THE BRITISH CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

CAMBRIDGE & DISTRICT BRANCH Inaugurated in 1947



Let's Grow Together

PROGRAMME AND SHOW CLASSES 2024

All meetings at 7 pm for 7:30 pm start at the Great Shelford Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane, Great Shelford, Cambridge CB22 5LZ

ENTRY FEE £2.00

(First meeting free to new members)

TEA/COFFEE & BISCUITS £1.00

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BRANCH LIBRARY

Members, especially newcomers are reminded that books may be borrowed from the Hon. Librarian at each meeting. One month free – fines of £1 per month on unreturned books.

SUMMER SHOW 12th JUNE 2024

AUTUMN SHOW 11th SEPTEMBER 2024

For 2024 printed Cambridge branch programmes will be available along with downloadable from the website www.cambridge.bcss.org.uk

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We welcome members of the public at any of our meetings, but regret that we must restrict certain privileges, i.e. use of the library to members of the Society.

Monthly Raffle, £1.00 per strip

Any Prizes always welcome and gratefully accepted.

Plants etc. for sale

MEETING 13th MARCH

TEXAS 2019 Martin Edwards

Table Show Classes

Open

- 1. Peperomia Group
- 2. Pelargonium Group_
- 3. Echevaria Subgroup
- 4. Othonna Group
- 5. Echinocactus Group
- 6. Eriosyce Group
- 7. Cactus in flower
- 8. Succulent in flower

- 9. One Cactus
- 10. One Succulent

MEETING 10th APRIL

HARRI LORENZI AND THE JARDIM BOTANICO PLANTARUM John Hughes

Table Show Classes

Open

- 1. Haworthia Group
- 2. Dorstenia Group
- 3. Astrophytum Group
- 4. Agave Group
- 5. Rebutia Group
- 6. Turbinicarpus Group
- 7. Stenocactus Group
- 8. Cactus in flower
- 9. Succulent in flower

- 10. One Cactus
- 11. One Succulent

MEETING 8th May

MEMBERS EVENING

A selection of short presentations from members on a subject of their choice such as cultivation techniques, favourite plants, greenhouse tours (volunteers welcome)

Table Show Classes

Open

- 1. Argyroderma Subgroup
- 2. Matucana Group
- 3. Rhipsalis Group
- 4. Sempervivum Subgroup
- 5. Cleistocactus Subgroup
- 6. Aloe Group
- 7. Kedrostris Group
- 8. 3 Cacti in flower
- 9. Succulent in flower

- 10. One Cactus
- 11. One Succulent

MEETING 12th JUNE

SCHEDULES FOR MINI SUMMER SHOW TO BE AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE

Summer Cactus Show held at our usual meeting venue, Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5LZ.

All BCSS members are encouraged to enter, and for visitors it's an opportunity to see well-grown plants.

Our shows are judged according to the National Society's "Handbook of Shows, 11th edition, 2021". You can order a printed copy here www.bcss.org.uk/product/handbook-of-shows/ (copies might also be available at the branch). You need this if you are thinking of entering!

MEETING 10th JULY

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Table Show Classes

Open

- 1. Echinocereus Group
- 2. Echinopsis Group
- 3. Mammillaria Group max. 120 mm
- 4. Ceropegia Group
- 5. Melocactus Group
- 6. Anacampseros Group
- 7. Euphorbia Group
- 8. Cactus in flower
- 9. Succulent in flower

- 10. One Cactus
- 11. One Succulent

MEETING 14th AUGUST

MADAGASCAR Alan Brown

Table Show Classes

Open

- 1. Didierea Group
- 2. Adenia Group
- 3. Thelocactus Group
- 4. Pachypodium Group
- 5. Coryphantha Group
- 6. Crassula Subgroup
- 7. Mammillaria Group
- 8. Cactus in flower
- 9. Succulent in flower

- 10. One Cactus
- 11. One Succulent

MEETING 11th SEPTEMBER

SCHEDULES FOR MINI AUTUMN SHOW TO BE AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE

Autumn Succulent Plant Show held at our usual meeting venue, Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5LZ.

The Autumn Show is a chance to exhibit and admire those plants with a later growing season, which aren't at their best in summer, and as last year, the classes are just for the 'other succulents' (i.e. not cacti). All BCSS members are encouraged to enter.

