



ON THE DRY SIDE

CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

JUNE 2018

JUNE MEETING PRESENTATION: SUCCULENTS 101

You've Just Loaded Up On Plants From The Show & Sale. Now What?

The program for our June meeting will be our traditional "Succulents 101." Kathie Matsuyama will show her updated video of the best practices and advice for maintaining healthy succulents, while Gene Schroeder, Rob Skillin, and Markus Mumper will conduct a 'Question and Answer Panel' to benefit our new members as well as those more experienced members with specific questions.

Bring in your stump-the-experts questions!

How often should I water?

What's the best potting soil for succulents?

How much fertilizer and when? What kind?

When should I transplant?

What about freezes, hot sun, etc?

How do I deal with pests?

When is my plant dormant?

Should I water during dormancy?

Can I grow it indoors?

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**DON'T MISS OUR NEXT MEETING!
SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2PM**

Oddfellows Hall, 520 Dana Street, San Luis Obispo
Parking is limited — please consider carpooling!

FULL GALLERY OF 2018 SHOW WINNERS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE!

JUNE PLANT OF THE MONTH: CAUDICIFORM EUPHORBIA

Plantae • Angiosperms • Eudicots • Rosids • Malpighiales • Euphorbiaceae • Euphorbia

Caudiciform Euphorbias

Euphorbias are among the most successful of the plant families covering an amazing geographical and environmental range. In horticulture they span the range from English Garden plants to trees, stem succulents, geophytic miniatures, medusoid globulars to caudiciforms.

Almost all of the collectable caudiciform Euphorbias come from Africa and Madagascar. These plants use a swollen base or root to store water and nutrients through dry periods that may be from several months to several years long. When the rains finally arrive the stored water and energy give them a head start over the surrounding vegetation.

Although many caudiciform Euphorbias are very easy to grow with the swollen caudex or root making them very tolerant of under watering, some are very difficult, turning almost immediately to mush when over watered, watered out of season or when too cold. Care must be given in watering—keeping them warm and wet while growing, and cooler and dry when dormant. Euphorbias from tropical areas (Madagascar and Central Africa) are particularly prone to rot if left cold and damp while dormant. Protection in a greenhouse, or even a garage for a month or two in the middle of the winter, will greatly increase the survival rate.

Most caudiciform Euphorbias are easy to propagate through cuttings. The green stems can be removed, left to dry for at least a week or more, and then replanted. The newly planted stems take a few weeks to establish before they start growing. Some cuttings will not form caudexes unless double cut: once growth is strong the top of the green shoot needs to be cut off again to force the plant to start a caudex. Some species form a perfectly symmetrical caudex when grown from seed but form distorted (often more interesting) caudexes when grown from cuttings.

By the way, the etymology of Euphorbia is from the Greek, 'euphorbos': well fed. Also to honor Euphorbos, physician to King Juba of Mauritania after whom the king named the first succulent species he discovered himself in the Atlas Mountains (Etymological Dictionary of Succulent Plants, Eggle & Newton).

Pictured at right:
Euphorbia primulifolia

Thank you to Rob Skillin for the specimen photo and to Markus Mumper for the Plant-Of-The Month article.



SOME THANK YOU'S FROM THE SHOW AND SALE

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Our club just staged another excellent show and sale. We had record sales from our remarkable group of vendors, an inspiring selection of quality plants on the show floor, and a successful and entertaining auction event.

It isn't really a mystery why the Show and Sale runs so smoothly and successfully year after year. Our customers keep coming back because we create an a unique space to see new and unusual succulents, learn about their care, and purchase plants and pottery from quality vendors, all at one event.

The secret to making this happen is our excellent volunteers from the club, and this year, amazing extra help from Cal Poly student volunteers. From the planning before the show to all the event day activities, we succeed because of our volunteers.

So thank you, and congratulations, for a marvelously successful event, to all the Show and Sale Volunteers!

Loring Manley
CCCSS Club President



THANK YOU, AWESOME TEAM OF PRE-CHECKERS!

