



SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

COMMUNIQUE



2025 Winter Show Trophy Table Winners

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- February Club Meeting**
- * **February 12:**
Ayres Hall of the LA Arboretum: 7:30 PM.
Meet and Greet as early as 6:00 PM
- * **C&S Workshop**
February 18:
Palm Classroom of the Arboretum. 7:30 PM
- * **SGVCCS Winter Show and Sale**
February 20-21:
Daily 9 AM-5 PM,
Arcadia Masonic Center

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Plants of the Month:



Speaker: Gary Duke

President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day!



This month the big event for our club is the 31st Annual Winter Show and Sale to be held Friday, February 20th and Saturday, February 21st at the Arcadia Masonic Center in Arcadia. Co-chairs Manny Rivera and James Lemos, along with the rest of the committee, have been working hard to put on a great event. There are three ways everyone can participate and show support for our club: by bringing lots of show plants, by purchasing plants at the sale, and by volunteering. Also, don't forget about our traditional show dinner and auction to be held Friday night. More details about the show and sale can be found in this newsletter.

But before the big Winter Show and Sale event, don't forget to attend our February general meeting which features guest speaker Gary Duke presenting "Cacti in Habitat - Brazil". Our workshop a week later will focus on Coryphantha and Escobaria.



Looking forward to seeing everyone at the general meeting on February 12th.

Warm regards,
Nick Renteria

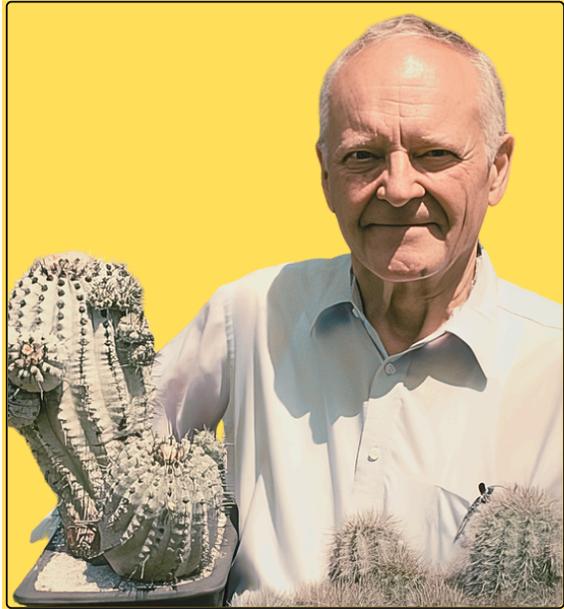
ABOUT SGVCSS

Chartered in 1967,
San Gabriel Valley
Cactus & Succulent Society's
objectives are to promote
knowledge, study, & interest in
cacti and other succulent
plants through educational
programs, public exhibits, & the
sharing of these interests to the
general public.

SGVCSS MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR NEEDED

The Membership Coordinator
keeps track of who the members
are, whether they are current,
welcomes new members, supports
meetings and events, and
communicates membership
information to the Board.

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH: GARY DUKE



Gary Duke has collected cacti and succulents since age 10. A retired Air Force officer with a PhD in physics, he moved his ever-growing collection across the country during his military career and helped found a cactus and succulent society in Dayton, Ohio. He has served as show chair and president of multiple Southern California clubs, including South Coast and Long Beach, and served on to the Board of Directors of the CSSA.

After the Air Force, he spent 16 years as a program manager at Boeing. Gary maintains a private collection of over 1,000 species, with a special interest in cacti, Tylecodon, and Dudleya, and regularly presents programs throughout Southern California.

Cacti in Habitat - Brazil

by Gary Duke

Experience Brazil’s cactus riches through the lens of Gary’s July 2025 field trip. This presentation takes you deep into Minas Gerais and Bahia, regions famous for their incredible concentration of rare and endemic cacti. Featuring more than 41 species, you will see iconic genera such as *Arrojadoa*, *Cereus*, *Cipocereus*, *Coleocephalocereus*, *Discocactus*, *Fachairoa*, *Lagenosocereus*, *Leocereus*, *Melocactus*, *Micranthocereus*, *Pereskia*, *Pierrebraunia*, *Pilosocereus*, *Stephanodereus*, and *Tacinga*.

