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The Meeting is the **4th** Saturday

April 24, 2010

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.

(My personal favorite photo!)

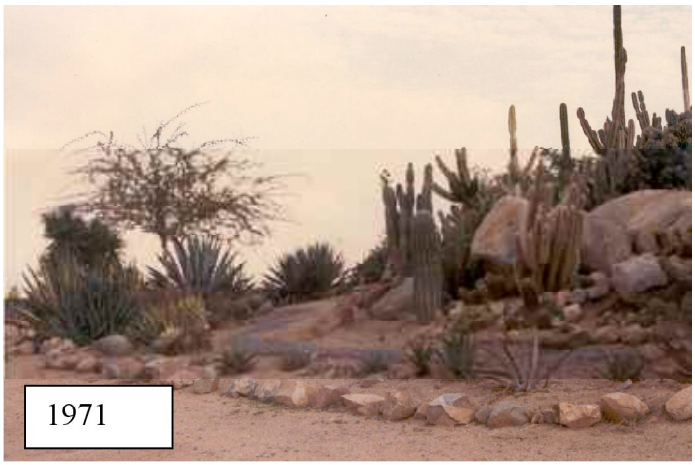
Photos by Vicki Broughton

"Palomar Garden Picnic!!"

Forty-seven years ago, the members of the **Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society** were the pioneers who designed and planted the first specimens at the cactus and succulent Garden located on the southeast corner of the campus of Palomar College bordering Mission Ave. In 1963

they took a plot of land, brought in some [big!] boulders, grabbed their shovels and began planting a garden which today is home to hundreds of species of plants. Members of the club have tended the garden all these years, adding specimens and redesigning sections over the years. Richard Henderson is the current curator of the garden.

Richard is presently working with the College on more changes that are in the works: a new entrance, fences, and paths that are approaching handicapped accessiblity. So those early pioneers, people like Mildred Gregory, Mitch Beauchamp, Charlie Harbison, Helen Hegyi, Betty Wollrich – and countless others – would be very proud to see that their efforts were continued and improved over these 47 years. The Arboretum on campus would be another area to experience while you are there. For members planning to visit the Arboretum, the back garden gate will be open. Access this way is through a native plant preserve.



Richard can be found almost every morning busy at work in the Garden. Members drop in to help or to chat, and students and teachers from Palomar occasionally help or hold classes in the garden. The first Saturday of the month at 11:00 is usually a work/play day from 11:00 to 1:00. So if you would like to see the Garden. that would be the best time to schedule your first visit. or contact **Richard Henderson at 760-480 3181**. 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.

We want to extend a special invitation to those of you who have never been out to the 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!

Parking for the meeting will be in Lot 3 (Just North of the Garden Gate)

The Pot Luck will start about 11:30 am.

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 (If Ron is in town, he might 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.

Lorie has asked us to bring MORE PLANTS for the May 1st Plant Sale. Please bring them to the Picnic. And please bring boxes for the shoppers. THANKS!

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

Canceled due to Good Weather!

April Brag Plants

Cactus:

1st *Stenocactus gummosus - spiral form - Baja*
Phyllis Flechsig

2nd *Lobivia wrightii*
Peter Walkowiak

3rd *Rebutia sp.*
Peter Walkowiak

Succulents:

1st *Euphorbia inermis v. buttonea*
Peter Walkowiak

2nd *Pachypodium namaquanum*
Phyllis Flechsig

3rd *Aloe Dorothea*
John Barkley

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…an irritating experience

Royal Akin

This year with all the rains, unexpected weeds have appeared in abundance, especially several species of thistles, but what amazed me most were the large patches of 'greenhouse' spurge, *euphorbia peplus,* wherever I had applied mulch. Almost no other weeds liked the sites. I donned my boots and safety glasses and proceeded to 'weedwack' the mixed assemblage of unwanted verdure. Juice was flying, as evidenced by green spots on the glasses. The smell was no different than any other 'wacking', but after a few minutes my nose began to feel funny, and by the time I had finished, after about an hour, a burning sensation had turned to pain. I suspected the cause, kicked myself for not wearing a mask, and washed out my nasal passages with weak salt water. The pain abated in an hour or so, but the mucosa was raw and producing pink dribbles for several hours. By the next morning everything was OK. 'Poisonous Plants of the United States' lists *E. peplus* as a skin irritant. The plant grows about 8 in. high, is bright green, and has a milky juice. The oval leaves slightly resemble clover. It makes me wonder about Poinsettia (*E. Pulcherrima*) being non-toxic as has been frequently stated.

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2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

24 April	**Palomar Garden**
22 May	Joslyn Center
26 June	Joslyn Center
24 July	Joslyn Center
28 August	Quail Garden Potluck
25 September	Joslyn Center
23 October	***Plant Show & Sale***
20 November	Joslyn Center
NOTE ! ! ! 3rd Saturday ! !	
18 December	Joslyn Center
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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:
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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

Betty Sellers will be vending two products: the *"Plant Monkey"* and the *"Post Butler."*

"People need to know their post sizes in advance to buy our products. You can let members view the product(s) as follows:
http://www.solutions.com/jump.jsp?itemType=PRODUCT&itemID=13053
Ask them to review the products and familiarize themselves with how to determine the size they may need in the event they want to make a purchase. We will sell the Plant Monkey for $25 (tax included) and Post Butler for $28 (tax included)."

(They are selling them much less expensively than they do on-line.)

We need more plants for the sale!
Lorie has planted up all she has so far, but more would definitely be <u>BETTER</u>!
Please bring them to the Picnic at the Garden on the 24th.

2nd Annual

PLANT SALE!!

Sponsored by the

Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society

Saturday May 1st

10 am to 4 pm

<u>Alta Vista Gardens</u>
1270 Vale Terrace Drive
Vista, CA 92084
http://www.altavistagardens.org/html/directions.html

From Route 78, take the Vista Village Drive exit and travel North. Vista village Drive changes name to East Vista Way. Follow to Vale Terrace Drive and turn right. Continue past the Main Entrance and turn left at the Second Entrance to Brengle Terrace Park, continue past the Senior Center and follow to the crest of the hill.

Turn left at the "Welcome, Alta Vista Gardens" sign and left again. Follow the road around to our Garden House Headquarters.

WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!!!

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

(Bring your own chairs!)

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