Thank you, Pre-Check Team from the 12th Annual CCCSS Show & Sale:

Ann Byrne, Ann Erb, Tasha Erickson, Linda Hicks, Jeanne Miller, Susan Ross, Mardi Schleigh, Melany and Jon Shapiro and "Line Walkers Extraordinaire" **Mike Bush, Charles Varni and Bill Findley** for help making the pre-processing of Show & Sale plant sales run smoothly, efficiently, and accurately with your hard work, dedication, and amazing effort!

YOU ARE ALL ROCK STARS!

Thank you!
Kathie Matsuyama

OF NOTE

CCCSS MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW FOR 2018 - 2019

Thank you to all our members who have already renewed their memberships! To our members who have not yet renewed their annual memberships: please renew today. Don't miss all the exciting events planned for this year. We need your support. It's easy to renew. See me at monthly club meetings or mail a check payable to CCCSS: Barbara Brooks, 441 Marsh St, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

Individual: \$20, family (all under same roof): \$25, business: \$40. Please submit membership applications with dues ensuring all members have acknowledged the "Hold Harmless" clause. Applications are available online at centralcoastcactus.org.

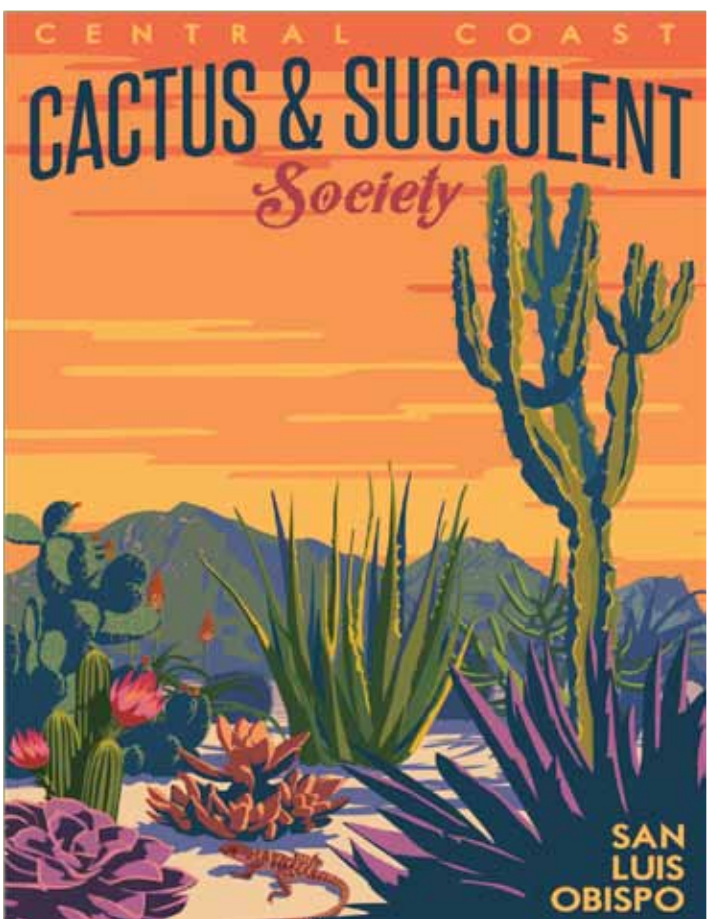
Thank you!



ASK ME TABLE FOR CACTUS AND SUCCULENT QUESTIONS

Bring your questions about cacti and succulents to the **ASK ME TABLE** conveniently located next to the library book table at our monthly meetings. The Ask Me table will be capably staffed by our venerable expert Cactophile, Gene Schroeder. Gene has never met a cactus he didn't like! (And many succulents aswell.) Assisting Gene will be Succulentophile Kathie Matsuyama. Please do not bring any diseased plants to the meeting! Instead, bring good photos of the plants and/or bugs. **We look forward to seeing you at the ASK ME TABLE!**

BEAUTIFUL ART FOR SALE — PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR CLUB!



