were often considered one of the standards for staging and horticultural achievement. His favorite genera include: *Adenium*, *Ariocarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Copiapoa*, *Cyphostemma*, *Fouquieria*, *Gymnocalycium*, *Lithops*, *Mammillaria*, *Melocactus*, *Pachypodium*, *Turbinicarpus* and *Pachycauls* in general.

He has published numerous articles in various journals, and his photography is featured in many books, including *The Mammillaria Handbook* by



Pilbeam, *The Copiapoa* by Schulz, and *The Cactus Lexicon* by Hunt and Charles, as well as many others. As of November 2017, he is featured as the primary photographer in the new book *The Xerophile*. This book specializes in what the authors call "The Obsessed Field Workers" from around the world.

Woody and his wife, Kathy, live in Cedar Grove, New Mexico. He is a retired secondary school teacher

of 32 years where he taught Graphics, Art, and Architecture. In the cactus and succulent hobby, Woody is recognized for his high energy and creative spirit. As an educator, he has become an important part of the hobby and thus is an honorary life member of ten C&S societies. With 45 years in the hobby and 64 years in the field, he has many experiences to share and numerous photos to show.

## News from the Safari Park's Gardens

All plants have been moved from the old greenhouse into the beautiful new greenhouse which was specially built to hold Old World Garden (OWG) and Baja Garden plants. The "Under See Garden" is well underway. The volunteers have worked to spread a huge mound of special soil and add plants that have been selected for this special garden.

We'd like to thank Tina Zucker, Susan La Freniere, Deya Wilson, Michael Nelson, Peter Walkowiak, Pam Badger, and Western Cactus for their extremely generous contributions to the new garden and would also like to acknowledge KRC Rock for giving us a 25% discount on our purchase of lava pot rocks. As always, if you have plants or materials to donate, or if you would like to volunteer at the gardens, please contact May Fong Ho at 760-233-3948 or [mayfongho@yahoo.com](mailto:mayfongho@yahoo.com).

A reminder that the OWG and the Baja Garden are closed to the public until the development of the new Walkabout Australia exhibit, located directly below the gardens, has been completed.



The newly filled greenhouse.  
Taken at the Old World Garden and used  
by permission of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park.

# Peter Walkowiak

## PETERWPLANTS

### Coffee in the Garden & Open House

#### Saturday, March 17, 2018

#### 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

\*\*\*😊 SNACKS AND BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED 😊\*\*\*

Please R.S.V.P. for BBQ

You've seen many of my plants at various shows, but there are many more to see (over 2000 total) and many of you have indicated an interest in seeing the entire collection. This is your opportunity!

➤ Sales inventory is available as well: \$50 & up, 20% discount 🌵 \$150 & up, 30% discount

We will provide snacks and iced tea. However, when the party starts.... I'll have the beer chilled, some pork on the smoker, and chips & salsa ready. If you'd like something with more spirit, please feel free to bring it along.

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<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1LV8D6T627j0jiBrMDnrZVZiL2PhgDxki>



## Winter Show & Sale Trophy Winners

- 1 ..... Best Cactus Novice ..... Susan Aach ..... *Cereus peruvianus monstrose*
- 2 ..... Best Cactus Intermediate ..... Carol Maker ..... *Copiapoa cinerea*
- 3 ..... Best Cactus Open ..... Kal Kaminer ..... *Astrophytum caput-medusae*
- 4 ..... Best Succulent Novice ..... Carol Pancner ..... *Aloe perfoliata f. variegata*
- 5 ..... Best Succulent Intermediate ..... Pam Badger .....  
*Sansevieria kirkii* var. *pulchra* 'Coppertone'
- 6 ..... Best Succulent Open ..... Arnold Chaney ..... *Euphorbia* "Medusa Hybrid"
- 7 ..... Best Winter Grower Novice ..... Curtis Ippolito ..... *Aloe peglerae*
- 8 ..... Best Winter Grower Intermediate ..... Sarah Schell ..... *Pleiospilos nelii*
- 9 ..... Best Winter Grower Open ..... Alejandro Cardenas ..... *Dioscorea elephantipes*
- 10 ..... Best In Show ..... Peter Walkowiak ..... *Adenium multiflorum*



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## More from the Winter Show & Sale



If you missed the craziness  
that was the sale,  
there's a 2:30 video at  
<https://youtu.be/pRDZ9XDgtuo>

## Point Loma Garden Walk Marketplace

The Point Loma Garden Walk Marketplace is seeking donations of goods or services in support of the 17th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk hosted by Dana Unit of Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary.

Rady's Children's Hospital Auxiliary has been profoundly impacting the lives of children for more than 60 years, and net proceeds from the Walk and Marketplace will benefit Craniofacial Programs at Rady Children's Hospital San Diego.

The Garden Walk features a Marketplace with handcrafted items by members of Dana Unit, the Point Loma Artists Association Spring Art Show & Sale, local vendors, food vendors, food trucks, and opportunity drawings.

Craniofacial Programs evaluate and treat patients with complex disorders of the head and face. The goal of the program is to provide each child with a conventional appearance, healthy teeth, intact hearing, understandable speech, and smooth transition to adult social functioning.

Donations are tax deductible, recognition of your donation will be on their web site, and you will benefit

from knowing that you have positively affected the lives of patients and families at Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary.

Bethney DeView of Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary is specifically asking SDCSS members for succulent donations to be used in planters and sold at the Marketplace. If you would like to donate, contact Bethney at [bdeview@ymail.com](mailto:bdeview@ymail.com), 619-206-2801 (mobile), or 619-688-0996 (home).

**Editor's Note:** I have spent 49 years working with the underprivileged, the sick, the elderly, Special Olympics, and others, so this is right up my alley. I shall be the first SDCSS member to donate, as far as I know, to this worthwhile cause with one cactus/succulent Photographic Art by Russel Ray Photos (\$49 value), one custom cactus/succulent planter by A+R Pottery (\$49 value), and at least one cactus or succulent, probably Echeveria or Aeonium since those are my favorites. I hope other members are able to donate as well, and if anyone from East County would like to carpool to the Garden Walk, I volunteer to drive.



## 2018 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 22-24 — Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Spring Show & Sale

Thursday, March 22, 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. — Friday, March 23, 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, March 24, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim CA  
562-587-3357

### March 23-24 — Super Succulent Celebration 2018

8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
Waterwise Botanicals, 32151 Old Highway 395, Bonsall CA  
760-728-2641 or <http://waterwisebotanicals.com>



### April 7-8 — South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes CA  
310-378-1953 or <http://www.southcoastcss.org>

### April 21 — 17th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk

10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online at <http://www.pointlomagardenwalk.com/purchase-tickets.html>

### April 28 — 25th Annual Spring Garden & Butterfly Festival

The Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive W, El Cajon CA  
619-660-1687 or [info@thegarden.org](mailto:info@thegarden.org)

### April 29 — Huntington Plant Sale

10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino CA  
626-405-3504

### May 5-6 — Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale

Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City CA  
310-822-1783

### May 6 — South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
South Coast Botanical Gardens  
310-833-6823



The Jürgen auction table at the Winter Show & Sale.

### May 11-12 — Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 35th Show & Sale

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. both days  
Call for location.  
909-910-9195

### May 18-19 — Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale

10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. both days  
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach CA  
562-631-5876

### May 26-27 — Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Show & Sale

10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. both days  
Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo CA  
805-237-2054 or <http://www.centralcoastcactus.org>

