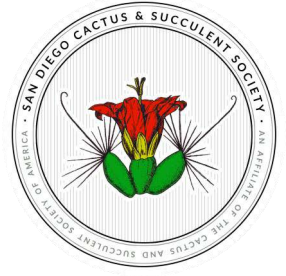


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Blooming *Epiphyllum* hybrid
Photo by Jared Petker

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UPCOMING SDCSS SCHEDULE

OUR UPCOMING MEETING

April 13th

UPCOMING CSSA BIENNIAL CONVENTION

April 23rd - 27th

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(VICE) PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a month! As the weather started really warming up, waking up many of my plants, we also had one of the most loaded months of club activities I've experienced since joining. What set this April apart most of all was the energy, effort, and creativity everyone brought to our meetings, events, and—of course—the incredible five-day CSSA Convention.

First, you'll notice that I'm filling in for our intrepid President Kelly "Incapable of Taking Breaks" Griffin this month, who not only gave a great talk about his Australian adventures for the April meeting, but headed back out on a trip as soon as the convention wrapped up! Unending thanks and gratitude to him for his strong leadership... our club was given the task of hosting the convention with only half the usual allotted planning time. Kelly navigated us through the process while leading and providing amazing guest speakers for our club.

As for the roles each of our club members played in the convention, I'd need to list a sizeable portion of our club's roster to give a proper thank-you! So many of you stepped up with your time and effort, starting over a year ago in the planning phase... First, thanks to our previous club president and VP team of Pam Badger and Chris Miller for starting us off strong in 2024 with the monthly planning meetings and passing the baton to Rick Bjorklund and Rita Lunceford and Kelly, who kept the energy high. Thanks to Olga Batalov for contributing her incredible sculptures as well as for managing volunteers via online signups, which made volunteering

super easy. Thank you again to Rita for running publicity and outreach for this big event, and to all who shared flyers and news! Massive thanks to the talented Peter Hagopian for designing and hand-printing hundreds of gorgeous shirts for the convention and for getting our shipping area set up (and to Brita Miller for procuring boxes)! Thanks to everyone who contributed items and effort to the convention bags, and to Denise Huntsman-Griffin, Rocco Piersanti, Vicki Hoffman, Evelyn P, and Nicole P for getting them filled. And, thanks to Kelly and Emily Shuffield for reaching out to local businesses for those donations.

We had plenty of live support during the actual convention days. Thanks to our local trip team headed by Luis Gonzalez with Donna Roden, R Mitchel B, and Pat Bryan, who kept the busses running on time with food! Our tour leads Olga, Pam, Dale Seegmiller, Jared Petker, Emily Weaver, Wendy Goldman, and Rick ran guided each of the tours... I only heard great things about each trip. Thanks to the registration table headed by CSSA's Jule Taber and Tricia Bostard, and our hospitality table team. Thanks to our auction team of Peter Walkowiak and Jared P, Rocco P, and Khaled Saleh. Our AV support, Olga B, Sergio L, and Bjorn B. Thanks to Pat Bryan on the green committee and to our catering team. We couldn't have sold anything without the dedicated sales volunteer team of Ken Brown, Lynn Elliott, Andres E, Khaled S, Michelle Heckathorn, Jodi Visosky, Laurie C, Carol Z, Emily S, Beth J, Brita M, Alva M, Joan H, Gerald R, Mae B, Naomi Orosz, Jerome Orosz, Echo L,



(VICE) PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Vivian T, Brook F, Pat B, Rocco P, and Georgia Kenney. The security team that kept everything safe, Brian Shepard, Jared P, Rocco P, Andres E, Michael R, Jay Crowley, Steve M, Linda S, George F, Herb Stern, Eveyln G, Indra N, Lily K, Taylor M, John T. And finally, thank you to the army of additional volunteers...I'm certain I've missed some names, but I'll do my best: Debra Lee Baldwin, Becky B, Lark C, Leeann D, Tom D, Helen G, Karen H, Nayer K, Nam L, Jeff McCormack, Patti N, Chuck Ramey, Teresa Robertson, Tyler Robertson, Anne Sawyers, Meredith S, Gayle Tinnerman, Beatriz T, Christine Vargas, Donna W, and Tina Zucker.

Finally, thanks to the incredible speakers and guests, to all you terrific plant and pottery vendors who sold at the event, and of course, to the CSSA for choosing to partner with our club! I've included a little photo gallery on the next few pages from our members who took photos from the event... enjoy!

What have we got coming up in May? Well, we're right back on track on May 10th with our annual joint meeting with the San Diego Epi Society. We'll also enjoy a talk from guest speaker Kevin Kreucher, aka "Crazy4Cactus". While we won't have a POM presentation, definitely stop by and enjoy our pre-meeting activities... perhaps share your best Epi for the brag table? And don't forget to check out the dazzling number of amazing and unique Epiphyllum cuttings on offer from the Epi club. I can't help but pick up one or five every year. Oh, and they make a great gift for Mother's Day!

Speaking of Mother's Day, another fantastic gift idea for the mother in your life... the gift of membership to our club! With our new system "JoinIt" in place, you can now easily give the gift of our great hobby and community through [this link](#).

Last but not least, we've got our annual two-day Summer Show and Sale swiftly coming up in June. We've got the Show details for you in this issue, and please feel free to spread the word on your Facebook, Nextdoor, or other social media you might use. The more the merrier!

That's about it from me... We'll see you in person soon for our lovely meeting on May 10th!

Der-shing Helmer

April 30, 2025

CSSA BIENNIAL CONVENTION PHOTO GALLERY

Thank you all for being a part of the CSSA Biannual Convention! Please enjoy this gallery of photos members and visitors shared from various days in the event.