Available at every meeting, we will have two sizes of this gorgeous print for you to purchase. The art was done by Steve Thomas for the **Just Looking Gallery** in San Luis Obispo. The wonderful folks there have offered the art to CCCSS as a fundraiser. The profit from every piece of art sold by CCCSS goes to CCCSS! Thank you Ken McGavin and Ralph Gorton for your kindness and generosity!

Prices including tax:

12" x 18" framed print: \$120

24" x 36" print on canvas: \$420

Orders will be taken at the club meetings; cash and checks only please. Your print will be ordered from Just Looking Gallery and delivered to you at the following club meeting.

For more information, please contact:
Kathie Matsuyama at luvbigdogs@earthlink.net

GARDEN GATHERING NEWS

Thank you Paul and Dorothy Fountain for hosting the Garden Gatherers!

On a warm Saturday morning May 5th, Garden Gatherers met in Paul and Dorothy Fountain's San Luis Obispo garden. Paul's informative walk started in his front garden. It immediately slowed down to a crawl---there was so much to see! Paul has an absolutely incredible selection of cacti and succulents. To accommodate this ever-growing collection, Paul and Dorothy have acquired quite an assortment of vintage plant racks to provide extra vertical plant display. We followed Paul through his side yard which showcases some very unusual bamboo varieties in Paul's large collection. In the backyard, Garden Gatherers were treated to an eye-popping assembly of show-quality, rare and unusual specimen cacti and succulent plants. The southwest-facing, steep back slope of the Fountain's yard provides plenty of sun and heat for landscape-grown aloes, agaves and cactus. Thank you, Paul and Dorothy! Your warm and wonderful hospitality and your gorgeous garden was enjoyed by all. We hope there will be an opportunity for a return visit to spend more time exploring all the treasures your garden has to offer!



We are looking for Garden Gathering Hosts through the End of the Year — Please Volunteer!

If you're not familiar with the CCCSS Garden Gatherings, here are the FAQs:

- **Why:** CCCSS club is large; it's hard to connect with other cactophiles at our huge meetings.
- **What:** "Garden Gatherings" are a chance to meet club members in a fun, casual garden setting. Food and a tour of the member's garden are included.
- **Where:** Gatherings take place in a CCCSS member's garden.
- **Who:** Garden Gathering participants must be CCCSS members. The host decides the number of guests. Sign-ups are taken at monthly club meetings.
- **When:** Hosts pick the date and time for the event.



The process of planning, organization, sign-up sheets, emailing your guests, etc., will be capably coordinated by Susan and Kathie! Please don't hesitate to sign up because you have a weed or two in your garden—we all do! And don't worry if your garden is not all cacti or succulent-related. The intent of Garden Gatherings is to get to know other members of CCCSS. This is a great way to do just that!

We are still looking for folks with a desire to share their passion, their garden, and a willingness to host. Sign-ups for July to the end of the year are underway. Please contact us if you are interested.

Susan Ross: susanrosscra@yahoo.com or
Kathie Matsuyama: luvbigdogs@earthlink.net.

2018 REGIONAL SHOW AND SALE CALENDAR

- **JUNE 9-10:** San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society Annual Show & Sale
San Francisco County Fair Building at 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, San Francisco | www.sfsucculent.org
- **JUNE 9-10:** Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale
Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd, Encino | www.lacactus.com
- **JUNE 29-30, July 1:** CSSA Annual Show & Sale
Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino | www.cssainc.org
- **AUGUST 11-12:** Annual Intercity Show & Sale, LA County Arboretum, 301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia
Info: Tom Glavich 626 798-2430 or Artie Chavez 818-482-8795 | www.sgvcss.com
- **SEPTEMBER 1:** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium
Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino | www.huntington.org | 626.405.3504
- **SEPTEMBER 15:** Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd, Long Beach | www.longbeachcactusclub.org | 310.922.6090
- **SEPTEMBER 28-29:** Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society Fall Show & Sale
Location TBD | www.mbsucculent.org
- **OCTOBER 13-14:** Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale
St. Paul's Church, 2216 17th St, Bakersfield | www.bakersfieldcactus.org | 661.831.8488
- **OCTOBER 27-28:** Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, San Diego Botanic Garden
230 Quail Gardens Rd, Encinitas | www.palomarcactus.org | 858.776.7216 | britamiller1@gmail.com
- **NOVEMBER 3-4:** San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society Winter Show & Sale
LA County Arboretum, 301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia | www.sgvcss.com

