

CACTUS COURIER

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The Meeting is the 3rd Saturday!

November 21, 2009

Joslyn Senior Center
724 N. Broadway, Escondido

Noon!!



Trinidad and Tobago
“From Tonka Beans to Bromeliads...”

• Joe & Kay Quijada •

Joe & Kay Quijada will be taking us along on their May 2008 visit to the independent Republic of Trinidad and Tobago only 7 miles off the coast of Venezuela. The program features hikes around the two islands finding interesting plants, from nonis to nutmeg, and tonka beans to bromeliads; colorful tropical birds, including two truly unusual birds: the nocturnal Oilbird, and the loudest bird in the world – the Bearded Bellbird; rather large insects; reptiles such as the Golden “Tiger” Tegu, and Spectacled Caiman, plus an 800 lb. Leatherback marine turtle; Trinidad's special hybrid cattle, the unique Buffalypso; and a fun dab of “dis and dat” native T&T culture. (Forget calypso music... calypso is out and reggae is in.)



Heliconia sp



Tillandsia flexuosa



Golden Tegu

(John Tashjian will especially enjoy this!)

Come and enjoy an excellent program with spectacular photos. Joe and Kay always give us a wonderful feel for the areas they visit.

BOARD MEETING • PLANT SALES • BRAG PLANTS • EXCHANGE TABLE

REFRESHMENTS

Jean O’Daniel Susan & Leon LaFreniere Teri Schmidt
Roxanne Nelson Charles Ambruster Chris & John Barkley Betty Falc
Lina Paul Ramona Valencia



OBSERVATIONS

Ron Chisum

This is another of those confusing years where we have no idea what the winter will bring. Because of the unusually warm ocean water temperatures, we are hoping we will get a wetter than normal winter. Keep your fingers crossed.

November is my favorite time of year to plant outdoor xerophytic plants. I dig holes and put cereus cacti (cuttings or rooted plants) into the ground. No water. Other plants, like aloes and agaves also do well. The winter rains give them a chance to get established into moist soil. This past summer I made some wells (more like donuts) around some of my younger plants). This allows me to contain water

near plant roots during the summer. Now is the time to eliminate the well to reduce the risk of rot from too much water. If your plants are planted on a slope, a shovel full of dirt removed from the down hillside solves the problem. I also have quite a few plants that will not tolerate a lot of water in the winter. I keep these in pots that get moved up close to the house where they are kept fairly dry by the overhanging roof. My winter growers, on the other hand, get a little extra water now so their growth will be optimal when the rains come.

See you at the meeting!



– RON

The Mysteries of a Plant Show & Sale

...Stan Yalof

The October festival did well. It was ambitious and there were loose ends. Suggestions for the future are solicited. Let me pass on its formula for success. Get good people involved early. Have a general direction. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Take PCSS beyond the ordinary.

I would like to recognize those souls who set things up and those that pitched in.

Show & Sale Managers: Stan Yalof, John Mullein

Awards: Erik Gronborg & Stan Yalof

Wonderful Judges: Phyllis Flechsig & Tom De Merritt

Clerks: Bruce Barry, Mitch Bahr, Brita Miller,

Lori Johansen, & Vicki Broughton

Regalement Chefs: John Tashjian & Bruce Barry

Other Yummies: Too many members to mention

Set-up: Joslyn custodians

Our Wonderful Directors

The ambitious outdoor Plant Sale did us proud. Street traffic introduced the club to outsiders and expanded offerings to members.

The Plant Show 1st place Betty statuettes will be awarded this Thanksgiving. Betty is our late Betty Wollrich, a jolly and active member for many years who with old timers Mildred Gregory, Eleanor Hewitt, Red Bernal and others put on prodigiously gorgeous Del Mar Plant Shows. Ten shows at a time! Not too forget the kitchen, members like Florence Robbins and her crews who ran things into their 90s. I praise you all.

I would hope that every future event be aimed at excellence. Even if realization falls short of ambition, better to strive and fall short. I hope that whoever does a future plant show and sale tries to raise the bar.

2009 Members Plant Show Winners

All the members who brought plants are winners!