Pam Badger



Emily Weaver

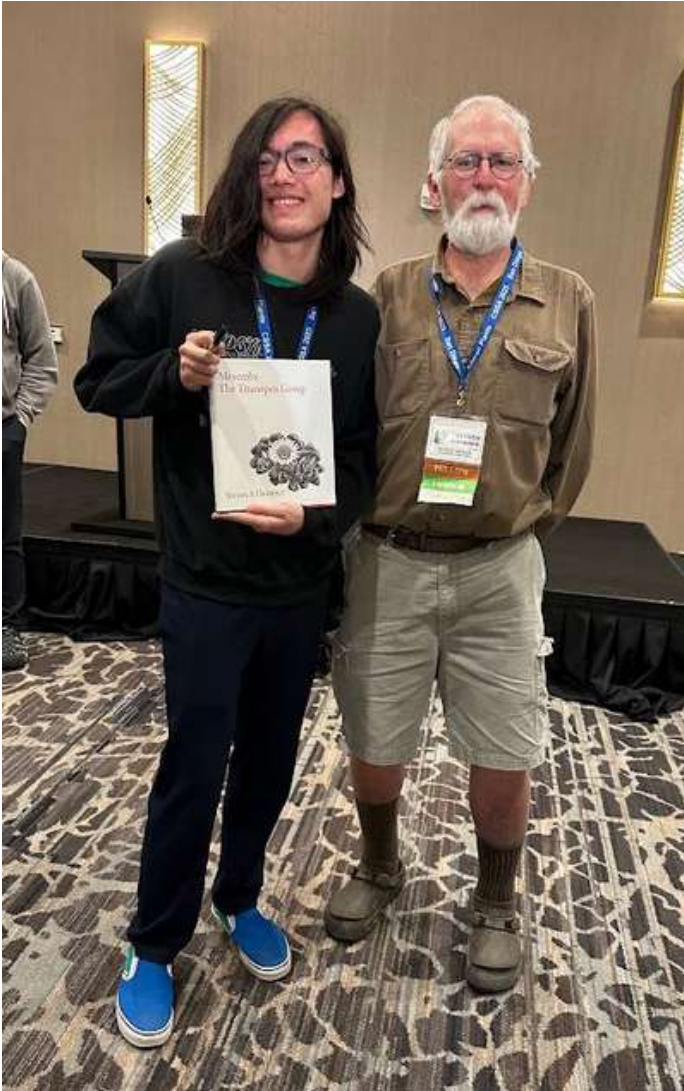


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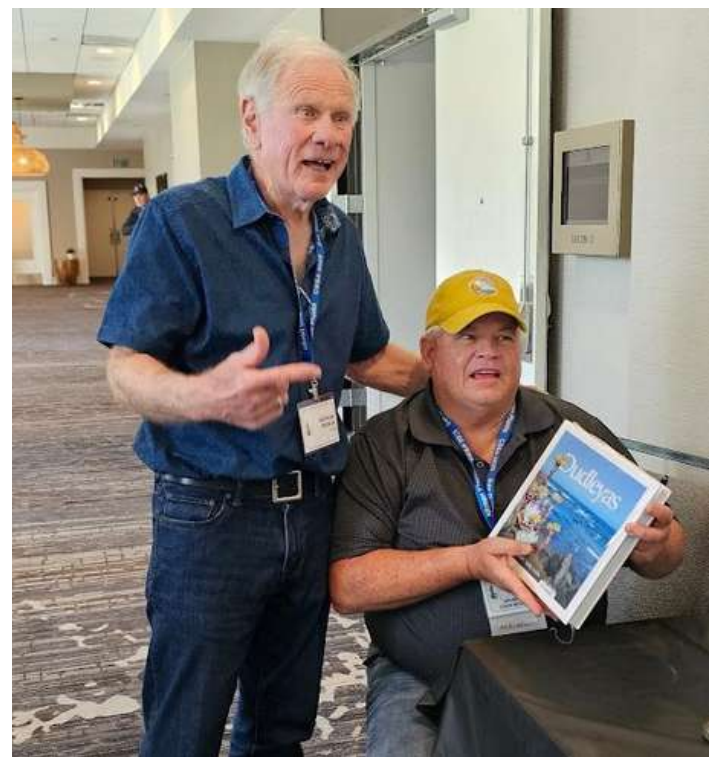
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UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

