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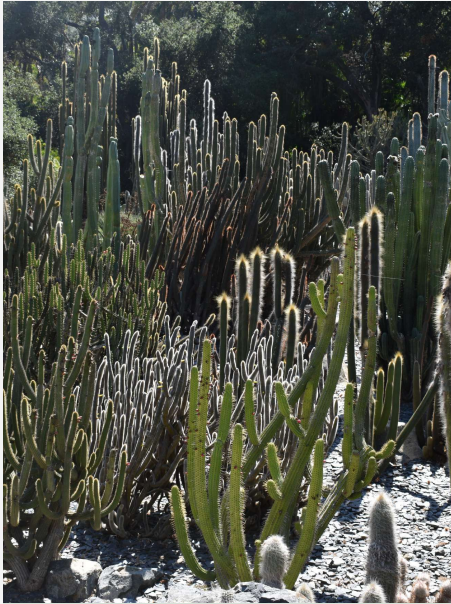
# ESPINAS Y FLORES

SEPTEMBER PICNIC IN THE PARK • UPCOMING EVENT

BRAG TABLE RECAP & more!

NEWSLETTER OF THE SAN DIEGO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
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Columnar friends  
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## SDCSS SCHEDULE

Our next in-person meeting:

**October 8th**

Upcoming event:

**September Picnic in the Garden**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Greetings!** I hope this finds you well and that you're enjoying these final weeks of Summer. August has been pleasantly mild here in Spring Valley, with cool nights, and day temps in the mid 80's. This has worked well for me as I am installing a new Baja themed area in my landscape, and the cool mornings are great for moving rocks and digging holes.

Our August meeting was a good one—**Michelle Heckathorn** gave an interesting talk on *Ledebouria*, *Drimia*, and *Drimiopsis*—not the best known plants, but *fascinating*! Thanks Michelle!



August saw the return of the ever-popular **pre-meeting workshops**. This month's offering was "Succulents 101" by **Jen Greene**. This well-attended event was full of great growing tips, and Jen answered many questions relating to keeping your plants thriving. Thanks Jen!

Our main speaker, **Kevin Alison** from **Tree of Life Nursery** in San Juan Capistrano, gave a talk on "Preventing Poaching and Extinction: Conservation Strategies for *Dudleya*." In recent years, many of us have been distressed by reports of large numbers of *Dudleyas* being stolen from the wild to be shipped out of the country for foreign markets. While completing a Master's Degree in Conservation and Restoration Science, Kevin developed a great strategy to protect this wonderful local genus. This strategy entails large scale propagation and distribution of the most endangered species—once they are no longer rare, they will lose their value to poachers. I love this approach, as I am quite fond of *Dudleya* and would love to have more in my garden.

On the Tuesday following the meeting, I visited Tree of Life Nursery, visited Kevin, and purchased a bunch of *Dudleyas* which are now calling my landscape home.

If you love *Dudleyas* and are not wanting to make the trip to San Juan Capistrano, I am donating a variety of them for our **SEPTEMBER PICNIC AUCTION!** See details in the Picnic Information included in this newsletter!

Hope to see you at the picnic on September 10th...sign up today on our website, [www.SDCSS.net](http://www.SDCSS.net)

*Pam Badger*  
August 23, 2022

## SEPTEMBER 10TH PICNIC IN THE PARK

For many years, the September Picnic has been a favorite event on the SDCSS calendar. In years past this was a pot-luck event; however, the pandemic brought about some new features—last year the **food truck** was quite a success—so we have brought our truck back this year!



We have also brought back the **picnic auction** which was very popular in the past. This is your opportunity to get valuable and unusual plants while raising money for our Scholarship Fund. **Note:** With no reliable internet in the park, we can **only** accept **CASH OR CHECK** payments.

We will be getting together starting at 9:30 at Kate Sessions Park. Bring a chair, a frisbee, and appetite for Hawaiian food. Lunch service starts at 11:30. Silent auction closes at 1. Remember: cash or check only! See the map above for where we are meeting.

