

IT'S SHOWTIME! THE 2022 SDCSS WINTER SHOW AND SALE

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THE SAN DIEGO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY'S WINTER SHOW AND SALE Sat Feb 12 & Sun Feb 13, 2022

The annual SDCSS Winter Show and Sale returns this year for a 2-day event!

Bring your best show plants to be professionally judged and to win prizes, and enjoy a sale featuring many succulent plant sellers and potters.

TIMES & DATES

SATURDAY

9am—11am 11am—4pm 10am **members only sale** (membership card required) sale open to the public show room opens

SUNDAY

10am–3pm

show and sale

setup on Friday Feb 11th from noon—6pm in room 101, or Saturday before 10am

LOCATION

Show: Room 101 of the Casa del Prado Balboa Park Sale: patio between the Children's Theater and Casa Del Prado

Safety

Mask protocols will be enforced in enclosed Show and Sale areas. The show will follow Covid-19 safety measures set in place by Balboa Park, as well as any mandates required by the State of California.

Additional info

As in previous years, bring a box or bag to hold your purchases.

We look forward to seeing you!



ON THE COVER Agave utahensis covered in snow Photo by Olga Batalov

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! It's SHOW TIME!

I hope this finds you all well and getting excited about the return of our **WINTER SHOW AND SALE!** Hard to believe it has been two years since or last such event. We decided to go big and make it a **Two Day** event for the first time. Part of the reason for taking this on is the need to hold the sale outside, which is costly but the only viable option to keep everyone safe during the ongoing pandemic. The sale will be under a large open tent to minimize crowding and the show will be in the large room with the number of people allowed in limited.



One of the things that makes this event so fun is YOUR participation! Please sign up to **volunteer** for a shift doing security, working in the kitchen, assisting cashiers or 'babysitting' plants—**NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**. AND—**bring in your plants to show**! Your plants love it when you bring them in and show them off, and everyone that comes to see them will appreciate your efforts. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned professional there is a category for you to show your plants. So spruce them up and bring them in—preferably Friday afternoon—check out **informational articles** in this newsletter to help you know what to do to show your plants. There will also be experienced members around to assist you with identification.

We will, as usual, have plenty of food to keep everyone going through the weekend, though we will be limiting access to the kitchen —please read my article regarding food in this issue for more details.

I want to apologize to those of you who were disappointed and inconvenienced by the late cancellation of the live meeting in January. Thanks to **Tina Zucker**, our Zoom Master, and **Kelly Griffin** for putting together a very successful virtual meeting at the last minute!

Very best wishes, stay safe, SEE YOU SOON AT THE SHOW AND SALE!

Pam Badger January 19, 2022

SHARE YOUR PASSION!

Have you ever read the *Espinas Y Flores* Newsletter 'Plant of the Month' article and thought - "I could do that!" Why not participate by writing a piece for our **Plant of the Month** feature? You don't have to be an expert!

Pick a genus or species that interests you, do a little research, find or take a few pictures and create an article to share with the club!

Contact Pam Badger: pambad1@mac.com

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MEMBER SECTION

GET READY FOR THE SHOW!

- Please remember to bring your paper membership card with the expiration date through February 2022 or later. Join the line waiting for the 9 am entrance if you brought your card.
- If you are a current club member and have not yet picked your current membership card, it will be waiting for you at the curbside table manned by Candy Garner and Susan Hopkins. Cards are available for pickup anytime at the membership/welcome table at our normal meetings as well.
- If your membership card has been misplaced, or if you'd like to renew or join as a new member at the Winter Show and Sale, please go to the curbside table with the helpful staff who will either look up your name on the current membership list or help you renew or join.
- Cash or checks are accepted at the renew membership/ new member signup table.
- At the Sale area of the Winter Show and Sale, there will be holding tables for purchased and notyet-purchased plants as they cannot be taken into the show area.
- Please don't forget to stop by the wonderful show plant room before leaving.

Opuntia at Petrified Forest NP

CANDY GARNER & MAY FONG HO

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databases.

We're looking to complete our Library Committee! Currently we have a person who is willing to do the research for adding new items, someone who can check items in and out and perhaps

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We need a Library Committee Chair to lead the group and others to check books in and out. We also need people who are interested in managing the sale of the books to club members. I will continue on the committee as an advisor. Please let me know if vou are interested. I will be available at the Jan meeting to meet with you at 12:30 or at the break. Please contact me at 619-990-2051 or c.miller@cox.net.