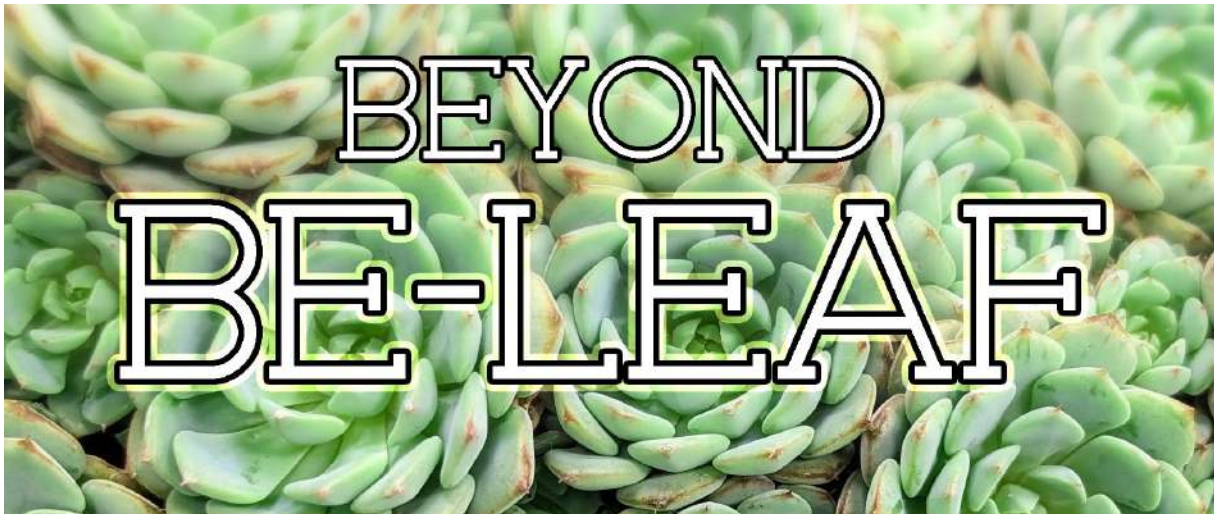
WANDA & GARY'S COFFEE IN THE GARDEN**Who:** Wanda Mallen & Gary Vincent **Date:** Saturday, May 31 **Time:** 10am - 3pm**Where:** 3856 Cedar Vale Way, Fallbrook, CA **Parking:** Plenty on the street

You are invited to the two-acre botanic wonderland of Wanda Mallen and Gary Vincent. If you haven't been here before, you'll discover that we have a wide variety of plants, including cactus and succulents, palms, Australian natives, conifers, tropical plants and more! There's a greenhouse and various "rooms" with themed gardens. If you have been here before, there's always something new to see as "projects" are what keep us going beyond the necessary maintenance.

As before, Carlos from Rios Succulents will be selling his unusual and beautifully grown succulents, and this year we'll also have Jerry Garner selling his handcrafted artistic pots. (Both take credit cards.) There will probably be some "freebies" too.



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

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			
			
DIVISION _____	CLASS _____	DIVISION _____	CLASS _____
VARIETY _____	VARIETY _____	VARIETY _____	VARIETY _____
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EXHIBITOR _____	EXHIBITOR _____	EXHIBITOR _____	EXHIBITOR _____
CITY _____	CITY _____	CITY _____	CITY _____
DIVISION _____	CLASS _____	DIVISION _____	CLASS _____
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, xFerobergia
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, Miqueloupuntia, 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, Pleiospilos, 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: SPECIALITIES 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
DIVISION V: DISPLAYS	
106	Educational displays and exhibits
DIVISION VI: ART	
107	Paintings
108	Photography

2025 SDCSS SUMMER SHOW ALPHA LIST: CACTI

DIVISION I: CACTI (CACTACEAE)					
Acanthocalycium	1	Echinopsis	1	Neochillenla	14
Acharagma	2	Epiphyllum	30	Neolloydia	2
Ancistrocactus	3	Epiphytic Cacti	30	Neoporteria	14
Ariocarpus	4	Epithelantha	6	Obregonia	6
Arrojadoa	8	Eriosyce	14	Opuntia	22
Astrophytum	5	Escobaria	2	Opuntoids	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

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DIVISION II: SUCCULENTS					
Adenia	42	Dish Gardens combo		Kedrostis	68
Adenium	43	2 or more in 1 pot	101	Kleinia	56
Adenonia	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	Zygositycos	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 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 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 (see page 7) and in the show room Friday afternoon and Saturday morning,

JERRY GARNER



See you and your enthusiasm soon! **Der-shing Helmer**

MEMBER SECTION

SDCSS is proud to announce that [the Scholarship program](#) for graduating high school seniors and any college students is taking applications!

If you know of anyone who is a San Diego County resident and going to be obtaining a horticulture degree, please refer them to the SDCSS webpage for the application. **Closing date for applications is May 31.** For questions, contact Donna at SDCSSbusinessmanager@gmail.com

DONNA RODEN



Well done to all of our 2025 Winter Show award winners!

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!

Contact the editor: eyf.editor@gmail.com

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APRIL BRAG TABLE



MAMMILLARIA LENTA

PETER WALKOWIAK

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

Thank you for bringing in your incredible plants, and thanks to **Kelly Griffin** for reviewing this table from our members. The brag table will be back in May for our joint meeting with the Epi club, so we'll see you and your plants there!

BRAG TABLE // NOVICE SUCCULENT



1ST: CRASSULA HYBRID

EMILY SHUFFIELD

BRAG TABLE // NOVICE SUCCULENT



2ND: *SENECIO STAPELIIFORMIS*

TERRI CAPOOT



3RD: *PACHYPODIUM BREVICAULE*

JAMES GAUDET

BRAG TABLE // NOVICE SUCCULENT



EUPHORBIA FLANAGANII CREST

VICKI HOFFMAN



EUPHORBIA GLOBOSA

GEORGIA KENNEY



ADROMISCHUS SP.

