



The Virtual National Show

Last date for entries: Thursday 25 June 2020

To be judged: Saturday 4 July 2020

We were all bitterly disappointed that it was necessary to cancel the National Show.

Realising how many of us had nurtured and cared for our plants in preparation for the big day, the Social Media team, under Bill Hildyard, has proposed that we run a Virtual National Show. This will be judged on Saturday 4 July by National Show Judge, Stirling Baker.

With the help of Gareth Darbon from the Shows Committee we have compiled a show schedule (shown below) and we hope you will enter this as a fun event. We have kept the rules to a minimum and the event is open to members and non-members alike.

As some people will not have a copy of the *Handbook of Shows* we have detailed which plants are allowed in the class description (apart from *Cereus* which would make the list below just too long).

Virtual Show Schedule

Cactus classes

1. **Cactus** – one plant. Unlimited pot size.
2. **Astrophytum group** – one plant.
(To include: *Astrophytum* and *Digitostigma*)
3. **Echinocactus group** – one plant.
(To include: *Echinocactus*, *Emorycactus*, *Ferocactus*, *Homalocephala* and *Leuchtenbergia*)
4. **Gymnocalycium group** – one plant.
(To include: *Brachycalycium*, *Gymnocalycium* and *Neowerdermannia*)
5. **Mammillaria group** – one plant.
(To include: *Bartschella*, *Cochemiea*, *Dolichothele*, *Krainzia*, *Leptocladodia*, *Mamillopsis*, *Mammillaria*, *Mammilloidya*, *Oehmea*, *Phellosperma*, *Porfiria*, *Pseudomammillaria* and *Solisia*)
6. **Rebutia group** – one plant.
(To include: *Aylosteria*, *Cintia*, *Cylindrorebutia*, *Digitorebutia*, *Mediolobivia*, *Neorebutia*, *Rebutia*, *Setirebutia*, *Spegazzinia*, *Sulcorebutia* and *Weingartia*)
7. **Cereus group** – one plant.
8. **Melocactus group** – one plant.
(To include: *Melocactus*, *Discocactus* and *Uebelmannia*)
9. **Cactus** – three plants.
10. **Cactus in flower** – one plant.
(To be judged for floral display)

Juniors

21. **Cactus** – one plant.
22. **Succulent** – one plant.

Succulent classes

11. **Succulent** – one plant. Unlimited pot size
12. **Agave group** – one plant.
(To include: *Agave*, *Beaucarnea*, *Beschorneria*, *Calibanus*, *Dasyllirion*, *Dracaena*, *Furcraea*, *Hesperaloe*, *Hesperoyucca*, *Manfreda*, *Nolina*, *Samuela* and *Yucca*)
13. **Crassulaceae group/Echeveria subgroup** – one plant
(To include: *Cremnophila*, *Dudleya*, *Echeveria*, *Graptopetalum*, *Hasseanthus*, *Oliveranthus*, *Pachyphytum*, *Stylophyllum*, *Tacitus*, *Thompsonella* and *Urbinia*)
14. **Crassulaceae Group** – excluding plants specified in Class 13 – one plant.
(To include: *Adromischus*, *Bryophyllum*, *Cotyledon*, *Kalanchoe*, *Kitchingia*, *Tylecodon*, *Aeonium*, *Aichryson*, *Greenovia*, *Monanthes*, *Crassula*, *Globulea*, *Rochea*, *Tillaea*, *Vauanthes*, *Altamiranoa*, *Chiastophyllum*, *Diamorpha*, *Gormanina*, *Hylotelephium*, *Lenophyllum*, *Mucizonia*, *Phedimus*, *Pistorinia*, *Pseudosedum*, *Rhodiola*, *Sedum*, *Sinocrassula*, *Umbilicus*, *Villiadia*, *Afrovivella*, *Jovibarba*, *Kungia*, *Meterostachys*, *Orostachys*, *Petrosedum*, *Prometheum*, *Rosularia*, *Sempervivella* and *Sempervivum*)
15. **Euphorbia group** – one plant.
(To include: *Cnidioscolus*, *Elaeophorbia*, *Endadenium*, *Euphorbia*, *Jatropha*, *Monadenium*, *Pedilanthus*, *Phyllanthus*, *Stenadenium* and *Synadenium*)
16. **Haworthia group** – one plant
(To include: *Apicra*, *Astroloba*, *Haworthia*, *Haworthiopsis*, *Poellnitzia* and *Tulista*)
17. **Mesembryanthemum group/Lithops subgroup** – one plant.
(To include *Dinteranthus*, *Lapidaria* and *Lithops*)
18. **Gasteria Group** – one plant.
19. **Succulent** – three plants.
20. **Succulent in flower** – one plant.
(To be judged for floral display)

