



# CACTUS CHRONICLE



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society (LACSS) cultivates the study & enjoyment of cacti & succulent plants through educational programs & activities that promote the hobby within a community of fellow enthusiasts & among the greater public.

Monthly Meeting Program : July

# AUSTRALIAN ANT PLANTS

*"Amazing plant relationships with insects"*

Mr. Attila Kapitany is a well known international speaker. He was brought to my attention through our very own aim Chavez, who has spoken very highly of Mr. Kapitany. He is visiting the United States, from Australia, to offer several speaking engagements including at The CSSA Convention this year. I am excited to be able to offer Mr. Atilla Kapitany's presentation to our club. I anticipate it being very interesting and educational.

Some of the most weird and unusual plants in the world. 'Ant -plants' or more correctly 'Ant-house plants' are highly evolved succulents. Attila will also showing other succulents that grow with them. Unlike Attila's usual talks which cover desert plants from Sandy arid regions of the continent, this is a look at the exciting plants that can be found on or near the East Coast of Australia and often closer to cities. Here you will see and learn about some of the weirdest succulent plants in the world, including some very unusual orchids.

**Ron Behar**  
V.P. Programs



REFRESHMENTS FOR JULY!

LAST NAMES STARTING  
WITH: **R - W**

SEE YOU AT THE JULY MEETING

**TUESDAY, JULY 2ND**

THE ONE GENERATION CENTER  
18255 VICTORY BLVD,  
RESEDA, CA 91335



# ATTILA KAPITANY



Attila Kapitany is a leading expert on Australian succulents. He has written and co-authored 17 books on cacti and succulents including large tomes on Copiapoa and Echeveria. Nearly 40 years ago, with his brother Jenó, he developed and established several nurseries, both wholesale and retail, that are now Australia's largest centres for succulent research, development and marketing. He has since left the commercial business to continue and expand what he loves doing the best - promoting the passion for plants to others.

For several decades, Attila's professional and private life has been consumed by the appreciation and promotion of these plants to the collector, the gardener and the general public. He has regularly appeared on television, radio and stages around the country and internationally.

In the last 15 years he has become best known for his work with Australian native succulents and other xerophytes including bottle trees and boabs.

Most recently, along with the Australian Government, Attila helped organise a series of postage stamps featuring his favourite plants.



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# A Word From Our President



## Hi everyone!

Before I start I want to remind everyone we are meeting at ONEgeneration July 2, which is a Tuesday. The address is 18255 Victory Blvd Reseda CA. The doors open at 6:00PM but if you want to come help set up we would appreciate all the help we can get. We will start set up at 5:30PM.

It is hard to believe the June Festival is already over! There is so much planning and behind the scenes work to make it the success it is every year. I hope everyone bought some great plants, I know I did. I actually won some really beautiful Dudleyas in the Silent Auction. There are so many people to thank for their incredible work that they have put into the festival.

**Artie and Jim E** were really great show chairs and everything just ran so smooth under their control. **Debi and Roxie** (along with your incredible crew did an amazing job at Club Plant Sales. **Kal and Artie** did a great job of recruiting vendors and organizing positions. **Gretchen** was there for 2 days straight, I don't even know if she got a chance to go home. **Tim and John** were really great auctioneers. **Karen O** did a superb job on the interior show. **Barbara H** did a great job organizing the Saturday night bbq dinner and we had some amazing plants in the auction. Thank you, **Manny** for your judging of plants. **Ron and Ilona** signed up many new members. **Jeannette and Tracy** rocked the kitchen. **Kathleen** is the Pied Piper of Kids' Day with close to 200 kids going through the program. Plus, wasn't that French Toast amazing on Sunday?! **Joyce and Rose** are truly a strength with their organization skills and getting so many great volunteers. Thank you to all the volunteers, there were so many of you. We could not have done this without you. I really want to thank the vendors for having so many wonderful plants, pottery and crafts. **Kimberly T** did the beautiful postcards and programs. I am sure I missed a lot of you and I am sorry but I thank all of you for your hard work. I think there will be other departments thanking their teams individually.

I am looking forward to the Inter-City Show and Sale plus our September Sale! We are as a club so lucky to have an amazing board and they really have been working hard. We need you. If you would like to get more involved but not sure where, come talk to us. We are always looking for key people to step up and be a part of the team.

July meeting is a must see. We are so lucky that one of the international speakers that will be speaking at the CSSA Convention is coming a little early to speak to just a small handful of local clubs. Attila Kapitany spoke at our club a few years ago and he was magnificent. He is very entertaining and I am so excited he will be our July speaker. Trust me, you won't want to miss it.

We had a wonderful POM last month and I hope everyone will keep on showing. I think everyone's favorite was my favorite. I look forward to seeing more of your plants.

It has been pretty hot these days and I hope you are checking your plants to make sure they aren't getting sunburned. A little more water, but not when it is too hot as the plants won't take it in.

See You Tuesday July 2nd, 6:00PM at ONEgeneration.

Sincerely,  
**Kim Chavez**

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# PLANT OF THE MONTH

## JUNE RESULTS

### SUCCULENT - FAVORITES

#### ROOKIE

<b>FIRST</b>	EUPHORBIA MEDUSA	SUSAN PHILLIPS
<b>SECOND</b>	HAWORTH'S AEONIUM	ARMIDA HARO
<b>SECOND</b>	FOCKEA EDULIS	ANGELA CLUBB
<b>THIRD</b>	OPERCULICARYA DECARYI	ANGELA CLUBB

#### NOVICE

<b>FIRST</b>	AGAVE POTATORUM 'KISHIO-KAN'	FELIPE DELGADO
<b>SECOND</b>	MARQUITA'S AEONIUM	KATHLEEN MISKO
<b>SECOND</b>	LEDEBOURIA CONCOLOR	DEBI HEAPS
<b>SECOND</b>	PACHYPODIUM BISPINOSOM	DEBI HEAPS
<b>THIRD</b>	CRYPTANTHUS BIVITTATUS	DEBI HEAPS

