



# Open Gates

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**Gates Cactus & Succulent Society**  
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NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, May 2nd at 7:00 PM  
AT THE REDLANDS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
1307 E CITRUS AVE, IN REDLANDS, CA

## Plants of the Month

**Cactus** – Best Staged Cacti

**Succulent** – Best Staged Succulent

## Save the Date!

MAY 5-6 - SUNSET  
 CACTUS AND  
 SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
 SHOW AND SALE

MAY 6 - SOUTH BAY  
 EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY  
 SHOW AND SALE

## **From the President:**

The countdown to our biggest event of the year has begun so you don't want to miss this deal! Get a good night's rest, set your alarm, play hooky, and come join the club as we host our 43rd Annual Show and Sale. Although hosting this event is at a new location this year, I believe we will all feel very comfortable with having it in such a familiar setting. I hope everyone had a chance to experience our huge banner advertisement for the show/sale strung high over the busy traffic of downtown Redlands.

We have included a picture of this banner in this newsletter. Most of the planning is completed now and as we prepare for its implementation please consider volunteering if you haven't signed up already. This is where you can help!

Speaking of having the plant show inside a temperature-controlled facility this year; instead of inside a big tent, we will also have access to a fully operational kitchen. That means the club will be able to enjoy some good-ole time potluck food during the duration of the event. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be available to all club volunteers and vendors working during any of these days. Therefore, the club asks that individuals wishing to participate in the potluck to bring a dish, snack, or dessert for all to share. The club will provide non-alcoholic drinks and beverages. Each volunteer or vendor will receive a designation, distributed at the event, which will allow you access to the potluck. So please everyone bring some yummys while enjoying the show and sale. Some last minute thoughts to consider. As this is the club's biggest and most fun event, I do hope that you get a chance to experience all things- cactus and succulents. Here's where you get to proudly share your magnificent plants you have nurtured with other succulent enthusiasts. Whether you volunteer, enter your plants in the show or sale as a vendor, here's where it all comes together. This is the result of all our hard work growing these plants, coming to hear all the speakers throughout the year, and most of all having real fun and enjoyment with the rest of us cactus and succulent lovers!

Thank you everyone. --- Regards, Phuc.

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**Leadership Team 2018**

## Our Program This Month

### Kelly Griffin

"Chile, The Copiapos"

In November, Altman Plants succulent plant development mgr. Kelly Griffin and his wife, Denise, traveled to Chile for a week of marveling at *Copiapoa* cacti. They also took in non-plant sights, admired the wildlife and, of course, indulged in the food, if not exclusively Chilean cuisine. They also toured the San José mine, where 33 miners in 2010 endured more than two months of being trapped 2,300 feet underground. If you would like to read more about his travel, you can visit <https://altmanplants.com/chile-copiapoa-cactus-travel/>



### BIO

Kelly is a manager of Succulent Plant Development for Altman Plants, the largest producer of succulents in the country. His inclination has been towards Agaves, Aloes and Echeverias, but there are many more plants that have garnered his attention. As part of his life's work, he has introduced many succulents and created many cultivars that have been nudging their way into gardens and patios.

His love of plants dictated his direction to horticulture as a career. Prior to his current position with Altman Plants he was the curator of Xerophytes at Rancho Soledad Nursery. He has travelled extensively worldwide documenting plants and collecting seeds for propagation.



## Mini Show Results

Please remember to CLEARLY fill out the Mini show entry forms. **Incomplete or illegible forms will be disqualified.**

**Please note, we will no longer have the Large and Small categories.**

### Cactus

#### Novice

#### Intermediate

- 1<sup>st</sup> Echinocactus horzonthalonius – Dick Hammer
- 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ferocactus emory- rectispinus – Mike Madrigal

#### Advanced

- 1<sup>st</sup> Echinocactus texensis – Rico Leon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ferocactus johnstonianus – Rico Leon

### Succulent

#### Novice

- 1<sup>st</sup> Agave sp – Trisha Davis

#### Intermediate

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Agave kavandivi – Judy Horne

#### Advanced

- 1<sup>st</sup> Agave albopilosa – Rico Leon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Agave rzedoskiana – Rico Leon

## Plants of the Month

Staging a plant is really an art form. We try to find a platform to present the plant at its very best. We select a pot that complements the form, texture and color of the plant. We select top dressing and a few accent rocks to emphasize and show off some important feature of the plant.

The art of staging tries to mimic nature. We want the plant to look like it just decided to grow in that pot so it can be viewed at its best. Our staging should complement the plant and never become the main focal point of the viewer.



Our Show and Sale Banner flying high over downtown Redlands April 16-22, 2017



Gates CSS booth at Riverside Community Flower show



## 2018 Upcoming Events

- MAY 5-6**     **SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**  
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER,  
GARDEN ROOM 4117 OVERLAND AVE.,  
CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 6**         **SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY**  
**SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm**  
SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL  
GARDENS, INFO. 310-833-6823
- MAY 11-12**    **GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT**  
**SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**  
FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm, INFORMATION  
ON LOCATION CALL 909-910-9195
- MAY 19-20**    **LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB PLANT**  
**SHOW AND SALE 10-4 pm**  
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY  
HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA INFO.  
562-631-5876

**Gates Cactus and Succulent Society**  
**43rd Annual Show & Sale**  
Redlands Church of the Nazarene  
1307 E. Citrus Ave. Redlands, CA 92374



**May 11-12, 2018 9AM to 4PM**  
**Plant sale May 11 and 12**  
**Exhibit show May 12**  
**Free Admission**

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