Beyond the cacti, Gary also documents beautiful wildflowers that share these harsh landscapes. Join us for an armchair expedition to see these plants growing wild, exactly as nature intended.



(L) *Discocactus crystallophallus*
 (R) *Uebelmanniana flavispina*
 (Bottom) *Melcactus ernestii*

CACTI OF THE MONTH: Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, and Weingartia

The taxonomic history of *Rebutia*, *Sulcorebutia*, and *Weingartia* is complex. In recent years, *Sulcorebutia* has been included within *Weingartia*, with the number of recognized species greatly reduced from those accepted in the late 20th century. There are no consistently reliable, readily observable characteristics that clearly separate what were once treated as three distinct genera. *Rebutia* has also been substantially reduced, with many species transferred to *Weingartia* or *Aylostera*. DNA analysis, combined with morphological and geographic data, is now the primary tool used for reclassification.

Fortunately, plants formerly placed in all three genera are easy to grow. You will see all three names still in use, as many plant and seed sellers have not kept up with recent botanical changes.

All three groups are primarily native to Bolivia and Argentina. They are similar in appearance, habitat, and cultivation requirements. Coming from high altitudes, they are tolerant of cold and can often be left outdoors during cool winter weather. Their geographic ranges overlap extensively.

These plants occur across a wide altitude range, and many species are highly variable. Collections from nearby populations, or even from the same population at different times, have historically been described under different names. As a result, there were far more published names than biologically distinct species.

The books by John Pilbeam help make sense of the species and varieties, and the *New Cactus Lexicon* provides the current names under which older species are now placed. Many names have changed multiple times and continue to change. Online references are often the best source for current nomenclature, but old labels are worth keeping. Cactus shows generally accepted different names, and *Rebutia* and *Weingartia*, including former *Sulcorebutia*, are sometimes shown separately and sometimes combined.

All of these plants are easily grown. They are dormant in winter and typically begin active growth in March or April. Flowering usually occurs from April through June, with peak timing varying from year to year depending on weather. In California, many species commonly produce two flowering cycles in cultivation. Flowers are abundant and range in color from purple and red through orange to yellow.

They perform well in standard cactus potting mixes and grow best with steady fertilization during active growth. They are attractive to mealybugs and spider mites. Damage can usually be prevented by frequent inspection and periodic forceful washing with water.

Many plants eventually develop a woody brown area at the base that gradually creeps upward. This condition is commonly called “creeping crud” and is a form of corking, a normal physiological aging response rather than a fungal disease. Active growth may slow its appearance but does not prevent it. Some growers choose to restart plants from offsets for aesthetic reasons. When corking becomes extensive and unattractive, affected plants are often discarded, but this is a matter of preference rather than necessity.

CACTI OF THE MONTH: Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, and Weingartia

Propagation from offsets is easy. Offsets should be cut off, allowed to dry for a few days, and then replanted. Very small offsets can also be rooted successfully. Seed is easy to germinate and readily available from the CSSA and commercial suppliers

Weingartia, including former *Sulcorebutia* species, has cultivation requirements identical to those of *Rebutia*. Some species, particularly those historically placed in *Sulcorebutia*, have tuberous roots. These roots require sufficient depth or growth will be stunted. Most species, however, have fibrous root systems. All benefit from repotting every few years, including inspection and cleaning of the roots, which typically results in improved growth.

At our shows, all names are accepted. Because nomenclature is not stable, older labels remain useful.

- Tom Glavich, January 2026

Selected Species

Formerly known as ***Rebutia steinbachii*** and earlier as ***Sulcorebutia steinbachii***, this is an easily grown, rapidly clumping species. Plants often develop large tuberous roots, which require adequate space for good growth.



