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2025 SUMMER SHOW AND SALE // PAPER SCULPTURE GALLERY //
MEMBER SECTION // MAY BRAG TABLE RESULTS // ...and more



ON THE COVER

Striped *Euphorbia stellata* specimen
at the Meise Botanic Gardens
Photo by Der-shing Helmer

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UPCOMING SDCSS SCHEDULE

SDCSS SUMMER SHOW & SALE

Saturday, June 7th & Sunday, June 8th

NEXT UPCOMING MEETING

July 12th

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are just one week away from our biggest Show and Sale of the year!

We are grateful for our dedicated volunteers and a truly amazing line up of vendors. And if that wasn't enough, this year, we won't have to deal with road closures and parking issues due to the Rock and Roll Marathon (it is being held the weekend prior), so it's going to be smooth sailing. Please clean up your nice plants and bring them in to show off. We need your participation and appreciate it so much. The set-up is on Friday, June 6th and the show judging will be late in the afternoon on Saturday, June 7th. I want to encourage everyone to attend our showcase event on June 7th and 8th.

Thank you to everyone who attended our May SDCSS meeting. We had a great meeting with our Vice President Der-shing at the helm and Jared filling in for sound and visual. Special thanks go to **Kevin Kreucher** for presenting another spectacular program on mainland Mexico afield. I am really sorry I missed out on this talk. Also, thank you to the **Epiphyllum Society** for allowing us to share Room 101 when they had their Show and Sale to set up for that night. I heard many people did a great job to get the room cleaned up

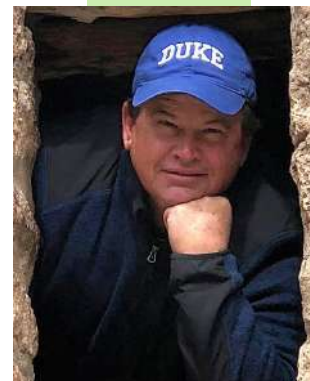
quickly so they could set up. Again, sorry to miss this meeting as I really wanted to personally thank those who did so much work to make the CSSA Convention a great success. Much appreciated! Der-shing did a great job of thanking people in the last newsletter, and I couldn't possibly have said it better.

And if the Show and Sale isn't enough, we've got an excellent spin on our traditional Coffee in the Garden—a **"Chocolate in the Garden"**—later this month, hosted by the club's **Tina Zucker**. Be sure to swing by to enjoy her garden, snacks, and sale plants, as well as wares from club members Jerry Garner, DR Cactus, and others, including myself (and my Dudleya book, for those still looking for a copy).

So looking forward to seeing you all at the Summer Show and Sale!

Kelly Griffin

May 27, 2025



A THANK-YOU FROM THE CSSA



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May 9, 2025

Dear San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society,

On behalf of the Officers Committee and the entire Board of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America, we extend our heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation to the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society for your outstanding support of the 2025 CSSA Biennial Convention.

Thanks to your incredible efforts, the convention was a tremendous success. From the early planning stages to the final closing session, your members demonstrated remarkable commitment, generosity, and enthusiasm. This event simply would not have been possible without the tireless work of your volunteers, who welcomed guests, coordinated logistics, managed events, and ensured that everything ran smoothly and professionally.

The pride you take in your society and community was evident in every detail of the convention. We are truly grateful for the time, energy, and heart your team poured into making this event such a memorable and enjoyable experience for all who attended.

Please know how much we value your partnership and how proud we are to have worked with such a dedicated and passionate group. We look forward to future collaborations and many more shared successes.

With sincere gratitude,

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UPCOMING MAY EVENTS

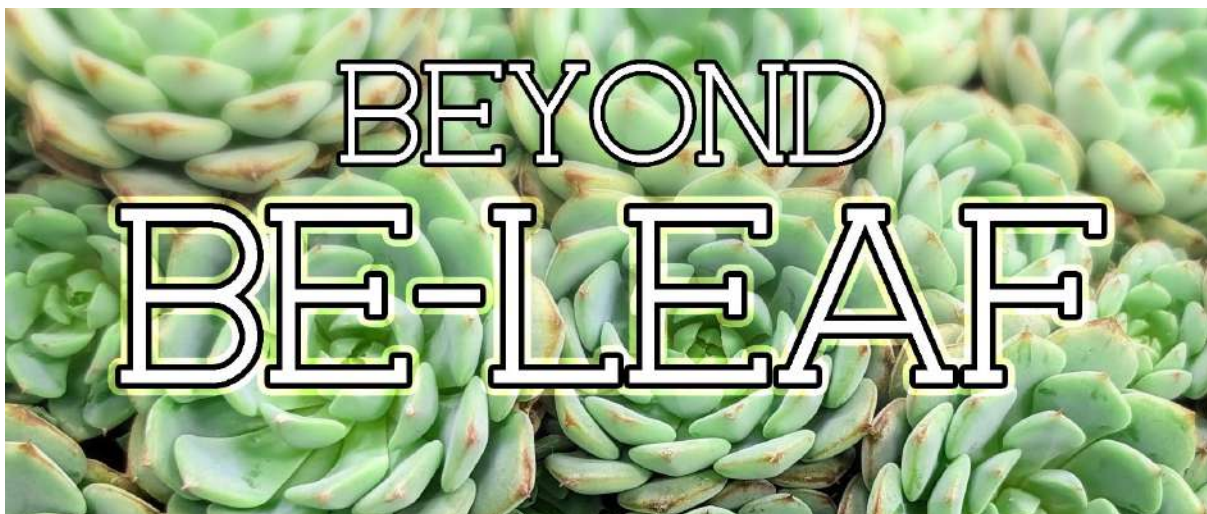
TINA ZUCKER'S ~~COFFEE~~ CHOCOLATE IN THE GARDEN**Who:** Tina Zucker **Date:** Sunday, June 22 **Time:** 11:30am - 3:30pm**Where:** 552 Seabright Lane, Solana Beach **Parking:** Lots of Street parking
Less than ½ MILE from the Amtrak station and less than a mile to the beach**Payment info:** Please bring **cash** to purchase any sale plants and pots

About the event: You can walk around our property front to back so you can see all in-ground and potted plants. I will be selling lots of succulents including larger specimens that I have been growing for years. You can walk through my 3 greenhouses where my personal plants grow. I will have garden ornaments and ceramic pots for sale also. It's the time of year when all of my plants are looking great. It will be a great event!

Additional guests: **SDCSS President Kelly Griffin** will have his Dudleya book available for purchase, along with some of his aloes and agaves. **Club member Jerry Garner** will have his beautiful ceramic pots for sale. **Club members David & Rocio Carrasco** of DR Cactus will also bring his beautiful plants to sell. **Desert Dreamz by Perry** and **Ceramics by Perry** will bring their plants and pots. We may also have another secret grower joining us... Just come and see!



UPCOMING 2025 SUMMER SHOW AND SALE



THE SAN DIEGO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY PRESENTS
THE 2025 SUMMER SHOW & SALE

Sat June 7th & Sun June 8th, 2025

at the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park

See incredible out-of-this-world succulent and cacti from around the globe, and shop for unique plants from dozens of plant vendors and local artisans. **FREE ADMISSION** with special early-bird access on Saturday for all members!

TIMES & DATES

SATURDAY	9am – 11am	members sale (membership card required)
	11am – 5pm	sale open to the public
	10am – 3pm	show times
SUNDAY	10am – 4pm	sale open to public
	10am – 4pm	show times



The show is open to anyone who grows succulent plants, and there is no limit to the number of entries per class or number of classes entered!

Detailed show and membership info available at upcoming meetings, in our newsletters, and at our website
www.SDCSS.net

2025 SDCSS SUMMER SHOW EARLY ACCESS INFO

DROP OFF YOUR SHOW PLANTS EARLY!

Save some stress and get your show plants on the table Friday or Saturday before the show. Plant tags will be available if you did not yet pick up your tags at a previous meeting. Please see the next page for the appropriate tag color to use and instructions on how to properly fill your tags for judging.

FRIDAY JUNE 6TH SHOW PLANT DROP-OFF HOURS

2 PM – 6 PM

SATURDAY JUNE 7TH SHOW PLANT DROP-OFF HOURS

8 AM – 9 AM

EARLY ACCESS TO THE SALE – MEMBERS ONLY!

Hello all, I hope you are all looking forward to the Summer Show and Sale on June 7th and 8th!

Members get early access to the sale on Saturday from 9-11 am. The sale will be in the big patio of Casa del Prado, with the line starting from the side facing the Natural History Museum. At the winter sale, there was an unprecedentedly long line for the members-only shopping window, so it is advisable to arrive early if you can.

Please note that only members will be let in during this window, so any spouse, relative or friend that wants to come with you has to also be a member. You can add them as additional members for \$5 each at the welcome table. Please email membership@sdcss.net for instructions if you want to add them before the sale. Note: Additional members enjoy all the perks of a standard membership, with the exception of newsletter emails, which will only be delivered to the main member. We do have a contact-only list that they can be added to for general e-blasts that also go to non-members—see the welcome desk or email membership to be added to it.

We will need proof of membership, preferably in the form of the E-card(s) that were emailed to you, which are also available to at your member profile. To check your membership status, renew, or to download your E-cards, please sign in to your member profile at the link below using the email address that this newsletter was delivered to. We will also accept any newsletter email with the header that shows your status as proof of membership.

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If you need to update your email address or have any questions, please email membership@sdcss.net.

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UPCOMING 2025 SUMMER SHOW AND SALE

JUDGING SCALE - SPECIMENS, COLLECTIONS AND DISPLAYS

Condition: 70%

Staging: 15%

Size & Maturity: 10%

Nomenclature: 5%

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY

Two or more entries must be exhibited for CSSA award. Educational Value: 80% Staging & Originality: 20%.

