

CACTUS COURIER

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The Meeting is the **4th** Saturday

APRIL 26, 2008

Joslyn Senior Center
724 N. Broadway, Escondido

NOON !

Please bring in your plants between 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM. There will be a **cut off time of 11:45**. The judging will start at **12:00 Noon**.



2007 Best in Show— Rudy Lime and his *Fouquieria*

“Members’ Plant Show”

Kelley Griffin, current Curator of Succulent Plants at Rancho Soledad Nursery, travels the world to study plants. He is most noted for his expertise in Agaves and Aloes. He has hybridized multiple acclaimed Aloes which have outstanding color and texture.

Our other judge, **Jeurgen Menzel** has grown cacti for 58 years. He too has traveled extensively in South America and Mexico. By reputation, Jeurgen is probably the most knowledgeable cactiphile in San Diego.

Both of these men are familiar with many species of succulent plants. This show will be a good learning experience for people interested in cacti and succulents. Hearing the judges’ comments on each of the exhibited plants as they select the winners in each of the categories will be very informative.

We want to encourage many more members to jump into the Show. We all get so much more out of the Society by being participants. It makes no difference if we receive a second place award or Best of Show. We will have participated! Share the fun!



Best Cactus 2007

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

We want to start the process by 10:30 am. Come early!!!

BOARD MEETING • PLANT SALES • BRAG PLANTS • EXCHANGE TABLE

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

REFRESHMENTS

Claudia Brown

Beth Bradshaw

Chris & John Barkley

Lorie Johansen

Alice Somers

Bob Fox

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.



March Brag Plants

The names of the people got lost – but at least we have the plants!!!

Cactus:

1st *Mammillaria bombycina*

2nd *Lobivia oxylabastra*

3rd *Echinocereus davidii*

Succulents:

1st *Pachypodium succulentum v. griquense*

2nd *Echeveria agavoides*

3rd *Aloe striata*



OBSERVATIONS

Ron Chisum

The Members' Plant Show is this month. Once again we are fortunate to have outstanding Judges. Kelly Griffin, the Curator of Succulents at Rancho Soledad Nurseries, is one judge. Our other judge is Jeurgan Menzel. He has grown cacti for 58 years. He too has traveled extensively in South America, and Mexico.

The **Best of Show** will receive \$50, **Best Cactus** and **Best Succulent** will each receive \$25. In order to keep this a friendly competition, only one cash award may go to an individual. This year, as in the last couple of years, there will be a participants raffle. Each person who enters the show will get one (and only one) raffle ticket and a chance to pick a plant off of the raffle table. This year Steve Toth has joined me in donating plants to the

Participants Raffle. We want all the members to participate. It is fun and a learning opportunity.

We anticipate good attendance at our Show. Last year was possibly our best ever. Feel free to invite your friends. I have already been contacted by a few members of the Fallbrook Garden Club, that plan to attend. A few extra goodies for the coffee break table would be appreciated. I will not be able to run the Show and the kitchen simultaneously, so if you can volunteer a little assistance in the kitchen, please give me a call at 760-743-7996.

Please review the Entry Rules. Note that we have asked for you to bring your plants in and have them in place by 11:45 am. The Show must start close to 12:00 because the Senior Center has us on a tight time schedule. This should be a really fun event. See you at the show.

– Ron



Lorie Johansen, Secretary, and Peter Walkowiak, Vice-President, are two members who will be entering specimens in the Plant Show.





Eleanore and Lorie Clerking at the 2005 Show



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May 31st & Jun 1st

San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale,
Balboa Park, RM 101, San Diego, CA.



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:
"Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society"
P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033

Garden Days

Dick Henderson

April

The April Garden Day was attended by Richard Henderson, Carol Wilson, Ron Chisum, and Bruce Barry. So far this month the Garden has been visited by a class from San Marcos Middle School, and three art classes from the Escondido Adult Education (Beginning Watercolor, Intermediate Watercolor & Pastel classes). We are trying to arrange regular visits from the middle school. Some additional help with the kids would be much appreciated. Please call Richard Henderson at 760-480-4181 if you can help.

Bruce Barry will need some medium to large potted plants for the Fair. If you can help, give him a call at 760-724-2257. We will be asking for help when the actual Fair set up happens. Remember, this is the main fundraiser we have for the year and finances are tight.

The next Garden Meeting will be
May 3rd from 10 am to 2 pm



Southland Cactus Calendar

May 18th

Thousands of rare and beautiful plants will be offered at The Huntington's popular annual sale, including many uncommon varieties that are hard to find at commercial nurseries. Members shop early on May 17. Sale 10am-5pm at the **Huntington Botanical Gardens**, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. Info: 626-405-2160.

2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

- 17 May Joslyn Center
NOTE!!! 3rd Saturday !!
- 28 June Joslyn Center
- 26 July Quail Garden
- 23 August Palomar Garden
- 27 September Joslyn Center
- 25 October Joslyn Center
- 22 November Joslyn Center
- 20 December Joslyn Center
NOTE!!! 3rd Saturday !!

MEMBERS' PLANT SHOW 2008

The Annual Members' Plant Show will be held at our April meeting:

On the Fourth Saturday, April 26th

We hope that members with choice small plants will bring them to the show even though they may think they can't compete with the more spectacular large specimens in the same class. In the past, the Judges have recognized this situation and split some of the classes by size. This year, if sufficient plants are entered, more classes will be split.

