

# CACTUS COURIER

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The Show is the 4th Saturday – the Sale is Saturday and Sunday

## *Plant Show and Sale*

October 27 & 28, 2012



**San Diego Botanic Garden**  
Ecke Building (south of the parking lot)  
230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA

formerly known as...  
*“Quail Botanical Gardens”*

The Show starts at 11 am Saturday **PROMPTLY!**

Plant check-in starts at 8:00AM

There is a planned Children’s Activity along the driveway we usually park on. Please be aware that we’ll need to arrive early to drop plants off, and move vehicles to the main lot.



**Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society**

**Plant Show and Sale**  
Sat. Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 8 – 5  
Sun. Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 9 – 4

# Plant Show & Sale at San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas (formerly Quail Botanical Gardens)

**Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> Noon to 5 pm Set Up in the Hall – Bring your plants early if you can!**

**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 8 am to 5 pm Annual Members' Plant Show – Open Judging from 11 am to 1 pm**  
Chairperson Peter Walkowiak promises an outstanding Show and Sale this year. The public will be able to follow along as the judges comment on entries and make their selection in the 7 divisions of Cacti and Succulents for both Novice and Advanced participants. The judges will also announce the Best Cactus, Best Succulent, and Best in Show winners. These selections will be able to be viewed on Sunday as well.

**Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 4 pm Saturday & Sunday Plant Sale**  
Vendors of plants and pottery will be selling from 9-5 Saturday and 10-4 Sunday. The plant vendors will have specimens for collectors as well as beginners.

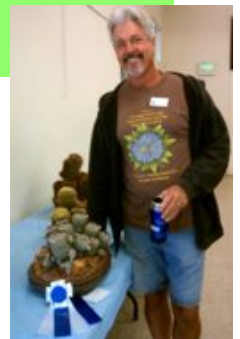
**Members of PCSS and affiliated clubs may show their membership cards for entry to the Garden.**

Questions: email [redacted]  
You may phone Peter at [redacted]



## 2012 Plant Show & Monster Sale October 2012

*Peter Walkowiak, Plant Show Manager*



### **Annual Members' Plant Show with Open Judging from Saturday Noon – 3 PM.**

Plant Show Manager Peter Walkowiak promises an outstanding Show and Sale this year on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at the San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly *Quail Gardens*) 230 Quail Gardens Drive Encinitas. The public will be able to follow along on Saturday as the judges, **Phyllis Flechsig** and **Mark Fryer**, comment on entries and make their selections in the 4 divisions of Cacti and Succulents for both Novice and Advanced participants. The judges will also announce the Best Cactus, Best Succulent and Best in Show winners. These selections will be able to be viewed on Sunday as well.

### **Sale and Auction – Saturday and Sunday**

Vendors of plants and pottery will be selling from 9-5 Saturday Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> and 9-4 Sunday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. The plant vendors will have specimens for collectors as well as beginners.

Peter has asked for a bunch of volunteers for the Show and Sale. We will need help with **Setup** on Saturday & Sunday mornings; **Security** for Saturday during the Show; 3 or 4 **Clerks** to help the Judges for Saturday; and Teardown Sunday afternoon.

We also want to put together a table in the area with flyers, newsletters and friendly faces to promote the Club to the Garden visitors. This one would be a sit-down job, and can be shared by rotating volunteers.

**PLEASE NOTE – It takes a long time to log all the plants in.**

**We want to start the process by 8:00 am. Come no later than 10:30 am Saturday!!**

**(You may bring plants on Friday from Noon until 5 pm. The building will be locked at 5 pm.)**



# Board Meeting • Brag Plants • Exchange Table

All canceled due to the Show! They are ALL Brag Plants today!