AWARDS POINT SYSTEM

Divisions I, II and IV: 1st = 3 pts, 2nd = 2 pts, 3rd = 1 pts **Division III:** 1st = 7 pts, 2nd = 5 pts, 3rd = 3 pts
Division V: 1st = 12 pts, 2nd = 10 pts, 3rd = 8 pts **Division VI:** no points but entries are eligible for plaques, trophies and rosettes **Plaques and Trophies:** 10 pts **Rosettes:** 5 pts

ENTRY NOTES: PLEASE USE THE MOST CURRENT CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE. Classes 1-116 (except for 44,105 and 108-111) are divided into two pot sizes: **A and B** (**A:** Width plus Length = 10 inches and under; **B:** W+L over 10). Note that **one** plant per container is allowed in these classes.

PLEASE FILL OUT BOTH TOP AND
BOTTOM PORTIONS OF YOUR TAGS,
THANK YOU!

GREEN cards for exhibitors that have won 10 or less blue ribbons in a recognized cactus and succulent show.

YELLOW cards are for participants that have won more than 10 blue ribbons

BLUE cards are for vendors and those that wish to compete against them. Awards will be selected from any category.

EXHIBITOR	NOVICE <small>GREEN - 10 or fewer blue ribbons</small>	INTERMEDIATE <small>YELLOW - More than 10 blue ribbons</small>	OPEN <small>BLUE - Vendors and any one else</small>
SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY			
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VARIETY _____	VARIETY _____	VARIETY _____	VARIETY _____



Don't miss our Summer Sale running alongside the show! We've lined up a group of exceptional, high-quality vendors offering rare and beautiful plants and unique pottery. It's your chance to shop from some of the best in the hobby!

RITA LUNCEFORD

2025 SDCSS SUMMER SHOW INFORMATION & RULES

The SDCSS Summer Show is open to anyone who grows succulent plants. There is no limit to the number of entries per class or the number of classes entered, though no entry can be entered in more than one class. All property shall be marked with the owner's name, not visible to the judges. The exhibitor must have grown the plant for at least six months.

All entries must have properly filled entry cards and must be entered in the appropriate Division and Class (see pgs 7 & 8) to be eligible for awards. Exhibitors are responsible for placing these items with their entries. For the *Best Plant Grown From Seed* award, the exhibitors must have raised the plant themselves. Plants may be species or hybrids. Hybrids may be exhibited in the class of either parent. Grafted plants will be accepted in any class, though awards for grafts will be selected from Division IV.

Entries must be clean, healthy, pest-free, and dry. Remove any plant nametags from pots (except for collections and displays). Awards must remain with exhibits until the close of the show. Classes with few entries may be combined. The show committee reserves the right to reject plants or exhibits and to readjust entries for the good of the show. Show hours must be followed. The San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society will exercise due caution in safeguarding exhibits. However, SDCSS cannot assume responsibility for loss of property. Entries are judged against perfection. The judges' decisions are final. In the case of disputes and/or ties, the Show Chair (or if the Chair's plants are involved, the Head Clerk) shall make the final decision.

Trophies and plaques are perpetual, except the educational and novice awards. Winners will receive a hand-crafted pot and a certificate suitable for framing. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded in each class; however, should the judges feel that a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place is not merited, no awards will be given. To receive the *CSSA Award*, two or more educational displays must be entered. Judges, Club President, and Show Chairman will each award two rosettes to their favorite plants.

CACTUS

Best Cactus	Phillip Corliss Plaque
Best Novice Cactus	SDCSS Plaque
Best Intermediate Cactus	Jürgen Menzel Trophy
Best Epiphytic Cactus Plant	William & Ruth Nelson Trophy
Best <i>Mammillaria</i>	Elibet Marshall Trophy
Best <i>Opuntieae</i>	James & Shirley Berry Trophy

SUCCULENTS

Best Succulent	Ruby Falk Plaque
Best Novice Succulent	SDCSS Plaque
Best Intermediate Succulent	Rudy Lime Trophy
Best <i>Agave</i>	Doris Rake Plaque
Best <i>Aloe</i>	Barbara Jeppe Trophy
Best <i>Bursera</i>	Jeff Harris Trophy
Best <i>Echeveria</i>	Oliver & Sophie Loyland Trophy
Best <i>Euphorbia</i>	Russell & Lydia Evans Cup
Best <i>Mesemb</i>	Samuel & Adela Markey Trophy
Best <i>Pelargonium</i> or <i>Sarcocaulon</i>	Wilna Johnson Trophy
Best <i>Sansevieria</i>	Richard G. Latimer, Sr. Trophy

CACTUS OR SUCCULENTS

Best Baja Plant	Richard G. Latimer, Jr. Memorial Trophy
Best Graft	Bob & Suzanne Taylor Trophy
Best Mexican Plant in Show	Dudley B. Gold Trophy
Best Plant Grown From Seed	Tegelberg Family Plaque
Rarest Plant in the Show	Terry & Collette Parr Trophy
Best San Diego County Succulent	Julianne Rice Trophy
Best Miniature	Monte & Mary Woodworth Plaque
Best Pachycaul or Caudiciform	H. Warren & Virginia Buckner Trophy
Best Succulent Bonsai	Rudy & Teresita Lime Trophy
People's Choice Award	Rose D'Attilio Memorial Plaque

DISPLAYS, EXHIBITS AND HIGH POINTS

Best Educational Display	CSSA Award
Best Exhibit	Reuben Vaughan Plaque
Most Artistic Display	Walter & Hazel Scott Plaque
High Points 25 or fewer entries	SDCSS Plaque
High Points 50 or fewer entries	James & Shirley Berry Trophy
Sweepstakes Trophy	Ronald & Marcia Monroe Trophy

2025 SDCSS SUMMER SHOW DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

DIVISION I: CACTI (CACTACEAE)	
1	Acanthocalycium, Echinopsis, Lobivia, Soehrensia
2	Acharagma, Coryphantha, Escobaria, Neolloydia
3	Ancistrocactus, Pediocactus, Sclerocactus
4	Ariocarpus
5	Astrophytum
6	Aztekium, Epithelantha, Obregonia, Ortegocactus, Pelecypora, Strombocactus
7	Blossfeldia, Cintia Coleocephalocereus (Buiningia), Discocactus, Frailea, Uebelmannia
8	Columnar Cacti: Arrojadoa, Bergerocactus, Browningia, Carnegiea, Cephalocereus, Cereus, Cipocereus, Cleistocactus, Espostoa, Micranthocereus, Myrtillocactus, Pilocereus, Pilosocereus, Trichocereus
9	Copiapoa
10	Denmoza, Matucana (Submatucana), Oroya
11	Echinocactus, Ferocactus, Hamatocactus, Leuchtenbergia, xFerbergia
12	Echinocereus - pectinate spines
13	Echinocereus - straight spines
14	Eriosyce (Horridocactus, Neochillenla, Neoporteria, Pyrrhocactus)
15	Gymnocalycium - clustering
16	Gymnocalycium - solitary
17	Mammillaria with hooked spines, solitary
18	Mammillaria with straight spines, solitary
19	Mammillaria with hooked spines, clustering
20	Mammillaria with straight spines, clustering
21	Melocactus
22	Opuntoids: Austrocylindropuntia, Consolea, Cylindropuntia, Grusonia, Miquelopuntia, Opuntia, Pereskia, Pterocactus, Tephrocactus, Tunilla, etc.
23	Parodia, Notocactus
24	[none/ removed]
25	Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia
26	Stenocactus, Echinofossulocactus
27	Thelocactus
28	Turbincarpus (Gymnocactus)
Other Cactus Classes	
29	Crested Cacti (50% or more crested)
30	Epiphytic Cacti: Disocactus, Epiphyllum, Hattoria, Hylocereus, Lepismium, Rhipsalis, Schlumbergia (Zygocactus), Selenicereus, etc.
31	Miniature Cacti, less than 3 inches
32	Monstrose Cacti (50% or more monstrose)
33	Variegated Cacti (50% or more variegation)
34	Other Genera - Any Other Cactus (eg Pygmaecereus)
35	Cactus, Seed-Grown by Exhibitor
DIVISION II: SUCCULENTS	
AGAVEACEAE:	
36	Agave
37	Beaucarnea, Calibanus, Nolina, Yucca
AIZOACEAE (MESEMBRYANTHEACEAE):	
38	Conophytum
39	Lithops
40	Other Mesembs without prominent roots or trunks: Dinteranthus, Faucaria, Fenestraria, Lapidaria, Pleiospilus, Titanopsis, etc.
41	Other Mesembs with prominent roots or trunks: Aloinopsis, Mestoklema, Monilaria, Trichodiadema, etc.
APOCYNACEAE:	
42	Adenia
43	Adenium
44	Pachypodium - Africa
45	Pachypodium - Madagascar
46	Asclepiadaceae
47	Stapeliads with succulent stems: Caralluma, Hoodia, Huernia, Orbea, Pseudolithos, Stapelia, etc.
48	Stapeliads with caudexes: Fockea, Gonolobus, Petropentia, Raphionacme, etc.
	Vining/hanging stapeliads: Ceropegia, Cynanchum Dischidia, Hoya, Sarcostemma
ASPHODELACEAE:	
49	Aloe - African species
50	Aloe - Madagascan species
51	Aloe - all other species
52	Aloe - hybrids
53	Gasteria, Gasteraloe, Gasterworthia
54	Haworthia, Haworthiopsis, Tulista, Astroloba - species
55	Haworthia hybrids
56	ASTERACEAE (Compositaceae): Leptosyne (Coreopsis), Othonna, Senecio (Kleinia), etc.
57	BROMELIACEAE: Cryptanthus, Dyckia, Hechtia, Tillandsia, Etc.