**DONATIONS:** If you have a good quality, show-worthy plant or pot that you are willing to donate to this cause, please let me know by emailing me at [pambad1@mac.com](mailto:pambad1@mac.com). It is a good cause, and a chance to feel good about re-homing a plant, pot, or other plant related item or two! I am donating a couple specimen Euphorbias along with some rare Dudleyas from Tree of Life Nursery (so you know they are not collected from the wild)!

Kate Sessions Park is located at: 5115 Soledad Rd, San Diego, CA 92109

\$7.50 for Members

\$10.00 Guests

[\*\*CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE PICNIC!\*\*](#)



## UPCOMING CSSA WEBINAR SPEAKER

Join the CSSA Saturday, September 2nd at 10am PST for webinar speaker: Ernesto Sandoval: "Tricks and Techniques for Propagation of Succulents from Stems, Leaves and More!"

Ernesto and company at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory have been propagating succulents in a variety of ways for many, many years and he'd like to share some of his experiences and advice. This seminar will focus on vegetative propagation techniques using stems, leaves, grafting and more. Timing, media, environment and orientation also matter. so these will be covered as well!



[Register for the webinar here](#)

## 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 to share your plant loves and experience!

Email: [pambad1@mac.com](mailto:pambad1@mac.com)

## EXTRA T-SHIRT ORDERS

Since our available stock is running low, Pat Bryan is collecting t-shirt orders for an additional run of the popular Baja design!

Available sizes are standard S through XXL (with sizes up to 4XL for a small added cost).

Prices are \$20 for a short sleeve t-shirt, and \$30 for a long sleeve t-shirt in the colors of blue, turquoise, yellow, and sangria pink.

Please email Pat at [paturodel@yahoo.com](mailto:paturodel@yahoo.com) or text her at 619-381-9498 to place your order.

## CONGRATS TO OUR SUMMER SHOW WINNERS!



Our lovely winners (who were in attendance) were presented their certificates at the August Meeting. Congrats!

## 2022 Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale

### Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

The North San Diego County Cactus and Succulent Society!

**October 8 & 9      Sat. 9 - 5      Sun. 9 - 3**

**San Diego Botanic Garden**

**Ecke Ranch Rd, Encinitas, CA 92024 (off Quail Gardens Dr)**

For Directions: [www.sdbgarden.org/directions.htm](http://www.sdbgarden.org/directions.htm)



- ~ See spectacular succulent specimens from around the world!
- ~ Show plant judging is Saturday from 11am - 12:30pm. The public may follow and listen to the judges as they make and explain their decisions.
- ~ All show plants will be available for viewing Saturday and Sunday.
- ~ There will be experts available to answer your questions.
- ~ Specimen plants for the novice or collector and handmade ceramic pots, driftwood planters, decorative rocks, top dressing, etc. will be for sale.

**Cost: Free with SD Botanic Garden admission or membership**

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## MEMBER SECTION



**Pam Badger** has been up to *Dudleya* shenanigans. Pictured above: *Dudleyas* in the back of her vehicle; later, they have all found great new homes in the garden bed!



## ADVERTISEMENT: RICK & KEVINS SUCCULENT PLANT SALE



### Rick and Kevin's Succulent Plant Sale

September 24 & 25 2022, 8am-4pm

ph: 619 417-5008

After moving some older succulents on our property, there are many landscaped sized succulents available for new homes. Some are potted and rooted, some have been recently divided and will have few roots, and some will be unrooted divisions. Succulents propagated from our large collection will also be available.

Sale plants include: *Adromischus* (several different ones), *Dudleya pachyphytum* (open pollinated), several miniature to small agaves and *Agave vilmoriniana* 'Stained Glass', *Cotyledon orbiculata* 'Splash' and *C. oophylla* with purple ends, *Jatropha multifida*, *Euphorbia broussonetii*, *Sansevieria parva* (very fragrant flowers) and 'Midnight Star', *Aloe cameronii* (many recent cuttings), large heads of *Agave stricta* (likely species), *Dyckia* (several large red ones), *Aloe piernaarii*, Mangave 'Kaleidoscope', *Agave attenuata* 'Kara's Stripes', 6' tall *Aloe ferox*, *Aloe spectabilis*, *Haworthia* hybrids and many others!

Cash preferred but Paypal payments are possible. The garden will be open for viewing. We hope you will drop in, see the garden, chat about plants, and be tempted to purchase!



