

Espinas y Flores



No Meeting this Month

Visit our Show and Sale on June 1st - 2nd to buy some great plants and see some incredible specimens! See Page 2

Please bring in plants for the show! Novice and cactus categories are particularly welcome!

July Meeting: Member Appreciation!

See page 6 for details on July Meeting





On the cover: Our show and sale is a great opportunity to see spectacular specimens of succulents and cacti you may have never seen before! Photo of 2019 Winter Show and Sale, courtesy of Whitney Meier.

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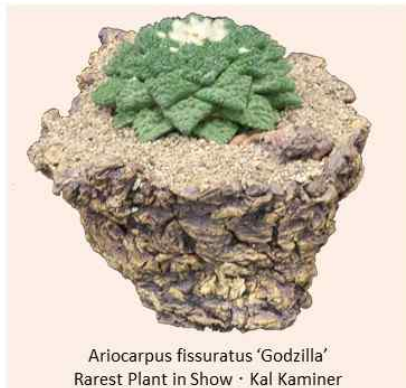
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SHOW & SALE
JUNE 1 & 2

Balboa Park
 Casa del Prado

Open to the Public
 Free Admission



Ariocarpus fissuratus 'Godzilla'
 Rarest Plant in Show - Kal Kaminer

Auction · Spectacular Show Plants Rare, Exotic Plants & Handmade Pottery for Sale

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| Saturday, June 1 | 9am – 11am | Member's Only Shopping* |
| | 11am – 5pm | Plant Sale Open to Public |
| | 10am – 3pm | Plant Show |
| Sunday, June 2 FAMILY DAY | 10am – 4pm | Plant Sale & Show |
| | 10am – 1pm | Interactive Planting Activities for Kids! |
| | 1pm – 2pm | Adult Class |
| | 2pm | Plant Auction |

*Join online at <https://www.sdcss.net/membership>

For show specifications and classes, as well as information about auction items, go to

<https://www.sdcss.net/2019-summer-show-sale-info>

***To get in early, make sure your dues are up to
 date for your membership!***

**You can renew on our website (<https://www.sdcss.net/payment>), via mail or in-person at
 the show and sale.**

WE still need VOLUNTEERS for our Show and Sale. Security across the board would really help. We need more cashiers and scanners for Sunday. The clean-up and breakdown team could use some help on Sunday afternoon. We need some people to man an info table in the line answering questions about the plants they are buying. **This is a great opportunity for you to become involved in SDCSS.** Please join up for a great weekend event. Contact



We are also seeking auction-worthy specimens for our auction on Sunday! Members may submit plants to an auction by 10:30 AM on Sunday. Owners may choose to donate their plants or retain 70% of the sale price. There will be a table set up for drop off and tickets. Questions may be directed to Jim Reiser or Bill O'Daniel.

President's Message

Our summer show and sale is almost here!



This event is our premier yearly event for a variety of important reasons. The sale aspect draws thousands to our Balboa venue because we offer a very eclectic mix of cactus, succulents and hand-crafted pottery. In our last meeting someone asked what we do with the proceeds. Any earnings from our sales finance our mission, which is to promote knowledge, study and interest in cactus. We do this through maintenance of a public garden, speakers, field trips, scientific endowments, and educational programs. These are funded by

this sale and also keep our membership dues very reasonable. The show portion of our event gives our members a chance to show the public our specimens, personal cactus and succulents, as well as have some fun with the competitive judging aspect of our endeavors. In summary: thank you for volunteering, selling, attending or otherwise supporting our mission!

Mary and Jim Reiser



Tips for MEMBERS ONLY (Shopping) HOUR– July Show and Sale

- Please remember to bring your **paper membership card** with the expiration date through June 2019 or later. Join the line waiting for the 9 AM entrance if you brought your card.
- **If it has been misplaced or you need to renew or join** please go to the curb side table with the helpful staff who will either look up your name on the current membership list or help you renew or join.
- Cash or checks are accepted at this table.
- Don't forget to stop by the wonderful show plants.
- There are holding tables for purchased and not yet purchased plants as they cannot be taken into the show area.



Here is a cartoon from the newsletter archives- January 1970 edition.



SDCSS 2018 Financial Statements



The 2018 annual financial statements for the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society have been completed and are being made available to our membership. These statements are comprised of the Balance Sheet and detailed Income Statement (accrual accounting).

[2018 Financial Statement](#)

[2018 Balance Sheet](#)

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MAY BRAG TABLE RESULTS

CACTUS

Photos listed from left to right, top to bottom.