CRASSULACEAE	
58	Adromischus
59	Aeonium, Greenovia
60	Cotyledon, Tylecodon
61	Crassula
62	Dudleya
63	Echeveria
64	Graptopetalum (Tacitus), Pachyphytum, hybrids (xPachyveria, xGraptoveria)
65	Kalanchoe
66	Sedum, Sedum hybrids (xSedeveria)
67	Sempervivum (Jovibarba)
68	CUCURBITACEAE: Cephalopentandra, Corallocarpus, Gerrardanthus, Ibervillea, Kedrostis, Momordica, Xerosicyos, Zygosicyos, etc.
69	DIDIERACEAE: Alluadiopsis, Alluaudia, Calypotrocha, Decarya, Didieria
70	DRACAENACEAE: Sansevieria
EUPHORBACEAE:	
Euphorbia species endemic to Madagascar:	
71	Euphorbia Madagascan caudiciform or thickened roots type: capsaintemariensis, decaryi, francoisii, hedyotioides, etc.
72	Euphorbia Madagascan millii type: beharensis, delphinensis, duranii, etc.
73	Euphorbia Madagascan stem type: ankarensis, leuconeura, stenoclada, etc.
74	Euphorbia Madagascan shrub type: bongolavensis, geroldii, millotii, etc.
Euphorbia species not endemic to Madagascar:	
75	Euphorbia caudiciform type: groenewaldii, knuthii, stellata, etc.
76	Euphorbia globular type: obesa, meloformis, suzannae, gymnocalycioides, etc.
77	Euphorbia clumping type: polygona, ferox, tubiglans, etc.
78	Euphorbia medusoid type: caput-medusae, flanganii, suppressa, etc.
79	Euphorbia, shrub type: gareipina, aeruginosa, baioensis, multifolia, etc.
80	Euphorbia, stem type: abdelkuri, poisonii, bupluerifolia, clandestina, etc.
81	Other Euphorbiaceae genera: Endadenium, Jatropha, Pedilanthus, Synadenium
82	Monadenium
83	GERANIACEAE: Monsonia, Sarcocaulon, Perlargonium, etc.
84	GESNERIACEAE: Sinningia
85	MORACEAE: Dorstenia, Ficus
86	PORTULACACEAE (MONTIACEAE, ANACAMPSEROTACEAE, TALINACEAE): Anacampseros, Avonia, Ceraria, etc.
87	VITACEAE: Cissus, Cyphostemma
OTHER SUCCULENT CLASSES	
88	Succulent Bulbs: Albuca, Boophane, Boweia, Bulbine, Haemanthus, Ledebouria, Massonia, Veltheimia, etc.
89	Caudiciforms: Dioscorea, Ipomoea, Pyrenacantha, Sesamothamnus
90	Cycads
91	Orchids
92	Pachycauls- New World: such as Bombax, Bursera, Ceiba (mostly), Ficus, Fouquieria, Pachycormus, Pseudobombax
93	Pachycauls - Old World: such as Adenostoma, Brachychiton, Boswellia, Commiphora, Dendrosenecio, Dendrosicyos, Ficus, Moringa, Operculicarya, Pachypodium
94	Succulent, Seed-Grown by Exhibitor
95	Miniature Succulent - pot diameter less than 3 inches
96	Crested & Monstrose Succulents (50% or more crested or monstrose)
97	Variegated Succulents (50% or more variegation)
98	Other Genera - any other succulent genus (e.g. Uncarina)
DIVISION III: Collections & Arrangements	
99	Cactus Collections: a set of 3+ different cacti specimens related by a common theme, genus, form, color, or other characteristic
100	Succulent Collections: a set of 3+ different succulent specimens related by a common theme, genus, form, color, or other characteristic
101	Dish Gardens: any combination of two or more in a single pot
DIVISION IV: SPECIALTIES COMBINING CACTI & SUCCULENTS	
102	San Diego County native cactus or other succulent
103	Baja, Mexico cactus or other succulent
104	Grafted cactus or succulent
105	Succulent Bonsai
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107	Paintings
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2025 SDCSS SUMMER SHOW ALPHA LIST: CACTI

DIVISION I: CACTI (CACTACEAE)					
Acanthocalycium	1	Echinopsis	1	Neochillenia	14
Acharagma	2	Epiphyllum	30	Neolloydia	2
Ancistrocactus	3	Epiphytic Cacti	30	Neoporteria	14
Ariocarpus	4	Epithelantha	6	Obregonia	6
Arrojadua	8	Eriosyce	14	Opuntia	22
Astrophytum	5	Escobaria	2	Opuntioids	22
Austrocylindropuntia	22	Espostoa	8	Oroya	10
Aztekium	6	Ferobergia-x	11	Ortegocactus	6
Bergerocactus	8	Ferocactus	11	Other Cactus	34
Blossfeldia	7	Frailea	7	Parodia, Notocactus	23
Browningia	8	Grusonia	22	Pediocactus	3
Buiningia	7	Gymnocalycium: clustering	15	Pelecyphora	6
Cactus, Seed-Grown by Exhibitor	35	Gymnocalycium: solitary	16	Pereskia	22
Carnegiea	8	Hamatocactus	11	Pilocereus	8
Cephalocereus	8	Hattoria	30	Pilosocereus	8
Cereus	8	Horridocactus	14	Pterocactus	22
Cintia	7	Hylocereus	30	Pyrrhocactus	14
Coleocephalocereus	8	Lepismium	30	Rebutia	25
Cipocereus	8	Leuchtenbergia	11	Rhipsalis	30
Cleistocactus	8	Lobivia	1	Schlumbergia	30
Collections: Cactus set of 3 different	99	Mammillaria hooked spines, solitary	17	Sclerocactus	3
Columnar cacti	8	Mammillaria hooked spines, clustering	19	Selenicereus	30
Consolea	22	Mammillaria straight spines, clustering	20	Soehrensia	1
Copiapoa	9	Mammillaria straight spines, solitary	18	Stenocactus	26
Coryphantha	2	Matucana (submatucana)	10	Strombocactus	6
Crested Cacti	29	Melocactus	21	Sulcorebutia	25
Cylindropuntia	22	Micranthocereus	8	Tephrocactus	22
Denmoza	10	Miniature Cacti less than 3 inches	31	Thelocactus	27
Discocactus	7	Miquelopuntia	22	Trichocereus	8
Disocactus	30	Monstrose Cacti	32	Tunilla	22
Echinocactus	11	Myrtillocactus	8	Turbincarpus (Gymnocactus)	28
Echinocereus: pectinate spines	12			Uebelmannia	7
Echinocereus: straight spines	13			Variegated Cacti 50% or more variegation	33
Echinofossulocactus	26			Weingartia	25
				Zygocactus	30

2025 SDCSS SUMMER SHOW ALPHA LIST: SUCCULENTS

DIVISION II: SUCCULENTS					
Adenia	42	Dish Gardens combo		Kedrostis	68
Adenium	43	2 or more in 1 pot	101	Kleinia	56
Adensonia	93	Dorstenia	85	Lapidaria	40
Adromischus	58	Dudleya	62	Leptosyne	56
Aeonium	59	Dyckia	57	Lithops	39
Agave	36	Echeveria	63	Mestoklema	41
Albuca	88	Educational Display		Mini succulent pot	
Alluadia	69	& Exhibit	106	diameter < 3"	95
Alluadiopsis	69	Endadenium	81	Momordica	68
Aloe African	49	Euphorbia Madagascan		Monadenium	82
Aloe: all other species	51	caudiciform or		Monilaria	41
Aloe hybrids	52	thickened roots type:		Monsonia	83
Aloe Madagascar	50	capsaintemariensis,		Moringa	93
Aloinopsis	41	decaryi, francoisii,		Nolina	37
Anacamperos	86	hedytoides, etc.	71	Operculicarya	93
Astroloba	54	Euphorbia Madagascan		Orbea	46
Avonia	86	millii type: beharensis,		Orchids	91
Baja, Mexico:		delphinensis, duranii,		Other Genera	
Cactus or succulent	103	etc.	72	succulents	98
Beaucarnea	37	Euphorbia Madagascan		Othonna	56
Bombax	92	stem type: ankarensis,		Pachycormus	92
Bonsai - Succulent	105	leuconeura,		Pachyphytum	64
Boophane	88	stenoclada, etc.	73	Pachypodium: Africa	44 or 93
Boswellia	93	Euphorbia Madagascan		Pachypodium:	
Boweia	88	shrub type:		Madagascar:	45 or 93
Brachychiton	93	bongolavensis, geroldii,		Pachyveria x	64
Bromeliads	57	millotii, etc.	74	Paintings	107
Bursera	92	Euphorbia caudiciform		Pedilanthus	81
Calibanus	37	type not endemic to		Pelargonium	83
Calypotrothea	69	Madagascar:		Petopentia	47
Caralluma	46	groenewaldii, knuthii,		Photography	108
Caudiciforms	89	stellata, etc.	75	Pleiospilos	40
Ceiba	92	Euphorbia globular		Pseudobombax	92
Cephalopentandra	68	type: obesa,		Pseudolithos	46
Ceraria	86	meloformis, suzannae,		Pyrenacantha	89
Ceropegia	48	gymnocalycioides, etc.	76	Raphionacme	47
Cissus	87	Euphorbia clumping		Sansevieria	70
Collections:		type: polygona, ferox,		Sarcocaulon	83
Succulents set of	100	tubiglans, etc.	77	Sarcostemma	48
3 different		Faucaria	40	SD native catus	
Commiphora	93	Fenestraria	40	or succulent	102
Conophytum	38	Ficus	85, 92, or 93	Sedeveria x	66
Corallocarpus	68	Fockea	47	Sedum	66
Coreopsis	56	Fouquieria	92	Sedum hybrids	66
Cotyledon	60	Gasteraloe	53	Seed Grown Succulents	
Crassula	61	Gasteria	53	by exhibitor	94
Crested & Monstrose		Gasterworthia	53	Sempervivum	67
succulents	96	Gerrardanthus	68	Senecio	56
Cryptanthus	57	Gonolobus	47	Sinningia	84
Cycads	90	Grafted Cactus		Stapelia	46
Cynanchum	48	or Succulent	104	Synadenium	81
Decarya	69	Graptopetalum	64	Tacitus	64
Dendrosenecio	93	Graptoveria x	64	Tillandsia	57
Dendrosicyos	93	Greenovia	59	Titanopsis	40
Didierea	69	Haworthia	54	Trichodiadema	41
Dinteranthus	40	Haworthia hybrids	55	Tulista	54
Dioscorea	89	Haworthiopsis	54	Tylecodon	60
Dischidia	47	Hechtia	57	Variegated succulents 50%	
Dish Gardens combo		Hoodia	46	+	97
2 or more in 1 pot	101	Hoya	48	Xerisicyos	68
Dorstenia	85	Huernia	46	Yucca	37
Dudleya	62	Ibervillea	68	Zygocycos	68
Dyckia	57	Ipomoea	89		
Echeveria	63	Jatropha	81		
Educational Display		Jovibarba	67		
& Exhibit	106	Kalanchoe	65		