Weingartia steinbachii

Weingartia mentosa* subsp. *purpurea

This species is green during active growth but, with strong light, develops excellent red to purple coloration. It clumps readily and can fill a 12-inch pot over several years with careful culture and steady fertilization.



Weingartia mentosa

Previously known as ***Rebutia rauschii*** and earlier as ***Sulcorebutia rauschii***, this species occurs in several forms. The most common has a dark purple body. Green-bodied and golden-spined forms are also seen, while other forms are rare. All are slow growing, beautiful, and somewhat more demanding to maintain in good condition, but well worth the effort.



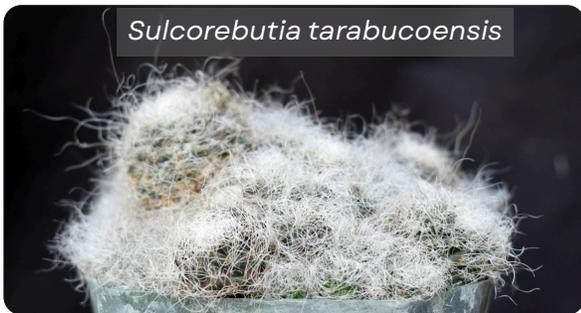
Weingartia rauschii

CACTI OF THE MONTH: Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, and Weingartia



Weingartia neocumingii

Formerly known as *Weingartia longigibba* and now treated as *Weingartia neocumingii* subsp. *trollii*, this species is highly variable and includes many excellent forms.



Sulcorebutia tarabucoensis

Sulcorebutia tarabucoensis ssp *hertusi* is a beautiful white Bolivian species, currently on its way to becoming a form of *Rebutia canigueralii* subs. *crispata* *Sulcorebutia tarabucoensis* has many forms, most indistinguishable from one another.



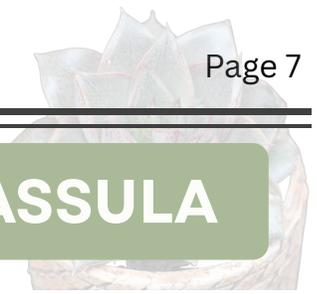
Sulcorebutia cardensianum

Sulcorebutia cardensianum is commonly available under this name, but has also spent time in *Rebutia* and is now more correctly *Weingartia cardensanum*



Snacks for the Meeting	
Last name	
Jan	A–D
Feb	E–H
Mar	I–L
Apr	M–P
May	Q–T
Jun	U–Z

Got News or Comments?
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SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH: CRASSULA

The genus *Crassula* is a mostly African member of the *Crassulaceae* family. *Crassula* is distinguished from the rest of the family by having as many stamens as petals and by having opposite leaves. Other African members of the *Crassulaceae* have twice as many stamens as petals.

The genus runs the gamut from beginner plants that are virtually indestructible to difficult winter growers that are intolerant of water in summer, yet at the same time prone to drying out if insufficient moisture is provided. For the most part, these plants are easy to grow, requiring only winter water and some protection from full summer sun.

Many members of the *Crassula* genus get leggy with age and need periodic pruning and restarting. Cuttings should be taken when the plants are in active growth, with early spring being best. Cuttings should be left to dry for a day or two, then simply potted in the same mix as the original plant. Rooting is almost always rapid, and new growth appears within a week or two.

Many cultivars have been developed and are available at shows and even at many local garden centers. First-quality cultivars can sometimes be found at home centers.



Propagation from seed is possible, but surprisingly difficult. The tiny seed is planted in October or November. Germination is sporadic, and keeping the young seedlings alive is often a challenge.

Crassulas to Crave

Crassula alstonii – A wonderful miniature species with tight, hemispherical leaves piling on one another.

Crassula ausensis – From Namibia, this is a clumping species, one of many that closely resembles a mesemb as much as a *Crassula*.

Crassula barbata – From South Africa, only an inch and a half across when fully grown. It is a ciliate (hairy) rosette and offsets as old heads die.

