

CACTUS COURIER

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

12:00 NOON !!

Please note the earlier starting time!



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“Gardening with Succulents”

• Patrick Anderson •

Succulents are the latest trend in gardening. With their ease of culture and fabulous variety of form, anyone can create a beautiful garden using these wonderful plants, and it's not necessary to have a large plot of land to do it. Local horticulturist **Patrick Anderson** will demonstrate how these drought-tolerant wonders can become the stars of any garden design. All sizes of gardens will be discussed, with an emphasis on containers, courtyards and smaller gardens, as well as how to effectively combine succulents with other plants. Patrick is a popular speaker on plants, garden history and garden design. His own succulent garden in Fallbrook has appeared in numerous magazines and newspapers, and is featured in the Debra Lee Baldwin's book *“Designing with Succulents.”*

Patrick has spent 16 years as a volunteer at the Huntington Botanical Garden, working in plant propagation and plant sales, and an equal number of years at Quail Gardens.

He will share some of his favorite plants: Agaves, Aloes, Aeonium, Euphorbia, and the non-succulents that compliment them so well.

If you would like to read some additional articles, Sunset Magazine had a lovely one by Debra Lee Baldwin in June of 2001: <<http://www.sunset.com/sunset/garden/article/0,20633,767736,00.html>> And the North County Times had one last June: <http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2007/06/06/homes/18_38_555_31_07.txt>



BOARD MEETING • PLANT SALES • BRAG PLANTS • EXCHANGE TABLE

Plant-of-the-Month:

The Plant-of-the-Month will be a short slide show of one of our members' gardens. We aren't sure which one yet. It's a surprise!

REFRESHMENTS

Patricia Frederick Mike Regan Vicki Martin
Jean O'Daniel Eda Adelman Charles Armbruster Lorie Johansen

PCSS Name Badges

Vicki Broughton will be collecting \$5.40, cash or check, for the new name badges. Or you may mail to: P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033. Be sure to print your name clearly.



January Brag Plants

Hey! No one brought any cactus! Well, Pete Walkowiak did, but that was for the Plant-of-the-Month.

We all benefit from the plants that come. They *like* getting out and showing off!

Succulents:

- 1st *Marlothistella stenophylla*
Pete Walkowiak
- 2nd *Othoma retroza*
Rudy Lime
- 2nd *Phyllobolus tenuiflorus*
Andrew Wilson



OBSERVATIONS

Ron Chisum

The rains and cold nights have killed a few of my plants. There simply isn't enough room under my eaves for everything. I lost a Madagascar aloe and should have known better. Lucky for me, I remembered that Phyllis sold me the original and I was able to get a replacement. Oddly, I also lost a few young agaves in pots. Their mothers had lived in my yard for many years. Go figure.

In April (26th) we will have our **Annual Members Plant Show**. Now is the time to start making selections. Look at the plants and their pots. Are the plants overgrown? Would they look better in an upgrade. What about grooming, oxsallis, pests, etc? A little work now could pay big dividends.

I would encourage each of you to seek out potential new members for our club. The city of Escondido has doubled our rent, charges by the hour, but not per member for our meeting room. Some of the better known speakers have also raised their fees. The best way to continue as a club is to increase membership. That happens with effort. Try to bring a friend or two to our meetings. Help with

program suggestions. Go out of your way to welcome newcomers.

Stay dry.

– Ron Chisum



Garden Days

Dick Henderson

The February Garden Day saw Andrew Wilson, Don Nelson, Charles Armbruster, Susan Snow, and Dick Henderson working away.

Saturday, March 1st will be the next Garden Committee work day.

We would like to encourage members to “**Adopt a Spot**” in the garden to be responsible for (like the Adopt-a-freeway system): weed, clean up, water and talk to your favorite plants :-)



Aloe cameronii



Romneya coulter (Matilija Poppy)

**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)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Make checks payable to:
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Aloe marlothii



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2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

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| 23 February | Joslyn Center |
| 15 March | Joslyn Center |
| | <u>NOTE!!! 3rd Saturday !!</u> |
| 26 April | Joslyn Center |
| 17 May | Joslyn Center |
| | <u>NOTE!!! 3rd Saturday !!</u> |
| 28 June | Joslyn Center |
| 26 July | <u>Quail Garden</u> |
| 23 August | <u>Palomar Garden</u> |
| 27 September | Joslyn Center |
| 25 October | Joslyn Center |
| 22 November | Joslyn Center |
| 20 December | Joslyn Center |
| | <u>NOTE!!! 3rd Saturday !!</u> |