PRE-SHOW PLANT PREPARATION GUIDE



An example group of plants staged nicely for the Winter Show

Der-shing Helmer

Let me start off saying that the details of this article would normally be covered in more depth, with visual aids, in a pre-meeting workshop at a regular meeting. As these are not normal times, we are left to do the best we can with what we have.

First, it can't be emphasized enough that this is *your show*. We want you to enter plants and we need you to volunteer. Our shows are the largest social events of the year for the society. We encourage you make new friends, learn new things, talk about your plants, win ribbons, have fun and maybe find a new plant or two.

Let's begin with **prepping** your plants. Start by watering your plants the weekend before the show. This will let your plants be hydrated but dry for the show tables. If you need to use any insecticide, also do this the week before the show. If you have any calcium (salt) build-up on your pots, clean it off with an old tooth brush and vinegar. With a damp cloth wipe any dirt and debris from the pots. Salt and

dust/dirt on the plants can be removed with water and a soft brush or cloth.

Next, **look** at the plant. Remove any garden debris and/or weeds from the pot. Check for insects and spiders. They can be removed with small brushes, tweezers, fingers, or whatever else works. Succulents may have dead leaves, stems or old flowers, clip or prune to remove. Cactus frequently have old flower remains or garden bits in the spines. Remove with tweezers. The trick is to clean the spines without breaking them. Small Agaves and Aloes often have dried leaves at the base of the plant. These can be removed or left on depending on how distracting it is to the looks of the plant. The drying leaf tips of the same group of plants may also be left or removed.

Now that you have a clean pot and plant we need to think about **top dressing**. Top dressing is the visual equivalent of matting a print or painting. It sets the plant off from the growing medium.

PRE-SHOW PLANT PREPARATION GUIDE

Top dressing is commonly gravel, crushed rock, pea gravel, coarse sand, etc. While the choice of top dressing is up to your preference, keep in mind that it should enhance, not distract from the plant. Bright colors are often distracting. You can look for top dressing at garden centers, aquarium stores, pet stores, and building supply centers.



Staging by Peter Walkowiak

Jared Petker

Now that the plant is all groomed for showing we come to the hardest part of the process (at least according to the show clerks), **filling out the entry cards**. The cards come in four colors: green for novice, yellow for intermediate, blue for open, and white for non-judged. Refer to the show rules for your appropriate category. You will notice that the cards divided into two sections, fill in **BOTH** sections. Also PLEASE PRINT.

In the exhibitor space: print your name. In the division space there are several options: Division I, cactus. Division II, succulent. Division III and IV, collections and special combined arrangements. And Divisions V and VI, non-plant displays and art.

In the newsletter, on the web site, and on printed pages at the show, you will find the various class numbers for your plants. These numbers correspond to the species family of the plants. The class number is followed by the size designation, i.e.

23A, 44B, etc. If the inside of the pot measures, height plus width, 10 inches or less it is the A category. If the height plus width is greater than 10 inches it is then in the B category.

In the variety section of the entry card enter the specific species, hybrid, or hybrid cross name of the plant. The class and variety information should match the information on your plants ID tag. After completing the entry cards, take the plant and corresponding card to the class numbered areas on the show tables. Remove the plant ID tag and place the plant on top of the entry card on the table. Repeat for your next plant. Thanks for your support of the show and good luck.

In wrapping this up, if you have any questions there will be fellow society members to help identify plants and answer questions online and in the show room Friday afternoon and Saturday morning,

JERRY GARNER



See you and your enthusiasm soon!

MEMBER SECTION: MULBERRY PRYANIK RECIPE



Olga's beautiful pryanik, made to commemorate our May joint meeting

A **pryanik** is a Russian dessert that is most similar to gingerbread, which can be made with or without filling. Other jam-like fillings can be used. The filling used in the SDES + SDCSS friendship pryanik was a mulberry jam.

Filling instructions: per 500 g of fresh mulberries, add ¼ cup (~58 g) of sugar and 2 tbsp (~22 g) of cornstarch. The recipe called for setting half of the mulberries aside until after simmering, then combining the two portions—this is probably not advisable for long-term storage.

Simmer the mulberries with the sugar in a saucepan on medium-low heat for ~5 minutes until the sugar dissolves and the berries soften. Add cornstarch to thicken (can also be added before simmering). Set aside to cool. Store in refrigerator as needed. *Note: grams are included to allow for adjusting to mulberry weight. One pryanik will use about 300 g of the final jam, depending on how much filling you want.*

Dough ingredients list: all-purpose flour, sugar, honey, butter (~2/3 of a stick), baking soda, 2 eggs, cinnamon (*optional*), cardamom (*optional*), nutmeg (*optional*).

Dough equipment list: 2 bowls, digital scale, saucepan (ideally double boiler), stovetop, rolling pin, cutting/pastry board, wooden/silicone spoon, baking sheet, parchment paper, oven, refrigerator.

Weigh out 500 g of sifted all-purpose flour in a separate bowl.

In the saucepan, weigh out 150 g of sugar, 150 g of honey and 75 g of butter. Add 1 tsp of baking soda, 1 tbsp of cinnamon, ½ tsp of cardamom and a pinch of nutmeg. Whisk 2 whole eggs to mix, and add to the same saucepan. Heat on stovetop on medium-low heat while stirring until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Remove from heat and slowly stir in flour ~100 g at a time. Save ~100 g (~5/8 cup) of flour to cover cutting board. Transfer dough to cutting board and finish mixing by hand. Divide dough in half, cover in cling wrap, and chill for at least 30 minutes in refrigerator.

Preheat oven to 356°F (180°C). Dust the cutting board with a small amount of flour. Use a rolling pin to flatten each dough half to 0.40 - 0.60 in (1 - 1.5 cm) thick. Transfer first half to a baking sheet covered in parchment paper. Spread filling evenly onto the dough, leaving space around the edges, and cover with the second half. Trim and crimp/seal the edges. Use the dough scraps to make a design on top (*optional*). Bake for 40-45 minutes. Allow to cool before eating. *Optional: create a glaze by combine 100 g of sugar with 30 mL of water, heat to dissolve, then coat all or part of the cooled dessert for a powdery-white finish.*

OLGA BATALOV

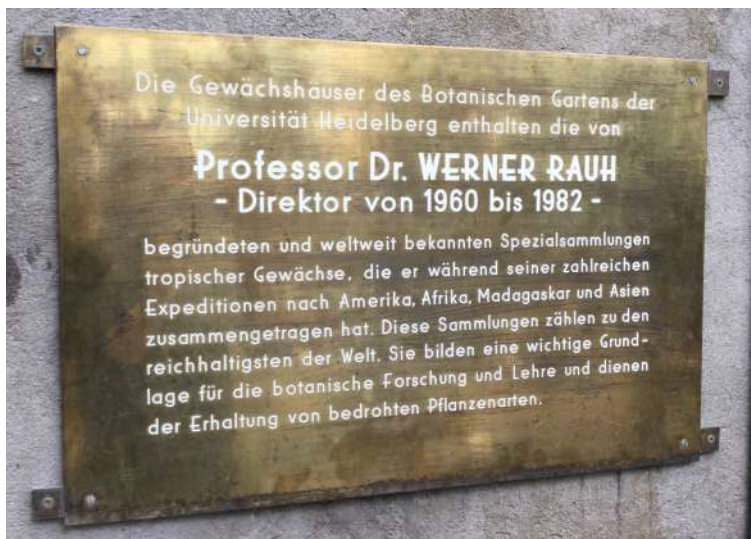
MEMBER SECTION: EUROPEAN BOTANIC GARDENS



One of several arid houses at a university in Germany

In May, my husband Jared Petker and I travelled to Germany to tour a few botanic gardens of interest (in other words, those that had interesting *Dorstenia* and *Euphorbia* to look at, haha) and to attend the 20th anniversary convention of the International Euphorbia Society in Meise Botanic Gardens, Belgium, which we enjoyed with fellow club member Peter Walkowiak. It was truly marvelous to view the rare plants in these established collections, many closed to the public, and to hear talks from legendary plant explorers who don't frequently make it to the United States. We had a truly amazing time there, so here are a few photos we had to share from our trip! Thanks for taking a look.

DER-SHING HELMER & JARED PETKER



A dedication to Dr. Werner Rauh in Heidelberg, Germany

*Dorstenia nyungwensis* inflorescence! So cool.