2019 CSSA CONVENTION – JULY 17, 18, 19 & 20 (SET-UP JULY 16TH) CCCSS LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CCCSS will be hosting the Cactus & Succulent Society of America 2019 Conference which will be held in San Luis Obispo at the Veteran's Hall. We need lots of volunteers during the convention too, but right now we're looking for volunteers to head-up/Chair some of the specific committees! Below is a list of Chairs we are still looking to fill. Please contact either Terrie Leivers at terrielleivers@gmail.com, or Ken Byrne at agaveken@msn.com for additional information about any specific post. In all cases we will be working with a CSSA counterpart who will be ultimately responsible for costs.

- **Sales Chair:** Determine schedule for boxing volunteers needed for sales activity. Be on-site during sale hours.
- **Volunteer Chair:** Provide overall volunteer coordination via Sign-up website for all CCCSS volunteer positions required for the convention.
- **Auction Chair:** In concert with CSSA Auction Chair, decide area to display auction plants. Set up silent auction area. Be on-site during auction to assist.
- **Security Chair:** Determine security requirements for sales area, silent auction room, convention entry and lunch and dinner entry.
- **Program Advertising Chair:** Sell local advertising to pay for the program.
- **Publicity Chair:** Ensure that the convention gets maximum media exposure the in local press.
- **CCCSS Sales Chair:** Determine what items CCCSS will sell at the convention. This would be something other than plants, books or pottery.

Thank you!



53rd ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA HUNTINGTON LIBRARY & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Dates: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 29, 30 & July 1, 2018

Location: The Huntington: 1151 Oxford Drive, San Marino, CA
The Botanical Center. Contact 626-405-3504

Show & Sale Hours: Sale: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

Show: Saturday & Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

Show Set-up: Thurs. June 28th, 9am-1pm

Enter Plants: Thurs., June 28th 1pm-8pm & Friday, June 29, 10:00am-4:00pm.

Judging starts at 5:00pm Friday

Auction: Items need to be registered by 3pm, Saturday, June 30

There will be a Silent Auction during dinner and a Live Auction (35 items max.) after dinner. Auctioneers will decide placement of items: 2 items per person/business marked as donation or split (70/30)

Dinner: \$15.00 Menu: Chili Buffet. Mail checks, made out to CSSA, to Bonnie Ikemura – 8400 Bleriot Ave. Los Angeles, CA, 90045; Reserve spot by Phone: 213-305-1421 or email Bonnie at bikemura@hotmail.com. Reservations must be made by June 25, 2018

Teardown: Sunday, July 1, 5:00pm

Be sure to pick up a Show Schedule, Index and entry tags from your CSSA Club Affiliate at your next club meeting if you are interested in entering plants in the Show or in the Auction.

All Cactus & Succulent Club members, CSSA members, vendors, volunteers or show participants need to wear their club badges (if you have one) AND a special CSSA/HBG pass that reads “ Annual CSSA Show Participant” to enter the HBG for free. If you are a HBG member this doesn’t apply. Please obtain a pass from your CSSA Affiliate at your club meeting or contact Barbara Hall, Show Chair before the event. We are not permitted to hand out passes at the HBG entryway.

There are opportunities to participate/volunteer in this year’s show, even for a couple of hours in the showroom or sales areas, hospitality (food) area, information table, holding area, welcome table at the HBG entry & setup/teardown. All participants receive a show T-Shirt as a thank you.

See you at the Show!