#### ADVANCED

<b>FIRST</b>	CYPHOSTEMMA SANDERSONII	KATHRYN BOORER
<b>SECOND</b>	EUPHORBIA BONGOLAVENSIS	ROXIE & JIM ESTERLE
<b>THIRD</b>	EUPHORBIA CREST	KATHRYN BOORER

#### OPEN

<b>FIRST</b>	PACHYPODIUM LAMEREI CREST	O'CALLAGHAN & TONG
<b>SECOND</b>	DYCKIA 'BAKER'S DOMAIN'	BRYAN CHAN
<b>THIRD</b>	EUPHORBIA 'ZIGZAG'	RIO CERNIK



### PLANT OF THE MONTH 2019

**JULY**  
Mammillaria with hooked spines  
Lithops

**AUGUST**  
Rebutia  
Commiphora

**SEPTEMBER**  
Astrophytum  
Euphorbia from Madagascar

**OCTOBER**  
Opuntiod from South America  
Adromischus

**NOVEMBER**  
Variegated  
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DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY

### PLANT OF THE MONTH 2020

**JANUARY**  
Turbinicarpus & Gymnocactus  
Tylecodon

**FEBRUARY**  
Buiningia & Uebelmannia  
Aloe species

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<b>SECOND</b>	ECHINOFOSSULOCACTUS LLOYDII	NICK STEINHARDT
<b>SECOND</b>	SULCOREBUTIA RAUSCHII VAR. VIOLACIDERMIS	JOHN VAN UNER
<b>SECOND</b>	UEBELMANNIA PECTINIFERA	JOHN VAN UNER
<b>THIRD</b>	ASTROPHYTUM HYBRID	NICK STEINHARDT
<b>THIRD</b>	ASTROPHYTUM MYRIOSTIGMA	JANICE ANDERSON

#### NOVICE

<b>FIRST</b>	ASTROPHYTUM ASTERIAS	O'CALLAGHAN & TONG
<b>SECOND</b>	GYMNOCALYCIUM VATTERI	DEBI HEAPS
<b>SECOND</b>	THELOCACTUS RINCONENSIS	DEBI HEAPS
<b>SECOND</b>	ECHINOCEREUS BRANDEGEEI	DEBI HEAPS
<b>THIRD</b>	COPIAPOA TENUISSIMA MONSTROSE	O'CALLAGHAN & TONG
<b>THIRD</b>	MAMMILLARIA "FRED"	O'CALLAGHAN & TONG

#### ADVANCED

<b>FIRST</b>	MAMMILLARIA "FRED"	KATHRYN BOORER
<b>SECOND</b>	OBREGONIA DENEGRII CREST	KATHRYN BOORER
<b>THIRD</b>	THELOCACTUS LOPHOTHELE	KATHRYN BOORER

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<b>FIRST</b>	ERIOCEPHALA MAGNIFICA CREST	KAREN OSTLER
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Haworthia

**APRIL**  
Obregonia, Strombocactus,  
Ortegocactus  
Agave

**MAY**  
Small cacti & succulent staged as  
miniature

**JUNE**  
Favorites





**HI MEMBERS!  
DO YOU LOVE SEEING  
PLANT <sup>OF</sup> THE MONTH  
PHOTO RECAP?**

**IT WOULD REALLY HELP US  
IF THE PLANTS  
AND PLANT TAGS  
WERE LEFT AT THE STAGE  
JUST A LITTLE LONGER  
AFTER MANNY ANNOUNCES  
THE WINNERS, SO THAT WE CAN  
ACCURATELY NOTATE THE  
PLANT INFO AND OWNER!**



# JUNE PLANT OF THE MONTH PHOTOS

Photo credit: Collin O'Callaghan & Kimberly Tong



**ERIOCEPHALA MAGNIFICA CREST**  
KAREN & MARTIN OSTLER



**PACHYPODIUM LAMEREI CREST**  
COLLIN O'CALLAGHAN & KIMBERLY TONG



**ASTROPHYTUM ASTERIAS CLUSTER**  
COLLIN O'CALLAGHAN & KIMBERLY TONG



**GYMNOCALYCIUM VATTERLI**  
DEBI HEAPS



**WHAT-A-BEAUTY SP.**  
(TAGS WERE REMOVED TOO QUICK, INFO UNKNOWN)



**AGAVE POTATORUM 'KISHIO-KAN'**  
FELIPE DELGADO



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**EPITHELANTHA MICROMERIS**  
JOHN VAN UNEN



**EUPHORBIA BONGOLAVENSIS**  
ROXIE & JIM ESTERLE



**HAWORTHIA TRUNCATA 'LIME GREEN'**  
RON BEHAR



**MAMMILLARIA 'FRED' MONSTROSE**  
BARBARA HALL



**COPIAPOA HYPOGEA**  
KATHRYN BOORER



**EUPHORBIA MEDUSA**  
SUSAN PHILLIPS



**ECHINOCEERUS BRANDEGEEI**  
DEBI HEAPS



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KATHLEEN MISKO



**DYCKIA 'BAKER'S DOMAIN'**  
BRYAN CHAN



**PACHYPODIUM BISIPINOSUM**  
DEBI HEAPS



**CYPHOSTEMMA SANDERSONII**  
KATHRYN BOORER



**PSEUDOLITHOS CUBIFORMIS**  
SANDY CHASE



# JULY PLANT OF THE MONTH

## MAMMILLARIA WITH HOOKED SPINES BY KYLE WILLIAMS

Photo Credits: Kyle Williams

Mammillaria is quite possibly the most popular genus of cacti, and is usually one of the first succulents a person buys. There are several reasons for this. With nearly 200 species, Mammillaria is one of the larger genera in the Cactaceae, which means there is an enormous amount of variety to choose from. Some species are fingernail size, others solitary globular plants, some are straight spined, some form sizeable clumps, while others are heavily spined with hooks. It is these hook spine species, often called fishhooks, that we focus on this month.

