

Cactus and Succulent Society of San Jose

Summer 2026 Show

August 21st - 23rd

Show Schedule & Plant Entry Rules



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Classes shall be as follows:

- NOVICE Exhibitor has won no more than 50 blue ribbons total in recognized C&S shows and you have been a member of C&S society for less than 5 years. If you are under 18 years old, you may compete in the novice category.
- ADVANCED Exhibitor has won 50 or more blue ribbons. No large commercial sellers. (i.e., primary occupation with plant sales)
- **OPEN** Exhibitor: Eligibility requires either 100+ blue ribbons or status as a commercial cacti/succulent seller (i.e., primary occupation with plant sales).

Schedule

Plant Entry is on Friday, August 21st, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM; Saturday, August 22nd from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Check in on Friday in possible. Please check in as early as possible; see check-in procedures below.

The show will be officially open all day on Saturday and Sunday. We will have soft opening on Friday Night including plants that are checked in. Judging will be on Saturday morning.

Plant take-out time is Sunday, August 23rd from 2:00 - 3:00 (or when you are packing up) . Doors close to the public at 3:00, so unless you are a vendor or helping with tear down, come between 2:00 and 3:00.

Check-in Procedures

Save time and hassle on Friday night by pre-registering your plants:

- Plants - <https://form.jotform.com/262048467260155>
- Allied Arts - <https://form.jotform.com/262048642322149>

If you pre-register, there will be printed labels to replace filling out the tag by hand. There are no concerns with pre-registering plants and deciding not to bring them or bringing more plants than you registered.

Renee Gunn

Aloe ferox

Succulent 39 - Aloe

Amateur

All entrants must register their entries in the show registration table on the right side of the stage prior to placement on tables. Plants must remain for the entire show.

Judging

Judging will be on Saturday Morning. The stage will be closed for judging. Winners will be moved to the winners' table Saturday afternoon.

Judging Scale

- Condition of plant - 60 points
- Size and degree of maturity - 15 points
- Staging and presentation - 20 points
- Nomenclature - 5 points
- Points awarded for tabulations: First = 6 points, Second = 3 points, Third = 1 point.

DIVISION 1 CACTI

Category		Category	
1	Ariocarpus	19	Rebutia, Aylosteria
2	Obregonia, Strombocactus, Encephalocarpus, Ortegocactus	20	Weingartia (inc. Sulcorebutia)
3	Astrophytum	21	Gymnocalycium
4	Aztekium, Pelecyphora, Epithelantha, Geohintonia	22	Lobivia, Echinopsis, Trichocereus
5	Stenocactus, Echinofossulocactus	23	Parodia, Notocactus
6	Echinocactus, Echinomastus	24	Frailea, Blossfeldia, Mila
7	Ferocactus, Hamatocactus, Leuchtenbergia	25	Mammillaria
8	Echinocereus	26	Discocactus, Melocactus
9	Thelocactus	27	Buiningia, Uebelmannia
10	Escobaria	28	Epiphytic cacti
11	Coryphantha	29	Any other genus
12	Turbinicarpus, Gymnocactus, Neolloydia	30	Crests
13	Sclerocactus, Pediocactus	31	Monstrose
14	Opuntia	32	Variegated
15	Cereus	33	Seed grown by exhibitor
16	Copiapoa	34	Miniature (staged as min.) 3" max pot
17	Eriosyce, Neoporteria, Islaya	35	Collection of 5 to 12 plants
18	Matucana, Submatucana, Oroya		

DIVISION 2 SUCCULENTS

Category		Category	
36	Agave, Yucca	65	Lithops
37	Variegated Agavaceae	66	Conophytum, Lapidaria, Dinteranthus
38	Calibanus, Beaucarnea, Nolina, Dioscorea, Testudinaria	67	Other Mesembs
39	Aloe	68	Didieraceae, Alluaudia
40	Fouquieria, Idria	69	Trichocaulon, Hoodia, Pseudolithos
41	Pachycormus	70	Other stapeliads
42	Bursera, Commiphora	71	Fockea
43	Operculicarya	72	Other caudiciform asclepiads
44	Portulacaceae	73	Senecio, Hoya, Ceropegia, Dischidia
45	Curcubitaceae	74	Sarcocaulon
46	Cissus, Cyphostemma	75	Pelargonium
47	Curcubitaceae	76	Othonna
48	Cissus, Cyphostemma	77	Sansevieria (may include variegates)
49	Aeonium, Greenovia, Sempervivum	78	Bromeliaceae - Dyckia, Hechtia, etc.
50	Crassula, Cotyledon, Kalanchoe	79	Ficus
51	Tylecodon	80	Dorstenia
52	Adromischus	81	Pedaliaceae
53	Graptopetalum, Pachyphytum, Tacitus	82	Ipomea and Bombax
54	Sedum	83	Bulbs
55	Dudleya	84	Succulent Orchids
56	Echeveria	85	Cycads
57	Euphorbia	86	Any other Genus
58	Monadenium, Jatropha	87	Crests
59	Astroloba, Tulista	88	Monstrose
60	Haworthia	89	Variegated
61	Gasteria (includes variegates)	90	Seed grown by exhibitor
62	Pachypodium	91	Miniature (staged as min.) 3" max

			pot
63	Adenia	92	Collection of 5 to 12 plants
64	Adenium		

DIVISION 3 Arrangements, Displays, & Allied Interests

93	Dish Gardens, Planters	97	Paintings
94	Bonsai Cactus or Succulent	98	Other Allied Interests
95	Pottery	99	
96	Photography	100	

Show Rules

- All exhibitors must be members of a CSSSJ or another CSSA affiliated club.
- No field collected plants may be entered into the show and sale
- No Lophophora, or other illegal plants
- All judges' decisions are final, as are the show committee's decisions.
- Awards and exhibits must remain until the end of the show at **2:00 on August 23rd**.
- The CSSSJ and the show committee will not assume responsibility for the loss or injury of property.
- The show committee reserves the right to move or adjust plants, categories, and displays to improve or facilitate a better show.
- All commercial growers or vendors (Open Class) should bring a minimum of 2 entries. You are encouraged to bring more.
- Inch measurements as indicated in the show categories refer to the inside diameter of the pot.
- Plants with 50% or more Variegation, Crest, or Monstrose may only appear in such categories except for variegation in *Gasteria* and *Sansevieria*.
- Plant stands may only be used in the Bonsai class or with plants that cascade below the bottom edge of the pot. For odd-shaped pots, size is determined by adding the length and width together and dividing by two.

Awards

- Best in Show (Open, Advanced, and Novice) for each Division (Cactus, Succulent and, Allied Arts). *Up to 9 awards*.
- Individual Awards for species or group of species. Award categories at the judges' discretion based on the number and type of entries. *Up to 10 awards*.
- Judges Awards. One for each judge. *Up to 3 awards*.
- Winners receive a pot or a rare plant of their choice.