Best Cactus

Peter Walkowiak – *Mammillaria schumannii* v. *globosa*



Best Succulent

Peter Walkowiak – *Petopentia natalensis*

DIVISION I - CACTUS

Class #1 – Mammillaria

1. *M. schumannii* v. *globosa* Peter Walkowiak

1. *M. perbella* Peter Walkowiak

2. *M. spinosema* Ron Chisum

Novice

1. *M. parkinsonii* Lina Paul

Class #2 – Echinocereus, Ferocactus, Echinocactus

1. *Echinocereus knippelianus* Peter Walkowiak

2. *Coryphantha macromeris* Peter Walkowiak

2. *Echinocereus fendlerii* v. *kunzleri*

Peter Walkowiak

Novice

1. *Echinocereus reichenbachii* Lina Paul

Class #3 – Gymnocalycium

1. *Gymnocalycium pflanzii* v. *tomina*

Peter Walkowiak

2. *Gymnocalycium saglione* Mike Regan

Novice

1. *Gymnocalycium multiflorum* Lina Paul

Class #4 – Echinopsis, Notocactus, Parodia, or any similar genera

2. *Echinopsis nigricans* Andrew Wilson

2. *Notocactus magnificus* Andrew Wilson

Novice

1. *Neoporteria senilis* Lina Paul

Class #5 – Columnar cacti – Cereus, Stenocereus, Pachycereus, Tricocereus, etc. and *Columnar Echinocereus

1. *Cephalocereus senilis* Andrew Wilson

2. *Pilosocereus calisaxicola* Andrew Wilson

2. *Oreocereus celsianus* Ron Chisum

Class #6 – Rebutia, Lobivia, and related species

1. *Rebutia heliosa* Peter Walkowiak

2. *Lobivia rebutioides* Peter Walkowiak

2. *Lobivia aurea* v. *debeana* Peter Walkowiak

Class #7 – Miniatures – including Turbinocarpus

1. *Turbinocarpus klinkerianus* Peter Walkowiak

Class #8 – Epiphyllum, Selenicereus, Rhipsalis, and other epiphytes

1. *Rhipsalis grandiflora* Peter Walkowiak

2. *Rhipsalis mesembryanthemoides*

Peter Walkowiak

Class #9 – Opuntia, Cyllindropuntia, Consolea, Tephrocactus, Pereskia

1. *Tephrocactus articulatus* Andrew Wilson

2. *Opuntia* “Great Plains Prickly Pear”

Dick Henderson

Class #10 – All Other Genera

1. *Ariocarpus retusus* v. *furfuraceus*

Peter Walkowiak

2. *Ariocarpus retusus*

Peter Walkowiak^{ak}

2. *Astrophytum asterias*

Peter Walkowi



Novice

1. *Leuchtenbergia principis* John Barkley
2. *Astrophytum myriostigma* Lina Paul

DIVISION II - OTHER SUCCULENTS

**Class #11 – WOODY STEM PLANTS, including:
Adansonia, Alluaudia, Bombax, Bursera, Commiphora,
Decarya, Didiera, Fouquieria, Idria, Pachycormas,
Operculicarya, etc.**

1. *Procera Madagascarensis* Mitch Bahr
2. *Bombax ellypticum* Mitch Bahr
2. *Operculicarya decaryi* Mitch Bahr
2. *Pachycormus discolor* Mitch Bahr

**Novice**

2. *Operculicarya decaryi* C.S. Ambruster

**Class #12 – SUCCULENT ROOT PLANTS, including:
Cucurbits, Fockea, Gerrardanthus, Ipomoea, Mestoklema,
Seyrigia, Trichodiadema, Xerosicyos**

1. *Petentia natalensis* Peter Walkowiak
2. *Fockea edulis* Mitch Bahr

**Class #13 – Succulent Stem Plants, including: Adenium,
Brighamia, Cissus, Cyphostemma, Pachypodium**

1. *Adenium arabicum compacta* Peter Walkowiak
1. *Brighamia insignis* Peter Walkowiak
2. *Cyphostemma juttae* Mitch Bahr
2. *Pachypodium namaquanum* Dick Henderson
2. *Adenium somalense* Peter Walkowiak

Novice

1. *Adenium sp.* John Barkley



Class #14 – Agave, Furcraea, Nolina, Yucca

1. *Agave "Victoria Regina"* Andrew Wilson
2. *Yucca endlicheriana* Dick Henderson

Novice

1. *Agave paryii* Teri Schmidt

Class #15 – Aloes

1. *Aloe erinacea* Mitch Bahr

Novice

1. *Aloe erythrophylla* Don Nelson

Class #16 – Haworthia, Astraloba, Gasteria

Novice

1. *Gasteria sp.* John Barkley

Class #17 – Sansevieria

1. *Sansevieria patens* Dick Henderson

Novice

1. *Sansevieria cylindrica* John Barkley
2. *Sansevieria cylindrica* Carol Wilson

**Class #18 – Euphorbiaceae – Large Forms – species with
mature height of over 3ft. ingens, tirucalli, trigona, etc**

1. *E. bupleurifolia* Peter Walkowiak
2. *E. hedyotoides* Dick Henderson

Novice

1. *E. bupleurifolia* John Barkley

**Class #19 – Euphorbiaceae – Small Forms – species with
mature height under 3ft. obesa, resinifera, inermis, etc.**

1. *E. leuconeura* Andrew Wilson
2. *E. esculenta* Peter Walkowiak
2. *E. inermis v. buttonea* Peter Walkowiak