Barbara Hall

CSSA Show Chair

Email: lbcjhall@aol.com Phone: 818-368-6914

MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

President Loring Manley called the meeting to order at 2pm on Mother's Day, May 13, 2018. He thanked members who contributed snacks and welcomed first-time visitors by offering each a succulent in welcome and thanks.

Announcements

- Bill Findley announced that this year's S&S commemorative t-shirt in various styles and colors was available, with Natasha Erickson's beautiful design.
- Terry Skillin announced that special, permanent name-tags were ordered for current and past board members.
- Barbara Brooks reminded us that it is time to renew memberships. She also requested that people not chat during the meetings.
- Kathie Matsuyama announced the Garden Gatherings and thanked recent hosts Mary Peracca, Paul Fountain and Leisa Swanson.
- Rob Skillin made various announcements regarding the upcoming Show & Sale over Memorial Day Weekend.
- Loring Manley thanked the members who participated in his recent workshop.

The following slate of officers was presented by the Election Committee: For President, Loring Manley; for Vice-President, Carol Mortensen; for Secretary, Ann Byrne; for Treasurer, Kathy Goss; for Hospitality, Pat Gilson; for Publicity, Terrie Leivers; for Newsletter Editor, Mark Woods; and for Members-at-Large, Terry Skillin, Natasha Erickson and Bill Findley. There were no nominations from the floor, and a vote was taken of the membership, and the slate, as presented, was overwhelmingly elected.

Rob Skillin described the Brag Table and Plant-of-the-Month plants that members brought in to share. The group enjoyed a break, followed by our featured speaker, Jeff Moore, who shared with us photographs from his newest book, *Soft Succulents*. After that came the raffle and plant exchange, and the Board of Directors met for their meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Harlow Moss, Secretary

SYNOPSIS OF SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSED CHANGES TO CCCSS BYLAWS JUNE, 2018

The Board of Directors has been working on updates to the bylaws of our society. Any changes to the bylaws require the approval of the general membership, so a vote to approve them is on the agenda of the June, 2018 membership meeting.

The new, proposed bylaws are included as a pdf attachment along with this newsletter, for your review. To make it easier to understand the changes, here is a synopsis summarizing the changes:

- The name of the Executive Board changed to Board of Directors
- Past-President added as an Officer
- Membership Officer added
- Editor removed as an Officer
- Number of Members at Large is variable, from one to three
- Timing of the officer election process moved up one month
- The responsibilities and authority of the Board of Directors is clarified
- Explicitly states that a quorum must be present when either the general membership or the BOD is voting on any issue
- Explanation of affiliate relationships moved from standing rules to bylaws
- Business memberships are afforded a maximum of 2 votes instead of 1

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote to approve these changes. Once approved, the Bylaws will be posted on our website.

Thank you.

CCCCSS MAY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The CCCCSS Board of Directors met on Sunday, May 13, 2018, following the General Membership Meeting.

Topics discussed:

- Publicity
- Treasurers Report
- Cash for S&S Cash Box
- Bylaws Revision
- Standing Rules
- Additional Hand-held Mic
- Suggestions (NOTE: any dogs in OFH must be on leash)



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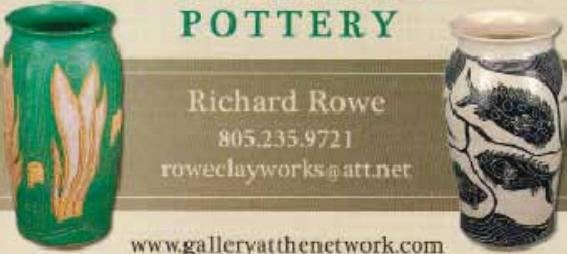



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CCCSS 2018 SHOW AWARDS GALLERY



