

Espinas y Flores



No meeting this month— come to our holiday party on
Saturday, December 14th!

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Close-up of *Mammillaria perezdelarosae*, taken by Karen Zimmerman, Desert Collections Succulent Propagator at Huntington Botanic Garden.

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President's Message

We are constantly amazed on the knowledge our members have. Many seemingly-quiet members have deep knowledge of cacti and succulents, their history, habitats and cultivation. Ex: recently someone told me how euphorbias were used to mummify Egyptian Kings!

But that is not our message this month. The core success of our club is in the growing of our knowledge of cactus and succulents. Especially as we enter our holiday season we ask that you use this occasion to get out of your comfort zone and ask a member "how to," "where do I find," or get information on something you are interested in. Even the shyest of us can enjoy talking about plants– that's why we keep coming back! Also, there are many opportunities at meeting breaks, club outings, etc. to put your toe in the water. I ask that our very experienced members step out of their comfort zone as well and offer help in the form of a workshop, striking up plant discussions or writing an article for our newsletter!

See you all at the holiday party!

Jim and Mary Reiser



FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!



Our refreshments at our meeting are all provided by members. Starting in January, members with last names starting with A to M are asked to bring goodies, members with last names N to Z in February, and alternating so on throughout the year. So if you are in the mood for baking, or just bringing in a fruit tray, or any other snack please do so! All our members will appreciate you!

TWENTY YEARS OF VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR (PART TWO)

BY DENISE HUNTSMAN-GRIFFIN, DIRECTOR AND CLUB HISTORIAN

(Continued from last month's newsletter):

The 2011 Volunteer of the Year award went to **Paul and Carol Maker**. Paul was the newsletter editor for 3 years with the support of Carol. He transformed the newsletter to the electronic version, widened its distribution and reduced costs. He printed promotional materials, fliers and business cards. Paul distributed welcome letters to new members, created membership cards and managed our electronic notifications system. Paul and Carol set up our tally program for our shows. Paul scanned past newsletter issues. Carol for many years brought in the best award winning show plants. Thank you to Paul and Carol!



In 2012, **Ken Blackford** was recognized for his work as Treasurer for the board for 4 years. Ken was very organized and great at money management. We miss having him around. He is out and about focusing on, and photographing, birds. He is exceptionally talented in that regard as well!



The 2013 award went to **Cathy Clark**. Cathy volunteered and cared for the plants at the San Diego Zoo and Safari Park along with doing the Azania sales set up and break down. The Azania sales involves selling plants to club members with the proceeds going to benefit the Safari Park Desert Garden, greenhouses and supplies. For some time, Cathy has been the Regalement Chair, making sure members have coffee and snacks. She also has performed cashiering duties and sales for many years, has been the Merchandise Chair, was on the board for 4 years and participates in the shows. She sure has a lot of energy!



The 2014 Volunteer of Year award was shared between **Don Hunt** and **Kathy** and **Steven Harris**. For 5 years they all took care of the library, sorting, cleaning, barcoding and maintaining the database. They all put a lot of work into it. Don continues to manage the library to this day. He really loves the books.



Lynn Elliot and **Melanie Howe** both earned this recognition in 2015 for being the core cashier team. At every meeting they worked the registers as well as at every show and sale. They are hard-working, dependable and enjoy teaching others how to care for the plants as people make their plant purchases. They both continue to cashier to this day and we are ever so grateful.



In 2016, the award was shared by **Chuck Ramey** and myself, **Denise Huntsman-Griffin**. Chuck earned it for manning and improving the process for the holding area at the Summer and Winter Show and Sales. This helped to increase security and sales. Chuck also chips in to help in many other areas as well. I was recognized for writing 16 Meet a Member articles in 3 years for the newsletter, for sharing the brag table responsibility with Tina, for cashiering at the show and sales and for keeping Kelly on track.



Michael Fernandes was the 2017 Volunteer of the Year for working hard doing set up and clean up for the show and sales. He also helps the vendors unload and load plants as well as help customers get the plants they have purchased to their cars. We appreciate you Michael!