Mammillarias, both straight and hooked spined, are ubiquitous at any nursery, big box store, or even supermarket that sells plants. Most species are small, easy to grow, and have a "cute" factor that make even non-gardeners want to buy one for their patio or windowsill. The most commonly grown species are also quite tolerant of abuse and neglect. Hooked spine species such as *M. bombicyna* have an attractive contrast between the small white radial spines and the large hooked spine. Be careful handling these plants as the spines act like sharp velcro and will stick to your fingers very easily and are a pain to remove. While some fishhook species are closely related, two species having hooks



*Mammillaria duwei*



*Mammillaria bombicyna*



*Mammillaria saffordii*

does not necessarily mean they are more related to each other than to straight spine species.

One of the most distinctive features of Mammillaria are flowers born in the axils of the tubercles that as a group form a ring around the stem. They are usually small, but many can be open at once providing a nice display. Flowers range in color from white and yellow to pink and red. Other species have orange, salmon, or even bicolor flowers.

Mammillaria ranges from Columbia all the way to Canada. Approximately ten species are found in the south western portion of the United States, including California. The heart of Mammillaria diversity is Mexico however. Most species occur there and you can see the full range of variation the genus has to offer. While some species are extremely hardy (particularly the North American species), others are more frost sensitive. Almost all Mammillaria will do just fine in Southern California, with little or no winter protection, as long as they are potted in a freely draining potting mix. If you live in areas that get hard frost in the winter (e.g. the Antelope Valley) be sure to check the frost tolerance of your species.

The secrets to good growth are a continual supply of water and fertilizer during the growing season (typically from March through October), strong light, intense heat if available, and maintenance of a clean and insect free growing environment. Many people starve and under water their plants, in attempt to avoid rot. Most Mammillaria will take quite a bit of water and fertilizer when in growth. During the summer heat growth slows for a time, picking up again when the weather cools, before stopping around Thanksgiving.



# JULY PLANT <sup>OF</sup> THE MONTH

## LITHOPS BY KYLE WILLIAMS

Photo Credits: Kyle Williams



*Lithops otzeniana*

For this month's succulent we look at a genus everyone is familiar with, Lithops, the Living Stones. It belongs to the Aizoaceae which also includes some plants anyone can tell are related, like Conophytum and Pleiospilos, as well as plants not as similar, such as woody, branched caudiciforms like Mestoklema. There are approximately 36 species of Lithops, all of which have the same basic form of a small, stemless, fat plant with patterning on top and a fissure down the middle that is mostly buried in the soil. What makes the genus so in-teresting is how much variation you can have within an extremely similar basic body plan.

All Lithops are native to southern Africa. In terms of countries, virtually every wild Lithops is native to either South Africa or Namibia. A few small populations are known from Botswana as well. This

range makes sense with Lithops preference for arid regions with low humidity and comparatively cooler nights than you'd find further north in the more tropical zones. They prefer to grow in open rocky areas with mineral soils in full sun. Excep-tions exist, but in cultivation all species have similar requirements, though some are touchier to mistreatment than others.

While Lithops likes full sun in its native habitat, it likes protection from hot afternoon sun in cultivation. Why is this? For one, we like to grow them higher than they would be in the wild. That means more of the plant is exposed to the hot sun. Also, in a pot the soil can heat up quite a bit, stressing the roots. In the wild you usually only see the tops of the plants sticking up out of the soil. That means most of the plant is protected from the sun. As the sun can only heat the very uppermost layer of soil, most of the plant is insulated from the heat. During dormancy in the hottest times of year the plant shrinks down even further, almost completely sinking be-low the soil in some cases. Interestingly, the tops of Lithops are often windowed which allows filtered sun throughout the plant. This means even parts of the plant below the soil can photosynthesize.

Almost everyone likes Lithops. How could you not? They are cute and strange, plus they stay small and are sold everywhere. However, many new and even somewhat experienced growers stay away from them believing they are hard to grow. They really aren't so long as you can follow a few simple rules. Put them in a very well draining mix as soggy soil leads to rot. Give them good light as they will get stretched in the shade. Most importantly, know when to water them and when to not. They have two dormancy periods in our climate. One is during the winter. If it is cold and wet out, keep them dry. You don't have to worry about the cold itself though as they can take light frost. Then water in the spring when the weather starts to warm and keep going to mid-summer. When it starts getting hot around this time of year let them go completely dry a gain. In short, if the weather is nice, water. If we are in our cold season or our hottest season then keep them dry. Even if they shrivel a bit it is no big deal, they'll plump up again when the time is right. Everything about them is designed to withstand drought.