Crassula falcata – More often a garden subject than a pot plant, it can grow to several feet high and wide. It has spectacular heads of bright red flowers, often in August when this color is otherwise scarce in the succulent garden.

Crassula hemisphaerica – From Namibia and South Africa, it matches its name.

Crassula susannae – Another small clumping species that looks much like a mesemb and is sensitive to watering at the wrong time of year.

SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH: CRASSULA

Great Cultivars Include

Crassula ‘Tom Thumb’ – Forms a dense mat of small leaves. The leaves color quickly, with red edges setting off the green centers.

Crassula ‘Morgan’s Beauty’ – Has wonderful gray leaves with a blush of blue and pink. A classic hybrid between *C. falcata* and *C. mesembryanthemopsis*, its flowers match the beauty of the leaves.

Finally, no discussion of *Crassula* would be complete without the wonderful garden plants **Crassula arborescens**, **Crassula ovata**, and their various cultivars and hybrids. These are easily obtained, and cuttings are frequently available at the monthly meeting and workshop.

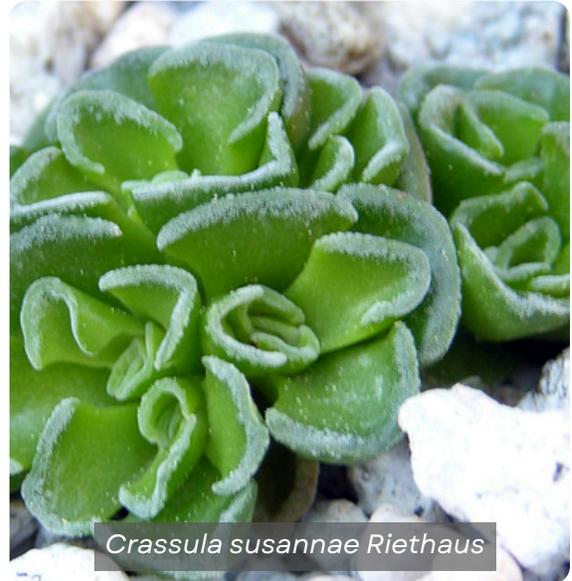
- Tom Glavich, January 2026



Crassula barkleyi



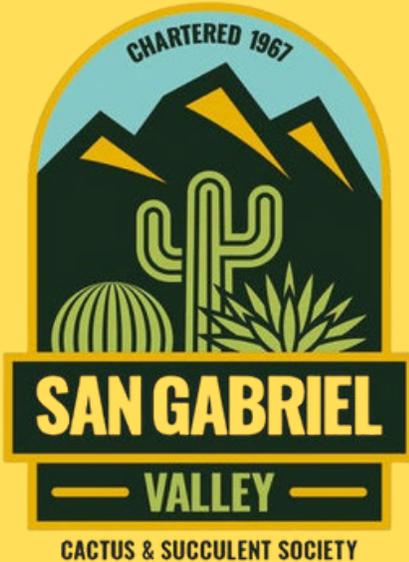
Crassula marnieriana



Crassula susannae Riethaus



Crassula dorothy



31st Annual SGVCSS Winter Show and Sale

February 20-21
9 AM-5 PM Daily

Free
Admission
and Parking

Arcadia Masonic Center
50 W Duarte Rd,
Arcadia, CA



Pelargonium rapaceum



Explore unique cacti and succulents at our show, shop for rare and unusual plants, and connect with fellow enthusiasts.



Everyone is welcome to join, with accessible facilities for all attendees and participants.



Visit us: www.sgvcss.com





WINTER SHOW & SALE 2026



Manny Rivera:
Winter Show Chair

Our 31st Annual Winter Show & Sale is coming this February, which means a lot of our winter-growing plants will be actively growing and looking great with the cooler, longer nights. Some cacti will be waking up and some of them will be flowering.

The club's Winter Show is our annual fundraiser for our monthly meetings, guest speakers, holiday party, refreshments, books, field trips, and more.

