

# CACTUS COURIER

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The Meeting is the **4th** Saturday

**JANUARY 22, 2011**

**Joslyn Senior Center  
724 N. Broadway, Escondido**

**12 NOON**



Kathy



Photo by Gerhard Hudepohl

## *“The Floral of Central Chile”*

•• Kathy Musial ••

**Kathy Musial** is Curator of Living Collections at the **Huntington Botanical Gardens**, where she has worked for 28 years. Kathy is a long-time board member of the Southern California Horticultural Society and the Pacific Horticulture Society and was a founding board member of the San Diego Horticultural Society. She has traveled widely to study plants: Australia, New Zealand, S. Africa, and Taiwan, among

other places. She first visited southern Chile in 1996, and more recently in September 2010 to scout for the planned Pacific Horticulture tour in October 2011 that she will escort.

The long thin country of Chile is home to habitats ranging from the Atacama Desert in the north to temperate rainforest in the south to alpine in the Andes along the country's eastern edge. The Valle

Central, centered around Santiago, is one of the world's five mediterranean climate regions. Northward to the edge of the Atacama is the Norte Chico, where in years of good winter rainfall the Desierto Florido ("flowering desert") phenomenon occurs, when carpets of bulbs and annual flowers spring from the seemingly barren sand. 2010 was a good year for the Desierto Florido, which will be highlighted in this talk featuring the flora of Chile's central regions, including many of the cacti that can be found there.



**BOARD MEETING • PLANT SALES • BRAG PLANTS • EXCHANGE TABLE**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**Eleanore didn't pick up the list of Refreshment Volunteers!!!  
She'll bring something tasty... How about you???**



**Road Trip!**

**February 12, 2011**

***The Living Desert***  
Palm Desert



The Ramona Garden Club is arranging a Field Trip to THE LIVING DESERT in Palm Desert on Saturday, Feb 12, 2011. This will be a joint effort between the Ramona and Palomar Clubs. Cost will be around \$35.00 depending on how full the bus is etc. If you are interested in attending and want to reserve a spot please email Ramona Valencia at ramonaflor@aol.com or telephone at 760-604-1852.

[http://www.livingdesert.org/thingstodo\\_map.html](http://www.livingdesert.org/thingstodo_map.html)

The plants are categorized in several ways: by geography, taxonomy (grouped by classification and not area), educational concepts (plants that attract bighorn sheep or tiny hummingbirds), and in a demonstration garden that shows desert landscape design. One garden features more than 50 species of palms from around the world.

The exotic gardens include plant life found in East Africa and unique plants found on the island of Madagascar.

There are lush botanical gardens representing 10 different desert ecosystems. A journey to "Eagle Canyon," with its streams, mountain lions, bobcats, Mexican wolves and golden eagles is a definite "must see."

There is also a nursery of desert plants. *(Wonderful! More plants! Good thing buses have lots of room!)*



The Living Desert is a Zoo and Botanical Garden, specializing in the plants and animals found throughout the deserts of the world. Giraffes, Mountain Lions, Wolves and Cheetahs are just a few of the incredible animals that take you from Africa to North America.

The park says it's the only one in North America to specialize in interpreting and conserving the world's deserts by featuring an extensive collection of desert plant and animal life.



**So mark your calendars, find your water bottles, and get your cameras ready...**

# CSSA 2011 CONVENTION



April 24 - April 29, 2011  
Marriott Hotel - Mission Valley  
San Diego, California

Hosted by the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society

## CSSA Corner

January 2011

The biennial Convention of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America is coming up fast. Early registration allows for a \$100 discount, but must be made by February 15, 2011 to qualify. Don't miss the best presenters anywhere and the social fun of a World-Wide C&S gathering. There will be field trips, plant workshops, a Judges Workshop, Newsletter Editors meeting, Affiliates meeting among all of the other activities. Remember, San Diego, April 24-30, 2011.

The New Year is here and it is time to renew subscriptions to the CSSA Journal. Do it soon so as not to miss the first issue of 2011.

The full information is available at the San Diego Club's website:

<http://www.sdcss.net/2011convention.html>

Field trip details are available on the SDCSS website:  
<http://www.sdcss.net/>



Balboa Park



To go along with the Convention, there is a call for table decorations for the banquets.

