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, Emyrocactus, Ferocactus, Homalocephala and Leuchtenbergia)
4. **Gymnocalycium group** – one plant.
   (To include: Brachycalyx, Gymnocalycium and Neowerdermannia)
5. **Mammillaria group** – one plant.
   (To include: Bartschella, Cochemiera, Dolichothel, Krainzia, Leptoclada, Mamillopsis, Mammillaria, Mamilloida, Oehmea, Phellosperma, Porforia, Pseudomammillaria and Solisia)
6. **Rebutia group** – one plant.
   (To include: Aylostera, Cintia, Cylindrorebutia, Digitorebutia, Mediobivia, Neorebutia, Rebutia, Setirebutia, Spezazzinia, Sulcorebutia and Weingarta)
7. **Cereus group** – one plant.
8. **Melocactus group** – one plant.
   (To include: Melocactus, Discocactus and Uebelmanna)
9. **Cactus** – three plants.
10. **Cactus in flower** – one plant.
    (To be judged for floral display)

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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, Dasylirion, Dracaena, Furcraea, Hesperaloe, Hesperoyucca, Manfreda, Nolina, Samuela and Yucca)
13. **Crassulaceae group/Echeveria subgroup** – one plant
   (To include: Creminophila, Dudleya, Echeveria, Graptopetalum, Hassenathus, Oliveranthus, Pachyphytum, Stylophyllum, Tacitus, Thompsonella and Urbania)
14. **Crassulaceae Group** – excluding plants specified in Class 13 – one plant.
   (To include: Adromischus, Bryophyllum, Cotyledon, Kalanche, Kitchingia, Tylecodon, Aeonium, Aichryson, Greenovia, Monanthes, Crassula, Globulea, Rochea, Tillaea, Vauanthes, Altmiranoa, Chiaistophyllum, Diamorpha, Gormania, Hylotelephrum, Lenophyllum, Mucizonia, Phedimus, Pistorinia, Pseudosedum, Rhodiola, Sedum, Sinocrassula, Umbilicus, Villadia, Afrovivella, Jovibarba, Kungia, Meterostachys, Orostachys, Petrosedum, Prometheum, Rosularia, Sempervivella and Sempervivum)
15. **Euphorbia group** – one plant.
   (To include: Cnidoscolus, Elaeophorbia, Endadenium, Euphorbia, Jatropha, Monadenium, Pedilanthus, Phylanthus, Stenadenium and Synadenium)
16. **Haworthia group** – one plant
   (To include: Apicra, Astroloba, Haworthia, Haworthiospis, 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
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 Guglielmone, 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 Guglielmone, 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 Northcottt
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 - Jardas Nicer ~ 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 HOXHEY - 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.