Plants that have won a Best of Division or Best of Show within the past two years are not eligible for competition this year. Bringing them "just for show" would be lovely.

RULES FOR THE ANNUAL MEMBERS' PLANT SHOW OF THE PALOMAR CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY FOR 2008

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. Each entry must be accompanied by a 3 x 5 file card giving the plant name on one side of the card and the owner's name on the reverse. Place the card next to the plant with the name of the plant facing up. The Judges' Clerk will collect these at the conclusion of the show.
4. There will be ribbons for both Advanced and Novice entries. Choose your category on the Honor System. Advanced entries will use WHITE cards; Novice entries will use COLORED cards.
5. All entries must be here, cards completed, and plants in position by 11:45 am on the day of the Show. Please come at 11:00 am.
6. Plants must be free of insects or disease. Any plants showing evidence of either will be disqualified.
7. Staging and containers affecting the overall presentation are considered by the Judges in their decisions.
8. One plant per pot unless entered as a dish garden.
9. Plants will be entered into classes as listed below. One person may enter as many plants as desired in a class.
10. All plants entered must have been owned by the entrant for at least 6 months.
11. The awards will be as follows: First and Second Place, Advanced and Novice, for each Class; Best Succulent; Best Cactus; Best of Show.
12. 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.
13. Cristate and Monstrose plants may be entered into the Division and Class determined by its genus or may be entered into Division III, Classes #30.

DIVISION I – CACTUS

1. Mammillaria
2. Echinocereus*, Ferocactus, Echinocactus
3. Gymnocalycium
4. Echinopsis, Notocactus, Parodia, or any similar genera
5. Columnar cacti – Cereus, Stenocereus, Pachycereus, Tricocereus, etc. and *Echinocereus which are columnar
6. Rebutia, Lobivia, and related species
7. Miniatures, including Turbinicarpus
8. Epiphyllum, Selenicereus, Rhipsalis, and other epiphytes

9. Opuntia, Cyllindropuntia, Consolea, Tephrocactus, Pereskia
10. All other Genera

DIVISION II – OTHER SUCCULENTS

11. Woody Stem trees and shrubs, including: Adansonia, Alluaudia, Bombax, Bursera, Commiphora, Decarya, Didiera, Fouquieria, Idria, Pachycormas, Operculicarya, etc.
12. Succulent Root Plants, including: Cucurbits, Fockea, Gerrardanthus, Ipomoea, Mestoklema, Seyrigia, Trichodiadema, Xerosicyos, etc.
13. Succulent Stem Plants, including: Adenium, Brighamia, Cissus, Cyphostemma, Pachypodium, etc.
14. Agave, Nolina, Yucca
15. Aloe
16. Haworthia, Astraloba, Gasteria
17. Sanseveria
18. Euphorbiaceae – Large Forms – species with mature height of over 3ft. ingens, tirucalli, trigona, etc
19. Euphorbiaceae – Small Forms – species with mature height under 3ft. obesa, resinifera, inermis, etc.
20. Euphorbiaceae – Small Leafy Forms – milii, decaryi, etc.
21. Crassulaceae – Large Forms, including: Aeonium, Cotyledon, Crassula, Dudleya, Echeveria, Kalenchoe, Pachyphytum, Sedum, Sempervivum
22. Crassulaceae – Small Forms – Species with mature height less than 12 in. not counting inflorescence
23. Bromeliads including: Deuterocohina (formerly Abromeitiella), Dyckia, Hechtia, Orthophytum, Puya, etc.
24. Mesembryanthemums: Conophytum, Lithops, Mestoklema, etc.
25. Asclepiads, including Stapelia and other genera
26. All other Genera including Compositae (daisy-like flowers).
27. Miniature Plant of Any Genus

DIVISION III – SUCCULENT GRAFTED, CRISTATE AND MONSTROSE PLANTS

28. Any Variegated Plants
29. Grafted plants of any Succulent Class, Genus and Size
30. Crests and Monstrose plants of any Succulent Class, Genus and Size

DIVISION IV – DISH GARDENS

31. Dish Gardens or Planters – more than one plant per dish

DIVISION V – COLLECTIONS

32. Minimum of three, maximum of ten plants of the same genus

DIVISION VI – SUCCULENT BONSAI

33. Any succulent plant presented in a Bonsai style, classical or unconventional

DIVISION VII – ART – NOT JUDGED

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



Ron Chisum

2008 Del Mar Fair

June 14th through July 6th



Photos by Vicki Broughton of 2005 Del Mar Fair

As in years past, a great deal of fun can be had by all. Some participation by all of us makes more fun and less work. Please come and pitch in. Come one, come all. If you can't lift a plant, that's OK, bring a soft paint brush and sweep out the cobwebs and pine needles. (Don't forget your gloves !)

Bruce Barry is the person who knows what the plan is. Be sure to contact him to find out what the schedule of chores is. He can be reached at [REDACTED]

May 24•25•26 First Weekend of Access

Contouring and organizing the dirt. Bring shovels, rakes and **GLOVES!**

May 31•June 1 Work Weekend

Planting crew at the Fair installing plants. (Don't forget those gloves!)

June 7•8 Last Work Weekend

Planting crew at the Fair installing plants. We will be numbering and labeling all the plants this weekend, so this is the LAST opportunity to bring plants. We will finish up the groundcover and the bark. Bring soft brushes and tweezers for final plant grooming.

Wednesday, June 11

The Gardens MUST be ready for **Judging** by 10 AM!