

Espinas y Flores



No September Meeting!
SDCSS Member Picnic
Saturday, Sept 14th
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On the cover: Stapelia gigantea, photo by Dorothy Sutherland.

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Historic comics pulled from the newsletter archives.



Auction in October

Melanie Howe will donate five beautiful plants from Don Patterson's collection to auction off at the October general meeting on October 12th. Don't miss this opportunity to add amazing plants to your collection!



**Big News- We are Now on
Instagram**



We are now @sdcactusandsucculentsociety on Instagram! To kick off the new account, we will be doing some giveaways, so be sure to give us a follow!

Also if you'd like to see your plants featured, send a photo to the account! And don't forget to keep using the #sdcss hashtag!



President's Message

We need your knowledge.
We need your experience.
Please teach us and show us.



Our September message is that we all have a different skill set and need to pass this knowledge on. Our membership has many contacts, resources and especially know-how on sourcing, conserving, growing, designing, and promoting cacti and succulents. You also may have collateral skills like marketing, research, organization, writing, etc... You can contribute in simple ways from a brief article in our newsletter to a specialized coffee in the garden with a dedication to a program goal, or a more intricate contribution like a workshop (how about cooking with cactus?) or plant of the month. We (both Mary and Jim) understand public speaking is sometimes not easy. If you are hesitant but have an idea, we can present it for you, have you as an assistant to answer questions, or present your material in about any format you feel you can contribute. Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.
(PS: Check out our volunteer openings below!)

Mary and Jim Reiser



VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN

We need your help! Here are the open jobs that we need filled for next year:

Summer/winter show coordinator
Show auction manager
Workshop coordinator
Head cashier
Secretary
VP
Webmaster



Contact Mary or Jim Reiser, or any of our board members if you are interested.

August Brag Table Results



CACTUS

Novice:

1st Place: Mohamad- *Astrophytum myriostigma* cv. *Hanakago* (A)

2nd Place: Mohamad- *Astrophytum myriostigma* cv. *Kikko nudum* (B)

3rd Place: Mitchell Hubbard- *Ortegocactus macdougallii* (C)

3rd Place: Monica Mosack- *Opuntia cochenillifera* f. *variegata* (D)

Intermediate:

1st Place: Mohamad- *Astrophytum ornatum* cv. *Kikko* (E)

2nd Place: Mohamad- *Copiapoa haseltoniana* var. *gigantea* (F)

3rd Place: Mohamad- *Copiapoa cinerea* var. *albispina* (G)

Advanced:

1st Place: Don Hunt- *Arrojadoa rhodantha* (H)

2nd Place: No entry

3rd Place: No entry

SUCCULENTS

Novice:

1st Place: Scott and Marti Steckbauer- *Operculicarya decaryi* (I)

2nd Place: Scott and Marti Steckbauer- *Adenium arabicum* (J)

3rd Place: Chris Gleason- *Dyckia* sp.(K)

Intermediate:

1st Place: Bev Grant- *Euphorbia stellata* (L)

2nd Place: Bev Grant- *Deuterocohnia brevifolia* (M)

3rd Place: Bev Grant- *Euphorbia flanaganii* (N)

Advanced:

1st Place: Kelly Griffin- *Aloe castillonae* x *AJR* (O)

2nd Place: Kelly Griffin- *Hechtia* sp. Presa Zarco Durango (P)

2nd Place: Dean Karras and Megan Escalona- *Agave victoria reginae* (Q)

3rd Place: Kelly Griffin- *Gasteria armstrongii* x (R)

Coffee in the Garden

At the Home of Pam Badger

Sunday, September 22, 2019
10 AM- 2 PM
9105 Avocado Street, Spring Valley, CA



I look forward to welcoming you to my garden!

A little history - my husband, Lee, and I moved to this property in 1984. At the time it was a pretty desolate place - a couple large, scraggly old trees and a steep slope festooned with tumbleweeds. Lee set about turning it into a botanical wonderland for me and a small “backyard” nursery to propagate the plants we had both loved and grown over the years. Every plant you will see in this landscape was planted by Lee, Jeff Harris, Ed Case and I, with a few others pitching in over the years.