*Lithops leslei v. rubrobrunnea*



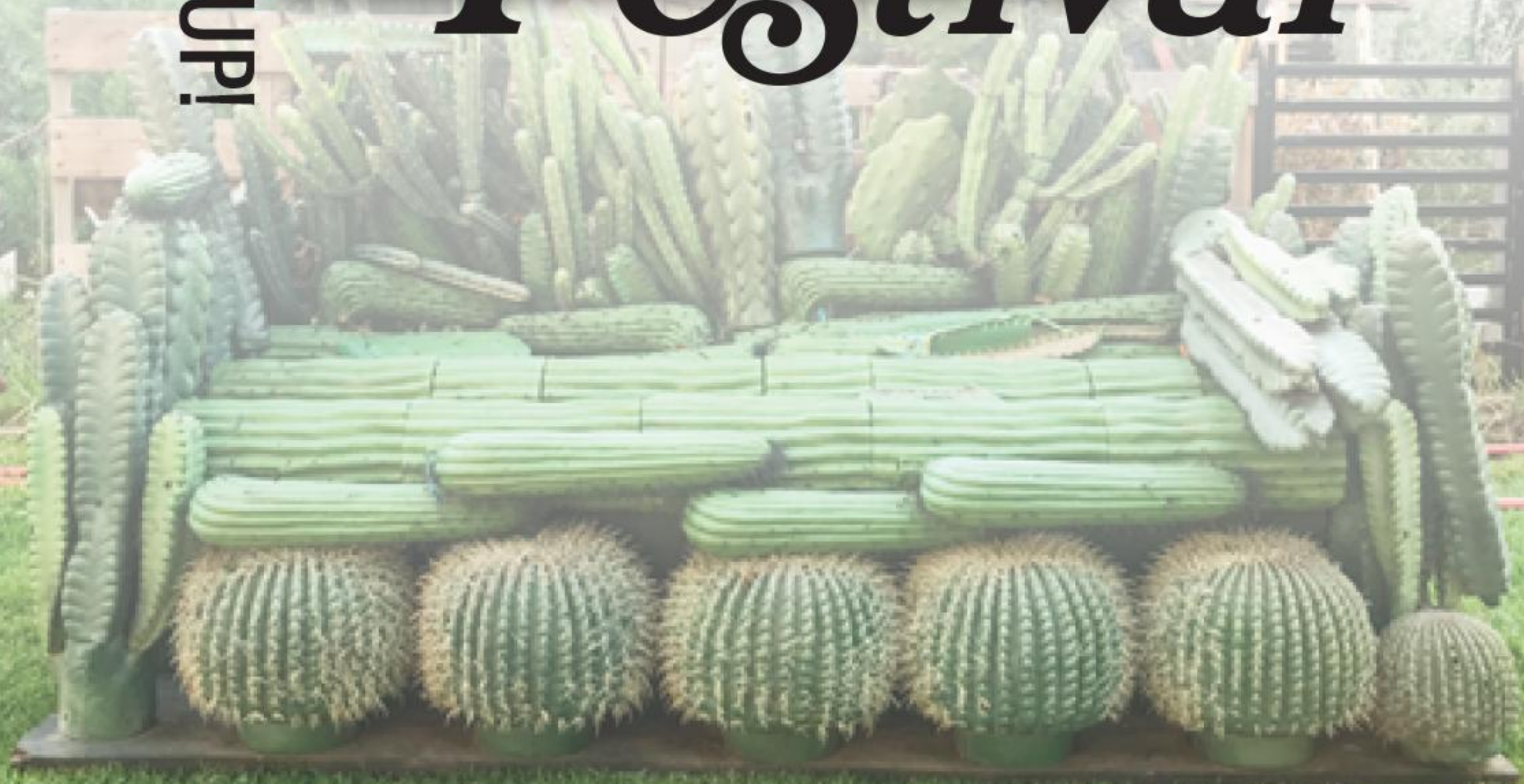
*Lithops fulviceps*



2019 LACSS

# *Drought Tolerant Plant Festival*

ROUND UP!







# GREENHOUSE NOTES

BY KAREN OSTLER

2019 LACSS

*Drought  
Tolerant  
Plant  
Festival* EDITION

**WOW** I certainly hope all of you were able to make it to our annual Festival this year; it was wonderful. Plants, plants and more plants and all of them our beloved cactus and succulents. There were plants for all levels of ability and from rare to commonplace. I had a ball!

The Interior Show was wonderful as well; with 106 entries, 10 Open competitors, 6 Advanced, 6 Novice and 6 Rookie entries. Great participation; but I know there are Rookies and Novices out there that would have done very well if they had only entered. One word of advice for those that didn't enter; the only way you can win a ribbon or a trophy is to enter. Don't think your plants aren't good enough, no one starts as an expert; we all have been in your place. So next year participate and maybe you will be like Kent and Barbara Butterworth and win a trophy for Best Rookie Cactus.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers that worked the Interior Show on Saturday and Sunday, your hard work made it all possible. During set-up on Friday Rosemary Ecker and Christine Patrick were fast and efficient even though it was an entirely new arrangement.

My right hand Jennifer Bensi; an always smiling face greeting our visitors on both days: and running things when I wasn't there. DiAnne Cabanne, Eli Mann, John Van Unen, Pat Villegas, Jimmy Degeeter, Anita Hamlin, Barbara Brody, Nicki and Peter Larson, Susan Philips, Kandi and Don Sonderstrom all worked greeting visitors, handing out tokens for voting and explaining the Show, even when they weren't sure they knew anything about the plants. One thing we all have in common is that we mostly know more than most of our visitors and having to explain to them proves to ourselves how much we really do know!

#### TROPHIES:

BEST SUCCULENT ROOKIE: ELSA HARO RAPP- AEONIUM "SUNBURST" CREST.

BEST CACTUS ROOKIE: BARBARA AND KENT BUTTERWORTH-ACANTHOCEREUS TETRAGONUS "FAIRY CASTLES."

BEST SUCCULENT NOVICE: KIMBERLY TONG AND COLLIN O'CALLAGHAN-PACHYPODIUM LAMEREI CREST.

BEST CACTUS NOVICE: HARRY GSABAYAN; ARIOCARPUS RETUSUS MONSTROSE.

BEST SUCCULENT ADVANCED: KATHRYN BOORER-EUPHORBIA SP. CREST.

BEST CACTUS ADVANCED: KATHRYN BOORER-EULYCHNIA CASTENEA "SPIRALIS."

BEST SUCCULENT OPEN: BRYAN CHAN- ECHEVERIA SP. CREST.

BEST CACTUS OPEN: KAREN AND MARTIN OSTLER-ERIOCEPHALA MAGNIFICA CREST.

BEST IN SHOW: ARTIE AND KIM CHAVEZ- FOCKEA EDULIS VARIEGATE.

BEST DISPLAY (AND CSSA EDUCATIONAL TROPHY): KIMBERLY TONG AND COLLIN O'CALLAGHAN- ASTROPHYTUMS.

BEST COMMERCIAL DISPLAY: KAL KAMINER; NEVER ENOUGH CACTUS-GRAFTING

I hope to see more of you entering and volunteering next year!

Karen Ostler



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# Drought Tolerant Plant Festival

# PHOTO ALBUM

Photo credit: Ron Cooper





# From the Stacks of the Library

2019 LACSS



*Drought  
Tolerant  
Plant  
Festival*

BY JOYCE SCHUMANN

## THANK YOU LETTER TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

Well, folks, you did it again!! The Annual Drought Tolerant Plant Festival was a huge success due to your commitment of time and energy. A big THANK YOU to all who stayed longer than the scheduled 2 hour time slot. Many of you stayed for four hours and some even spent the entire day, or the entire two days tending to the various needs of the task and area assigned. You were the backbone of the Festival's success.

The Festival Committee and the Volunteer Coordinator (me) offer our gratitude to all listed below for their fun-loving approach to making sure our visitors will return next year. If I have left any one off the list, I sincerely apologize.

