

CACTUS COURIER

Newsletter of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society

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The Meeting is the 3rd Saturday!

April 16, 2011

OASIS Water Efficient Gardens

10816 Reidy Canyon Trail, Escondido

Noon!!

“You have colors from reds to blues and green and anything in between. It's a really remarkable product class to work with,” she said.

“We... have demonstration gardens which makes it really nice, so people can actually come out and see what the plant material looks like planted in the ground as it matures,” Carmen said.

So don't let water rates flush your garden. Just turn your landscape into an oasis. Going green has never made more sense or saved more cents.



Perched in a tidy little half-acre north of Escondido, **Oasis Water Efficient Gardens** is the perfect location for someone who wants a green landscape without spending a lot of green to maintain it.

“We are specializing in water-efficient plants, so we cover anything from cactus and succulents to perennials,” Carmen Contreras said.

Carmen can tell you that you don't have to give up beauty to save water.



“The Newest Succulent Hybrids”

• • Bob Reidmuller • •

Bob Reidmuller is planning on showing us some of the newest succulent hybrids coming from Altman Plants' hybridizer, Renee O'Connell – some already patented and released for sales, others still not out to the public. Bob will also cover cacti and succulent propagation process, procedures, types etc. He plans to have Q and A time with the group.

Bob grew up in New Jersey – the Garden State – and got his first real plant exposure and teachings from his paternal grandfather who grew up as a farmer in the Bronx in the 1920's and '30's. Under his tutelage he became the family vegetable garden planter and subsequent “plant geek” after the family moved to Carlsbad in 1969. In short order, he was running a small backyard business raising and selling staghorn ferns as well as orchids, primarily selling the cut flowers to the

local florist trade. He worked part time for about 2 years at Solana Orchids during this time as well. He went to San Diego State as a language major, but his biggest mistake was never taking a single botany or horticulture class in school – just one of those things that never crossed his mind as something “with a future.” He would have breezed through college if he'd realized that. All of his horticultural knowledge is self-taught the old fashioned way, hands-on and reading. He eventually wound up working for Altman Plants in Vista (21 years now), one of the largest nurseries in the country, as well as THE largest grower of cacti and succulents in the U.S. His title is *Resident Horticulturist* but it is a bigger umbrella than that with him wearing many hats in those 21 years. It is our good luck that he is an educational assistant at Oasis Gardens in Escondido.



Oasis has a large indoor space (including a restroom) but they only have 30 chairs. If you can bring your own folding chair we would appreciate it (so will you!).

There will be a good selection of plants for sale. There will be some sort of discount for club members. (...how nice of them! -eh)

REFRESHMENTS

Carlos Daub

Gloria Medihe (sp?)

Jerre Stafford

Ramona Valencia

Andrew Wilson

Stan Yalof

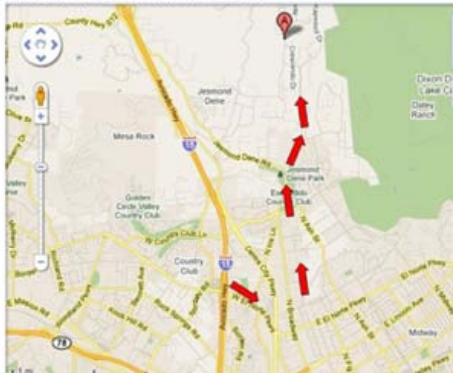
Please bring refreshments that are ready to serve, or bring any necessary serving utensils. There will be coffee and punch, as well as cups, plates, napkins, and forks.

Not this meeting!!

~~BOARD MEETING • PLANT SALES • BRAG PLANTS • EXCHANGE TABLE~~

Not this meeting!!

- 10816 Reidy Canyon Trail
- West El Norte Parkway off 15
- Left at N. Broadway
- Keep going North on N Broadway 4.1 miles- gets narrower and curvy after the golf course and park
Look for a small sign on the left similar to this one below
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CSSA 2011 CONVENTION



April 24 - April 29, 2011

Marriott Hotel - Mission Valley
San Diego, California

Hosted by the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society

The full information is available at the San Diego Club's website:

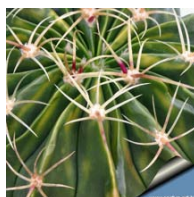
<http://www.sdcss.net/2011convention.html>

Field trip details are available on the SDCSS website: <http://www.sdcss.net/>

Brag Plants March 2011

Cactus:

- 1st *Echinocereus knippelianus*
Peter Walkowiak
- 2nd *Ferrocactus macrodiscus*
Peter Walkowiak
- 2nd *Neoporteria nidus-senilis*
Peter Walkowiak



Succulents:

- 1st *Pachypodium "Arid Lands"*
(*Namaquanum X succulentum*)
Rudy Lime
- 2nd *Euphorbia brevirama*
Peter Walkowiak
- 3rd *Veltheimia bractiosa*
Ron Chisum



2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

16 April OASIS Water Efficient Gardens

NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!