Olga Batalov

2022 SDCSS WINTER SHOW & SALE SCHEDULE, AWARDS AND RULES

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11TH 2022

BRING IN YOUR SHOW PLANTS from noon – 6pm VENDOR Setup is midafternoon on Friday based on Tent & table setup.

SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12TH 2022 & SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13TH 2022

8:00am to 10:00am 9:00am to 11:00am 11:00am 10:00am to NOON 3:00 pm Sat/ 4:00pm Sun Set up for **OUT-OF-TOWNERS, BRING IN YOUR PLANTS**! Sales area open to members only Sales area opens to public Show ROOM open 10am-4pm **Saturday**, 10am-3pm on **SUNDAY** Judging, open to the public Show and sales area close

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



NO field collected specimens

- **1)** Show is open to anyone who grows succulent plants.
- 2) Entries must be in the possession of exhibitors for <u>at least six months</u>. 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 may be PARTIALLY closed during judging, on a section-by-section basis. Judging will be open to the public. Plants must remain in show area 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%s
 - 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.

PRE-SHOW PLANT PREPARATION GUIDE



One of Peter Walkowiak's beautifully staged winning plants from the 2019 Winter Show

Whitney Meyer

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 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 what ever 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, course 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.



Nicely staged succulents

Whitney Meyer

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 four options: Division I, one cactus plant or clump. Division II, one succulent plant or clump. Division III, dish gardens, more than one plant or multiple types of plants. And Division IV, anything goes, plants plus nonplants.

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 he 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 (see page 7) and in the show room Friday afternoon and Saturday morning,

JERRY GARNER



Judges at the 2019 Winter Show

Whitney Meyer

HOW DO PLANT TAGS WORK?

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Ready to exhibit your plants at the show? Meet the plant tags!

- 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)

Note that brag tables do not count as judged competitions. Tags will be provided at the show. Fill out your tag with your information, fold on the dashed line to anonymize your entry, and place it with your plant on the correct table.

Submitting 5 or more plants?

Send an email **BEFORE FEB 1**st to <u>membership@sdcss.net</u> to pre-request your tags and we will mail them to you! Just let us know your mailing address and your exhibiting level and we'll get those out to you.

Unsure of your plant's scientific name?

Don't fret—our crack team of experts is here to help.

For a cactus ID help, email a photo to Dean Karras at:

gnosisnursery@gmail.com

For **succulent ID** help, email a photo to Tina Zucker and Al Klein at:

succulentsus@gmail.com

2022 SDCSS WINTER SHOW PLANT CLASSES & ALPHABETICAL LIST

DIVISION 1: CACTACEAE

NORTH AMERICAN CACTI

- 1) Ariocarpus, Astrophytum
- 2) Aztekium, Pelecyphora, Epithelantha, Strombocactus, Obregonia, Encephalocarpus, Ortegocactus
- 3) Coryphantha, Escobaria, Neobesseya, Neolloydia, Leuchtenbergia
- 4) Gymnocactus, Turbinocarpus, Stenocactus
- 5) Echinocereus
- 6) Echinocactus, Ferocactus, Hamatocactus
- 7) *Mammillaria*; hooked spines
- 8) Mammillaria; straight spines
- 9) Thelocactus, Sclerocactus, Pediocactus

SOUTH AMERICAN CACTI

10) Blossfeldia, Frailea, Uebelmannia, Buiningia, Discocactus, Melocactus

- 11) Copiapoa
- 12) Echinopsis, Lobivia
- 13) Eriosyce, Neochilenia, Neoporteria, Pyrrhocactus, Horridocactus
- 14) Gymnocalycium, Acanthocalycium, Notocactus, Parodia
- 15) Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia
- 16) Matucana, Submatucana, Oroya, Borzicactus

OTHER CACTI

- 17) Ceroids, columnar types (Oreocereus, Espostoa)
- 18) Opuntioides
- 19) Epiphytic cacti
- 20) Variegates, crests and monstrose
- 21) Other Genera