In no particular order:

Al Mindel, Amanda Gore, Amber Jordyn, Amanda Erlanson, Anita Hamlin, Barbara Brody, Bonnie Ikemura, Brenda Kanno, Charlotte Yerke, Cherie Mann, Christine Patrick, Debi Heaps, Diane Cabanne, Elliot David, Elsa Rapp, Armida Haro (Elsa's Mother), Don Soderstrom, Erica Freeman, Eric Miller, Felipe Delgado, Gail Bixby, Freddie Anderson, Efen Flores, Elizabeth Flores, Eli Mann, Angela Clubb, Sandra Serrano, Kent Butterworth, Jennifer Culp, Kandie Soderstrom, Jennie Summer, Philip Delgado, Jamie Heaps, Jan Wittenberg, Jennae Amas, Jennifer Bensi, Jim Geeter, John VanUnen, Juana Williams, Karen Holley, Kathy Gogol, Lisa Anderson, John Suciu, Merkie Rowen, Michael Patrick, Miguel Delgado, Kevin Altar, Kristen Dmitrik, Leah Imamura, Loris Ayzvazyan, Nicki Larson, Peter Larson, Nick Steinhardt, Nicolene Bova, Pat Villegas, Phyllis Polakow, Roger Cohen, Rose Polito, Rosemary Ecker, Sean Barth, Stan Kaplan, Steffanie Delgado, Steve Rudolph, Sue Ann Chui, Susan Phillips, Sylvia Johnson, Sylvia Strehlo, Richard Broome, Veronica Gore, Tricia Degeete, Devon Degeete, Tom McKenna.

Peety Pots, June Pots, Gerald Pots, Happy Hour Ceramics, and Jilly Pots each generously donated a pot to help us thank the volunteers for their efforts. We will have a random drawing of five volunteers who will be awarded one of the pots. You must be present at the July meeting to win.

See you at the Fall Sale.

Go team LACSS!!

See you soon,

Joyce



2019 LACSS

# BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE HOMEGROWN PLANT SALE

## *Drought Tolerant Plant Festival*

This year's HomeGrown Plant Sale was the most successful ever. Furthermore, it was an especially rewarding experience for the many volunteers who worked there. We'd like to share some of the reasons why we felt so good about the sale.

First, at the members' table, we had an abundance of plants (thanks to Bonnie Ikemura - please see special appreciation below). Our ten tables were packed with donations, and a backup supply was stashed underneath the tables. All the plants were rooted and stable, minimizing accidental spills. With plenty of volunteer help, we were able to price almost all plants in advance, making transactions fast and easy.

Most important, we had a terrific team of volunteers who were knowledgeable and passionate about succulents. So many visitors were just beginning to appreciate these fantastic plants, and sought specifics about their growing needs and unique characteristics. Teaching the visitors about the plants is extremely satisfying, and also greatly appreciated by the new buyers. Keeping up with the energy of the eight silent auctions at the closing bell was an intense and exciting experience.

We especially want to thank Manny Rivera, Nils Schirmacher, Eli Mann, Stan Kaplan, John Sucio, Madelyn Gordon, Christine Patrick, and \_\_\_ for putting in extensive hours before and during the show. In addition, there is a quiet and humble person working "under the radar" to support our club, and she deserves to be specially recognized: Bonnie Ikemura.

You may have seen Bonnie organizing food in the kitchen, serving her delicious desserts, or donating handsome plants. In addition to supporting LACSS, Bonnie is an active member of the Sunset Succulent Society. During the summer, she volunteers at the Inter-City Show and the CSSA Show. Generosity is a way of life for Bonnie.

For our Festival last weekend, Bonnie began preparing 8 months ago! She regularly visited her neighbor Kitching Ambrosia's garden, collecting cuttings: aloes, agaves, senecios, aeoniums, euphorbias, kalanchoes, and much, much more. Bonnie planted each of these cuttings and set up tables all over her driveway and yard to accommodate the growing specimens. By spring, she had accumulated hundreds of rooted plants of varied species, filling about 80 large cartons, enough to donate 40 boxes to LACSS and 40 boxes to Sunset. This substantial collection provided the basis of our member-grown plant sale this year.

On Saturday at the Festival, Bonnie introduced her friend Kitching, who was absolutely delighted to see her cuttings being admired and sold. Kitching said that it made her feel wonderful to think that she had "left a little piece of myself" in so many gardens. We give a heartfelt thank you to Bonnie and Kitching for their generous contributions to the success of the LACSS Festival 2019. Growing and sharing plants seems to bring out the best in all of us.