Since the last Coffee in the Garden here 6 years ago, much has changed. The garden went through several years of neglect as Lee’s health deteriorated (he died in 2016) and I was working more than full time. A couple years ago, as I approached retirement, I started working to get the garden back in shape. I had numerous old, overgrown plants removed and began reworking major areas. It is, and always will be, a work in progress - the true beauty of gardening. It is an eclectic garden with large Palms, Beaucarnias, Euphorbias, cycads etc...including a *Brahia armata* (Blue Palm) which I grew from seed collected in Baja in 1980.

I will have plants for sale, including almost 30 varieties of Euphorbia. Please consider bringing a box and cash! No cards accepted.

My place is on a rather steep hill on a poorly maintained street. If walking this would be difficult there are a couple parking places in the driveway at the house level- otherwise there is plenty of street parking in the surrounding neighborhood. Please be cautious walking up the hill! There are nice decks overlooking the garden if you are not up for the somewhat steep pathways.

There will be plenty of special treats for munching. So please come and enjoy my little bit of heaven.



DON PATTERSON AUCTION



Plants from Don Patterson's collection were auctioned off at our August meeting.

Above: Co-president Jim Reiser played auctioneer, while Melanie Howe showcased plants and co-president Mary Reiser kept notes.

Brag Garden Photos— A peek into the gardens of members



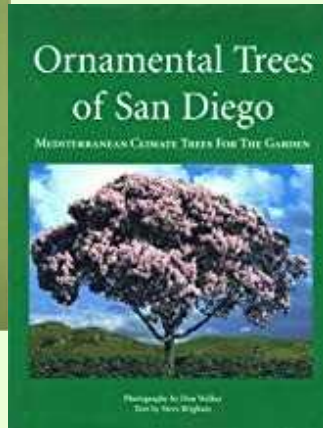
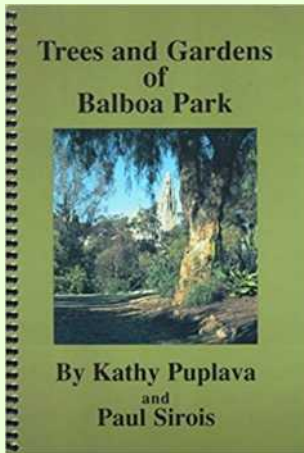
Clockwise from left: *Dudleya brittonii* from the garden of Monica Mosack. 3 blooming cacti from Ed DeLollis with Western Cactus, member since 1992: *Soehrensia formosa* in bloom. *Echinocactus grusonii* with red flowers. Hans Britsch Hybrid "Flying Saucer".

Book Report

Our featured books this month were pulled from the archives of our library. Though not succulent-related, they are tied to the history of Balboa Park, where we conduct our general meetings. And once in a while we may be drawn to plants that are neither cacti, nor succulent (*gasp*).

I pulled these 2 books out of our secondary library case recently and thought it would be fun, if ambitious, to do a checklist, like birders do, of tree (or any plant group) species here. Of course there are a crazy number of plant species growing in San Diego and, of course, someone has already organized the locations into a book or two. I am especially tempted to take the Balboa Park book and walk around sometime to get some air before or after a club program. There would not be much difficulty finding the trees with either book, since there are maps and locations for each example. Also interesting is how much the trees have grown since publication (2001 for the Balboa Park book and 2003 for San Diego)!

Though succulents aren't represented in this book the central idea could be applied to a different checklist; it might make an interesting project to survey Balboa Park in total for locations of say, big aloes! This could be a great project for an avid member of the club to take on in place of a plant of the month and give us a presentation. Another great idea (if I do say so myself), sparked by the pages of a book.