Please support our show! Volunteer, bring plants to show, bring your friends and show them your plants, invite them to the sales area, and tell them about our club.

Even though I recently moved to Texas, I am honored to continue as the Club Sales Chair for this event. Our 31st Annual Winter Show & Sale. Come be a part of it!

For our third year, we will be holding the Show & Sale at the Arcadia Masonic Center, which was again a great host for us last year!



James Lemos:
Winter Show Sales Chair



2025 Winter Show Trophy Table

SGVCSS WINTER SHOW & SALE 2026

Celebrate great plants, great people, and a great weekend

February 20, 21, 2026: 9 AM – 5 PM
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia
Free Admission and Free Parking



COME SEE THE SHOW

First-time attendees are always amazed. This is a rare opportunity to see exceptional plants up close, many of which you will never encounter elsewhere. The creative staging offers inspiration for your own displays, and the Trophy Table highlights the very best entries. Be sure to wear your name badge and enjoy the experience.

SHOP THE SALES AREA

From classic favorites to truly uncommon plants, the sales area offers something for every collector. With more than two dozen plant and pottery vendors, this is the perfect place to find plants you will not see at big box stores or local nurseries. Vendors are always happy to share growing advice, so ask questions.

SHOW YOUR PLANTS

This is your chance to put your plants in the spotlight. If you have entered plants in mini-shows or have a beautifully grown cactus or succulent at home, it belongs in the Winter Show. During plant drop-off, our team will help with entry tags and placement. Your plants are what make this show possible, and we want to see them.

VOLUNTEER WITH US

A successful show takes a team. Even a short shift of three to four hours makes a big difference. Volunteers help in the sales area, the show hall, and with hospitality for exhibitors and vendors. If you can lend a hand, reach out to Manny and join the fun.

DINNER AND AUCTION NIGHT

Friday evening features our annual Show Dinner and Plant Auction. After signing up with Margie, enjoy a relaxed dinner with unlimited tacos, sides, and dessert from Martinez Catering. The evening concludes with an auction showcasing exceptional plants, including rare specimens and plants with decades of history. These are plants you can actually take home, and they go fast.

The San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society

presents

The 31st Annual Winter Show

February 20-21, 2026

Arcadia Masonic Center
50 W Duarte Road Arcadia, CA

SHOW SCHEDULE

Set-up: Thursday, February 19th from 8:00am to 10:00 am (set-up tables, show & sales area)

Sellers may bring in plants on Thursday, February 19th, from 10:00 am till 6:00 pm

Plant Entries: Thursday, February 19th, from 10:00 am till 6:00 pm.

Judging: Thursday, February 19th, from 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm

Take-down Saturday, February 21st, from 5:00 pm till close

Pre-sale: Friday February 20th, at 8:00 am the sales area will be open for volunteers and exhibitors

Show Dinner and Auction: Friday, February 20th, 6:00 pm

Horticultural Classifications

Competitive entries shall be as follows:

NOVICE: Exhibitor has won no more than 40 blueribbons total in recognized C&S shows.

Intermediate: Exhibitor has won 41 or more blue ribbons. No commercial sellers.

OPEN: Exhibitor must have won 80 or more blue ribbons or be a commercial seller of C&S plants.

All entrants must register their total entries in the show registrar prior to placement on tables.

