

Platycterium

staghorn or elkhorn ferns

Stag One



This remarkable specimen is in Fran & Dan's garden.
If you want to know all about them go here:

[Platycterium – Wikipedia](#)

THE GREEN THUMB

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The day after Terry's birthday...

Sister of Jerry, Fred and Fran

Meet Stag One - the stag-horn fern. Meet Stag Too, another stag-horn fern. Have I got a story for anyone who wants to read a good story.

When Dan and I married back in 1982 I eventually realized he came with plants. If you look at old photos of him you can see his green thumb. I always thought he just didn't wash his hands well enough.

Dan does not remember how he acquired Stag One, but it's at least 50 years old. His sister Bonnie took care of Stag One in 1975 for 3 years. That is when Dan moved to Hawaii.

Stag One also went through our house remodel in 2008. Stag One laid in our back yard to fend for himself. Stag One now lived a life among all the debris we were throwing out. Stag One was very worried and sad. Dan was too busy with the remodel projects to properly care for Stag One. Poor, sad Stag One. But between Dan's green thumb and Stag One's desire to live he survived.

Stag Too joined our family in 1987, Dan was working at Crest Garden Center in Rancho Palos Verdes. He had asked one of his suppliers if he had any moose staghorn ferns, as they were quite rare. The next week he was given a 4 inch pot with Stag Too. The rest is history. I have been surrounded by beautiful gardens my whole marriage.

Talk about a green thumb. Sometimes I think to myself, What if his other thumb had been Gold?