MEMBER SECTION: EUROPEAN BOTANIC GARDENS



Our group entering the first of two huge Euphorbia greenhouses in Meise Botanic Garden. Loved the signage!



A few of their many specimens in the *Euphorbia poissonii* group in the second greenhouse at Meise Botanic Garden.

MEMBER SECTION: EUROPEAN BOTANIC GARDENS



Jared's valiant attempt to photograph a few of the thousands of the plants... Shown here, a bit of the *Monadenium* section.



Monadenium inflorescences

MEMBER SECTION: EUROPEAN BOTANIC GARDENS



The IES convention talks included amazing plant explorers, including reflections from Professor Len Newton



It was a wonderful time. Thanks for taking a look at a few of our photos!

MEMBER SECTION: OLGA BATALOV'S PAPER SUCCULENT GALLERY



For Tom McCoy - *Aloe momccoyae*



For Elisabeth Sarnes - *Maihueniopsis darwinii*



For Michelle Cloud-Hughes - *Cylindropuntia novae*

MEMBER SECTION: OLGA BATALOV'S PAPER SUCCULENT GALLERY



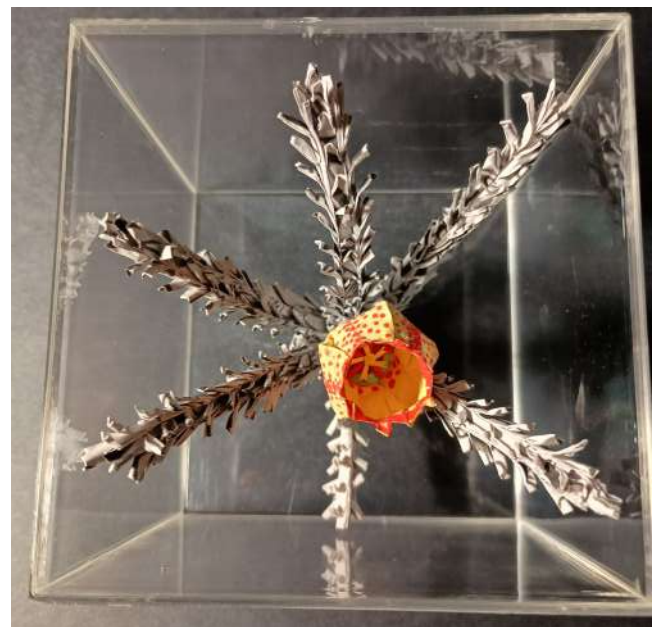
For Pieter Van Wyk - *Othonna herrei*



For Jeremy Spath - *Agave utahensis* var. *eborispina*



For Julia Etter & Martin Kristen - *Echeveria juliana*



For Andry Petignat - *Stapelianthus insignis*

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For Steven Hammer - *Conophytum obcordellum*
& *C. minusculum*



For Attila Kapitany - *Hoya macgillivrayi*



For Brian Kemble - *Mangave 'Kaleidoscope'*



For Tom Knapik - *Blossfeldia liliputana*

MEMBER SECTION: OLGA BATALOV'S PAPER SUCCULENT GALLERY



The SDCSS monthly newsletter welcomes and appreciates essays, photography, artwork, and similar contributions from its members.

If you have a contribution related to cacti and succulents that you'd like to share with the club, please let us know, and you could see your work in a future issue.

We'd love to hear from you!

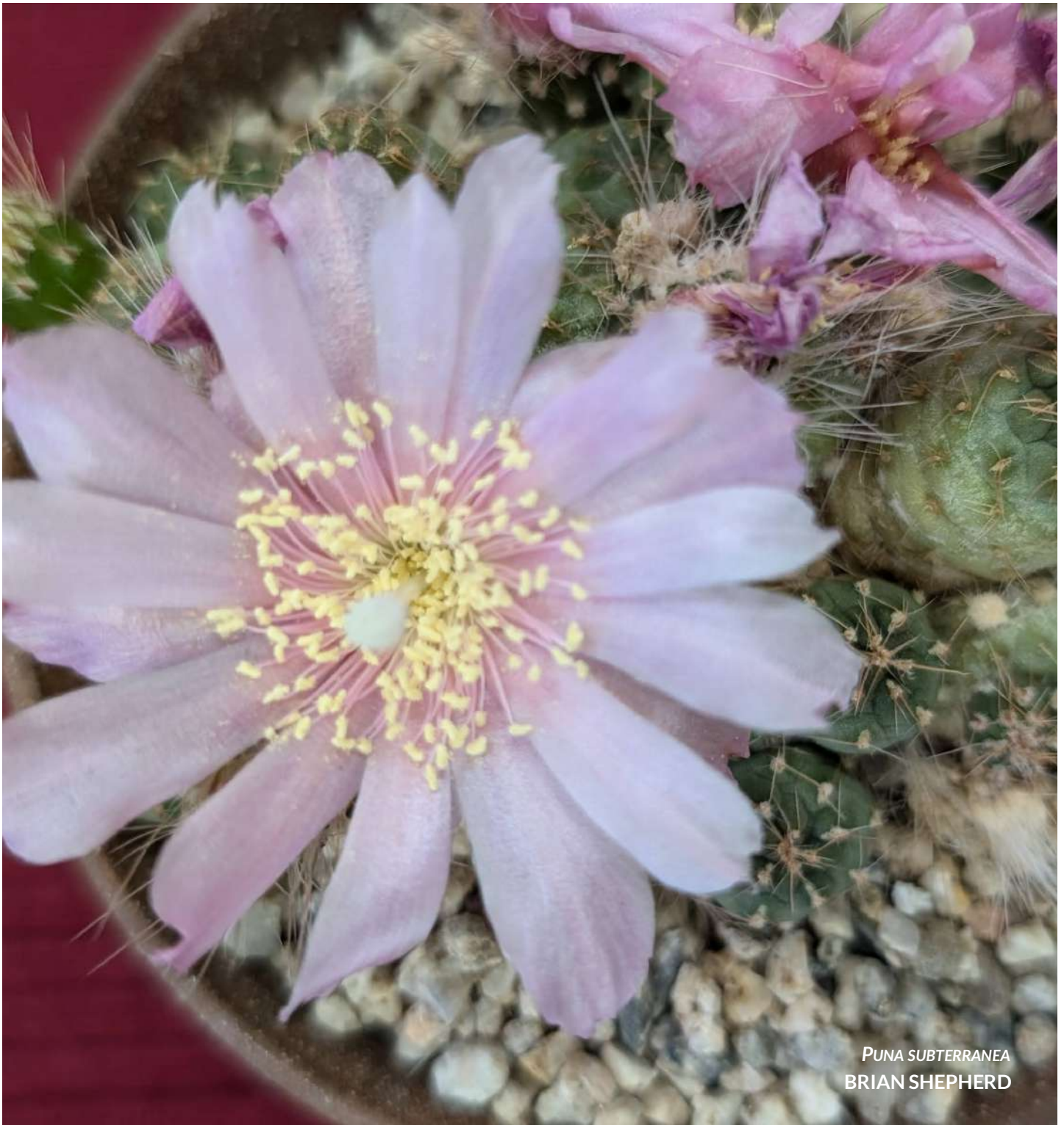
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MAY BRAG TABLE

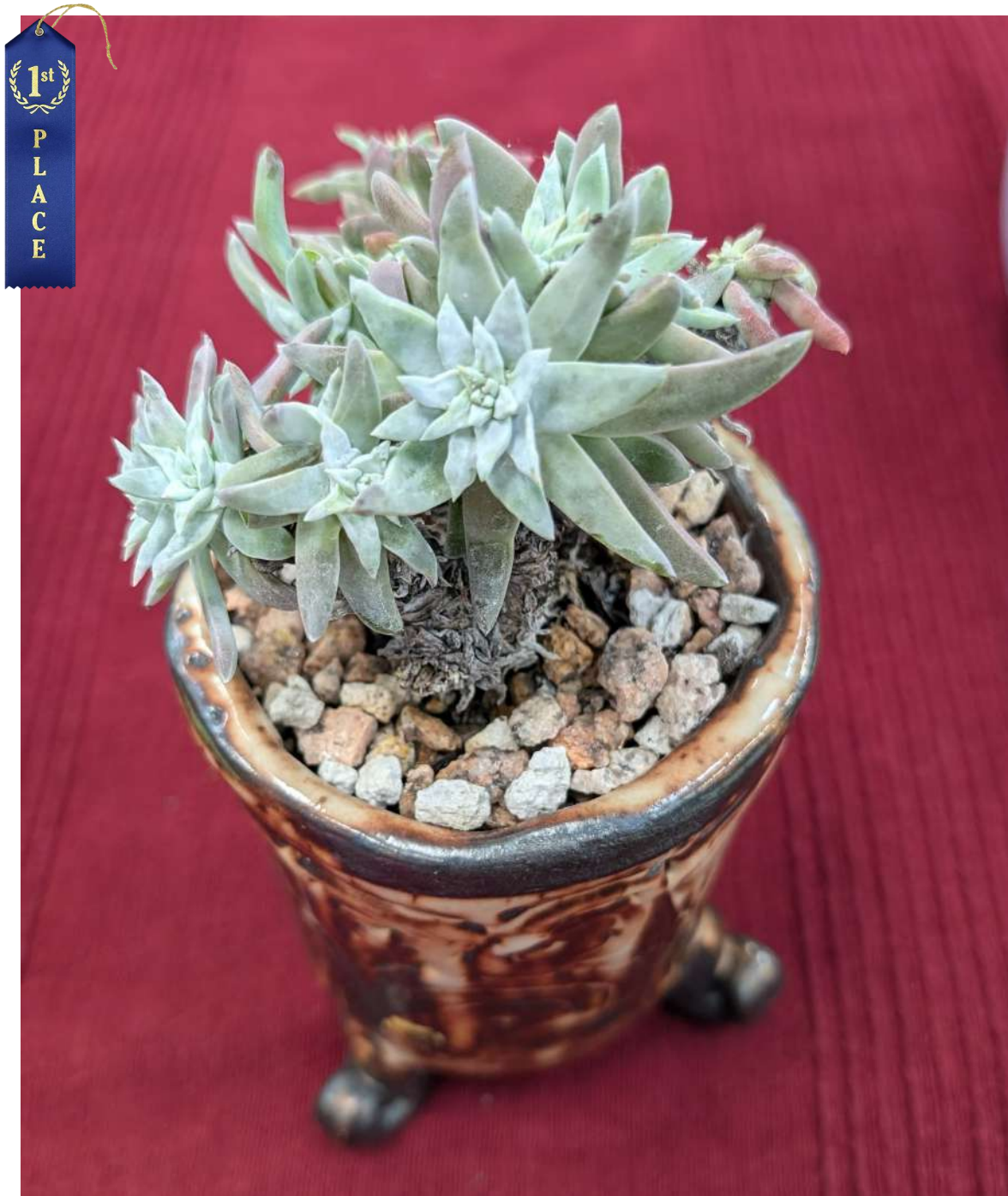


PUNA SUBTERRANEA
BRIAN SHEPHERD

SDCSS members shared a stunning table of plants at the May Meeting's Brag Table!

