

Espinas y Flores



Newsletter of the San Diego
Cactus & Succulent Society
An Affiliate of the Cactus &
Succulent Society of
America

Holiday Party is December 15th!
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President: Chris Miller Secretary: Mary Reiser
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Show Auction Manager: Open
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Picnic Regalement: Open

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On the Cover: *Hildewinteria colademononis*
Photo by: Kelly Griffin

Pending Nominations for New Committee Members

Co-Presidents- Jim & Mary Reiser

Vice President-Open

Secretary- Lyn Mardesich

Treasurer- Sue Thomas temporarily until filled, then VP

Directors- Chris Miller, Denise Griffin, Leslie Sheridan, Tina Zucker, Al Cline, Don Hunt



Amplified hybrid made from *Aloe* cv 'oik'. Photo courtesy of Kelly Griffin.



Brian Shepherd presenting how to start succulents from seed at November's Pre-Workshop meeting. Photo courtesy of Pat Putis.



Following a donation of larger cacti from a private collection, the Horticulturists at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park took a light hearted approach to cacti relocation and gained a new helper in the process.

NEWS IN PHOTOS



President's Message

What a great meeting we had in November. We enjoyed lots of talk about soil and how to be successful growing seeds. We had a great turnout and it was a lovely day in the park. It was a great example of how good it can be in our cactus family.

This is my last Pres Mess (as Paul Maker coined it)- this time for real. I have enjoyed my time leading this organization. We have seen significant membership growth during my last 14 years on the board. We have watched our Annual Sales grow and become more significant. We have watched our volunteer base grow to incredible proportions. We put on a kick-ass national convention. I am very proud to be a part of the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society. It has become a second family to me. I have made friends that will last me through the rest of my days. It helped me with my transition into retirement and then over extension.

When I joined 21 years ago there was a row of little old ladies that sat in the first two rows. We have lost many of them and each one enriched our club in many ways. I let Collette know the other day that we are working our way to the front row. But not quite yet. The richness of this organization is in its members. Thank all of you for your support over the years and for your future support to this club. My plan is to spend two more years as a Director, then to retire from the Board, but not from the club.

Have a wonderful holiday season, however you celebrate, and I look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Party.

Chris Miller

San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society 2019 Winter Show & Sale

**Saturday, February 9th,
Rm 101 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Shop for exotic cactus and succulent
plants and handmade pottery**

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

**Club members are admitted to the sale
at 9:00 am, for "Members Only Hour"**

**Open to the Public
www.sdcss.net**

Photo: *Agave potatorum* (Oaxaca, Mexico) by Kelly Griffin

2019 WINTER SHOW SCHEDULE, AWARDS, AND RULES

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2019

8:00am to 10pm Set up. **BRING IN YOUR SHOW PLANTS** from 2pm to 9:30pm

SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2019

8:00am to 10:00am	Set up, OUT-OF-TOWNERS, BRING IN YOUR PLANTS!
9:00am to 10:00am	Sales open to members only
10:00am	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.



SDCSS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

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. **First class delivery of a paper copy of the newsletter is available for an additional \$10.00 within USA or \$25 for international delivery**, to cover the cost of printing and postage. Each member has all the rights and benefits of the organization.

Annual Dues (E-mailed newsletter): \$15.00 ☐

USA Delivery of Printed Copy (optional) \$10.00 ☐

International Delivery (optional) \$25.00 ☐

Additional Household Member (s) each: \$ 5.00 ☐



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 Paul Maker
1245 San Pablo Drive, San Marcos, CA 92078

FAUX BRAG TABLE WINNERS

Accounting by Denise Huntsman-Griffin ● Photos by Whitney Meier



Top left, clockwise:

1. *Opuntia* "Olive-yay-C"—Most Picassoesque—Bev Grant
2. Cactus Graveyard—Most Spooky—Michelle Heckathorn
3. *Astrophytum asterias* var. V-fold—Best Use of Paper and Largest Flower—Olga Batalov
4. *Opuntia jantanglus*—Best use of Zentangilus—Janet Neeb
5. *Gasperia*—Most Seussical—Lyn Mardesich
6. Christmas Cat-tus—Meow Award—Lynn Elliot
7. Diabetic Coma Euphorbia—Best Use of Chocolate, Most Edible—Donna Roden
8. *Schlumbergera origami* var. *modulus*—Most Arachnoic—Olga Batalov
9. *Mammilintia doghairynesis* var. *squattybodii*—Best Use of Found Materials

FAUX BRAG TABLE WINNERS CONT.....



Top left, clockwise:

1. *Ferocumnerus pickleii* AKA The Common Pickle Barrel—Most Dill-Lite-Full
—Chuck Ramey
2. *Cereus noelii* CV "Ho ho ho"—Best Use of Pom-Poms—Sara Schell
3. Very Rare Miniature Red Flowering Saguaro "*Carnegiea-miniatureoides*"—Best Use of Porcelain—Penny Sommerville
4. *Churrocerius*- seed grown!—Most Delicious—Candy Garner
5. *Cereus cumberasii*—Most Healthy Edible—Antonina Lansangan
6. *Socorro Graphite*—Most Useful—Norb Roden
7. *Euphorbia orbcisana*—Most Seussical—Lyn Mardesich
8. Fuzzy Wuzzy Had a Friend and a Merry Christmas!—Most Friendly—Mary Walden
9. *Mainoleria* —Most Heartfelt—Michelle Main
10. *Euphorbia mammillaris* crochet crest—Most Kissable—Beth Dargan

HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 15th, 2017, at 11:00 am, Rm 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

\$20 for members, \$25 for guests

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 and pay on our website at <https://www.sdcss.net/payment>. We hope to see you at the party!