ROCCO PIERSANTI



SENECIO ARTICULATUS

GEORGIA KENNEY

BRAG TABLE // INTERMEDIATE SUCCULENT

1st
PLACE



1ST: *SINNINGIA LEUCOTRICA*

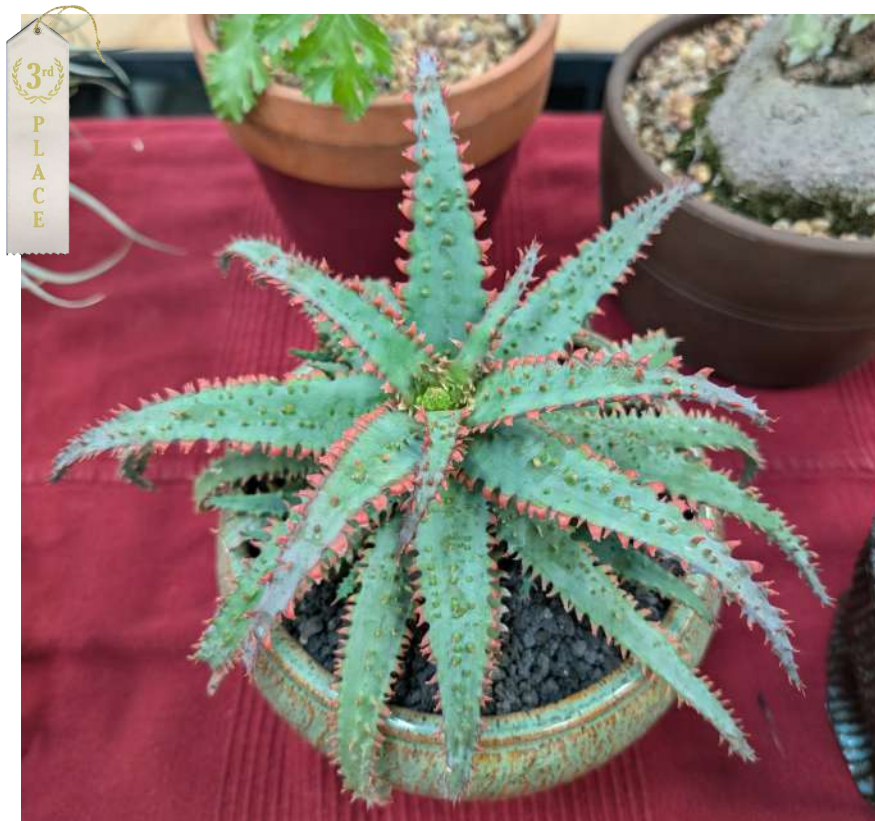
MELANIE HOWE

BRAG TABLE // INTERMEDIATE SUCCULENT



2ND: *OTTHONNA HERREI* HYBRID

WENDY GOLDMAN



3RD: *ALOE* 'WILEY COYOTEE'

CHUCK RAMEY

BRAG TABLE // INTERMEDIATE SUCCULENT



EUPHORBIA FLANAGANII

MIRIAM PARENT



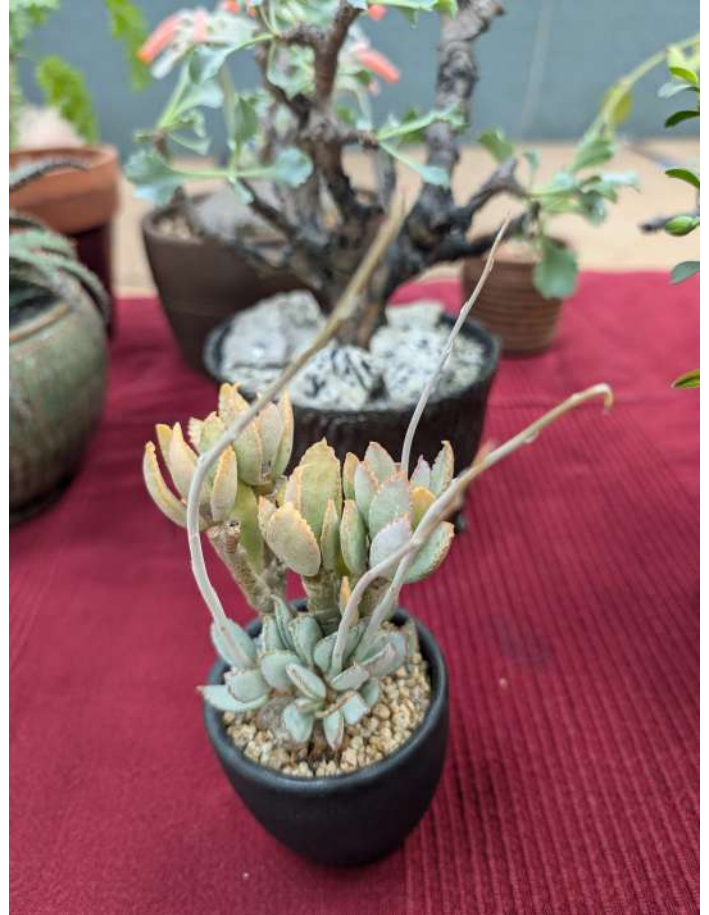
TILLANDSIA SP.