Thank you for bringing in your incredible plants, and thanks to **Kevin Kreucher** for reviewing this table from our members. And now it's time for your beautiful plants to get ready for the spotlight in the June Show, so we'll see you there!

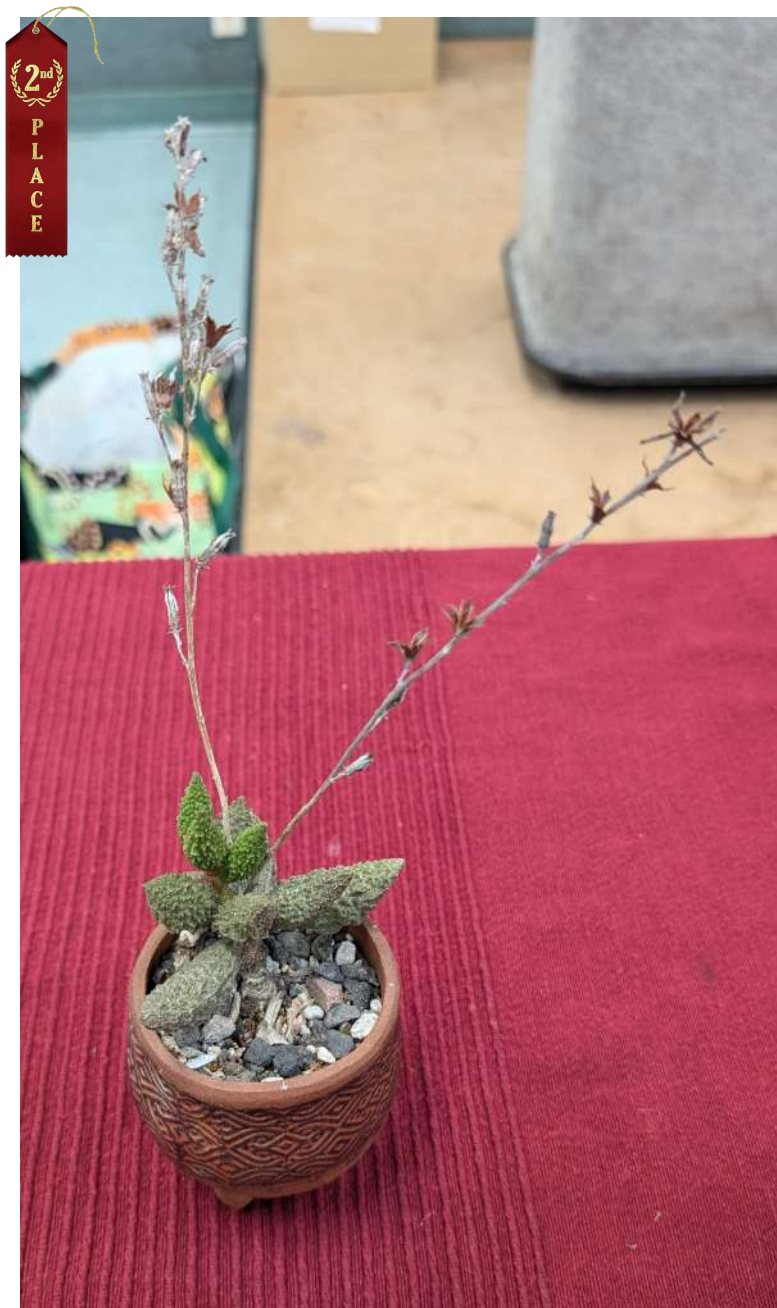
BRAG TABLE // NOVICE SUCCULENT



1ST: *DUDLEYA GNOMA*

JODI VISOSKY

BRAG TABLE // NOVICE SUCCULENT

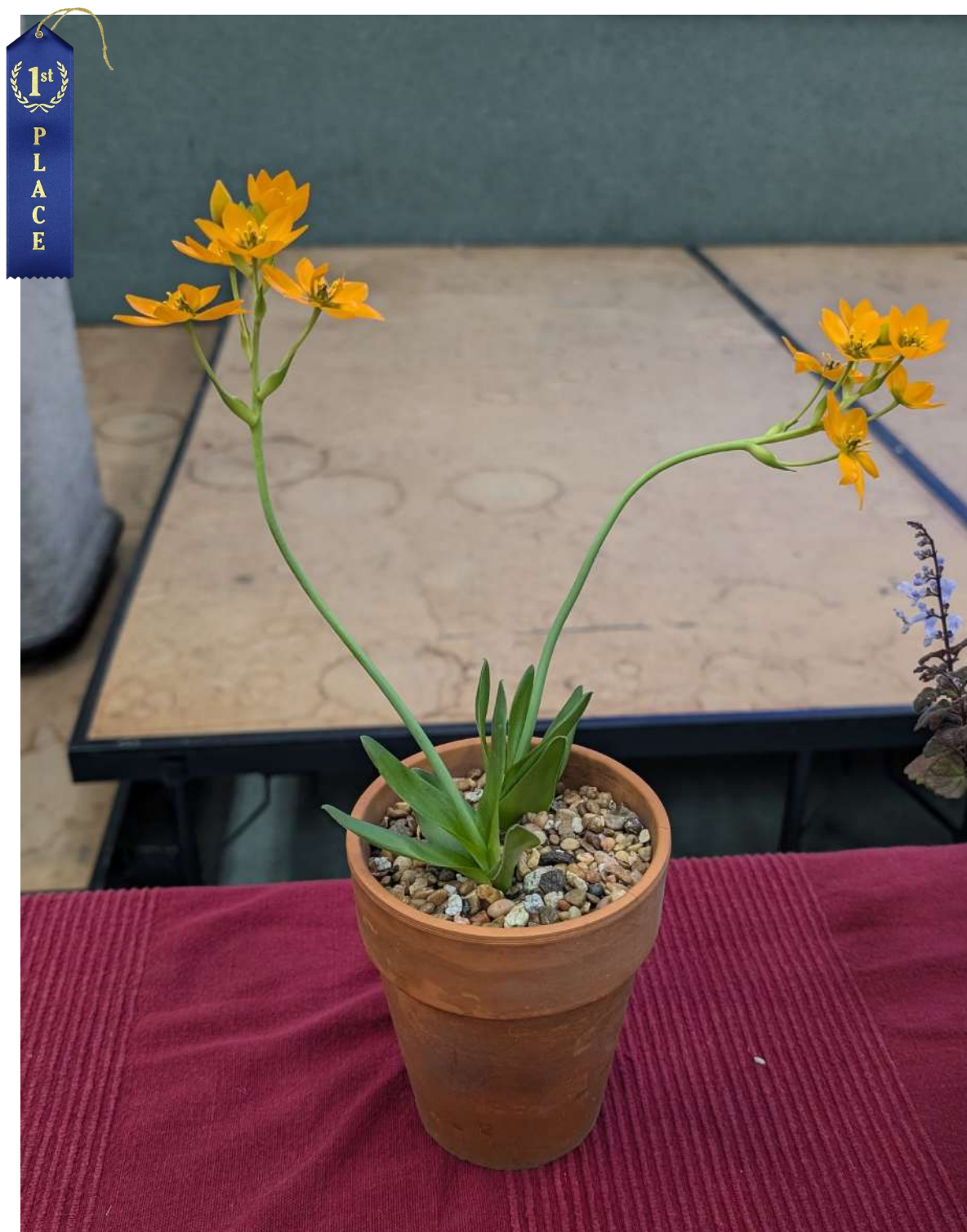


2ND: *ADROMISCHUS MARIANIAE* **GEORGIA KENNEY**



