

August Brag Table Winners

2026 August Brag Plant Winners

Novice Cactus None

Intermediate Cactus

1st Debra Lee Baldwin *Ferocactus glaucesens* 1

Advanced Cactus

1st Kathy McNair *Mammillaria perezdelarosae* 2

2nd Russel Ray *Tephrocactus articulatus* v. *papyracanthus* 3

3rd Russel Ray *Mammillaria geminispina* v. *noblis* 4

Novice Succulent

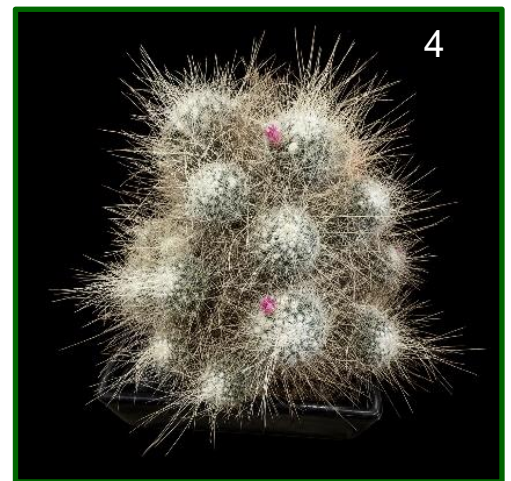
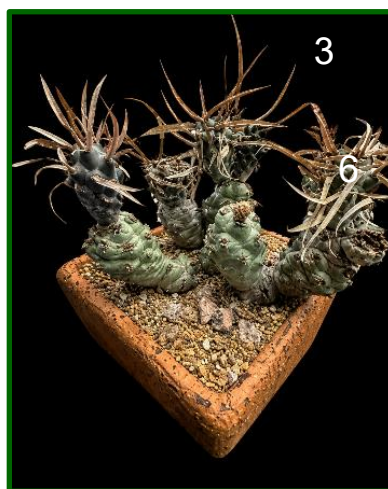
1st JoLynn Morice *Orbea variegata* 5

2nd Barbara Raab *Aloe* sp. 6

3rd Lynn Cahill *Aloe* "Christmas Carol" (Kelley Griffin hybrid) 7



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Intermediate Succulent

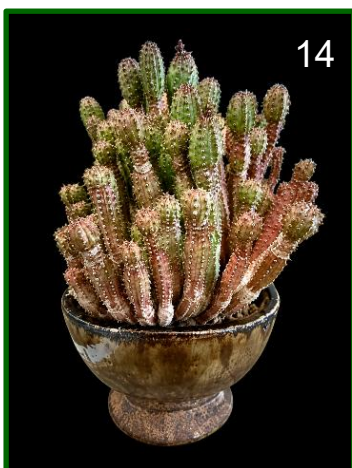
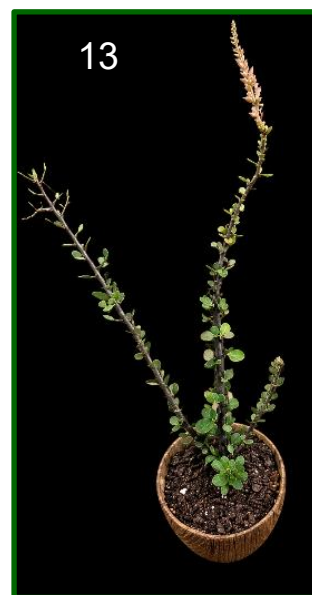
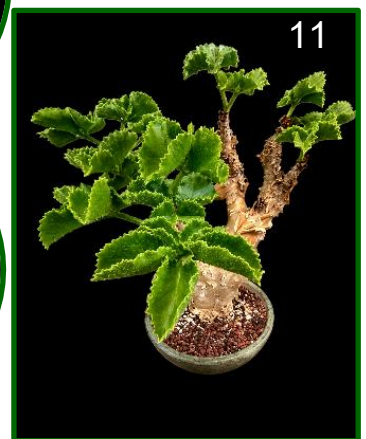
- 1st David Buffngton *Aechmea fasciata* 8
 2nd Norb Roden *Larryleachia cactiformis* 9
 3rd David Buffington *Huernia zebrina* 10

Advanced Succulent

- 1st Julian Duval *Cyphostema uter* 11
 1st Moni Waiblinger *Stapelia grandiflora* 12
 2nd Jeff McNair *Fouquieria burragei* 13

Plant of the Month – Novice

- 1st Teri Shusterman *Euphorbia mammillaris* 14



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Plant of the Month – Intermediate