## PALOMAR CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY PLANT SHOW RULES

October 27<sup>th</sup>, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012

1. The Show is open to all paid members of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society.
2. Plants should be properly identified with their botanical names. There will be books available to check for names before the Show.
3. Entries must be in the possession of exhibitors for at least six months. Plants must be clean, (no weeds or debris) and healthy (no insects, disease or pesticide odor). Any plants showing evidence of either will be disqualified. Plant labels should be removed or hidden.
4. Entries are judged on: a) Condition, size, maturity and difficulty of culture: 70% b) Staging - pot, top dressing, arrangement, cleanliness: 25% c) Nomenclature: 5%
5. Entry cards will be available at the Show. You will get to keep part of each card. The Judges' Clerk will collect the other half. Place the card next to the plant with your name hidden. Choose your category on the Honor System.
6. Advanced entries will use **WHITE** cards; Novice entries will use **COLORED** cards.
7. There will be awards for both Advanced and Novice entries. There will be cash prizes for the Best Cactus, Best Succulent, and Best in Show. Plant Bucks will be awarded to each blue-ribbon winner in each category.
8. All entries must be here, cards completed, and plants in position by 10:45 am on the day of the Show. Don't torture us by coming late.
9. Staging and containers affecting the overall presentation are considered by the Judges in their decisions.
10. One plant per pot unless entered as a dish garden.
11. Plants will be entered into classes as listed below. One person may enter as many plants as desired in a class.
12. The awards will be as follows: First and Second Place, Advanced and Novice, for each Class; Best Succulent; Best Cactus; Best of Show.
13. The Judges may, at their discretion, divide the entries in any class into two classes by size as may be appropriate for the plants entered. Ribbons will be awarded for each of the new classes.
14. Cristate and Monstrose plants may be entered into the Division and Class determined by its genus or may be entered into Division 3, Class #60.
15. Plants that have won a Best of Division or Best of Show within the past two years are not eligible for competition.

### **DIVISION 1: CACTACEAE**

#### North American Cacti

- 1) Ariocarpus, Astrophytum
- 2) Aztekium, Pelecypora, Epithelantha, Strombocactus, Obregonia, Encephalocarpus, Ortegocactus
- 3) Coryphantha, Escobaria, Neobesseya, Neolloydia, Leuchtenbergia
- 4) Gymnocactus, Turbinocarpus, Stenocactus
- 5) Echinocereus
- 6) Echinocactus, Ferocactus, Hamatocactus
- 7) Mammillaria; hooked spines
- 8) Mammillaria; straight spines 9) Thelocactus, Sclerocactus, Pediocactus

#### South American Cacti

- 10) Blossfeldia, Frailea, Uebelmannia
- 11) Buiningia, Discocactus, Melocactus
- 12) Copiapoa
- 13) Echinopsis, Lobivia
- 14) Eriocyce, Neochilenia, Neoporteria, Pyrrhocactus, Horridocactus
- 15) Gymnocalycium
- 16) Notocactus, Parodia, Acanthocalycium
- 17) Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia
- 18) Matucana, Submatucana, Oroya, Borzicactus

**Other cacti**

- 19) Ceroids, columnar types
- 20) Opuntioides
- 21) Epiphytic cacti
- 22) Variegates, crests and monstrose
- 23) Seed-grown by exhibitor

**DIVISION 2: NON-CACTUS SUCCULENTS**

**Aizoaceae** (Mesembryanthemaceae)

- 24) Lithops, Conophytum
- 25) Pleiospilos, Titanopsis, Dinteranthus, Faucaria
- 26) Mestoklema, Aloinopsis, Trichodiadema

**Asphodelaceae**

- 27) Aloe
- 28) Gasteria
- 29) Haworthia, Astroloba

**Crassulaceae**

- 30) Cotyledon, Tylecodon
- 31) Crassula, Kalanchoe
- 32) Dudleya
- 33) Echeveria
- 34) Pachyphytum, Graptopetalum, Tacitus
- 35) Aeonium, Sedum



**Euphorbiaceae**

- 36) Leaves, no spines: decaryi, capsaintemariensis, bupleurifolia
- 37) Leaves and spines: milii, gottlebei, viguieri, unispina
- 38) No leaves or spines: caput-medusa, inermis, esculenta, obesa
- 39) Spines, no leaves: stellispina, horrida, ferox, stellata, clavigera
- 40) Monadenium, Jatropha, Pedilanthus