And for 2018, **Kaija Marcon** was given this award for her years of gracious service in the kitchen. Her cinnamon rolls are ever so popular. It's a lot of work to feed all of our volunteers!

As I said in part one of this article, many of our volunteers have done way more to help out than what is listed here and many are still very active volunteers. Thank you to everyone! Please join us if you want to pitch in and it's a guarantee that you will have fun while doing it! We need you now more than ever. Please see Mary, Jim or any one of the club's Directors.

FAUX BRAG TABLE



Don Hunt
Whathfuxia
“Best Use of
Nomenclature”



Antonina Lansangan
Lithop Boney Stone
“Bad to the Bone”



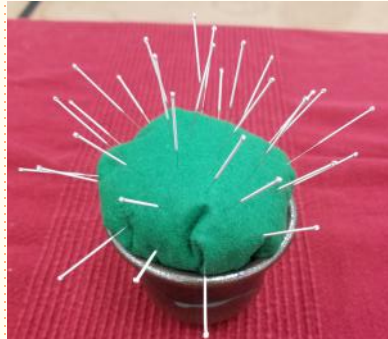
Whitney Meier
Everlasting Lithops-
A Gardener's Dream
“Most Immortal”



Olga Batalov
A-vinyl-onia grandiformis
var. quilliflora
“Most Artistic”



Olga Batalov
Echeveria setosa
var quilliflora
“Most Curley”



Wendy Goldman
Acupuntocactus
healy-peepelus
“Best Chinese Cactus”



Jean O'Daniel
Origami pyramidii
varnudum
“Most Triangular”



Candy and Jerry Garner
Pseudopensis juergensis
“Best Use of Fond Memories”



Sue Ann Scheck
Schreckloch with Weeds
“Most Comfortable”



Candy and Jerry Garner
Pseudolitho ballenses
ssp. tennisensis
“Best Use of Sports Equipment”



Sherman Blench
Opuntia painted deserti
“Best Painted Desert”



Georgia Kenney
Euphorbia purpureus
joshvino
“Most Lush Succulent”

FAUX BRAG TABLE CONT....



Pam Badger
Perroocereus kirkii kirkii
"Best Pet Hybrid Cactus"



Monica Mosack
Echeveria afterglow X
"Afterglobbiflora"
"Best Use of Old Prom
Gown"



Chuck Ramey
Ferocacti pumpkinus
"Most Gordalicious"



Saturday, February 8th

11 am - 4 pm

*San Diego Cactus & Succulent
Society*

2020 Winter Show & Sale

**Exotic cacti, succulents and
handmade pottery for Sale**

**Spectacular specimen plants
on display at the Show**

**Club members are admitted to
the sale from 9:00 am-11 am
for "Members Only Shopping"**

Membership Application/Renewal Form on reverse side

Open to the Public

2020 WINTER SHOW SCHEDULE, AWARDS, AND RULES

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7TH, 2020

8:00am to 10pm Set up. **BRING IN YOUR SHOW PLANTS** from 2pm to 7:30pm

SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2020

8:00am to 10:00am Set up, **OUT-OF-TOWNERS, BRING IN YOUR PLANTS!**

9:00am to 11:00am Sales open to members only

11:00am Sales open to public

10:00am Show opens

10:00am to 11:00am Judging, open to the public, show area being judged is closed

4:00pm Show and sales close

COMPETITION LEVELS

NOVICE (Fewer than 10 Blue Ribbons won in judged competition. Use GREEN entry cards)

INTERMEDIATE (10+ Blue Ribbons won in judged competition. Use YELLOW entry cards)

OPEN (Vendors and anyone else. Use BLUE entry cards)

NON-COMPETITIVE (Open to anyone who wants to show off a plant. Use WHITE entry cards)

AWARDS

A hand-crafted pot and a certificate suitable for framing will be given to BEST CACTUS, BEST SUCCULENT and BEST WINTER-GROWER plants in the NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE and OPEN Levels, and to the BEST OF SHOW plant (NOVICE or INTERMEDIATE or OPEN)

First, Second, and Third Place Ribbons will be awarded in all categories for both Novice, Intermediate, and Open entrants.