DIVISION 1 INDIVIDUAL POTTED SPECIMENS, CACTI

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| 1 | <i>Ariocarpus up to 5"</i> | 23 | <i>Mammillaria w/o hooks single up to 6"</i> |
| 2 | <i>Ariocarpus single over 5"</i> | 24 | <i>Mammillaria w/o hooks single over 6"</i> |
| 3 | <i>Ariocarpus cluster over 5"</i> | 25 | <i>Mammillaria w/o hooks cluster up to 5"</i> |
| 4 | <i>Astrophytum</i> | 26 | <i>Mammillaria w/o hooks cluster 5 to 10"</i> |
| 5 | <i>Aztekium, Geohintonia, Epithelantha,</i> | 27 | <i>Mammillaria w/o hooks cluster over 10"</i> |
| 6 | <i>Pelecyphora, Encephalocarpus</i> | 28 | <i>Melocactus</i> |
| 7 | <i>Borzicactus, Matucana, Submatucana, Oroya</i> | 29 | <i>Parodia, Notocactus</i> |
| 8 | <i>Blossfeldia, Frailea, Yavia</i> | 30 | <i>Opuntia, North America</i> |
| 9 | <i>Buiningia, Uebelmannia</i> | 31 | <i>Opuntia, South America</i> |
| 10 | <i>Columnar - Ceroid types (N or S American)</i> | 32 | <i>Pediocactus, Sclerocactus, Echinomastus</i> |
| 11 | <i>Obregonia, Strombocactus, Ortegocactus</i> | 33 | <i>Turbinicarpus, Gymnocactus</i> |
| 12 | <i>Copiapoa</i> | 34 | <i>Rebutia</i> |
| 13 | <i>Coryphantha, Escobaria, Neobesseya,</i> | 35 | <i>Sulcorebutia, Weingartia</i> |
| 14 | <i>Neolloydia, Acharragma</i> | 36 | <i>Stenocactus, Echinofossulocactus</i> |
| 15 | <i>Discocactus</i> | 37 | <i>Thelocactus, Hamatocactus</i> |
| 16 | <i>Echinocereus up to 5"</i> | 38 | <i>Epiphytic Cacti (Aporocactus, Hatiora, etc.)</i> |
| 17 | <i>Echinocereus over 5"</i> | 39 | <i>Any other genus</i> |
| 18 | <i>Echinopsis, Lobivia, Acanthocalycium,</i> | 40 | <i>Variogated Cacti</i> |
| 19 | <i>Trichocereus</i> | 41 | <i>Monstrose (multiple, irregular, growth centers)</i> |
| 20 | <i>Echinocactus, Ferocactus, Leuchtenbergia</i> | 42 | <i>Crested Cacti (fan-shaped growth)</i> |
| 21 | <i>Eriosyce (Neoporteria, Neochilenia,</i> | 43 | <i>Seed grown by exhibitors up to 5 years</i> |
| 22 | <i>Pyrrhocactus, Horridocactus)</i> | 44 | <i>Miniature Cacti (3" maximum pot size)</i> |
| | <i>Gymnocalycium up to 5"</i> | 45 | <i>Cacti Collections of 5 - 12 plants</i> |
| | <i>Gymnocalycium over 5"</i> | | |
| | <i>Mammillaria hooked up to 6"</i> | | |
| | <i>Mammillaria hooked over 6"</i> | | |

DIVISION 2 INDIVIDUAL POTTED SPECIMENS, SUCCULENTS

Aizoaceae (Mesembryanthemaceae) family

- 46 *Lithops Conophytum* Othergenera-with
47 prominent stems/roots:
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49 *Aloinopsis, Faucaria, Mestoklema*, etc.
Othergenera-withoutprominentstems/roots:
Dinteranthus, Lapidaria, etc.

Asphodelaceae family

- 50 *Aloe* under 6"
51 *Aloe* 6"andover
52 *Gasteria*
53 *Haworthia & Astroloba* under 5"
54 *Haworthia & Astroloba* 5" and over

Crassulaceae family

- 55 *Adromischus Cotyledon, Tylecodon Crassula,*
56 *Kalanchoe Dudleya Echeveria Other*
57 *Crassulaceae: Aeonium, Pachyphytum*
58 *Graptopetalum, Monanthes, Sedum*
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Tacitus, Orostachys, etc.

