

CACTUS COURIER

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The Meeting is the **4th** Saturday

FEBRUARY 26, 2011

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

12 NOON

Buck and Yvonne:



“The Klein Karoo – Magical Succulent Wonderland”

•• Buck & Yvonne Hemenway ••

Join **Buck & Yvonne Hemenway** on an exploration of the succulent flora of the *Klein (Little) Karoo* in South Africa. The Klein Karoo is a long valley bordered by the Swartberg and the Langeberg Mountains in the Western Cape. Many of the plants that we collect and treasure come

from this place of amazing biodiversity. The region boasts the most spectacular rock formations and passes, and has the highest number of plant species of any semi-arid region anywhere in the world.

Buck is the President of the San Gabriel

Valley C&SS and Past President of the Gates C&SS. He's on the Board of Directors of CSSA and is the chair of the annual CSSA Convention coming up here in San Diego in April. They are both University of California Master Gardeners for the Riverside area. (They don't hand out that title in Crackerjack boxes! -eh)

Buck and Yvonne also open their extreme drought-tolerant gardens in Riverside to the public in late March. Be sure to ask him about this at the meeting! (Road Trip??? -eh)

Buck with Paul Maker:



BOARD MEETING • PLANT SALES • BRAG PLANTS • EXCHANGE TABLE

REFRESHMENTS

Alice Sommers Lina Paul Beth Bradsher
It looks like we'll need some more!



**Brag Plants
January 2011**

Cactus:

- 1st *Mammillaria Perez de la Rosa*
Peter Walkowiak
- 2nd *Stenocactus sp.*
Peter Walkowiak
- 3rd *M. pseudoperbella*
Peter Walkowiak



Succulents:

- 1st *Lachenalia trichophylla*
Phyllis Flechsig
- 2nd *Marlothistella stenophylla*
Phyllis Flechsig
- 2nd *Agave salmiana var. Ferox*
Maybe the Gronborgs?



**Plant-of-the-Month
February 2011**

Will be **Stenocactus**



See the blurb on page 5...

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

February 2011

The biennial Convention of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America is coming up fast. 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 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/>



Aloes at the Wild Animal Park (I am NOT changing the name!)



2011 PCSS 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 **Saturday, 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!!

(Specially with this rain! They will look so nice!)

Officers • Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

Vicki Broughton – President

Peter Walkowiak – Vice-President

Libbi Salvo – 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.



You can't see them, but the field is FULL of succulents!



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”
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The San Diego Horticultural Society
 invites your garden group to participate in the

26th Annual Spring Home/Garden Show

Del Mar Fairgrounds
March 4, 5, 6, 2011

Since 1999 the San Diego Horticultural Society has been a proud partner with Westward Expos in the garden part of the Spring Home/Garden Show. This is one of the most important annual garden events in San Diego, and we invite your garden group to participate in this exciting weekend. We very much hope you'll join us and other local garden groups in what is always a fun and rewarding event.

2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!



San Diego Horticultural Society



A Special Evening with Jeffrey Bale...

“The Pleasure Garden”

The San Diego Horticultural Society's Special Evening Speaker this year is **Jeffrey Bale**, who will introduce us to his amazing visions of “**The Pleasure Garden**” and how we can create gardens that bring us greater pleasure.

This Portland, Oregon based landscape architect is one of the most exciting garden creators working today. His inspired work can be found in the gardens of movie stars, expansive estates, and many private residences.

Presented by San Diego Buick and GMC dealers

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FEATURING THE GARDEN MASTERS EXPOSITION 2011

Two ways to purchase tickets & save \$3: visit springhomegardenshow.com/CLUB And use discount code CLUB to save, or bring this coupon to the show.

MARCH 4, 5, 6, 2011
 Fri 11-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Del Mar Fairgrounds

\$3 OFF Regular Admission
 Adults \$8 / Under 12 free • **SPECIAL: After 3 PM only \$6**

One coupon per Person. Not Valid with any other offers. NOT for resale or distribution on the fairgrounds.



Jeffrey will show gorgeous pictures of his own creations and from his Winter 2011 trip to Northern Africa and Southern Spain. He'll showcase amazing pebble and tile mosaics [they are Persian Carpets made with stone! -eh] and designs from public gardens, resorts, churches and mosques that inspire his work. His projects are designed to maintain a healthy relationship with nature while creating a magical stage for our interaction with the natural world.

When:

Monday April 11, 2011
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Where:

Surfside Race Place
Del Mar Fairgrounds

Tickets are \$15 Members, \$25 Non-Members

Susan Morse

Email: sdhs411@cox.net

Come early for best seating and to take advantage of the great offers from our monthly plant and garden vendors.

Doors open at 6:00 PM in our first floor location, Surfside Race Place, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Parking is Free to all.



<u>English</u>	<u>Latin</u>	<u>Greek</u>
Red	ruber	erythro-
Pink	roseus	rhodo-
White	candidus	argo-
Milk-white	lacteus	galacto-
Grey	cinereus	tephro-, spodo-
Black	ater	mela-, melano-
Brown	fuscus	phaeo-
Yellow, Golden	aureus	chryso-
Yellow	luteus	xantho-
Green	viridus	chloro-
Blue	cyabeus	cyano-

This is just a tiny fraction of what is out there. I have over 50 pages!



Stan Yalof was made a PCSS Lifetime Member at last month's meeting. To mark the occasion, Eric and Irina Gronborg made him a garden sculpture. I am told it is up and running – marking the breezes of the San Pasqual Valley.



Stenocactus – The Brain Cactus



There are about ten species of Stenocactus - all from central and northern Mexico. They are related to Ferocactus, both have verticle stripe on each petal of the flower. This genus is known for the large number of ribs, over a hundred for *multicostatus*. The lone exception is *coptonosonus* which has to 6 to 8. Doing some research on this genus I found that the bloom period is late spring and early summer. I find that the actual bloom period is Feb. to April and are the first big bloom heralding the coming of spring, they have never flowered for me in the summer. This is an easy to grow genus requiring sun and good air movement, water when dry in the summer and kept on the dry side in the winter.

– Peter Walkowiak

Vicki's Photos from the Living Desert Trip with the Ramona Club...
WOW!



[I want a Sand Cat!]