SUCCULENT AUTUMN SHOW

MEETING 9th OCTOBER

CZECH COLLECTIONS Ian Woolnough

Table Show Classes

Open

- 1. Gymnocalycium Group
- 2. 3 Cacti max 90mm pots
- 3. Parodia Group
- 4. Cheiridopsis Subgroup
- 5. Stapelia Group
- 6. Lithops Subgroup
- 7. Pediocactus Group
- 8. Cactus in flower
- 9. Succulent in flower

- 10. One Cactus
- 11. One Succulent

MEETING 13th NOVEMBER

TBC

Table Show Classes

Open

- 1. Espostoa Subgroup
- 2. Copiapoa Group
- 3. Faucaria Subgroup
- 4. Conophytum Subgroup
- 5. Sedum Subgroup
- 6. Lophophora Group
- 7. Adromischus Subgroup
- 8. Cactus in flower
- 9. Succulent in flower

- 10. One Cactus
- 11. One Succulent

MEETING 11th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS MEMBERS EVENING & AGM

Table Show Classes

Open

- 1. Nananthus Subgroup
- 2. Opuntia Group
- 3. Pachycereus Subgroup
- 4. Aeonium Subgroup_
- 5. Ariocarpus Group
- 6. Gasteria Group
- 7. Sansevaria Group
- 8. Cactus in flower
- 9. Succulent in flower

- 10. One Cactus
- 11. One Succulent

A.G.M. AGENDA

for Wednesday 11th December 2024 YOU WILL RECEIVE NO OTHER WRITTEN NOTIFICATION

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME
- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 3. MINUTES OF LAST A.G.M.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
- 5. HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT
- 6. HON. TREASURER'S REPORT
- 7. HON. PLANT SALES OFFICER'S REPORT
- 8. HON. SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT
- HON LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
- 10. REPORTS FROM ANCILLARY ORGANISERS
- 11. PRESENTATION OF CUPS AND CERTIFICATES
- 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024

At previous A.G.M.'s, light refreshments have been provided by members. It is hoped that those of you who will be attending will, once again, be kind enough to bring along a few biscuits, sausage rolls, or light snacks.

As all B.C.S.S. branches must be financially selfsupporting, members are encouraged to support the raffle by purchasing tickets and supplying prizes.

COMPETITION RULES

Please read carefully

- 1. Entries must have been owned by Competitors for at least 8 weeks.
- 2. Two entries allowed in each class.
- 3. All judging in accordance with the Handbook of Shows 11th Edition 2021
- Novices. Members who have scored not more than 50 points, or who have not won the Novice's / Junior's Trophy, in any previous season.
- 5. *Novices* and *Juniors* are eligible to enter in all open classes.
- Judging. In absence of outside judges, classes will be judged by non-competing members, basing their decision on the BCSS points system.
- 7. Entry fee per exhibit is 10p

Class	Points			
	1st	2nd	3rd	H.C.
All other meetings	5	3	2	1

Please contact the Show secretary for further information on the Table Show

SPECIAL AWARDS

(Branch Members Only)

The MRS E.M McKAY CUP Major Trophy

Awarded for the highest aggregate number of points scored in the open classes.

Minor Trophy

Awarded for the highest aggregate number of points among members who have never scored 100 points in any previous year in open classes.

THE LADY DRURY TROPHY

Awarded for the highest number of points combined Flowering classes in the open section.

THE MARGARET TAYLOR TROPHY

Awarded to the Minor trophy competitor with the highest number of points in combined Flowering classes in the open section.

NOVICE OR JUNIOR TROPHY

Awarded to the Novice or Junior with the highest number of points in the Novice or Junior classes.

Handicaps for MRS E.M. McKAY CUP and NOVICE OR JUNIOR TROPHY

Members who have scored 50 or more points in their previous year of showing, a handicap of 50% of 50% of the actual points scored.

OTHER AWARDS

B.C.S.S. Award of Merit

Awarded for the highest number of points in the classes for

- (i) Cacti
- (ii) Other Succulents

In the event of a tie, the highest number of firsts gain the award. In any other matter arising from the schedule, the decision of the Committee shall be final.

ADVISORY AND NAMING SERVICE

Branch Officers and Committee will be pleased to assist members, and any ideas, suggestions or constructive criticisms regarding our activities will be welcome.