3RD: *ADENIA GLAUCA* **EMILY SHUFFIELD**

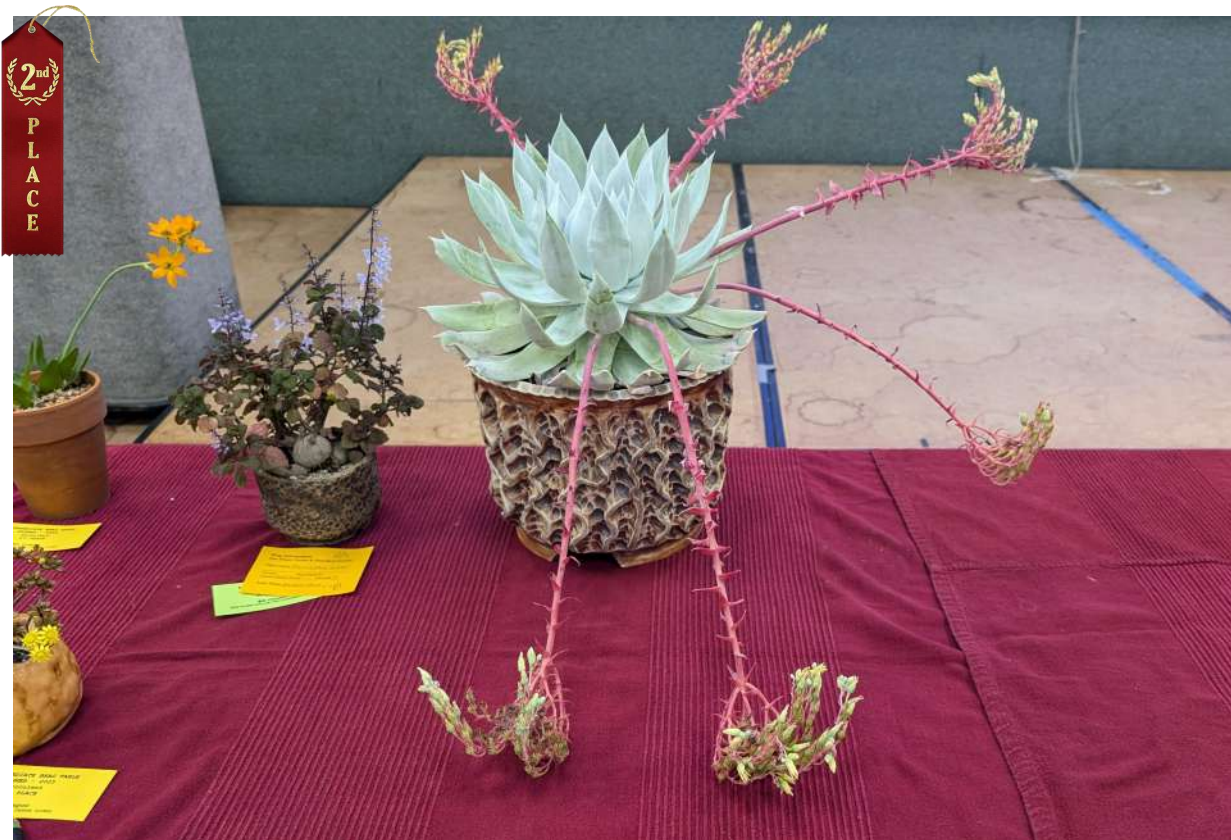
BRAG TABLE // INTERMEDIATE SUCCULENT



1ST: *ORNITHOGALUM DUBIUM*

MELANIE HOWE

BRAG TABLE // INTERMEDIATE SUCCULENT



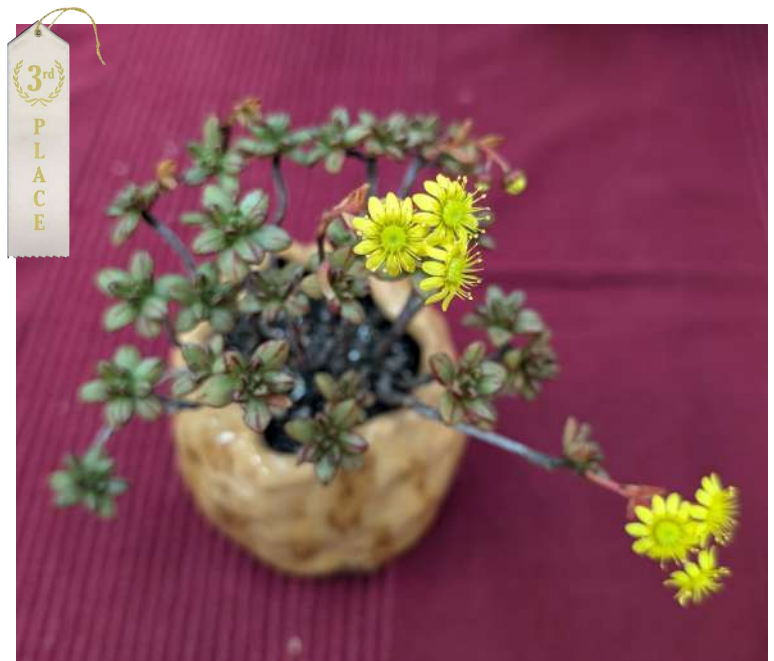
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LUIS GONZALEZ



3RD: PLECTRANTHUS ERNSTII

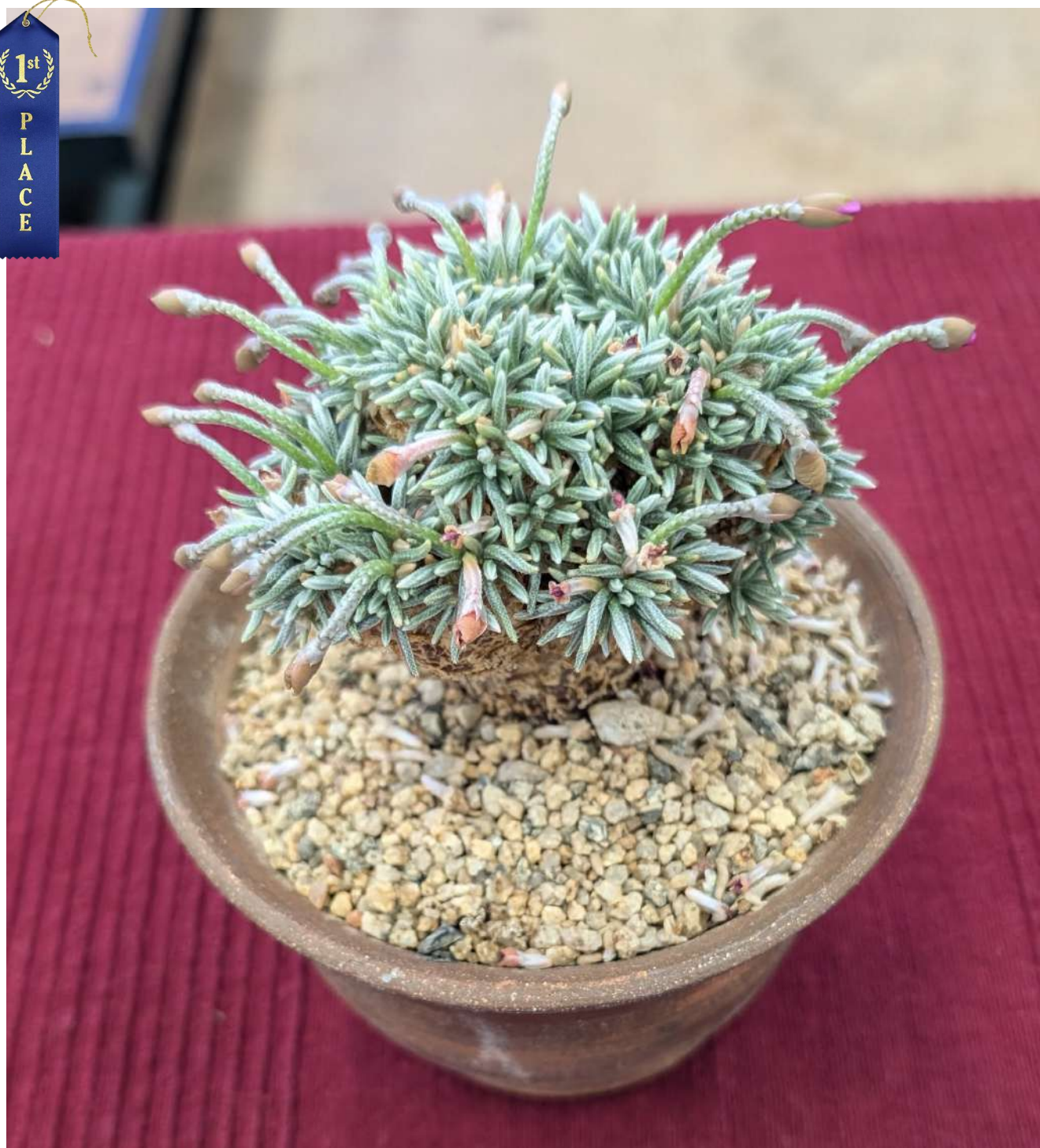
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3RD: AEONIUM SEDIFOLIUM