Novice

2. *E. flanaganii* Don Nelson

**Class #20 – Euphorbiaceae – Small Leafy Forms – milii,
decaryi, etc.**

1. *Monadenium kimberlyana* Peter Walkowiak
2. *E. gottlebei* Peter Walkowiak
2. *E. decaryi* Peter Walkowiak

**Class #21 – Crassulaceae – Large Forms, including:
Aeonium, Cotyledon, Crassula, Dudleya, Echeveria,
Kalenchoe, Pacyphytum, Sedum, Sempervivum**

1. *Kalenchoe thyrsiflora* Ron Chisum

Novice

1. *Kalenchoe synsepala* Lina Paul
2. *Echeveria Hybrid* Inacia Mathens
2. *Kalenchoe rhombopilosa* Inacia Mathens
2. *Kalenchoe orgyalis* C.S. Ambruster

**Class #22 – Crassulaceae – Small Forms – Species with
mature height less than 12 in. not counting inflorescence**

1. *Sedum oxypetalum* Andrew Wilson
2. *Sedum frutescens* Andrew Wilson
2. *Echiveria angustifolia* Dick Henderson

**Class #24 – Mesembryanthemums: Conophytum, Lithops,
Mestoklema, etc.**

1. *Titanopsis primosii* Peter Walkowiak
2. *Aloinopsis rubrlineata* Peter Walkowiak
2. *Pleiospilos nelii* Peter Walkowiak

Novice

1. *Gibbaeum album* Lina Paul
2. *Cheiridopsis peculiaris* Lina Paul
2. *Pleiospilos simulans* Lina Paul

Class #25 – Asclepiads, including Hoodia, Hoya, Stapelia, etc

Novice

1. *Orbeopsis melanantha* Lina Paul

Class #26 – All Other Genera including Compositae

1. *Othonna quercifolia* Peter Walkowiak
2. *Pelargonium alternans* Peter Walkowiak
2. *Ceraria pygmaea* Dick Henderson
2. *Ceraria pygmaea* Andrew Wilson

Novice

1. *Welwitschia mirabilis* John Barkley

Class #27 – Miniature Plants, Any Genus

1. *Euphorbia francoisii* Mitch Bahr
2. *Portulacaria afra* Mitch Bahr

DIVISION III – SUCCULENT GRAFTED, CRISTATE & MONSTROSE PLANTS

**Class #30 – Crested and Monstrose Plants of any Succulent
Class, Genus and Size**

1. *Euphorbia grandicornis* Ron Chisum
2. *Aeonium Crest* Stan Yalof

DIVISION IV – DISH GARDENS

Class #31 – Dish Gardens – more than one plant per dish

- 1. Jerre Stafford "Coral Reef"

Novice

- 1. Betty Falc
- 2. Don Nelson



DIVISION V – COLLECTIONS

Class #32 – Collections – Minimum of three, maximum of ten plants of the same genus

Novice

- 1. *Sempervivum* Collection Carol Wilson

DIVISION VI – SUCCULENT BONSAI

Class #33 – Any Succulent Plant in a Bonsai Style – Classical or Unconventional

- 1. *Sarcocaulon vanderietiae* Mitch Bahr

DIVISION VII – ARTWORK Non-Competitive

Photography & Original Art in any media, about succulent plants, or habitat. Art made from plant materials also included.

Participant: **Ron Chisum**



I wish I had a better picture of Ron's painting. It's wonderful!



Judging – just a bit off!



...much better!



Stan extends his thinks, err, thanks! to all who participated!

Garden Days

Dick Henderson



New members **Susan & Leon LaFreniere** joined Dick Henderson out at the Garden on October 3rd. They cleaned out the entire Dudleya section!

The December meeting will be on Saturday the 5th. Come on out and see our lovely Garden!



Time to plan!



December
Holiday Party! !



The date will be Saturday, December 19th (that's the 3rd Saturday of the month). Spouses and SOs are always welcome.

As in the past, the Club will supply the turkey (extra dark meat!) and maybe ham. We are asking the members to bring their favorite side dishes.

This Club knows how to eat! We always have a splendid time. Come join us!



Cashew Fruit

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



Joe & the Liana Vine – better not stand still too long!



October's Plant Sale on the Patio.



Division I, Class #1 – Mammillaria

Errata:



Eleanore mis-spoke when she identified Ron as the artist for this lovely Agave picture in the October newsletter. It is a photo by **Kelly Griffin**. Sorry!