BULLETIN
APRIL 2009

CACTUS COURIER

Newsletter of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society

Volume 55, Number 4 April 2009

The Meeting is the **4th** Saturday

April 25, 2009

Palomar College Garden

1140 W. Mission Road, San Marcos
(At the Northeast corner of the Campus)

11 "ish"

The Garden will open at 9 am, close at 2 pm.

There will be a guided tour of the Garden when people begin to gather.

Photos by Vicki Broughton

"Palomar Garden Picnic!!"

Parking for the meeting will be in Lot 3 (North of the Garden Gate). To "Beat the Heat" the Pot Luck will start about 11:30 am.

There will be Guided Tours of the Garden starting when people begin to gather. I know that Richard and his crew have been working like mad to get ready. Come and see all they've done.

For members planning to visit the Arboretum, the back garden gate will be open. Access this way is through a native plant preserve.

Bring something light to share. One of my favorite remarks about the Club has to do with how well we eat (we are Pros!), and the spring and summer meetings certainly prove this. We ask people to bring their favorite potluck dish. Surprise us! Bring enough for 6-8 people. The Club will supply some liquid refreshment (Ron may be persuaded to bring his Famous Lemonade™) and the Garden will be sharing sunshine. Even on warm days the Garden is always breezy and remarkably cool. Bring a chair – the ones in the Garden are meant to be sat upon only in work clothes. The Club will supply plates, utensils, napkins, etc.

We want to extend a special invitation to those of you have never been out to our Garden. As you know, I always try to remind you that the Garden appreciates all our efforts and gifts each of us with something at every visit. Feel free to bring a friend!

Members of the Vista Garden Club and management of the College have been invited to the picnic. Come and make them welcome…

BOARD MEETING • BRAG PLANTS • PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH & EXCHANGE TABLE…

Canceled due to Good Weather!

March Brag Plants

Cactus:

1st *Rebutia sp.*
Peter Walkowiak

2nd *Cereus "Blue Ming Thing" Monstrose*
Rudy Lime

3rd *Glandulicactus morrisonii (aka: Sclerocactus)*
Stan Yalof

Succulents:

1st *Pachypodium Namaquanum*
Richard Henderson

2nd *Euphorbia inermis v. buttonea*
Peter Walkowiak

3rd *Senecio sp.*
Stan Yalof

❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖

E. inermis

Cereus "Ming Thing"

Pachypodium namaquanum

❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖

OBSERVATIONS

Ron Chisum

I hope you can make it to the annual PCSS picnic at the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Gardens. Richard Henderson has devoted a remarkable amount of time and effort into making it a wonderful garden. Join us in viewing this outstanding collection of plants. Please remember that Richard can always use help. A few hours a month not only helps the garden, but it is richly satisfying, to know that that you are helping maintain this beautiful spot. Additionally, you get a chance to watch the growth and flowering of a diversity of plants that few of us have room for in our own homes.

As I walked around my garden, Spring growth is taking off. Be careful not to over water summer growers. We still have plenty of cold nights. Potted plants are especially vulnerable to root rot now. AM watering is best so they can dry off a bit before cool nights. A couple of my aloes have shown up with Aloe Mite. On the more common aloes, I use surgery to cut off the infected parts. Be sure to clean your cutting implement with alcohol or dilute Clorox between plants, so you do not spread the mite around. If you use Clorox, be sure to rinse implements carefully when you are done. (The chlorine accelerates corrosion.) For a few rare aloes, I use systemic insecticides to get rid of the pest. Make sure you read the label carefully and use appropriate safety precautions. These mites are challenging and may take several doses to eliminate. Be safe and see you soon.

– Ron

❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

25	**April**	**Palomar Garden**
16	May	Joslyn Center
	NOTE ! ! ! 3rd Saturday ! !	
27	June	Joslyn Center
25	July	Quail Gardens
~~August~~		NO MEETING!!
26	September	Joslyn Center
24	October	Joslyn Center
21	November	Joslyn Center
	NOTE ! ! ! 3rd Saturday ! !	
20	December	Joslyn Center
	NOTE ! ! ! 3rd Saturday ! !	

Officers • Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

Vick Broughton – President

Peter Walkowiak – Vice-President

Lorie Johansen – Secretary

Dennis Miller – Treasurer & Membership Co-Chair

Bruce Barry – Board Member

Dick Kubiak – Board Member

Dick Henderson – Board Member & Garden Chair

Doug Frederick – Board Member

Mary Kaho – Board Member

Brita Miller – Librarian

Ron Chisum – Speakers & Refreshments

Eleanore Hewitt – Newsletter & Membership Co-Chair

❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖

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

Lorie says it <u>really</u> needs a new pot!

PLANT SALE!!

Sponsored by the

Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society

Saturday May 2nd 9 am to 2 pm

Sunday May 3rd 10 am to 2 pm

<u>Palomar College Arboretum</u>
1140 West Mission Road
San Marcos, CA
On-line directions to the College at http://www.palomar.edu.maps.html

<u>Contributors:</u>
The Estate of Evelyn Macijewsky
The Estate of Jay Dvorak (former member in the 80's and 90's)
Phyllis Flechsig (Lifetime Member)
Steve Toth (Member)
Lorie Johansen (Secretary)
Ron Chisum (Program & Refreshment Chair)

<u>Vendors:</u>
Peter Walkowiak / Bruce Barry
Tom DeMerritt
Mitch Bahr
Carol Close
John Mellein

WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!!!

Prep Crews, Pricers, Cashiers, Plant Consultants, Roving Security, Teardown & Clean-up…

(Bring your own chairs!)

Those helping on **Friday need** to enter the main campus as visitors, go to the Police Station, and get Visitor's Passes (the lot they have to use is **Lot 9**). School is in session and parking will be difficult on Friday. Those with **large, heavy plants** to bring will have to exit the main gate, turn left, then turn left again at Comet Circle Dr (by our garden), proceed to the Arboretum and VERY QUICKLY OFF-LOAD THE PLANTS and then proceed to Lot 9 to find parking and return on foot to help setup. *Don't get a $60 ticket like Vicki did!*

Vendors need to bring their own setup needs (table, chair, cashbox, etc.).

Saturday and Sunday we can all use lot 5 near the Arboretum and they will not ticket that lot either day – but **THEY WILL TICKET LOT 5 ON FRIDAY**.

Here is the list of people already scheduled to help at the sale – We definitely need more help…

Friday – 11 am until done!

- Ron Chisum (1 pm plant delivery)
- Richard Kubiak
- Jerre & Newt Stafford
- Carolos & Lori Daub
- Mort Fairfield
- Phil Baum
- Eda & Alan Adelman
- Francis Granger
- Don Nelson
- Lorie Johansen
- Vicki Broughton

Saturday 1st Shift 8:30 to 11:30 am

- Dennis Miller
- Ron Chisum
- Diane Granger
- Francis Granger
- Vicki Broughton

Saturday 2nd Shift 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

- Dennis Miller
- Diane Granger
- Francis Granger
- Vickie Ottley
- Vicki Broughton

Sunday 1st Shift 9:30 to 11:30 am

- Diane Granger
- Peter Tashjian
- Francis Granger
- Barbara Martin
- Don Nelson
- Vicki Broughton

Sunday 2nd Shift 11:30 am to 4:00 pm

- Teri Schmidt
- Carol Wilson
- Stan Yalof
- Diane Granger
- Francis Granger
- Vicki Broughton

Packing a Big One…

Lorie getting the plants ready!

Plants on the way to the Sale!

OK… So maybe the plants aren't quite this big!

Palomar Garden – Come and enjoy the gifts the Garden has to offer…