# AUGUST 2022 BRAG TABLE WINNERS GALLERY

SDCSS members came through and shared their best plants at the August Meeting's Brag Table, judged by C&S GOAT\* Kelly Griffin!

This month we'll be holding our yearly Picnic in the Park event, so there won't be a brag table in September ! We'll see you on October 8th for our next table and chance to win club bucks and (most importantly) bragging rights!

\*Greatest Of All Time, as the kids say



## JULY BRAG TABLE RESULTS: NOVICE CACTUS



1st: *Opuntia vestita cristata*

Chris Gleason



2nd : *Stenocactus guerraianus*

Tricia Bostard



## JULY BRAG TABLE RESULTS: INTERMEDIATE CACTUS



1st: *Gymnocalycium nigriareolatum*

Pete H.



2nd : *Mammillaria spinosissima* cv. 'Un Pico'

Norb Roden



3rd : *Echinopsis melanopotamica*

Pete H.



JULY BRAG TABLE RESULTS: INTERMEDIATE CACTUS



*Echinocereus engelmannii*

Pete H.



*Mammillaria magnifica*

Pete H.



*Mammillaria hertrichiana*

Pete H.



*Gymnocalycium piltziorum*

Pete H.



## JULY BRAG TABLE RESULTS: ADVANCED CACTUS



1st: *Turbinicarpus lophophoroides* Santo Domingo, SLP

Dean Karras

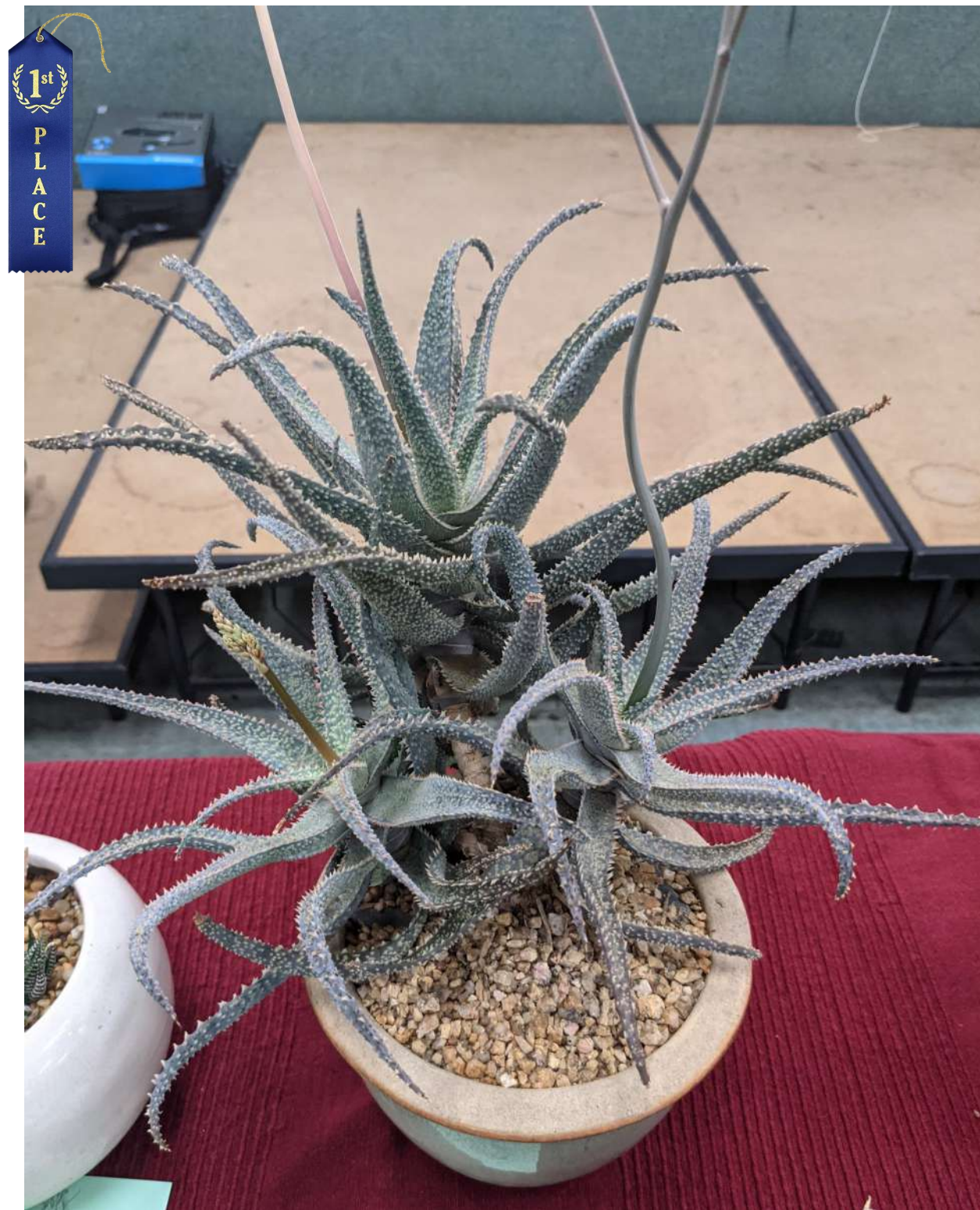


2nd : *Turbinicarpus valdezianus*

Dean Karras



## JULY BRAG TABLE RESULTS: NOVICE SUCCULENT



1st: Aloe cv. 'Princess Jack'

Der-shing Helmer



## JULY BRAG TABLE RESULTS: NOVICE SUCCULENT



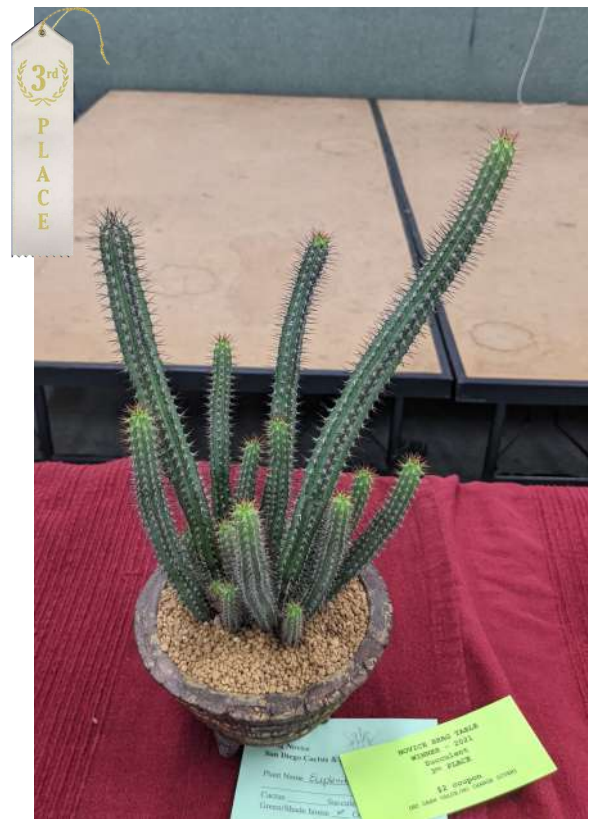
2nd: *Dorstenia foetida* cv. 'Lav 341' (seed grown Nov. 2021)

Der-shing Helmer



3rd: *Sansaviera kirkii* cv. 'Silver Blue'

