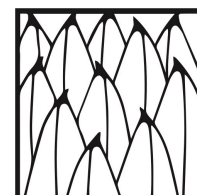


Judging Criteria and Awards

Relating to the

Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society's Annual Show

May 27 & 28, 2023



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
- **Youth, Novice** and **Advanced Categories** are judged against the other plants entered in their Category.
 - In other words, the plant judged best in the class will receive a first place ribbon.
- **Open Category** plants are judged against perfection. This does not mean a plant must be perfect to win first place, but it must be deserving.
 - *If a Open Class has no deserving plants entered*, no first place ribbon will be awarded.
- *Ties* for first place in any class *are discouraged* in each of the three categories, but are permitted for second and third place.
- 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 (Youth, Novice, Advanced, Open)

Special Awards

- **Best Cactus** and **Best Succulent** in each category of entrant (Novice, Advanced and Open) will be listed on permanent trophies.
- **Sponsored Awards**; rosettes will be given in special categories as listed in the show schedule. The sponsors of the awards receive recognition in the schedule.
- An award for **Best Educational Display**, is a plaque donated by the CSSA, *with at least two entries required for it to be awarded*.
- **Outstanding Specimen Awards**; nine rosettes will be awarded at the discretion of the judges' clerks.
- Only one special award will be allowed per entry.