Best Baja Native: *Bursera fagaroides*
Ellen & Gary Stubblefield -- *Advanced*



Best Collection: *Euphorbia medusa*
Peter Walkowiak -- *Open*



Best Caudiciform: *Cephalopentandra ecirrhosa*
Rob Skillin -- *Open*



Best Miniature: *Copiapoa hypogea*
Larry Stabler (aka Snake) -- *Open*



Best Crassulaceae: *Crassula columella*
Rob Skillin -- *Open*



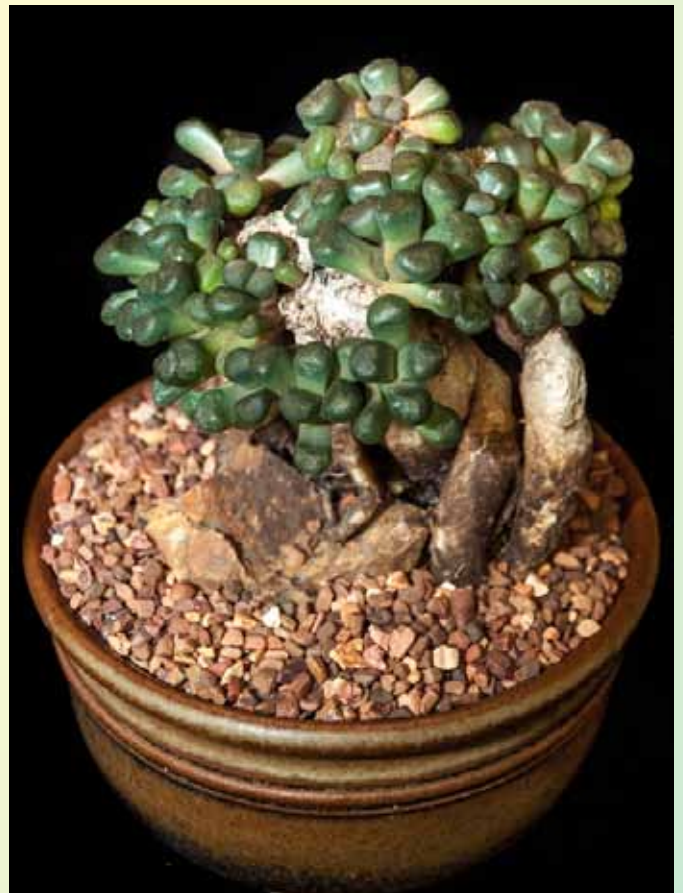
Best Madagascan Plant: *Pachypodium horombense*
Rob Skillin -- *Open*



