



## Cacticon 2024 – International Speakers Panel.

### Kelly Griffin (USA)

Kelly is a succulent plant hybridiser, propagator and avid plant explorer. Like many of us, his interest in plants and particular succulent plants, started at a fairly young age. Since his early exposure, Kelly has travelled to over 20 countries searching for plants, including Madagascar, South Africa, and Mexico on numerous occasions.



He has previously worked as the Curator of Succulents at Rancho Soledad Nursery for eleven years and currently works for Altman's Plants as Succulent Plant Development Manager. He has become well known for his hybridising and is responsible for many succulent hybrids now in the trade, including Aloes, Agaves and Echeverias. His specialty that he is well known for are his Aloe hybrids that are 30 years in the making (Pink Blush, Delta lights, Christmas Sleigh, among many). His Agave hybrids and selections include Blue Glow, Snow Glow, Cubic, and many more. He is also responsible for obtaining seed from many interesting species and propagating the seed for all to enjoy in cultivation.

Kelly has been a member of the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society (SDCSS) since 1992. He has been a long-term member of the Board of Directors and he has served as President and Vice-President. He was very honoured to have been named a Fellow of

the San Diego Society. He currently serves as a director on the board of the National Cactus and Succulent Society of America.