Novice

Photos and accounting by Denise Huntsman-Griffin

- 1st Place: Shawn Soutiere- *Ferocactus viridescens*
 2nd Place: Chris Gleason- *Echinocereus rigidissimus*
 var. *rubispinus* (not pictured)

Intermediate

- 1st Place: Sue Thomas- *Echinocereus pectinatus*
 2nd Place: Chuck Ramey- *Opuntia azurea*
 3rd Place: Denise Griffin- *Puna bonnieae*

Advanced

- 1st Place: Brian Shepherd- *Echinocereus dasyacanthus*
 2nd Place: Brian Shepherd- *Micropuntia tubercullosirhophalica*
 3rd Place: Mary Reiser- *Gymnocalycium quehlianum*
 crested



SUCCULENTS

Novice

- 1st Place: Linda Sanders- *Echeveria* sp.
 2nd Place: Linda Sanders- *Crassula rubricaulis*
 3rd Place: Shawn Soutiere- *Haworthiopsis attenuata*

Intermediate

- 1st Place: Chuck Ramey- *Ruschia* sp.
 2nd Place: Wanda Mallen- *Euphorbia venefica* x *groenwaldi*
 3rd Place: Wanda Mallen- *Euphorbia lactea*
 'variegata'

Advanced

- 1st Place: Kelly Griffin- *Lithops aucampiae*
 2nd Place: Kelly Griffin- *Lithops aucampiae*
 (Kuruman form)
 3rd Place: Phyllis Flechsigs- Dish Garden



SAVE THE DATE: JULY 6TH MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

Hello club members! July is the month when we get to take a collective breathe. Our hard work for the year is behind us. You know what that means; it's **celebration** time!

The board gets the honor of thanking each of you for your hard work and generous contributions that make our club a success. We could not do it without you. We have a special day planned for the July meeting.

Do not miss it!!! We are starting the meeting at 12:00- that's an hour early. Why? Because we have three internationally recognized speakers for our main program.

Please join us for lunch, which will be served at 11:30

12:00- Meeting starts

12:30- Julia Etter & Martin Kristen will present "Quebradas of Durango - Mexico's Golden Triangle"

1:30- The special brag table--- Only Dish Gardens Allowed

2:15- Atilla Kapitany will present "Australian Ant-Plants – Amazing Plant Relationships with Insects"

We look forward to celebrating with you!



Left: Martin Kristen and Julia Etter enjoying the scenery in the Tatacoa desert of Colombia. **Right:** A dissection of the tuber of an ant plant, in which tissue dies back and hollow chambers form. These chambers allow ants to enter the plant.

COFFEE IN THE GARDEN IN POINT LOMA

3634 Hyacinth Drive 92106

29 June 2019

10:00AM-02:00PM



The *Bombax* shaving brushes will be gone, but Ana & Herb Stern invite you to join them under one of SD Airport's flight departure paths, where the jet fuel drips down on the plants. There will be coffee and other refreshments. The front yard is small, but densely-packed with plants. The grass was removed in 1990; since then lots of plants have come and gone, pretty much destroying the original plan. As such, it serves as a lesson in what not to do. The only original plant from before we added in is an olive tree, now on death's door step.



There is a narrow path, hence caution is needed to negotiate it. Back yard can be entered through the garage. There are numerous steps. You can also gain entrance to the back from the dirt alley where there is room for one car to park. Do not block the alley. Rear entry is over uneven ground. Plenty of street parking. Herb is getting on in years and needs to lighten his work load in the garden. A number of substantial plants will be for sale including *Operculacaria ded-caryi*, *Bombax ellipticum*, *Ficus*, *Beaucarnea recur-vata* and lots of other stuff. Cash only, please.

Conservation



.....the preservation and management of Earth's biodiversity to protect species, their habitats and ecosystems. Our last three consecutive program speakers mentioned that illegal harvesting of plants in their natural environments is on the rise. In fact, according to the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) cacti species alone are some of the most threatened taxonomic groups in the world—more threatened than birds or mammals. We continue to see massive developments, mining and other infrastructure depleting our open spaces and cactus habitats.

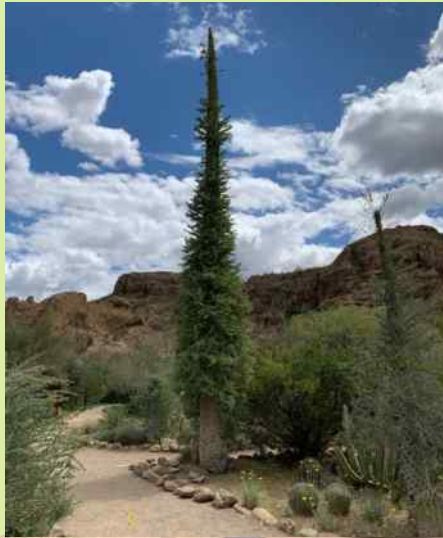
Our club is looking at adding the word “conservation” to our bylaws and mission statement. We feel that in our present world we want our voice heard and want to keep conservation

as one of our goals. We explicitly intend to support conservation, hold ourselves accountable for proper sourcing of our collections and actively promote activities that preserve species.