RULES

- 1) Show is open to anyone who grows succulent plants.
- 2) Entries must be in the possession of exhibitors for at least six months. Plants must be clean, (no weeds or debris), healthy (no insects, disease or pesticide odor) and dry. Plant labels should be removed or hidden. Exhibitors are responsible for placing entry cards with plants prior to judging. The show committee may remove any entry that detracts from or jeopardizes the health of other entries.
- 3) Plants must be individually potted specimens except for the category 'Dish Gardens.'
- 4) Depending on number of entries, prior to judging, the show committee may combine or divide categories and rearrange entries. The show area will be PARTIALLY closed during judging, on a section-by-section basis. Judging will be open to the public. Plants must remain until the end of the show.
- 5) Entries are judged on:
 - a) Condition, size, maturity and difficulty of culture: 70%
 - b) Staging - pot, top dressing, arrangement, cleanliness: 25%
 - c) Nomenclature: 5%

Awards are given only if the judges believe they are merited, and all decisions are final.

- 6) The SDCSS and show committee will take due care to safeguard entries but cannot be held responsible for damage to, or loss of, plants and property.



TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP: Your expiration date appears above your name on all Club communications. The newsletter, *Espinas y Flores*, is e-mailed to each member household each month. *Annual dues (e-mailed newsletter) are \$15.00 per year per individual, and \$5.00 per year for each additional household member. Each member has all the rights and benefits of the organization.*

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*FOR EXISTING MEMBERS ONLY -

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Total payment: \$ _____

Check No. _____



Member Information: (Please PRINT to fill in ALL blanks below)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and State: _____ Zip + 4: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ Cell/FAX: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

Additional Household Members: _____

Do you wish to receive E-mail notifications of Club events and issues? Yes ☐ No ☐

Mail this form or a copy, along with a check or money order in US Funds, payable to SDCSS to:

SDCSS Membership Dept, c/o May Fong Ho

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Escondido, CA 92030

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HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 14th, 2019, at 10:00 am, Rm 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
\$22 per member or guest

Food and Drink: A delicious lunch will be served around noon. There will something for everyone! Herb Stern, “The Wine Guy” will set up the bar. In the spirit of sharing, we will also have the traditional “Potluck Dessert Table.” If you have a special dessert you would like to share, please do! This is optional but always a much appreciated finish to our meal.

Gift Exchange: Another fun way of sharing is to participate in the Gift Exchange. If you and/or your guests would like to participate, bring a nice plant or plant-related item (one per person please), and place it on the Gift Exchange Table. Make sure your name is on your plant! A committee will have the tough job of selecting the “Best Plant”, which will then be set aside for auction. Whoever brought the Best Plant will have first choice of the remaining plants, and the owner of *that* plant selects a plant, and so on until all of the Gift Exchange items are distributed. As you can imagine, the nicer the plant YOU bring, the sooner you get to choose.

Gift Plant: The Society will continue the tradition of giving each *member* who attends this event, a gift plant. They will be distributed by lottery, during desserts. When you arrive, be sure to check in at the door to receive your ticket for the drawing. Then take some time to look over the beautiful selection of plants so you will be able to grab your favorite when your number is called. (this is a benefit of membership - no gift plants for guests).

Auction: Come prepared to bid on “show quality” plants at the annual Holiday Party Auction!! Up for bid will be bare root plants donated again this year by Western Cactus Growers, along with beautiful specimens donated by our own members. If you have 1-2 “show quality” plants you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Peter or Kelly and let them know.

Too much fun to miss! You can register at our November meeting, or on our website at <https://www.sdcss.net/payment> or send a check to Chris Miller, 10042 Waynecrest Lane, Santee, CA 92071. We hope to see you at the party.