Debi Heaps, Roxie Esterle, and Gretchen Davis

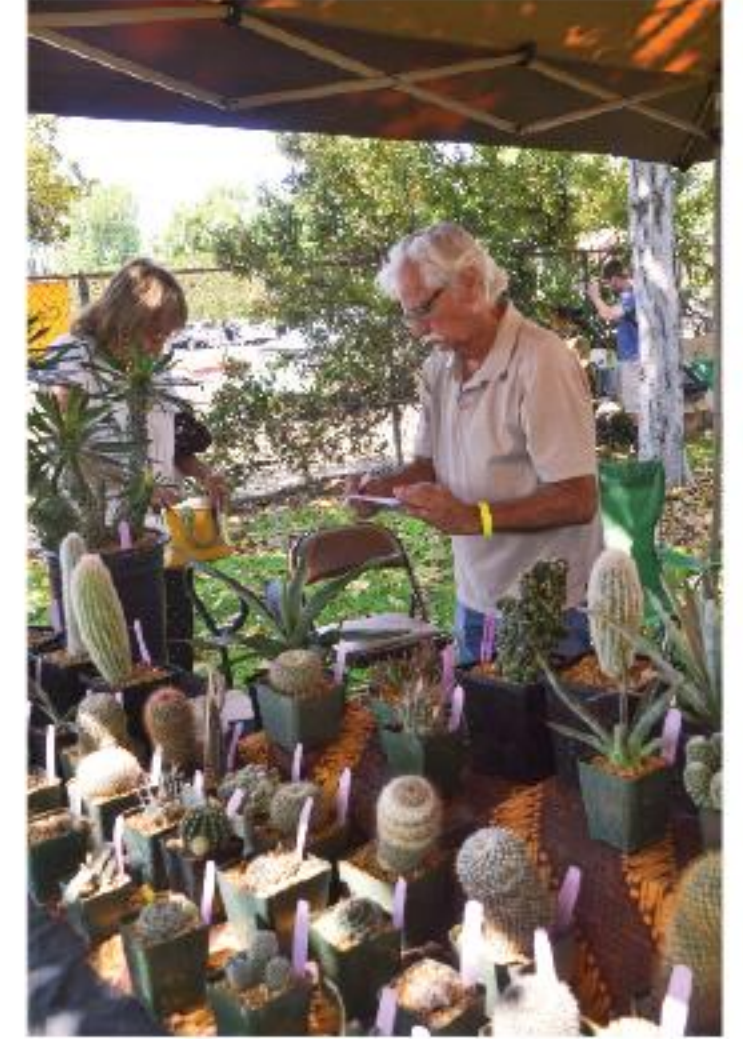


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# Drought Tolerant Plant Festival

# PHOTO ALBUM

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# INTERIOR SHOW PHOTO ALBUM

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ROOKIE



**BEST SUCCULENT**  
**CRESTED AEONIUM 'SUNBURST'**  
ELSA HARO RAPP



**BEST CACTUS**  
**ACANTHOCEREUS TETRAGONUS 'FAIRY CASTLE' MONSTROSE**  
BARBARA & KENT BUTTERWORTH

NOVICE



**BEST SUCCULENT**  
**PACHYPODIUM LAMEREI CREST**  
COLLIN O'CALLAGHAN & KIMBERLY TONG



**BEST CACTUS**  
**ARIOCARPUS RETUSUS MONSTROSE.**  
HARRY GASABYAN

ADVANCED



**BEST SUCCULENT**  
**EUPHORBIA CREST**  
KATHRYN BOORER



**BEST CACTUS**  
**EULYCHNIA CASTANEA 'SPIRALIS'**  
KATHRYN BOORER

MASTERS



**BEST SUCCULENT**  
**ECHEVERIA 'PAPPY'S ROSE' CREST**  
BRYAN CHAN



**BEST CACTUS**  
**ERIOCEPHALA MAGNIFICA CREST**  
KAREN & MARTIN OSTLER



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# INTERIOR SHOW PHOTO ALBUM

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**OPUNTIA MONACANTHUS VARIEGATED**  
GRETCHEN DAVIS



**GYMNOCALYCIUM MONSTROSE 'CHIMERA'**  
FELIPE DELGADO



**MYRTILLOCACTUS 'STACKER'**  
KATHRYN BOORER



**CLEISTOCACTUS STRAUSII**  
KAREN & MARTIN OSTLER



**HAWORTHIA BLACKBURNIAE**  
DUKE & KAZ BENADOM



**BEST IN SHOW**  
**VARIEGATED FOCKEA EDULIS**  
ARTIE & KIM CHAVEZ



**OBREGONIA DENEGRII CREST**  
KATHRYN BOORER



**COPIAPOA TENUISSIMA MONSTROSE**  
JIM & ROXIE ESTERLE



**ECHINOCACTUS GRUSONII MONSTROSE**  
JOHN MATTHEWS



**GYMNOCALYCIUM BALDIANUM CREST**  
KATHRYN BOORER



**EUPHORBIA SUZANNAE CREST**  
PETER WALKOWIAK



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## KIDS' DAY!

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Last year at the lessons learned meeting I announced that I would not be able to chair Kids Day due to my caregiving of Ernie. Well, he passed in September and Artie called, so I said yes to another year. We gathered together, Artie and Diane Miller had a great idea to offer prize money for a Science Fair to local high schools. Diane drew up all the papers, sent them to the schools, received response and we were off and running.

Diane is brilliant at writing judging criteria, rules and all things Science Fair. She kept in touch and as far as we were concerned, 10-15 entries. Artie had a great sign made we covered tables and placed them center front. We were ready. Except... No one showed up. No text no call no email. Just no show. Soooooo, that gave us more room for other things. Like the observation hive from Valley Hive.

Jen arrived @11 with the hive and all her teaching tools. What a wonderful experience that is. Please visit Valley Hive in Chatsworth. They have the best products: local honey and the love of bees. Jen is so knowledgeable and passionate about her work. The club did a field trip there but maybe we could get her to come speak to the club.

When she left we put our Rachel Day there from Big Brazos with her fabulous instruments.

We had the tables set up differently this year and it was just right. The succulent cork magnet table was under the trees all day. I had prepped everything last year for 400 so we didn't have to drill and glue the corks. Bonnie Ikemura arrived on Friday with a market bag of tillandsias. Ilona cut from her garden the poppy pods and the lovely tiny yellow flowers. Amber and I cut succulents from my garden and we had a dynamite selection for our kids. 195 of them over the two days.

Our longest standing kids day member Phyllis Polokow greeted all the children with the bags, pins and name tags. Thank you Phyllis. (Outstanding service)

We used the same purple pails from last year and we brought the 11 flats of 2" pots of rooted cuttings made by the propagation group in April.





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## KIDS' DAY! (CONTINUED)

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Mr. Fertilizer donated soil and John Matthews donated top dressing. We had the fabulous Cherie Mann, Angela Clubb, Al Mindel, Charlotte Yerke, Antonette Deduce, Nancy Pyne Hapke, Susan Lanfre, (french toast server) Sandra Serrano and Christine Patrick at the table guiding and teaching the little darlings all they need to know to be successful growers. It's so rewarding watching them create their plant-a-pot.

I met Elsa Haro and her 80 yr. old Mother Armida at the June meeting. Brand new members. Those two rocked the craft tables Saturday all day. We were so lucky they signed up.



Tricia Degeeter and her daughter took up the craft challenge on Sunday along with Susan.

Those cactus are adorable. Thank you Artie for getting them made.

Erica Freeman was our clay queen this year. She had two tables and 12 little hands cranking out air dry clay pieces. She was joined by Nancy Pyne Hapke on Sunday Dolly Serrano and Veronica Gore gave their expertise at the clay tables and throughout Kim's Corral.