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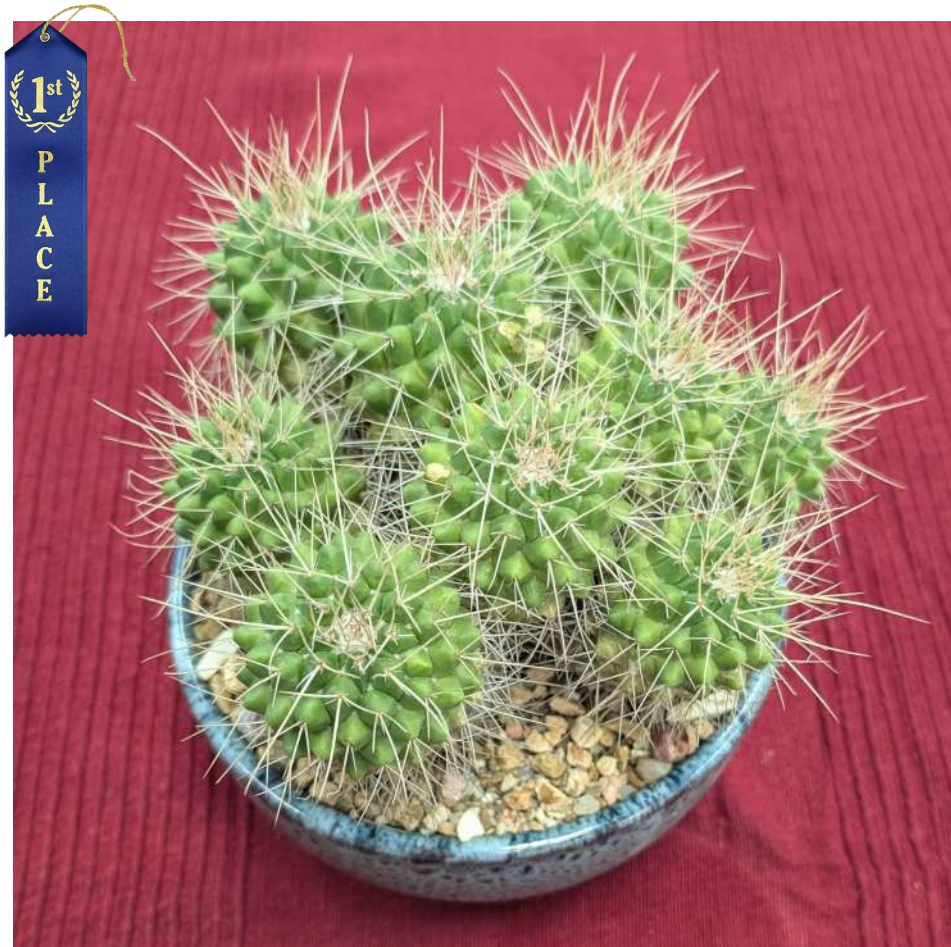
BRAG TABLE // ADVANCED SUCCULENT



1ST: *AVONIA QUINARIA*

BRIAN SHEPHERD

BRAG TABLE // NOVICE CACTUS



1ST: *MAMMILLARIA SP.*

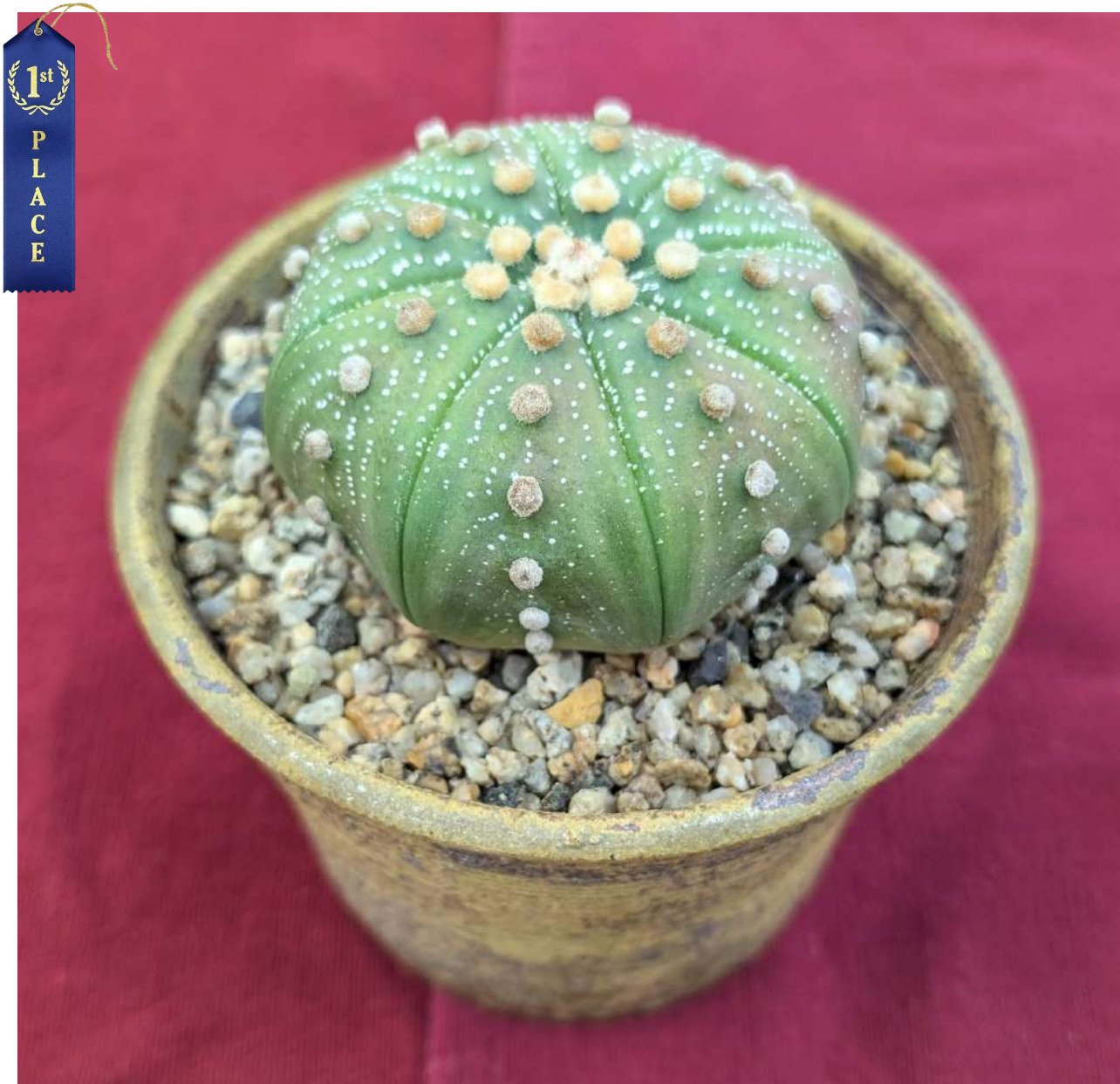
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2ND: *STENOCACTUS CRISPATUS*

GEORGIA KENNEY

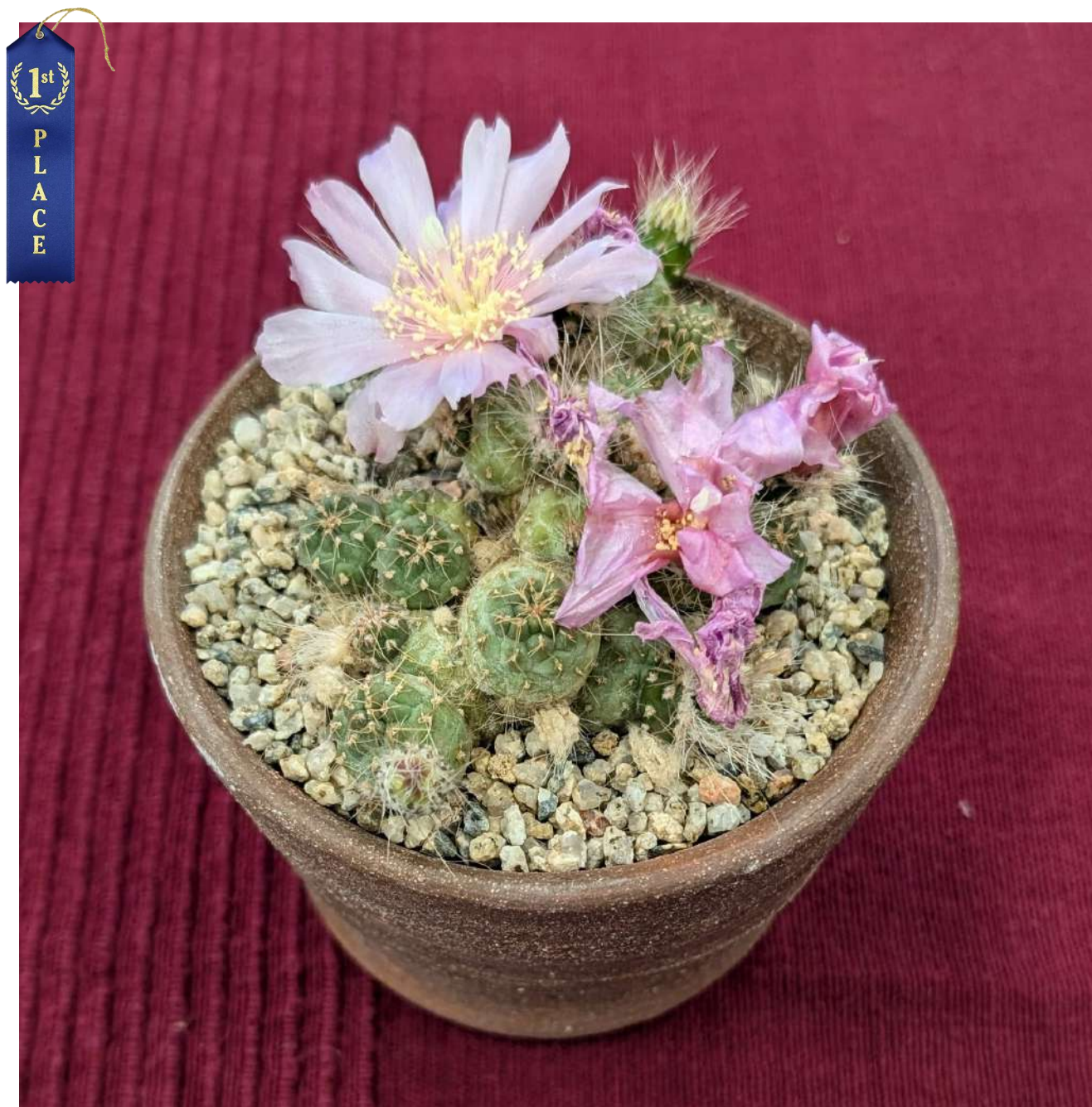
BRAG TABLE // INTERMEDIATE CACTUS



1ST: *ASTROPHYTUM ASTERIAS*

LUIS GONZALEZ

BRAG TABLE // ADVANCED CACTUS



1ST: *PUNA SUBTERRANEA*

BRIAN SHEPHERD