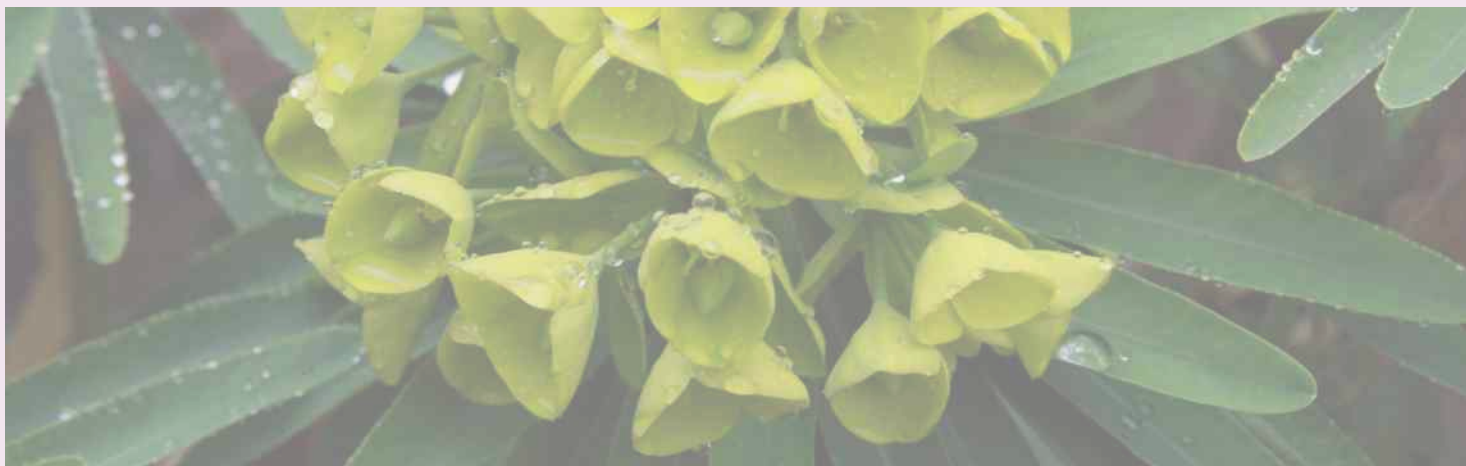
There are many ways to achieve this: cactus species can be protected simply by collecting seeds from your plants and giving them to the CSSA seed bank. You can volunteer for plant rescue as opportunities present themselves. Another simple way is to grow cactus from trusted seed sources. Other more bold and complex conservation methods are accomplished through the use of conservation easements and the stewardship of land through a trust ensuring perpetual protection. There are also political objectives to protect land through thoughtful land planning and development. Last, but not least, we will voice our concerns and demand action regarding the prohibition of illegal plant harvesting. If you have any insight or wish to discuss this further please email Jim and Mary Reiser at calcactus11@aol.com or May-Fong Ho at membership@sdcss.net. — **Jim Reiser**

2019 Phoenix Trip Photos

A caravan of SDCSS members attended the Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society's Plant Show and Sale this April at the Phoenix Botanic Garden. They also checked out the Boyce Thomas Garden on their trip.



Shown from top left down: 1) Some of the plants for sale at the CACSS Show and Sale. **2)** A spectacular Boojum tree (*Fouquieria columnaris*) at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum. **3)** Leslie and Christine check out an *Opuntia*. **4)** Co-presidents Mary and Jim in the pollinator garden, a garden close to their hearts. **Top Right down: 1)** Group photo, left to right: Stan Yaloff, Christine Vargas, Leslie Sheridan, Tina Zucker, Mary Reiser, May-Fong-Ho, Jim Reiser and Sue Thomas. **2)** Sue, Leslie and Jim enjoying the show. **3)** Jim, Mary and Christine becoming one with the landscape.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 25-26** Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society, Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo, CA Info: 805-237-2054
- June 1-2** **San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Summer Show and Sale, Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA**
- June 8-9** **San Diego Bromeliad Society Show and Sale– Painting with Bromeliads, Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA, 10 am to 4 pm.**
- June 8-9** Fresno Cactus and Succulent Society, Clovis Veterans Memorial District, 808 Fourth Street, Clovis, CA
- June 29-30** CSSA Annual Show and Sale, The Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino
- July 6th** ***San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Meeting, Rm 101 Plant sale starting at 10 AM, Lunch at 11:30 AM, Meeting Commences early at 12:00, 2 guest speakers and a dish garden brag table***
- July 17-20** CSSA 2019 Convention in San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo Veterans Memorial Building, 801 Grand Ave, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
- August 10th** ***San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Meeting, Rm 101 Plant sale starting at 10 AM, 11 AM Pre-meeting workshop, 12:30 New Member Orientation, 1:00 PM Meeting Commences, 2:30 Guest Speaker***
- August 10-11** Annual Inter-city Show and Sale, LA County Arboretum, 301 No. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA, Info: Tom Glavich: (626) 798-2430 or Artie Chavez (818) 482-8795
- August 31** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium, The Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA, Info: (626) 405-3504
- September 14** Long Beach Cactus Club Fall Show: Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd, Long Beach, CA 90615. Info: (310) 922-6090
- September 14** Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society: Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino, CA