Parents are always supporting our efforts.

Of course, none of this would be possible if it weren't for the set up team.

Thank you to Steve Rudolph. My champion table coverer. My two daughters, Amber Jordyn and Amanda Gore, Gail Bixby, Karen Holley, Stan Kaplan and Elliot David. Darryl Collision and Clay!

Exceptional Kid's Day. Thank you all.

Kathleen Misko





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JULY

### **JULY 17-20 2019**

CSSA CONVENTION

INFO GUNNAR.EISEL@GMAIL.COM

### **JULY 26-27 2019**

ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE.

FRI. JULY 26TH NOON TO 8PM, SAT. 27TH 9-7PM

1000 S. STATE COLLEGE BL., (ANAHEIM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH) ANAHEIM, CA

INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417

## AUGUST

### **AUG. 10-11 2019**

34TH ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE, 9AM-5PM DAILY.

LA COUNTY ARBORETUM

301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA.

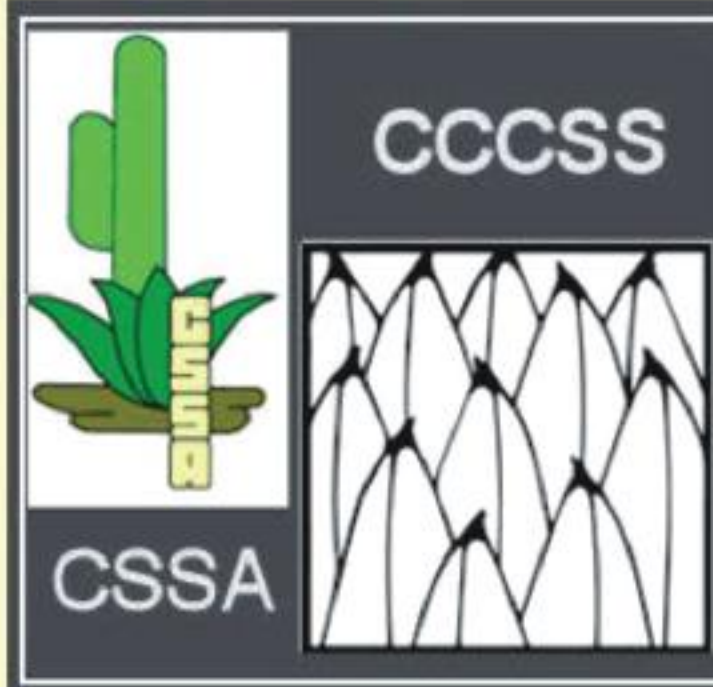
INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 OR JOHN MARTINEZ 805-390-2139