NORB RODEN



AEONIUM ARBOREUM

MIRIAM PARENT



ADROMISCHUS SHULDtianus

LUIS GONZALEZ

BRAG TABLE // INTERMEDIATE SUCCULENT



MONADENIUM RITCHIEI VAR. *NYAMBENSIS*

JARED PETKER



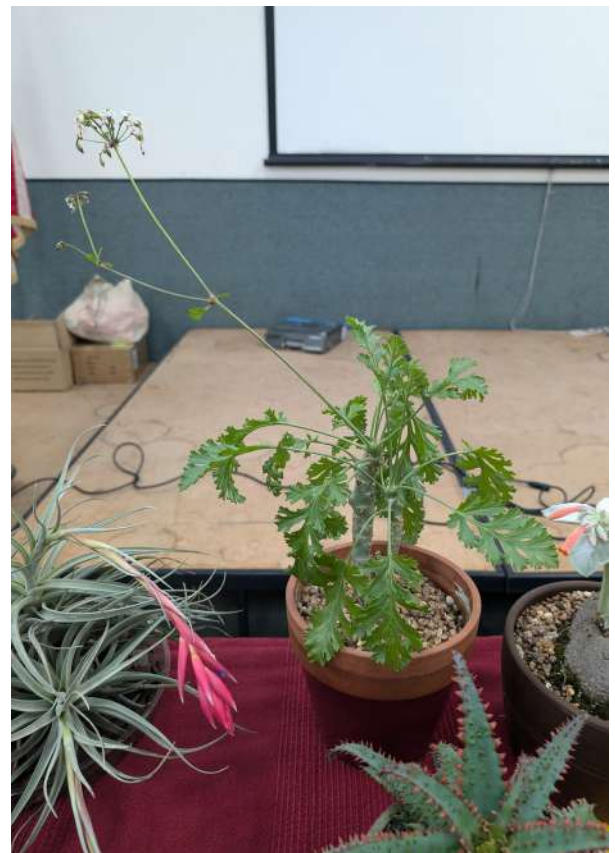
MONADENIUM STOLONIFERUM

JARED PETKER



XEROSICYOS DANGUYI

MELANIE HOWE



PELARGONIUM SP.