Jared Petker



3rd: *Euphorbia baioensis*

Jared Petker

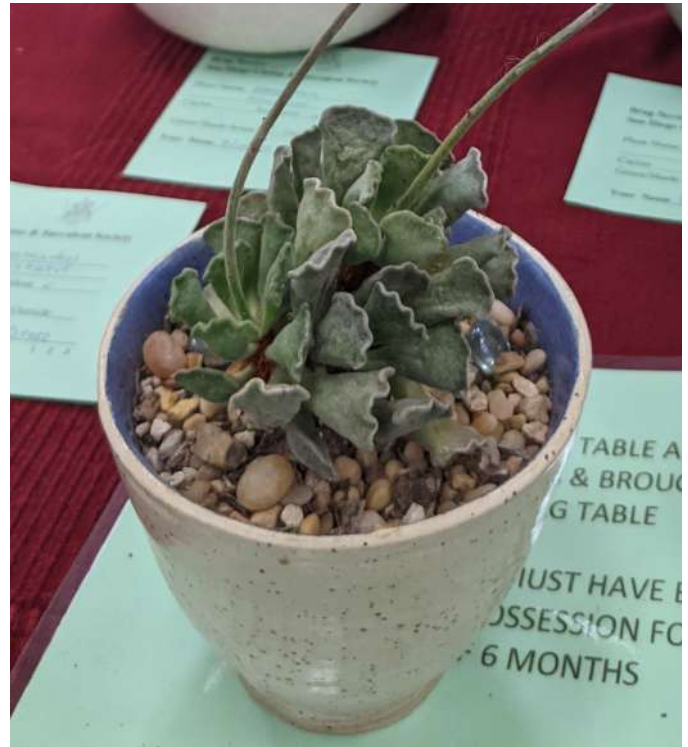


## JULY BRAG TABLE RESULTS: NOVICE SUCCULENT



*Monadenium guentheri*

Georgia Kenney



*Adromischus cristatus*

Naomi Orosz



*Othonna capensis* 'Little Pickles'

Naomi Orosz

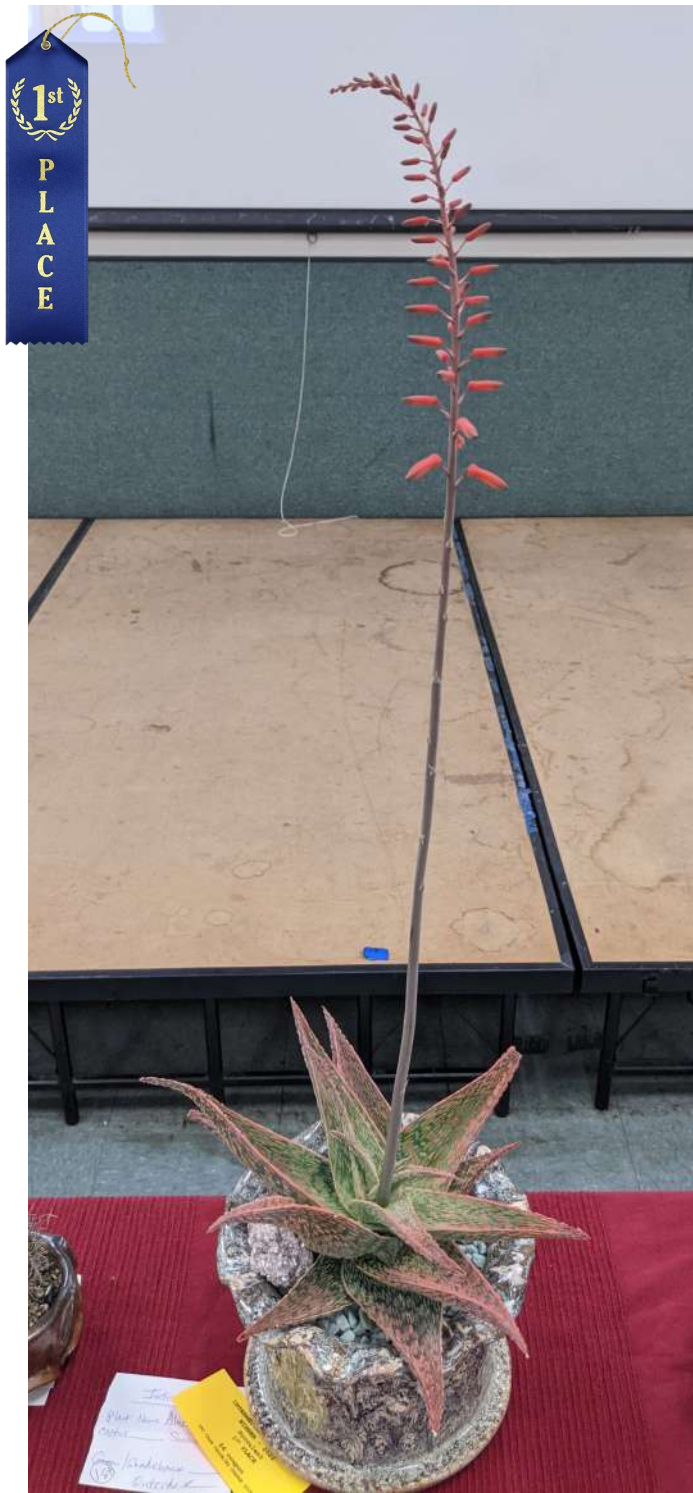


*Haworthia attenuata*

Naomi Orosz



JULY BRAG TABLE RESULTS: INTERMEDIATE SUCCULENT



1st: Aloe cv. 'Delta Rose'