DIVISION 2: NON-CACTUS SUCCULENTS

Aizoaceae

22) Lithops
23) Conophytum
24) Pleiospilos, Titanopsis, Dinteranthus, Faucaria
25) Mestoklema, Aloinopsis, Trichodiadema

Asphodelaceae

- 26) Aloe species
- 27) Aloe hybrid
- 28) Gasteria
- 29) Haworthia, Astroloba

Crassulaceae

- 30) Cotyledon, Tylecodon
- 31) Crassula, Kalanchoe
- 32) Dudleya
- 33) Echeveria
- 34) Pachyphytum, Graptopetalum, Tacitus
- 35) Aeonium
- 36) Sedum
- 37) Adromischus

Euphorbiaceae

- 38) Euphorbia, Madagascar
- 39) Euphorbia, Africa
- 40) Monadenium, Jatropha, Pedilanthus, Other Euphorbiaceae

Geraniaceae 41) Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon

Apocynaceae

- 42) Adenium
- 43) Pachypodium

Asclepiadaceae

- 44) Caralluma, Hoodia, Huernia, Stapelia
- 45) Fockea, Petopentia, Raphionacme,
 - other Asclepiadaceae

Agavaceae

- 46) Agave
- 47) Nolina, Yucca, Beaucarnea, Calibanus, other Agavaceae

Asteraceae

48) Senecio 49) Othonna

Bromeliaceae

50) Abromeitiella, Dyckia, Hechtia 51) Tillandsia

Burseraceae

52) Bursera, Commiphora

Didiereaceae

53) Alluaudia, Didierea

Dracaenaceae

54) Sansevieria, Dracaena

Moraceae 55) Ficus, Dorstenia

Portulacaceae

56) Avonia, Anacampseros, Ceraria

CAUDICIFORMS, PACHYCAULS, GEOPHYTES

57) Bombax, Cucurbits, Fouquieria, Dioscorea, Pachycormus

58) Other Genera 59) Bulbs

- OTHER SUCCULENTS
 - 60) Variegates, crests and monstrose
 - 61) Succulent bonsai
 - 62) Seed grown by exhibitor, cactus or succulent
- 63) Dish Gardens

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2022 SDCSS WINTER SHOW& SALE: HEALTH AND SAFETY

SHOW AND SALE FOOD

For those of you who have participated in our Show and Sale events in the past, you know that we prioritize the care and feeding of our **Vendors and Volunteers**! This is still a priority though it is going to be different this time due, of course, to COVID.

We will be limiting the number of people coming into the kitchen to get food and drinks; we ask that everyone be patient and always wear a mask when entering the kitchen. **Please enter from the show room and exit to the outside hallway.** All food and drinks will be taken outside where there will be tables and chairs in the small patio for eating and taking breaks.

In the morning there will be coffee, tea, muffins, donuts, fruit and croissants with ham and cheese.

Starting at 11 we will be serving lunch featuring cold meats and cheeses, breads, hot chili - both vegetarian and meat, chips, salads and desserts. We will have convenient carry out containers and volunteers will be serving the food from a serving line to keep things orderly and avoid crowding. When you check in in the morning you will be given a color coded ticket with your time to go through the lunch line, there will be plenty of food so don't stress!

In the past we have asked people to bring food but we are not this time. For safety concerns all food will be store bought and provided by the club. **THE EXCEPTION TO THIS WILL BE CHILI–WE NEED ABOUT 3-4 CROCKPOTS OF CHILI BOTH DAYS!** If you are able to bring a pot of chili, please contact me at <u>pambad1@mac.com</u>. I will bring a pot of vegan chili each day and need a few more of you awesome cooks to pitch in. **Please do not bring other food items.**

If you have not already signed up to volunteer, please consider helping out in the kitchen!

Thanks for your cooperation!

PAM BADGER



HEALTH & SAFETY

The SDCSS adheres to Balboa Park and California health standards, and is dedicated to keeping our members and vendors safe.

For the safety of all, **masks will be required to be worn by** all vendors and volunteers in the Show and Sales areas. We highly encourage the use of N95 masks.

The sale will be under a large open tent to minimize crowding and the show will be in the large room with the number of people allowed in limited.

If you are experiencing active symptoms of illness, please stay home and do not attend this event.

Thank you for staying safe!

Tina Zucker