Euphorbiaceae Family

- Euphorbia* - species endemic to Madagascar
61 Caudiciform or Geophyte(*capsaintemariensis*,
62 *Cylindrifolia v. tubifera*, etc.)
Other Madagascar(*decaryi, millii*, etc.)
Euphorbia - speciesnotendemictoMadagascar
63 Caudiciform (*knuthii, squarrosa*, etc.)
64 Medusatype(*esculenta, gorgonis*, etc.).
65 Stem type(*abdelkuri, obesa, suzannae*, etc.)
Other genera of Euphorbiaceae;
66 *Jatropha, Monadenium, Pedilanthus*, etc.

Geraniaceae family

- 67-A *Pelargonium* under6"
67-B *Pelargonium* 6" and over
68 *Sarcocaulon*

Apocynaceae family

- 69 *Adenium & Plumeria*
70 *Pachypodium* - African
71 *Pachypodium* - Madagascan

Asclepiadoideae

- 72 *Fockea, Raphionacme, Brachystelma*
73 *Caralluma, Hoodia, Huernia, Pseudolithos*,
74 *Stapelia, Trichocaulon*, etc.
Other Asclepiadaceae: *Ceropegia*,
Sarcostemma, Hoya, Dischidia, etc.

Succulents in Other Families

- 75 **Agavoideae:** *Agave, Yucca, Manfreda*
76 **Nolinoideae:** *Nolina, Calibanus, Beaucarnea*,
77 **Asteraceae:** *Senecio, Othonna, Kleinia, Curio*
78 **Bromeliaceae:** *Abromeitiella/Deuterocohnia, Dyckia*
79 **Burseraceae:** *Bursera, Commiphora, Boswellia*,
80 *Beiselia*
81 **Didiereaceae:** *Alluaudia, Alluaudiopsis, Decarya*,
82 *Didierea*
83 **Nolinoideae:** *Sansevieria*(mayinclude
84 variegates)
85 **Moraceae:** *Dorstenia, Ficus*
Passifloraceae: *Adenia*
Portulacaceae: *Anacampseros, Avonia, Ceraria*
Vitaceae: *Cissus, Cyphostemma*

Pachycauls, Caudiciforms & Geophytes

- Adansonia, Pseudobombax, Chorisia, Ceiba*
Cucurbitaceae, Dioscorea, Fouquieria
Pachycormus, etc.
86 Pot size under 8"
87 Pot size 8" and over
88 Any other genus
89-A Bulbs under 6"
89-B Bulbs 6" and over
90 Variegated Succulents
91 Crested Succulents (fan-shaped growth)
92 Monstrous (multiple, irregular, growth centers)
93 Seed grown by exhibitors up to 5 years
94 Miniature (3" maximum pot size)
95 Collection of 5 - 12 plants

DIVISION 3 ARRANGEMENTS

- 96 Dish gardens (miniature scene)
97 Planters (group of the same or assorted plants)
98 Bonsai Miniature under 8" tall
99 Bonsai 8" or taller

DIVISION 4 DISPLAYS

- 100 Individual display
101 Commercial display
102 Educational Display

DIVISION 5 ALLIED INTERESTS

- 103 Photography
104 Art Work & Handicrafts

DIVISION 6 KIDS (Ages 5-12)

- 105 Cacti
106 Succulents

SHOW DINNER & AUCTION

Friday evening, February 20, at 6:00pm. Join us for a catered taco-bar dinner by Martinez Catering featuring carne asada, chicken, carnitas, roasted veggies, and all the sides, plus flan for dessert. Cost: \$35 per person. The evening includes awards, an auction, and plenty of fun. Sign up at the February meeting. Reservations and payment are due by Thursday, February 19. Please pay Margie Wilson at the meeting.

FIELD COLLECTED PLANT POLICY

RULE 1: Field Collected Plants are not accepted for entry.

RULE 2: Exhibitors verify that, to the best of their knowledge, that the plants are not field collected

RULE 3: If a plant does not meet this Criteria, the Judges and Show Committee will remove the plant from the Show

RULE 4: The Judges and Show Committee's decisions are final and binding

SHOW RULES

1) Exhibitors must be members of the SGVC&SS

2) Entries must be in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 6 months. Artificially propagated plant entries are encouraged. They must be clean (no weeds and debris), healthy (no insects, disease, and pesticide odor) and dry. Exhibitors are responsible for placing entry cards with exhibits prior to judging. The show committee may remove any entry which detracts from the show or jeopardizes the health of other entries.

