

Judging Criteria and Awards

Relating to the

Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society's Annual Show

Judging Criteria

The criteria for awarding first, second and third place ribbons, listed in order of decreasing importance (most important at the top), are:

- Condition of plant, considering the difficulty of culture
- Size and maturity
- Staging and presentation
- Rarity and nomenclature

Plants in the Novice and Advanced categories are judged against the other plants entered in each class. In other words, the plant judged best in class will receive a first place ribbon.

Plants in the Open category are judged against perfection. This does not mean a plant must be perfect to win first place, but it must be deserving. If a particular class has no deserving plants entered, no first place ribbon will be awarded.

Criteria for the Collections, Dish Gardens and Allied Interests are at the judges' discretion.

All decisions by the judges are FINAL.

Awards

Ribbons will be awarded for **First, Second, and Third** place in each plant class for each category of entrant (Novice, Advanced, Open)

Ties for first place in any class are discouraged in each of the three categories, but are permitted for second and third place in the Novice and Advanced categories.

Special Awards

Sponsored Awards; rosettes will be given in nineteen categories as listed in the show schedule. The sponsors of the awards receive recognition in the schedule. Thank you! A twentieth award, for Best Educational Display, is a plaque donated by the CSSA, with at least two entries required for it to be awarded.

Best Cactus and Best Succulent in each category of entrant (Novice, Advanced and Open) will be listed on permanent trophies.

Outstanding Specimen Awards; nine rosettes will be awarded at the discretion of the judges' clerks.

Only one special award will be allowed per entry.