Best Crested Entry: *Echeveria agavoides* "Beauty"
Linda Drake -- *Advanced*



Best Chihuahuan: *Ariocarpus retusus*
Rob Skillin -- *Open*



Best Mesemb: *Aloinopsis schooneesii*
Kathie Matsuyama -- *Advanced*



Best Euphorbiaceae: *Euphorbia bupleurifolia*
Nick Wilkinson -- *Open*



Best Aloeaceae: *Aloe plicatilis*
Rob Skillin -- *Open*



Best Dish Garden: Various Succulents
Barbara Brooks -- *Novice*



Best Agavaceae: *Yucca endlichiana*
Rob Skillin -- *Open*



Best Rookie Cactus: *Gymnocalycium baldianum*
H. Paul Fountain -- *Novice*



Best Rookie Succulent: *Euphorbia guillauminiana*
Brandon Taylor -- *Novice*



Rarest Plant in Show: *Pseudolithos dodsoniana*
David Westberg -- *Advanced*



Best Staged Novice: *Echeveria "Doris Taylor"*
Ruth Kempton -- *Novice*



Best Succulent Advanced: *Pachypodium brevicaule*
David Westberg -- *Advanced*



Best Staged Open: *Adenium arabicum*
Nick Wilkinson -- *Open*



Best Staged Advanced: *Ariocarpus scapharostrus*
David Westberg -- *Advanced*



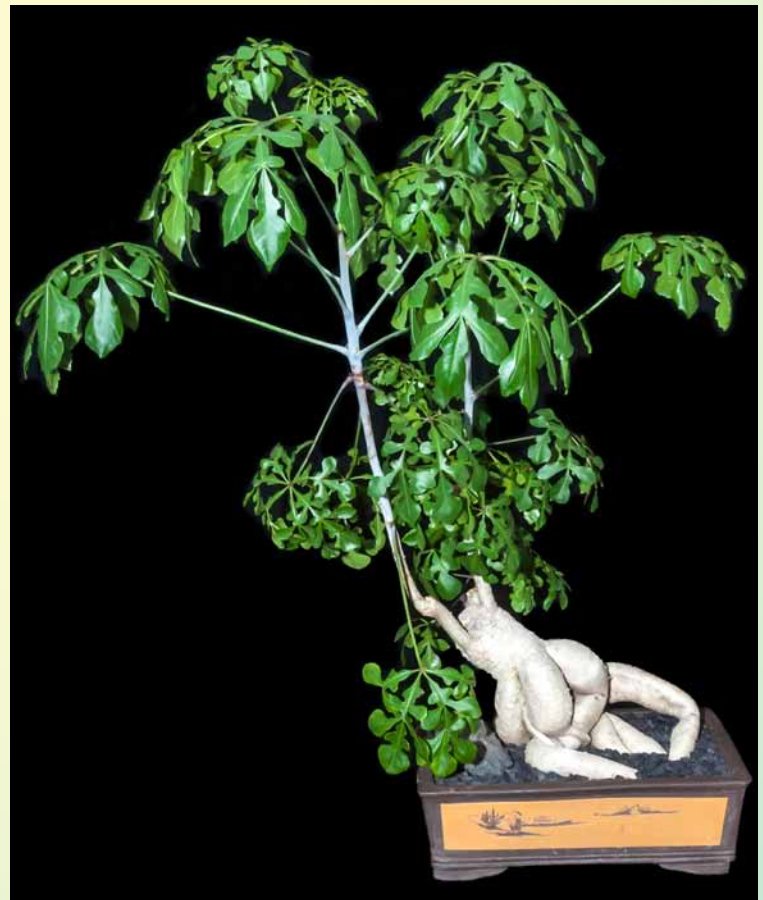
Best Cactus Advanced: *Mammillaria parkinsonii*
Richard Deming -- *Advanced*



Best Educational Display: "Succulent Crests"
Barbara Brooks -- *Novice*



Best Succulent Open: *Fouquieria purpusii*
Nick Wilkinson -- *Open*



Best Succulent Novice: *Cussonia paniculata*
Jim Pang -- *Novice*



Best Cactus Novice: Melocactus sp.
Jim Pang -- *Novice*



Best Cactus Open: Tephrocactus bonnieae
Karen Ostler -- *Open*



Clerk Award (Ann Byrne)
Haworthia cv. by Rob Skillin -- *Open*



Clerk Award (Natasha Erickson)
Rebutia kranziana by Linda Drake -- *Advanced*



Clerk Award (Susan Fishman)
Epithelantha chihuahuensis by
William Munkacsy -- *Open*



Clerk Award
(Ann Erb)
Dudleya
Dishgarden
by Tim Dawson
-- *Advanced*



Clerk Award (Linda Hicks)
Jatropha cathartica (berlandieri)
by Terry Excell -- *Advanced*



Clerk Award (JD Maynard)
Mestoklema arboriforme
by Brandon Taylor -- *Novice*



Clerk Award (Anne Marie Bergen)
Senecio articulatus
by Kim Kaufhold -- *Novice*



Clerk Award (Barbara Brooks)
Multimedia Art, Succulents in California Outline
by Natasha Erickson -- *Novice*



Clerk Award (Carol Mortensen)
Dudleya caespitosa
by Tim Dawson -- *Advanced*

Special thanks to Loring Manley for the beautiful photos, Rob Skillin for the post-production labor, and Ken Byrne, Ann Erb and Barbara Brooks for their invaluable assistance. And a big thanks to all those who entered gorgeous plants, for making this a fantastic show!