### **AUG. 31 2019**

HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM

ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON 626-405-3504

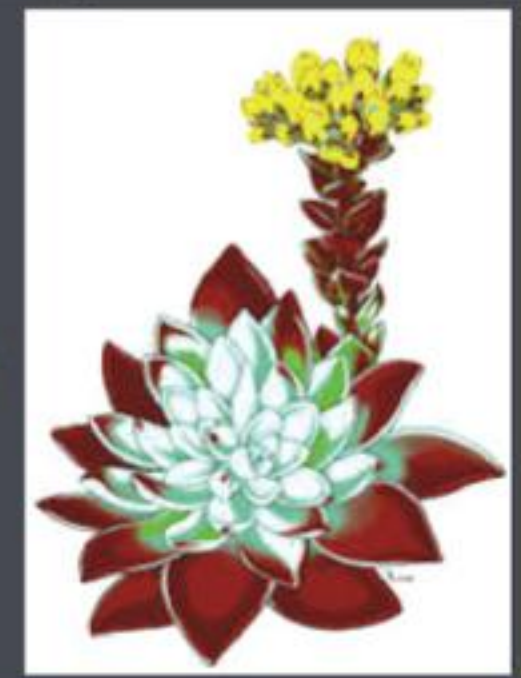




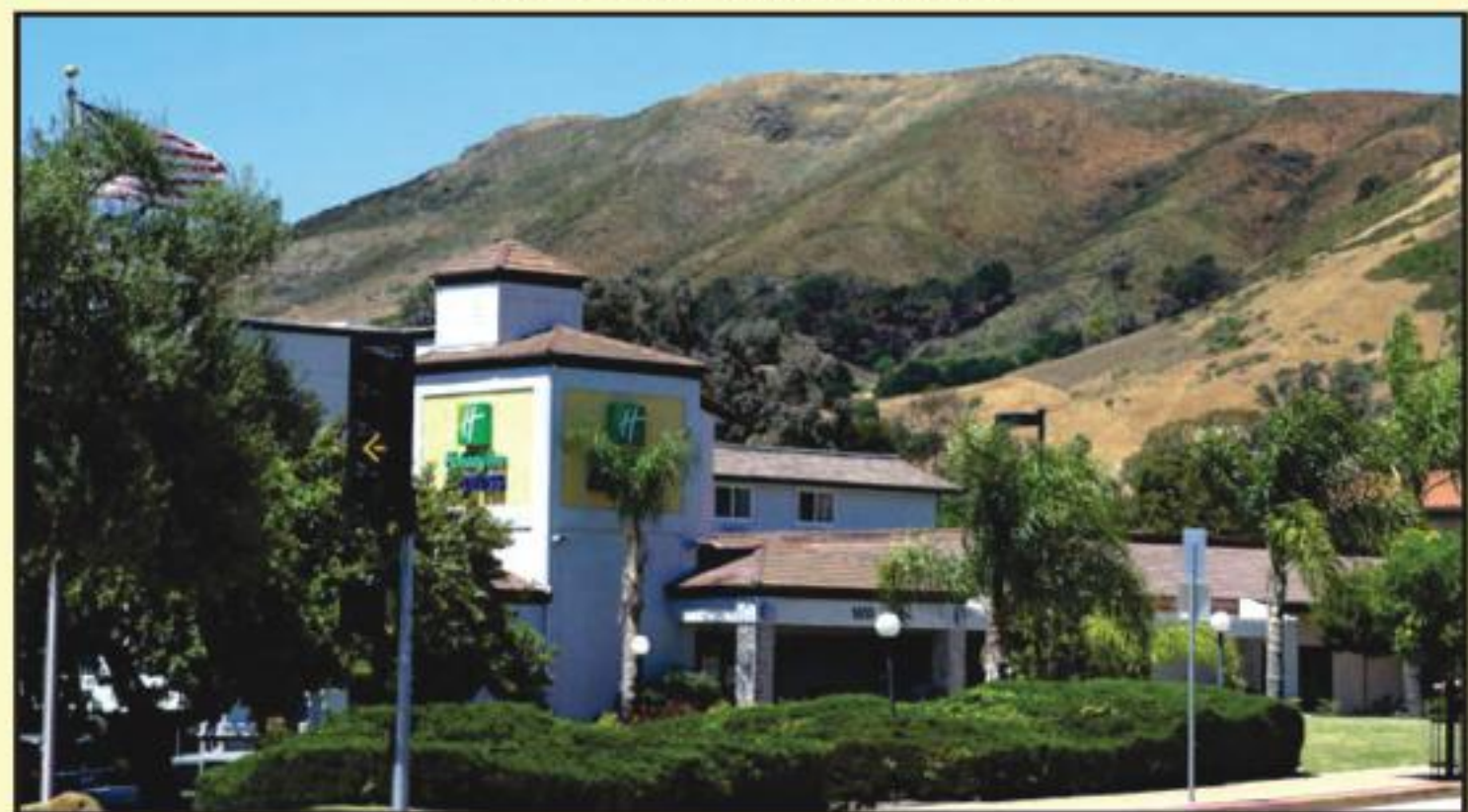
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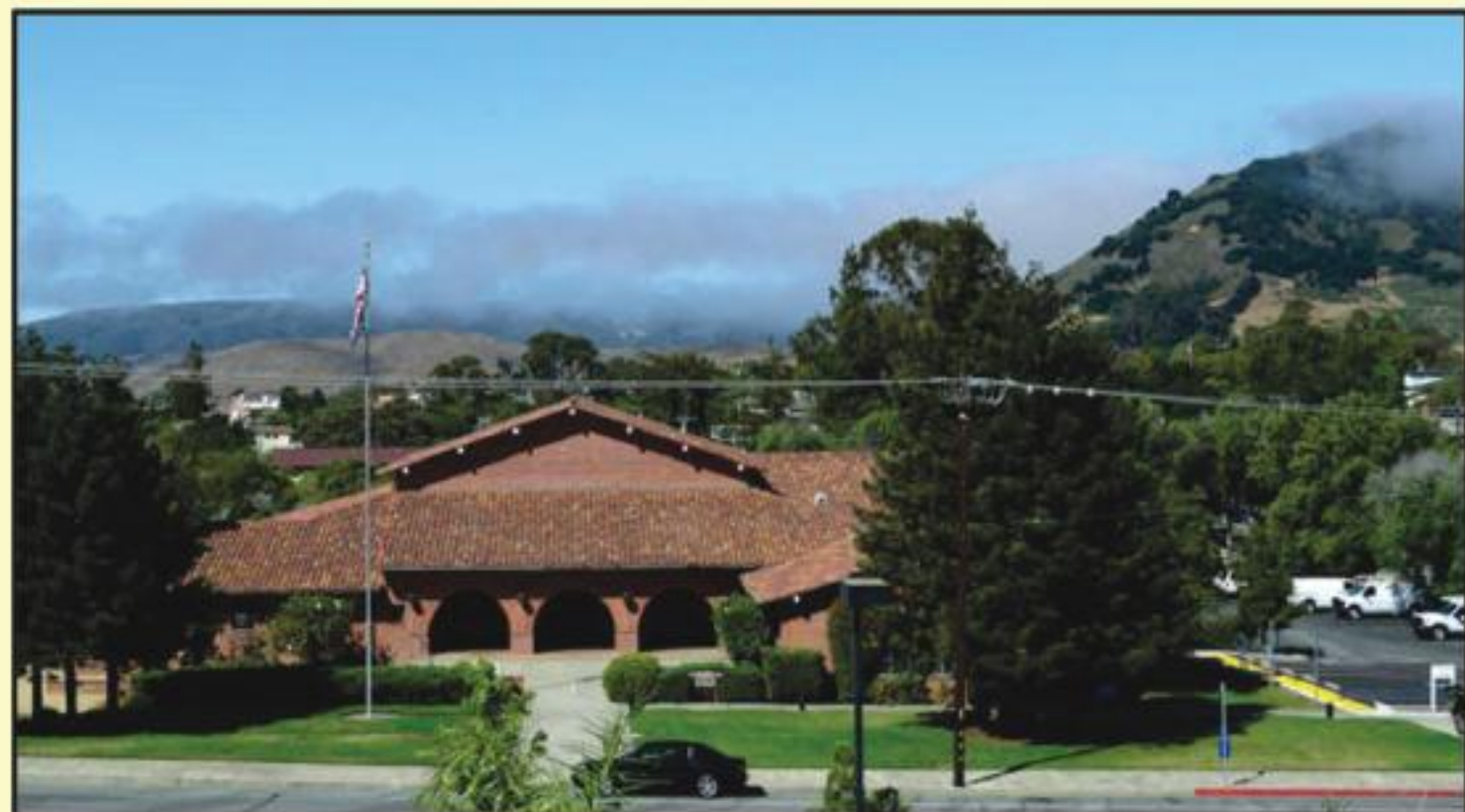


**Speakers**

- Doug Dawson
- Julia Etter & Martin Kristen
- Kelly Griffin
- Sean Guildenhuys
- Attila Kapitany
- Brian Kemble
- Paul Klaassen
- Tom Knapik
- Irwin Lightstone
- Steve Lovecky
- James Mauseth
- Steve McCabe
- Rob Skillin
- Greg Starr

**Main Convention Venue**

Directly across the street from the Convention Hotel



**Field Trips**

- Lotusland & Aloes in Wonderland
- Montana De Oro State Park Bluff Hike
- Private Garden Tours (4)
- Hearst Castle & Elephant Seal Rookery
- Leaning Pines Arboretum & SLO Botanical Gardens

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