## Help with Centerpieces for the CSSA 2011 Convention April 24 – April 29

We are actively seeking donations of items and plants to help us create centerpieces for the closing banquet. "Anything goes" is the theme so start thinking "outside the box" and finding objects that can be planted up with cacti and succulents such as **bowls, dishes, pots, teapots, small boxes or crates, shells, baskets, tins, succulent wreath forms, Tonka trucks, urns, bonsai containers, miniature pots etc.** We will also need top dressing, marbles, beads, pebbles, sphagnum moss, coir, ornaments and decorations to adorn the creations.

We will happily take cuttings of small plants like sedum, crassulas, and aeoniums. They do not need to be rooted. When taking cuttings, consider color and texture – the more variety the better, and also plants that give dimension to arrangements: "thrillers," "fillers" and "spillers."

More of the small green boxes that can be used for planting up cuttings will be available at the January meeting. If you have containers that you would like to donate we will begin accepting them at that time also.

Debra Lee Baldwin's book "*Succulent Container Gardens*" is a huge resource stuffed with inspirational ideas for containers and imaginative ways to use plants. Debra's

"Succulents in Containers" CD also has a wealth of great ideas.

Please contact Linda Stewart, 858-488-8234, [lbs@san.rr.com](mailto:lbs@san.rr.com) or Sarah Clayton, 858-705-1475, [sclayton@san.rr.com](mailto:sclayton@san.rr.com) with any questions or suggestions – we'd love to hear from you.

**BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE JANUARY PCSS MEETING! THEY WILL BE PICKED UP THERE.**



## 2011 Plant Sale

"Keep your calendars open to participate in the PCSS annual plant sale at Alta Vista Gardens at Brengle Terrace Park in Vista on May 6th (setup day) and **May 7th (Sale Day)**. The most important thing you can do RIGHT NOW is to grow a plant or 2 to contribute. If you don't want to tend to them, Lorie will. Just bring them to the meeting this month. Colorful plants (4" pot minimum, maximum size: you can lift it) seem to be very popular. Ron says the **DISH GARDENS** sold particularly well last year. Thank you in advance for making this our top money maker for the club." [Lorie]

### **Now is the time to start repotting!!**

See how wonderful last year was:



### Officers • Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

Vicki Broughton – President

Peter Walkowiak – Vice-President

***Your Name Here!! – Secretary***

Dennis Miller – Treasurer & Membership Co-Chair

Bruce Barry – Board Member

Dick Kubiak – Board Member

Dick Henderson – Board Member & Garden Chair

Mary Kaho – Board Member

Chris Barkley – Board Member

Brita Miller – Librarian

Ron Chisum – Refreshments & Speakers

Eleanore Hewitt – Newsletter & Membership Co-Chair

The Board is still looking for new people to serve in 2011. It meets about an hour before each regular meeting at the Joslyn Center. That means only 8 to 9 hours a year. Please consider adding this small amount of time so that the Palomar Club can remain as wonderful as it is.

Vicki says she can't do her job without a Secretary!!! And it's a sit-down job...



Special THANKS from Eleanore to everyone who helped at the Holiday Party! We had such a fabulous time, and ate until we couldn't move. People set up the hall, laid out the food, and cleaned up everything.

I would like to make special note of Susan & Leon LaFreniere. They signed up again this year to help with serving, but showed up early – again! – for setup and never stopped. I couldn't have done it without you!

**This is what makes this Club so wonderful!**

*(Now I know people were taking pictures. Send them to me!)*

## Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033  
*Membership Application*

I/We wish to join/renew membership in the  
**Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society**

**\$20.00 Single Membership**  
**\$25.00 Dual Membership (Same Address)**  
(1/2 price after June 30th)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

“Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society”  
P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033

## 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

22 January Joslyn Center

26 February Joslyn Center

26 March Joslyn Center

16 April Joslyn Center

**NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!**

21 May Joslyn Center

**NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!**

25 June Joslyn Center

23 July Joslyn Center

27 August to be determined

24 September Joslyn Center

22 October to be determined

19 November Joslyn Center

**NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!**

17 December Joslyn Center

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# Palomar Cactus • 2011 •

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