**Geraniaceae**

- 41) Geraniaceae (Pelargonium)
- 42) Sarcocaulon



**Apocynaceae**

- 43) Adenium
- 44) Pachypodium

**Asclepiadaceae**

- 45) Fockea, Petopentia, Raphionacme
- 46) Caralluma, Hoodia, Huernia, Stapelia

**Agavaceae**

- 47) Agave
- 48) Nolina, Yucca, Beaucarnea, Calibanus



- 49) Senecio
- 50) Othonna
- 51) Abromeitiella, Dyckia, Burseraceae
- 52) Commiphora, Didiereaceae
- 53) Alluaudia, Didierea, Dracaenaceae
- 54) Sansevieria
- 55) Moraceae, Ficus, Dorstenia, Passifloraceae
- 56) Adenia, Portulacaceae
- 57) Avonia, Anacampseros, Ceraria

**Caudiciforms, Pachycauls, Geophytes**

- 58) Bombax, Cucurbits, Fouquieria, Dioscorea, Pachycormus

**DIVISION 3: OTHER**

- 59) Succulent Bulbs
- 60) Variegates, Crests, and Monstrose
- 61) Succulent Bonsai; any succulent plant presented in a Bonsai style, classical or unconventional
- 62) Seed-grown by exhibitor
- 63) Dish Gardens; more than one plant per dish
- 64) Collections: minimum of three, maximum of ten plants of the same genus

**DIVISION 4 – ART**

- 65) Photography & Art in any media, about succulent plants, or habitat. Art made from plant materials also included. Display Only – NOT JUDGED.

**Vendors expected at the Sale:**

<b>Cactus Man</b> (Dean Hart)	Cactus & succulents
<b>Corona Cactus</b> (Jennifer & Daryl Craig)	
<b>Jerry Garner</b>	Ceramic pots
<b>Hula Tropicals</b> (Steve Salley)	Succulents, plumerias
<b>Rudy Lime</b>	Succulents
<b>Woody Minnich</b>	Succulents
<b>C&amp;T Parr</b> (Kienan & Terry Parr)	Succulents
<b>George Plaisted</b>	Pots, perlite, fertilizer & supplies
<b>PW Plants</b> (Peter Walkowiak)	Succulents
<b>Succulent Gardening</b> (Tina Zucker)	Succulents, plumerias



## REFRESHMENTS

We have two (2) days of activities, so we are in need of *extra* snacks and drinks.

We need food for both Saturday and Sunday of the Plant Show & Sale.

Sunday was sparse last year. The vendors and volunteers really need the support on Sunday – they can't just leave the Sale.

Saturday: *YOUR NAME HERE!!!*

The signup sheet didn't end up in my hands

Sunday: *YOUR NAME HERE!!!*

Maybe there will be plan for Sunday!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Show and Sale is just over a week away. To make this truly successful the club needs it's members to participate. There are many ways to do this and I will list them here:

Bring in your favorite plants to enter in the show; there will be assistance in filling out your entry cards and placement. Plants must be clean and pest free. There is no limitation on number of plants entered. Bring plants in on Friday 12 to 5pm and Saturday 8 to 10am. Friday is best if you need help, Saturday morning will be hectic.

Volunteer your time to make this special event run smoothly. Your help is essential to make this successful.

Show set up and assisting with plant entrants on Friday from 10 am to 5:30.

Register and sales help starting Saturday morning at 8am till 5pm and Sunday 9am to 4pm. You are not required to do a whole shift, it will be two hour shifts and you can do as many as you desire.

Show organizing, repositioning of show plants for best for best visual appeal and keeping novice and advanced plants separate in each category for judging, 8 to 11am Saturday.

Clerking for the judges, 11am to 1pm.

Helping with the repotting of plants for the children's fall festival event being put on by the San Diego Botanic Garden, 10am to 1pm.

Kitchen help or food for volunteers and vendors for lunch both days.