Ornamental Trees of San Diego

by Don Walker

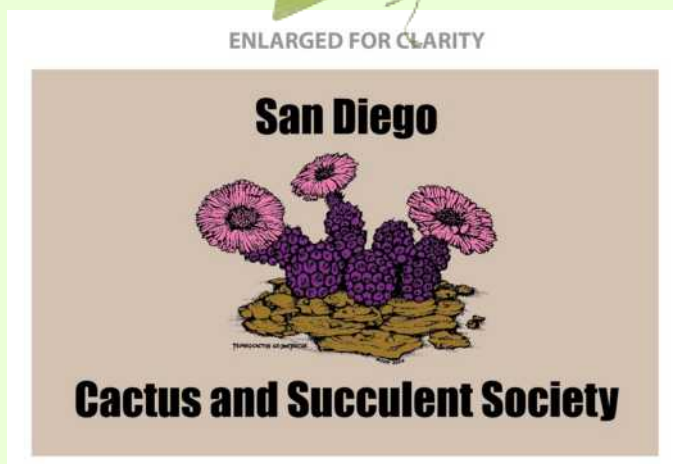
Trees and Gardens of Balboa Park

by Kathy Puplava and Paul Sirois

New SDCSS

Swag!

I should have our new book bags and grocery bags at the October meeting. They will feature art by Woody Minnich. The sale price will be \$10 each. I'd really like to see our library books checked out and carried home in book bags. Some of our titles have basically become irreplaceable and I'd really like to see them handled respectfully.



MEMBER APPRECIATION PROTEA FIELD TRIP!



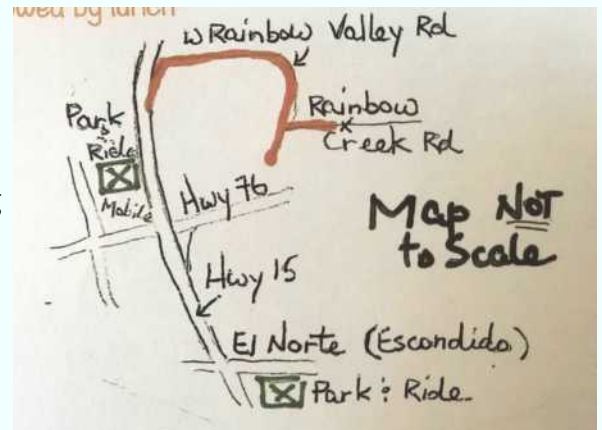
SDCSS MEMBERS!

Our member picnic will be Saturday, September 14th. We will be touring the world-renowned Resendiz Brothers Protea Growers in Rainbow! Lunch will be provided after the tour and there will be plants for sale for anyone who is interested. At this time all spots are filled. Contact sblench2015@outlook.com if you wish to be put on the wait list.

You are encouraged to carpool as this is a working nursery with limited parking. See map for carpool lots. Tables and some chairs are provided so if you want a guaranteed seat please bring a chair.

5467 Rainbow Creek Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028

Tour at 10:30 followed by lunch



About Resendiz Bros Growers:

Ismael “Mel” Resendiz and his brothers, Porfirio, Raul and Ramon were farmers in various regions of Mexico. With the advent of a job with Zorro Protea Farm in Vista in 1978 came the chance for them to learn about protea, Australian and South African flowers. Mel moved his way up in the company, eventually becoming a co-owner of Resendiz Brothers Protea Growers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 31** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium, The Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA, Info: (626) 405-3504
- Sept. 14** Long Beach Cactus Club Fall Show: Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd, Long Beach, CA 90615. Info: (310) 922-6090
- Sept. 14** Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society: Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino, CA
- Sept. TBD** 2019 Fall Show— Monterey Bay Area Cactus and Succulent Society. San Juan Bautista Community Hall, 10 San Jose St., San Juan Bautista, CA 95045
- Oct. 12 & 13** Bakersfield Cactus and Succulent Society. St. Paul’s Church. 2216 17th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304; INFO: 661-831-8488
- Oct. 26 & 27** Palomar Show and Sale. San Diego Botanic Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Rd., Encinitas, CA 92024; INFO: Brita Miller1@gmail.com; 858-776-7216