MELANIE HOWE

BRAG TABLE // INTERMEDIATE SUCCULENT



SARCOCAULON VANDERIETIAE

CHUCK RAMEY



SENECIO OXYRIIFOLIUS

CHUCK RAMEY

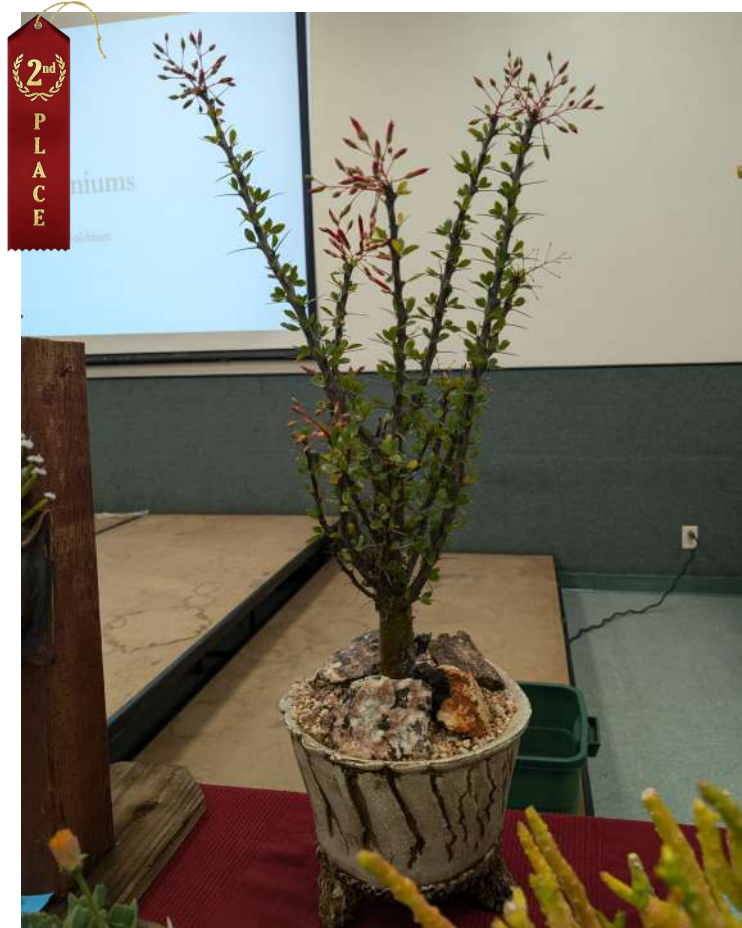
BRAG TABLE // ADVANCED SUCCULENT



1ST: AGAVE ALBOPILOSA

KELLY GRIFFIN

BRAG TABLE // ADVANCED SUCCULENT



2ND: *FOUQUIERIA MACDOUGALII*

PETER WALKOWIAK



3RD: AGAVE MINIATURES:
AGAVE ALBOPILOSA, *AGAVE TITANOTA*, AND *AGAVE 'BLUE GLOW'* SEEDLING

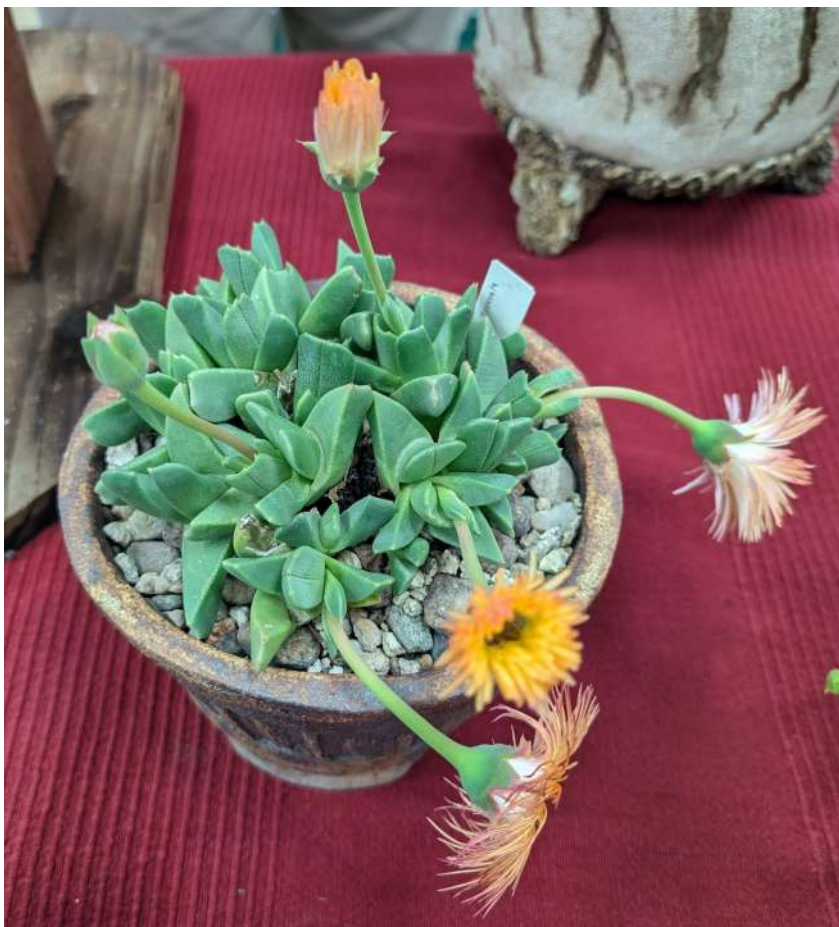
KELLY GRIFFIN

BRAG TABLE // ADVANCED SUCCULENT



MONADENIUM ELLENBECKII

PETER WALKOWIAK



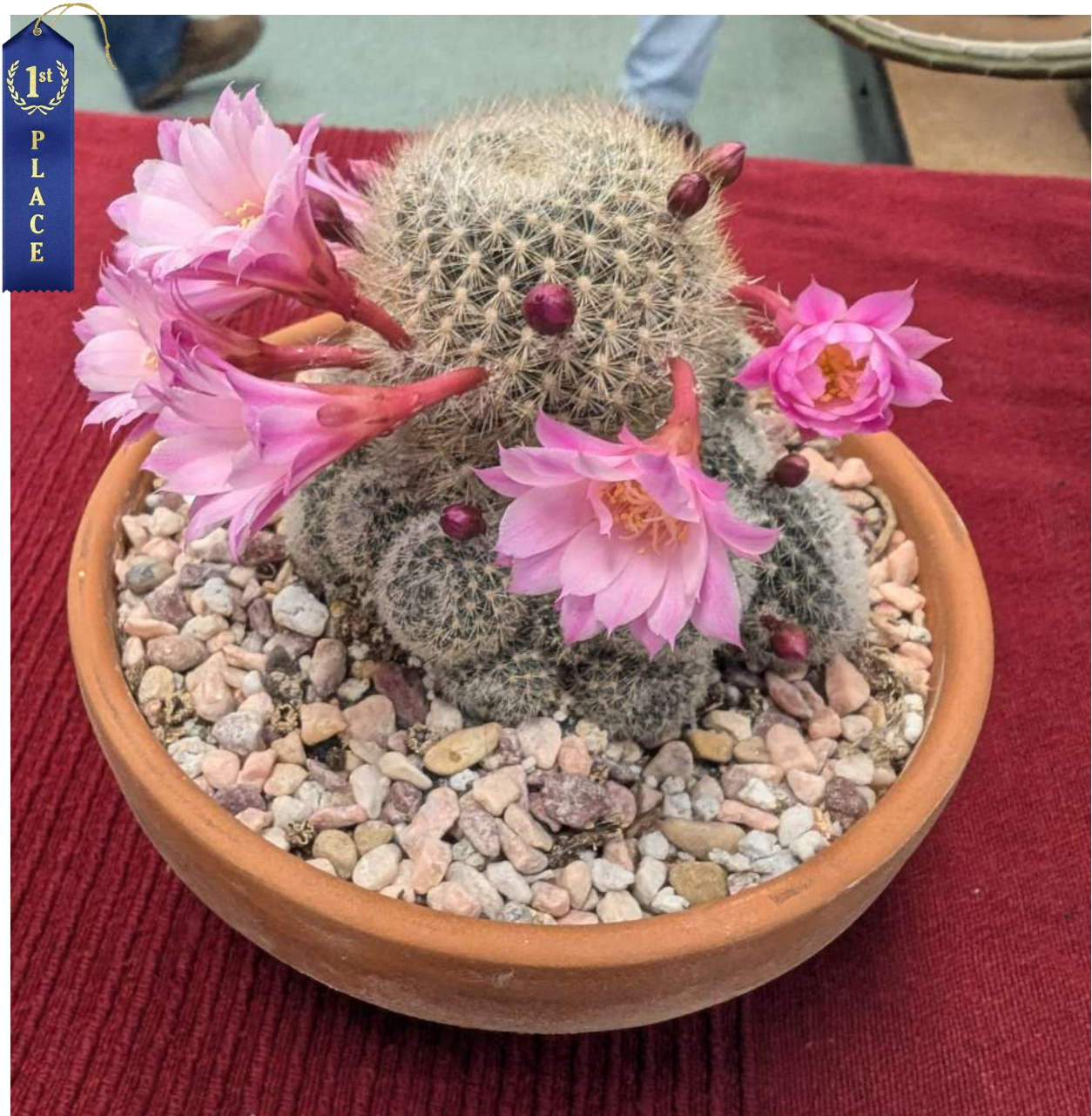
CHEIRIDOPSIS EXCAVATA

CANDY AND JERRY GARNER



ALOE 'BRITTLESTAR' **KELLY GRIFFIN**

BRAG TABLE // NOVICE CACTUS



1ST: *REBUTIA PERPLEXA*

LIEN LIEU

BRAG TABLE // NOVICE CACTUS

2nd
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2ND: *GYMNOCALYCIUM SAGLIONIS*