Security, watching the show area to keep people from touching show plants, keeping sale plants out and show plants in. It may also include answering questions and providing interesting info for the public. Saturday 8 to 5 and Sunday 9 to 4.

Break down of show at 4pm Sunday, we have an hour and a half to remove show plants and all our materials, sales plants etc. and have the area clean.

We need boxes for sale plants, so if you are coming to the show grab some boxes. This will be greatly appreciated as will your participation in the show and as a volunteer. If you would like to help in any way, do not hesitate to contact me and let me know how you would like to volunteer or have questions that you need answered.

**Peter Walkowiak**  
President

**Brag Plants**  
••• September 2012 •••

**Cactus:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Ferrocactus cylindrica*  
Ron Chisum
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Luetchenbrgia principis*  
Peter Walkowiak
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Lobivia rebutooides*  
Peter Walkowiak



**Succulents:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Agave perryii* "Cream Spike"  
Dick Henderson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Ceraria friculosa*  
Dick Henderson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Cyphostemma juttiae*  
Peter Walkowiak



**Novice Succulents:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Trichodiadema bulbosum*  
Lorie Johansen



**2012 MEETING SCHEDULE**

27, 28 October San Diego Botanic Garden (*Quail*)

17 November Joslyn Center

**NOTE !!! 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday !!**

15 December Joslyn Center

**NOTE !!! 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday !!**



**Officers • Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society**

Peter Walkowiak – President

Chris Barkley – Vice-President

Libbi Salvo – Secretary

Vicki Broughton – Treasurer

Ron Chisum – Program Chair

Dick Henderson – Board Member & Garden Chair

Bruce Barry – Board Member & Exchange Table

Don Nelson – Board Member

John Barkley – Board Member & Refreshments

Francis Granger – Board Member & Exchange Table

Stan Yalof – Board Member

Brita Miller – Librarian

Vicki Martin – Assistant Librarian

Dennis Miller – Raffle & Plant Sales & Membership Co-Chair

Eleanore Hewitt – Newsletter & Membership Co-Chair

Annie Morgan – Spring 2013 Plant Sale

**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**

**\$25.00 Single Membership**  
**\$30.00 Dual Membership (Same Address)**  
(1/2 price after June 30th)

There is a **\$5 discount** on the fees if you choose to receive your newsletter by email-only. Save money, leave a small carbon footprint, and reduce Eleanore's workload!

**Please print! We have to be able to read it!**

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## SHOWS AND JUDGING

By Dorothy Dunn – Late Member of PCSS

Exhibiting your plants in a show can be fun, stimulating, and very educational. If it is a competitive show, judged by discerning and knowledgeable plant experts, it becomes even more challenging and exciting. It's also very gratifying to overhear strangers ooh-ing and ahh-ing over your “pampered darlings” which you have (hopefully) groomed and dusted to perfection for their public appearance. Unfortunately, many of us hesitate to enter plant shows because of a lack of information concerning just what constitutes a “show-worthy” plant. So – the purpose of this article is to acquaint the timorous uninitiated with a few basic guidelines in preparing plants for a show. Remember, first of all, that judging is a very individualistic, opinionated, and often subjective process, and that rarely will any two judges ever see the same plant in the same way on any given day. A plant that sends one judge into paroxysms of delight may be passed over almost without comment by another.

The criteria most often followed in cactus and succulent shows is the CSSA (Cactus and Succulent Society of America) Judging Scale, which is as follows: Condition = 70%; Staging = 15%; Size and Degree of Maturity = 10%; Nomenclature = 5%.

The condition of a plant relates to general culture. How well has the plant been grown and cared for? Condition reflects on the grower's ability to assess a particular plant's needs to maintain characteristic, healthy growth. Is the plant etiolated (too green and lanky, indicating too much shade and/or fertilizer)? Is it sunburned, scarred, discolored, or diseased? Is the growth uniform and even? Are there any signs of mealy-bugs, scale, or ants? An experienced judge will note immediately and automatically all of these things, because an experienced judge knows what the plant should – ideally – look like. (In some shows, plants are judged “against perfection” as opposed to being judged against each other).