Rules

Plants must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.
All entries must be emailed to: BCSS.online.show@gmail.com
Latest date for entries 25 June 2020.
Maximum two entries per class.
All entries must be accompanied by the name of the plant.
All entries will be judged in accordance with 10th edition of the *Handbook of Shows*.
No photograph should be altered to enhance the plant (eg with Photoshop, or similar).
All pictures must have been taken in 2020.
Where possible plants should be photographed against a plain background.
Measurements of pots will not be possible however, unless stated, all classes are limited to 12in or 30cm pot size.
Where classes are named as succulent, this is to exclude cacti.
Only one plant is allowed in each pot.
A junior is a person under the age of 18.

Prizes

We offer the following prizes. For the highest number of points in the Cactus or Succulent section, a collection of books as follows: *A Gallery of Agaves* by John Pilbeam, *Succulents in Nature* by Laura Guglielmo, *Cacti & Succulents of Baja California* by John Pilbeam, *Echinocereus* by John Pilbeam.

For the Winners of Classes 21 and 22 the book *Succulents in Nature* by Laura Guglielmo, plus a 1-year membership of the BCSS

The entries will be staged on a special Facebook page (entrants do not need to have a Facebook account) and a people's vote will also be undertaken. The winner of the most Facebook likes in the show will win a 1-year BCSS membership including a copy of *Bradleya*.

I do hope you will enter the show and have a little fun whilst we are frustrated with the current pandemic restrictions.

Ian Thwaites

National Show sellers

As the National Show has been cancelled for 2020, so has the chance for some major cactus & succulent shopping. Although hopefully the event can be rearranged for 2021, in the meantime it would be good if you can try to support these sellers, who in some cases have bought in extra stock or propagated extra plants just for the National Show. GDPR regulations prohibit publication of email address and other contact details here, but a search through previous BCSS Journals, as well as other online journals such as the Cactus Explorers and the Cactus & Succulent Review (Previously Essex Succulent Review), as well as general Internet searching, should in many cases provide contact details and you can then contact them to see if they are currently selling any plants online or by mail order.

EPRIC FOUNDATION - Frank Supplie ~ CACTUS SHOP - Ralph Northcott
DESERT PLANTS UK - Dave Appleton ~ TONY IRONS CACTI - Tony Irons
ARISTOCACTI - David Quail ~ DAVID NEVILLE - David Neville
KENT CACTI - Doug Sizmur ~ COVENTRY BRANCH - Karol Flynn
CROWS COTTAGE PLANTS - Alan Pocock ~ HOJNA SUCCULENTS - Lubos Honja
GERARDO - Jarda Snicer ~ PHIL WHITE - Phil White
PLANT LIFE - Stuart Riley ~ WILLIAMS CACTI - Craig Barber
MARIE POTS DIRECT - Marie Cole ~ SULCO & CO - John Carr
GERDI PROVOOST - Gerdi Provoost ~ WOODSIDE CACTI Carlos Zeferino
PAUL HOXEY - Paul Hoxey ~ KEITH LARKIN BOOKS - Keith Larkin
RICHARD DRANE - Richard Drane ~ GEOFFERY CROSSETT - Geoffery Crossett
C & V CACTI - Vicky Davies ~ FOSTERS EXOTIC PLANTS - Kevin Foster
IAN ARMSTRONG - Ian Armstrong ~ ABBEY BROOK CACTI - Brian Fearn
PAUL SHIRLEY SUCCULENTS - Paul Shirley
ASTROKAKTUS - Zvoe Rovsek ~ EMILE SINCLAIR - Emile Sinclair
CRAIG THOMSON - Craig Thompson ~ BEN TURNER - Ben Turner
JOHN PILBEAM - John Pilbeam ~ PIP HODGE - Pip Hodge
UHLIG - Matthias Uhlig ~ RALPH MARTIN - Ralph Martin

PLEASE try to SUPPORT these sellers during these difficult times.