RALPH MORAN

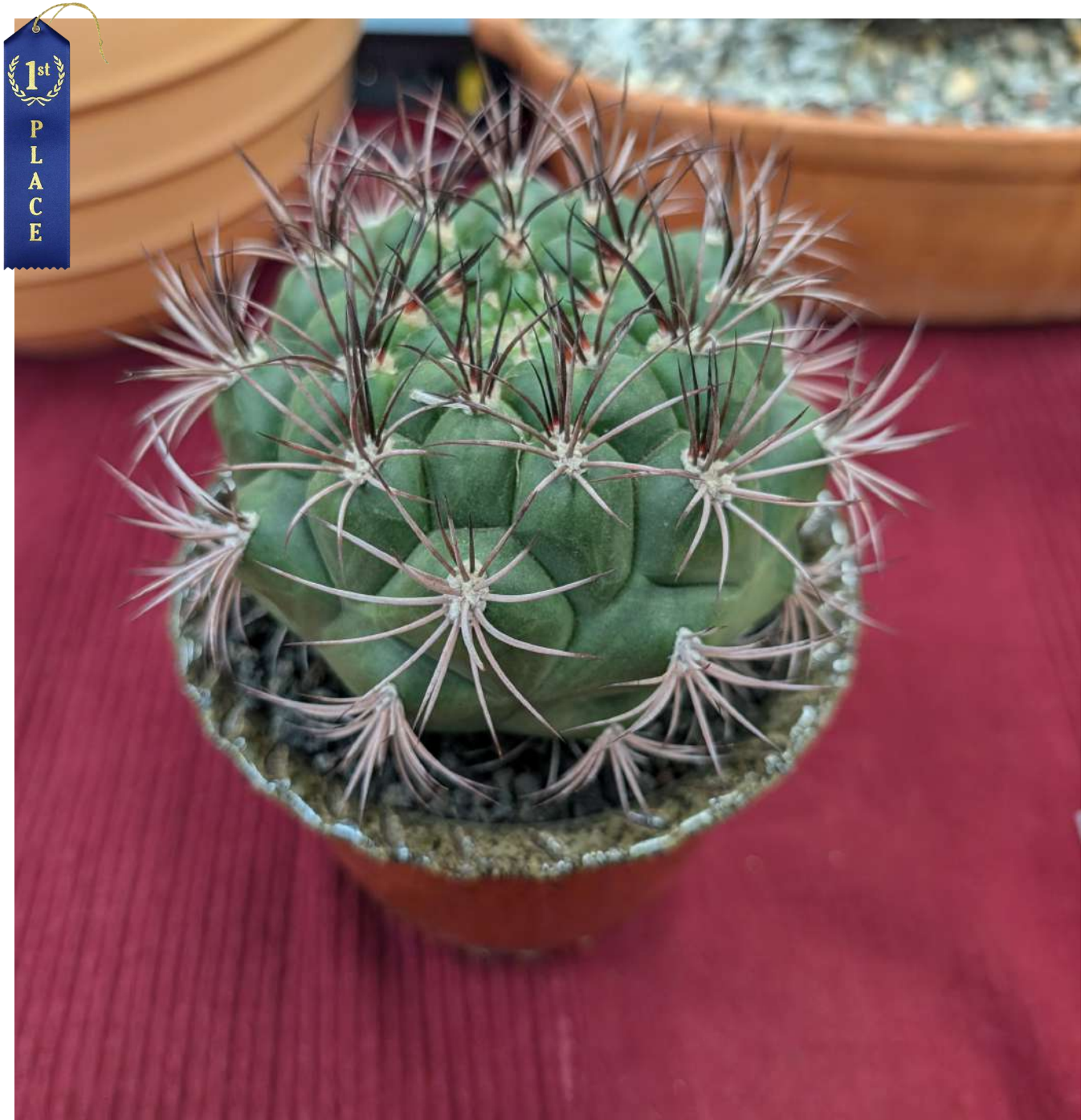
3rd
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3RD: *MAMMILLARIA ELONGATA*

TIM SHEPARD

BRAG TABLE // INTERMEDIATE CACTUS



1ST: *GYMNOCALYCIUM SAGLIONIS*

LUIS GONZALEZ

BRAG TABLE // INTERMEDIATE CACTUS



2ND: *ASTROPHYTUM MYRIOSTIGMA*

NORB RODEN



3RD: *MAMMILLARIA SPINOSISSIMA* CV. "UN PICO"