3) Plants in Division 1 & 2 must be individually potted specimens. **Pot size** refers to the inside diameter of the pot at soil level (Irregular pots; the average diameter). **Variegates with 30% or more, Cristate & Monstrose** plants should appear only in their specific classes. **Miniature** refers to the intrinsic characteristic of the species; i.e., a small, mature plant; not an immature, or stunted plant. **Collection** should be of individually potted, identified plants of one genus or some unifying theme.

4) The Show Room is open to authorized people only during judging. Entries must remain until the show ends.

5) Entries are judged on: Condition, Size & Maturity & Difficulty of Culture (70%); Staging (25%); and Nomenclature (5%). Entries are judged against "perfection"; award are given only if the judges, whose decisions are final, believe they are merited.

6) The Society and Show Committee will take due care to safeguard entries but cannot be held responsible for damage to, or loss of, plants or other property.

AWARDS

First, second and third place ribbons may be awarded in each class in Divisions 1 through 5. In addition 18 rosettes will be awarded for outstanding entries in both Divisions 1 & 2. For Sweepstakes calculations

1st place = 6 pts, 2nd place = 3 pts and 3rd place = 1 pt. Rosettes will be tie-breakers.

TROPHIES: Best Cactus (all categories), donated by Cactus Data Plants Best Succulent (all categories), donated by Steve Crider Sweepstakes overall; High Points Cacti (all categories); High Points Succulents (all categories). Other trophies awarded in perpetuity include: Best Agave donated by Darlene Osborn, Best Ariocarpus, Best Bulb, Best Collection, The Virginia Shambeau trophy for Best Crassulaceae donated by the SGVC&SS, Best Dorstenia donated by Tom & Carol Loehman, The Peter Sharp Trophy for Best Echinocereus donated by SGVC&SS, Best Epiphytic Cacti donated by Rainbow Gardens, Best Euphorbia, Best Gymnocalycium, Best Haworthia, Best Mammillaria donated by Woody & Kathy Minnich, Best Mutant - includes variegates, crests or monstrose donated by Ken Felton, Best Opuntia donated by Jean Mullens, Best Pelargonium-Sarcocaulon donated by Arid Lands Greenhouses, Best Rebutia-Sulcorebutia, Best Winter Growing Succulent donated by David & Eileen Tufenkian, Best Pachypodium donated by Bill Hagblom and Vince Basta, The Dick Hulett trophy for Best Miniature, The Ellen Low trophy for Best Baja Plant, & The Virginia Martin trophy for Best Mexican Plant, all three donated by the SGVC&SS, The Larry Grammer trophy for Best Staged Plant donated by Jim and Roberta Hanna, Best Mesemb, Best Madagascar Euphorbia, and Winter Theme.

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PLANT OF THE MONTH AND WORKSHOPS

Month	2026 Plants of the Month	2026 Workshops
Jan	Mammillaria Clusters Echeveria	Crassula
Feb	Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia Crassula	Coryphantha, Escobaria
Mar	Coryphantha, Escobaria Medusoid Euphorbia	Medusoid Euphorbia
Apr	Seed Grown	Spring Seed
May	Cactus Staged as Mini Succulent Staged as Mini	Trichocereus, Echinopsis
Jun	Trichocereus, Echinopsis Lithops	Adenium
Jul	Echinocactus Adenium	Grafting
Aug	Favorite Cactus Favorite Succulent	Ariocarpus
Sep	Ariocarpus Bursera	Madagascan Pachypodium
Oct	Melocactus, Discocactus Madagascan Pachypodium	Winter Seed Workshop
Nov	Crest and Monstrose	Tips and Tricks

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