Pete H

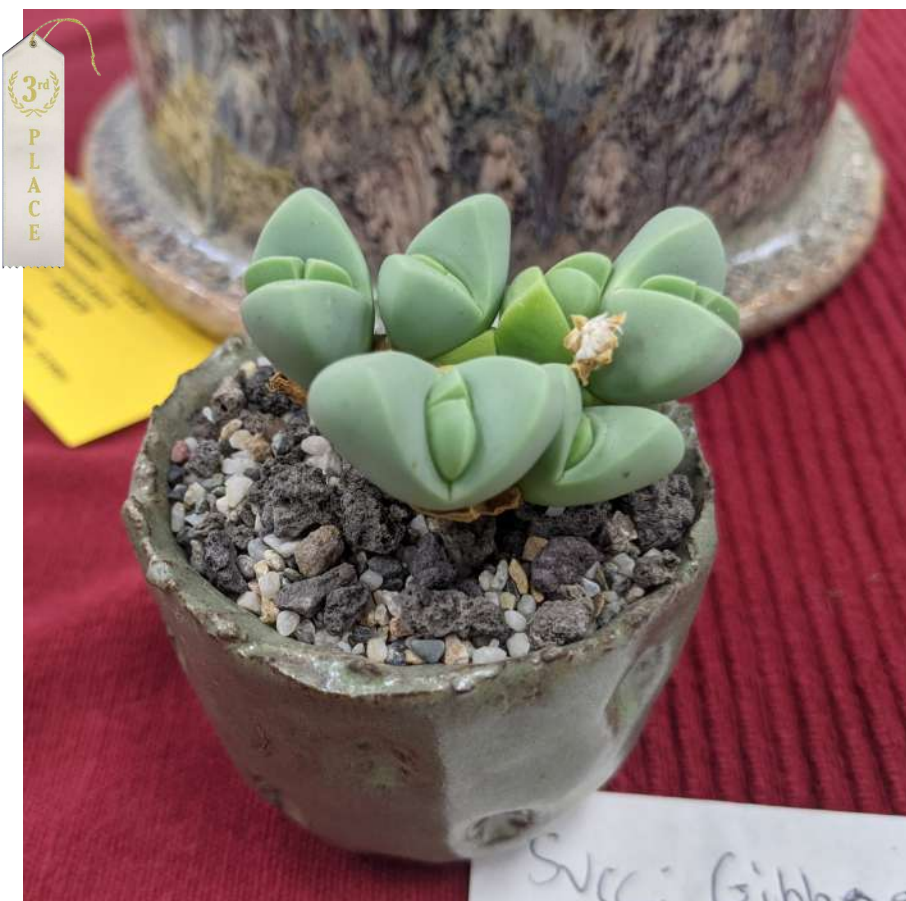




## JULY BRAG TABLE RESULTS: INTERMEDIATE SUCCULENT



2nd: *Avonia quinaria*  
Alison Baldwin



3rd: *Gibbaeum petrense*  
Pete H.



## JULY BRAG TABLE RESULTS: INTERMEDIATE SUCCULENT



*Euphorbia* sp.

Pete H,



*Agave chazaroi*

Sherman Blench



JULY BRAG TABLE RESULTS: ADVANCED SUCCULENT



1st: *Pelargonium carnosum*

Jerry Garner





## JULY BRAG TABLE RESULTS: ADVANCED SUCCULENT

2<sup>nd</sup>  
PLACE



2nd: *Lithops karasmontanta*

Dean Karras

3<sup>rd</sup>  
PLACE



3rd: *Aloe peglerae*

Dean Karras