CHUCK RAMEY

BRAG TABLE // INTERMEDIATE CACTUS



GYMNOCALYCIUM MIHANOVICHII
CHUCK RAMEY



ECHINOPSIS OXYGONA
CHUCK RAMEY

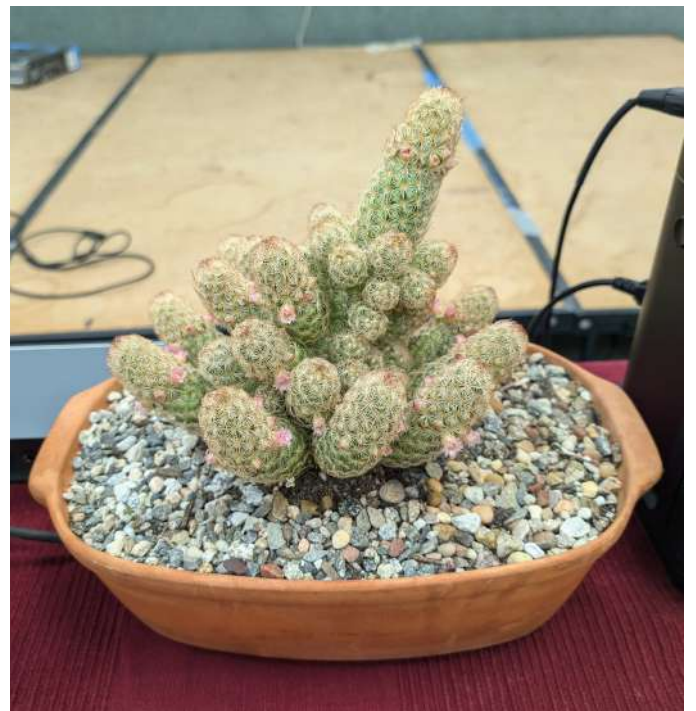


NEOPORTERIA NIDUS VAR. SENILIS **NORB RODEN**



MAMMILLARIA KARWINSKIANA

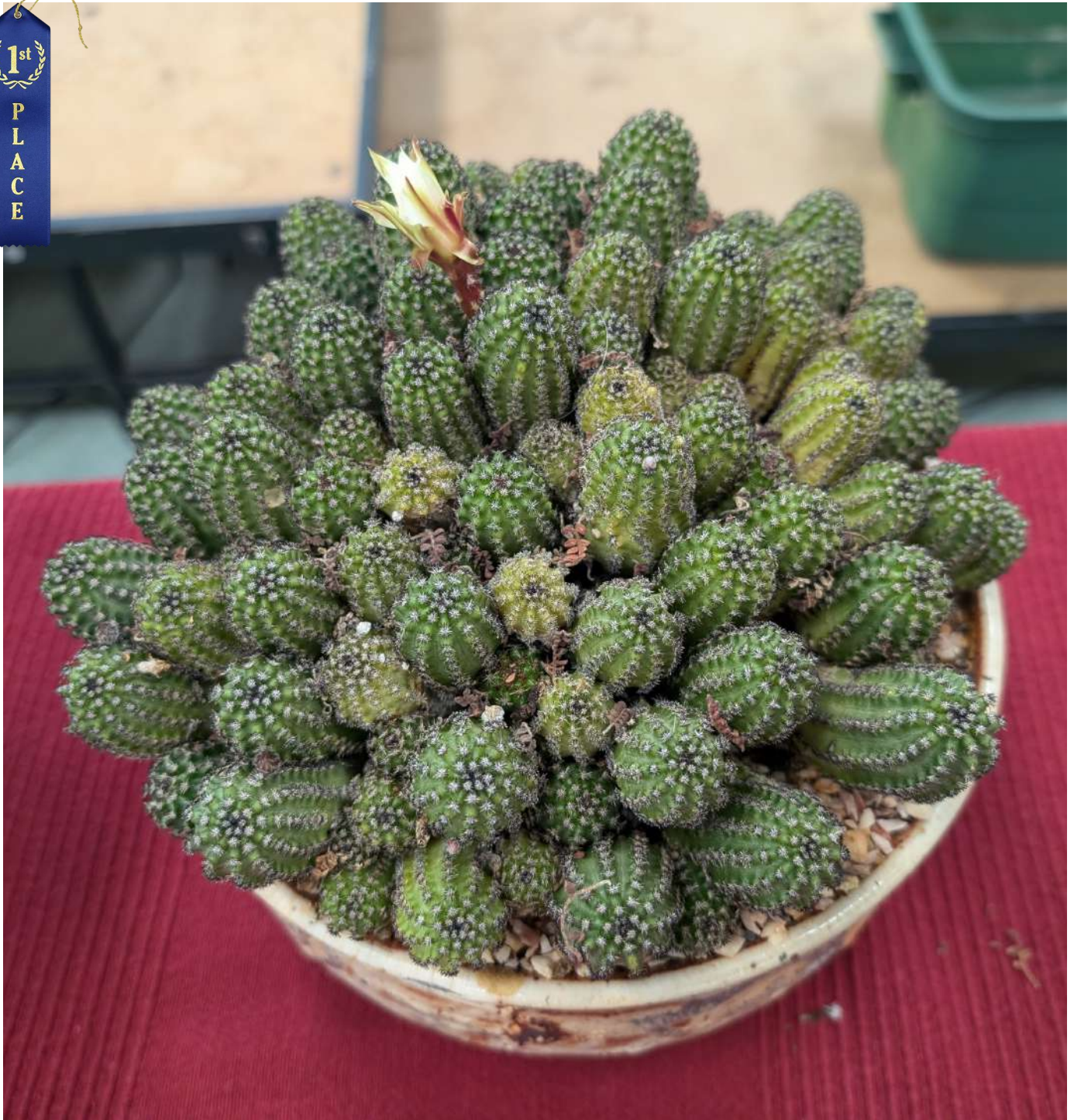
MIRIAM PARENT



MAMMILLARIA ELONGATA

MIRIAM PARENT

BRAG TABLE // ADVANCED CACTUS



1ST: *PYGMAEOCEREUS FAMILIARIS*

PETER WALKOWIAK

BRAG TABLE // ADVANCED CACTUS



2ND: *ASTROPHYTUM CAPRICORNE* VAR. *NIVEUM*

PETER WALKOWIAK



3RD: *REBUTIA PERPLEXA*

CANDY AND JERRY GARNER



MAMMILLARIA LENTA

PETER WALKOWIAK

BRAG TABLE // UNJUDGED DISPLAY



VARIOUS SPECIES OF CARNIVOROUS PLANTS



PETER HAGOPIAN

BRAG TABLE // UNJUDGED DISPLAY



MONADENIUM PLANT OF THE MONTH DISPLAY

WENDY GOLDMAN