Staging is the manner in which the plant is displayed, and includes pots, top dressing, and cleanliness. Pots may be ordinary clay, stoneware, ceramic, or even plastic, but they must be in good condition (no chips or cracks) and they must be clean (no alkali encrustations, algae, dirt clinging to the pot, etc.). The pot should be of a complementary size, shape, and color for the plant: no garish, shiny colors or elaborate designs, and no fanciful, overly ornate or “too-cute” shapes. Remember, you are displaying the plant, not the pot, and while the pot should always subtly enhance the plant, it should never overwhelm or detract from it in any way. The judges will, however, take the overall effect into consideration. The plant must, of course, be straight and centered in the pot. Top dressing is optional, but generally adds to the well-groomed effect. It may consist of clean gravel, small, natural-looking pebbles, lava rock (scoria), coarse sand or decomposed granite. Aside from being neat-appearing, top dressing is also beneficial to the plant; it keeps

the soil from caking and cracking, conserves moisture, and discourages weeds. Here, as with the pot, it should never detract from or clash with the plant. If you choose not to use a top dressing, the soil around the plant should be clean and fresh-looking and free of weeds or debris. The plant itself should be as immaculate as you can possibly make it – no spider webs and/or (worse!) spiders, no snail tracks and/or (worse!) snails, etc., ad nauseum, and it should be cleaned of hard water marks on the leaves or body, and be free of dust, dead leaves and other debris. Dead blooms should be removed unless they have been left on the plants for the purpose of setting seed.

A large, relatively mature “specimen-size” plant, if well grown, will always take precedence over immature or seedling plants. This is where Size and Degree of Maturity come in. It is especially satisfying to display a plant you have successfully grown from a seedling into a handsome and mature specimen. Due to the proper emphasis on conservation and endangered species, most judges tend to cast a somewhat jaundiced eye on obviously collected plants, and there is some discussion about disqualifying them altogether. Most show rules also require that the plant must be grown by the exhibitor for at least six months prior to the show, and some judges feel that the plants shown should ideally reflect the end result of several years of painstaking effort on the part of the grower. Rarity, and how difficult the plant is in cultivation, although not listed in the judging scale, can also be factors with individual judges, especially when all other points (condition, staging, etc.) are virtually equal. A very rare or difficult to grow plant is bound to influence most judges. *[note from the editor – a common but beautifully grown plant can still take the prize over a rare but not quite perfect plant].*

Nomenclature has to do with the proper labeling and correct botanical name (including spelling) of the plant. Even though it counts for only 5%, you should make every effort to provide the correct name for your plant. When in doubt, if all else fails, it is probably better to label it – for example – simply Mammillaria species, rather than to give it an erroneous specific name, or worse yet, an ambiguous common name such as “Pincushion Cactus.” Labels should be clean, neat, and inconspicuous, if used. (Many shows use entry cards instead of labels). The owner's name cannot be visible to the judges.

So, now – start making plans to cart your favorite (and most delectable) plants off to the next show with confidence, relax and enjoy it, and try to accept with grace and suitable modesty the compliments and ribbons which are sure to reward your efforts.

March 1983



Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Genus: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

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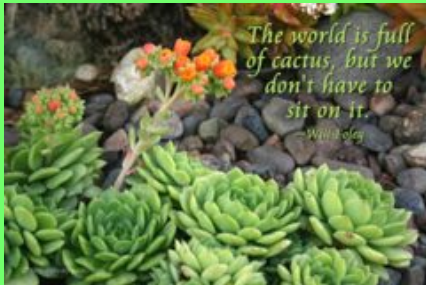
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Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Genus: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_

NOVICE (Green) – 10 or fewer Blue Ribbons

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Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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ADVANCED (White)  
– 10 or more Blue Ribbons

**Print as many copies as you need.  
NOVICE should be on colored paper.  
Advanced on white paper.**