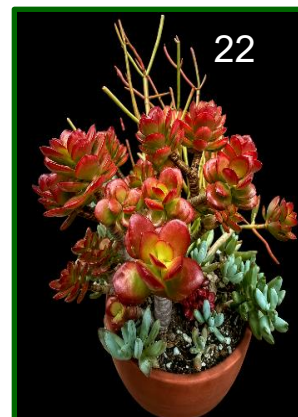
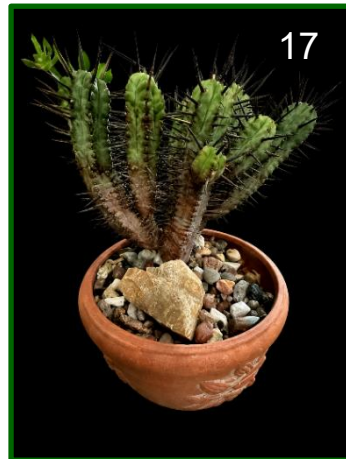
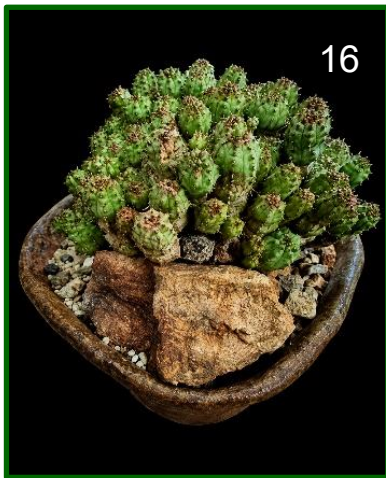
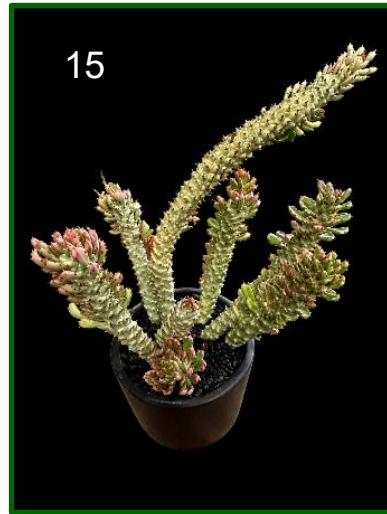
- 1st Norb Roden *Euphorbia stapeliodes* f. *variegata* 15
(aka *Monadenium stapeliodes* f. *variegata*)
2nd Sherman Blench *Euphorbia mammillaris* 16
3rd Sherman Blench *Euphorbia enopla* 17

Plant of the Month – Advanced

- 1st Russel Ray *Euphorbia multifolia* 18
1st Julian Duval *Euphorbia polygona* 'Snowflake' 19
(aka *E. polygona* v. *nivea*)
2nd Kathy McNair *Euphorbia flanaganii* 20
3rd Libbi Salvo *Euphorbia caput-medusa* 21

Dish/Bowl Garden - Intermediate

- 1st Chris Barkley Mixed Succulents 22



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Dish/Bowl Garden – Advanced

- 1st Russel Ray Tavaresia barklya, Alluadia 23
 comosa, Tephrocactus alexanderi
 2nd Robert Kopfstein Dycklirium 'Megalodon') 24
 (intergenetic hybrid Dyckia x Encholirium
 3rd Russel Ray Astrophytum ornatum cv. Spiral 25



+++++ Plant Story from Debra Lee Baldwin: +++++

When I brought my *Ferocactus glaucescens* ringed with offsets to the August meeting to show and give away, I entered it in Intermediate Cactus—no competition, so an easy 1st. Seven years ago, I'd painted its terracotta pot gold for a video on [my YouTube channel](#): "[How to Decorate a Cactus with Holiday Lights](#)". Evidently the steel, U-shaped florist's pins I'd used to secure a string of tiny white lights stimulated the plant's meristem by damaging it, causing it to produce offsets—nearly a dozen, each about the size of a hen's egg.

Robert Kopfstein said it merited being auctioned and asked me to tell its story. Two people really wanted it: speaker Woody Minnich and member Jeremy Leon Guerrero. To my delight and the group's entertainment, they kept the bidding going. It went to Jeremy for around \$100. Thrilling! People told me later they loved the story. What fun!

Here's how it looked when first planted and decorated.



**Jeremy won the
bid!
Congratulations!**

(A thought: Will there now be a run on florist's pins?)