

**CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY
ANNUAL SHOW RULES & GUIDELINES**

A) Announcement of Show

Dates, times, location, set-up and all other information for shows will be announced via emails to club members, at club meetings and in the Central Spine newsletter prior to each show.

B) Exhibitor Classifications

- 1) Current members of the Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society or the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society are eligible to enter in this Show.
- 2) Competitive and Noncompetitive Exhibitors will register and receive an Exhibitor Number and blank entry cards prior to the show from the Show Chair or her/his designee. The number will be entered on all entry cards.
- 3) Competitive Exhibitors will register as Junior Novice, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced or Master. Classification is based on cumulative blue (first place) ribbons won in previous competitions.
 - a) Junior Novice (green entry cards): to age 18
 - b) Novice (yellow entry cards): 0-5 blue ribbons
 - c) Intermediate (blue entry cards) 6-24
 - d) Advanced (pink entry cards): 25-99
 - e) Master (white entry cards): 100 or more
- 4) Any exhibitor who wishes to enter the show in a higher exhibitor classification than determined by current rules may request to do so, with the understanding that all plants they enter will be included in that same classification, and they may not revert to their previous exhibitor classification in future competitions.

C) Judging Scale

- 1) The following criteria will be used:
 - a) Condition of plant – 50%
 - b) Difficulty of culture – 25%
 - c) Size and degree of maturity – 15%
 - d) Staging and presentation – 10%
- 2) Points awarded towards trophies:
 - a) First (blue ribbon) – 4 points
 - b) Second (red ribbon) – 3 points
 - c) Third (green ribbon) – 2 points
 - d) Honorable Mention (white ribbon) – 1 point
 - e) Seedling, Educational – Double points

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D) General Show Rules and Guidelines

The [Plant Lists, Categories and Divisions file](#) provides further information based on plant categories and is needed for completing the entry card.

- 1) Plants entered in the Show shall have been in the possession and care of the Exhibitor for a minimum of 6 months.
- 2) Neither the CACSS or the Desert Botanical Garden assumes responsibility for loss, damage or unclaimed entries.
- 3) ALL PLANTS entered in the Show shall be free of pests and/or disease. Any infected plants will be removed from the Show area at the discretion of the Show Committee.
- 4) The decisions of the judges and show committee are final.
- 5) Plants must be horticulturally propagated. No field-collected plants, whether salvaged legally or illegally, will be admitted.
- 6) No plant illegal to possess in Arizona or that might be mistaken for such a plant will be admitted, for example any plant in the genus Lophophora.
- 7) Each entry must be accompanied by an entry card. PLEASE FILL OUT CARDS PRIOR TO SHOW SETUP. Entry cards are available at monthly meetings before the show. Please fill out all required information above and below the dotted line without folding the card. If unable to get cards at meetings, reach out to the Show Chair for alternative arrangements.
- 8) All plant entries must have a white plastic or metal label inserted in the soil at the back of the pot facing forward. This identifies the orientation of the plant when placed on display.
- 9) Groom and clean your plants and pots prior to entry into the show. ABSOLUTELY NO CLEANING IN DORRANCE HALL. Remove leaves, spent flowers, cobwebs, etc. Insufficiently clean plants will be denied entry by CACSS intake personnel. Clean plants are important for both judging and public display.
- 10) Exhibitors shall refrain from watering plants just prior to the show. Any plants dripping water on the show tables may be removed from the show at the discretion of the Show Committee.

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- 11) Measurements in inches as indicated in the show categories refer to the inside diameter of the pot. For odd shaped pots, size is determined by adding the length and width together and dividing by two.
- 12) Plant stands may only be used in the Bonsai class or with plants that cascade below the edge of the pot.
- 13) Note that Sections I and II are for single plants ONLY. For example, if you have a pot with 3 nice *Astrophytum ornatum* regardless of their size, that entry does not belong in Section I Class A Division 6 (*Astrophytum*). Rather it would belong in Section IV, Class B, Division 1 (Dish Gardens and Planters-Multiple Plants-Cacti).
- 14) Do not bring in plants that you cannot lift yourself. In addition to the regular entry card, arriving heavy plants shall be set on the designated side table, along with the regular entry card, plus a full sheet of paper with plant name, exhibitor number and division number provided by the CACSS intake personnel when plant is delivered. On Submission Day, plants are moved multiple times as new entries are received. Your full page paper will serve as a placeholder for your plant until its final display position is identified, so it needs to be moved just once.
- 15) The Show Committee reserves the right to move or adjust plants, categories or displays to improve or facilitate a better show.
- 16) Limit your entries to 25 per exhibitor.
- 17) Members wishing to display plants not to be judged may do so. The Show Chair shall be notified of non-judged entries prior to show set up to allow for the appropriate space to be provided. Non-judged entries shall comply with other applicable rules and guidelines, including completion of the appropriate entry cards.
- 18) Exhibitors are not permitted on the show floor during judging.
- 19) Plants shall be removed from the show no later than an hour after the show closes.

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