21 May Joslyn Center

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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

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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:

“Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society”

P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033

We need more plants for the sale!
Lorie has planted up all she has so far, but more would definitely be BETTER!

3rd Annual

PLANT SALE!!

Sponsored by the

Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society

Saturday May 7th

10 am to 4 pm

Alta Vista Gardens

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, Tear-down & Clean-up...

(Bring your own chairs!)

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 Henderson – Board Member & Garden Chair

Mary Kaho – Board Member

Chris Barkley – Board Member

John Barkley – Board Member

Brita Miller – Librarian

Ron Chisum – Refreshments & Speakers

Eleanore Hewitt – Newsletter & Membership Co-Chair



2011 Events in Southern California

Apr 25-29

CSSA 34th Biennial Convention. San Diego, CA. Mission Valley Marriott Hotel.

May 1

South Bay Epiphyllum Society – Show and Sale. 9am To 4pm South Coast Botanical Gardens
For information call 310-833-6823

May 7 & 8

Sunset Cactus and Succulent Society – Show and Sale. Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA. For information call 310-822-1783

May 14 & 15

Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society – Annual Show & Sale. Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa San Luis Obispo, CA For information call 805-237-2054

May 15

Huntington Plant Sale. 10 pm to 5 pm Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. For information call 626-405-2160

May 15

Epiphyllum Society – Show and Sale. Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia, CA 310-670-8148

May 20 & 21

Gates Cactus and Succulent Society – Show and Sale. Sale 9-4:30 Fri & Sat Show 21st 9-4:30 Pm Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Drive Glen Avon, CA. For information call 951-360-8802

June 4 & 5

San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society – Summer Show and Sale. Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA For information call 858-382-1797

June 10 thru July 4

San Diego County Fair at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. This year's San Diego Horticultural Society's display garden theme of *"Let Your Water Budget Drive Your Plant Choices"* complements the Flower and Garden Show theme of *"Driving in Style."*

June 11 & 12

Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society – Plant Show and Sale. 11th 9-5, 12th 9-3:30 Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd. Encino, CA. For information email: lacss.contact@gmail.com

July 1-3

CSSA Annual Show and Sale. Huntington Botanical Gardens 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. For information call 626-405-2160 or 2277 Free To The Public

July 29-31

Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society – Summer Show and Sale. Sale July 29, 30 & 31, 10am To 4pm each day. Show: Sat. and Sun. 10 Am To 4 Pm. Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Rd. Fullerton, CA. Contact Vince Basta 714-267-4329

Aug 13 & 14

26th Annual Intercity Show and Sale. The La County Arboretum, 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA. For information call Tom Glavich at 626-798-2430 Or John Matthews at 661-297-5364



Exotic Plant Invitational

PLANT SALE

SATURDAY APRIL 23, 2011 9:00 TO 3:00

3562 OLIVE HILL RD. FALLBROOK, CA 92028

ONE AND A HALF MILES SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH MISSION RD. AND OLIVE HILL RD.

**Palms, Cycads, Succulents, Cacti, Orchids, Bromeliads, Plumerias
PROTEAS, BAMBOOS, FRUIT TREES, AND MORE**

LOADING AREA, ASSISTANCE WITH LOADING, FOOD AND DRINK VENDOR ON SITE
FREE DRAWINGS EVERY HALF HOUR, CONVENIENT PARKING

FREE ADMISSION -- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Phone/fax [redacted] - palmandcycadexchange.com - info@palmandcycadexchange.com

Rain date - Apr. 30 or next rain-free Saturday

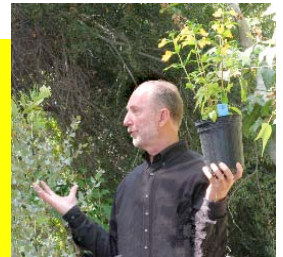


San Diego Horticultural Society

May 9, 2011, from 6 to 9 pm

Bob Perry

"The Alchemy of Plants and Gardens: Source of Life and Inspiration"



On Monday, May 9th, the **San Diego Horticultural Society** welcomes American Society of Landscape Architects Fellow and Cal Poly Professor Emeritus, **Bob Perry**, a recognized expert in landscape plants and water conserving garden design.

In Bob's presentation he will discuss the world of plants and gardens as a source of endless discovery and wonderment. Foremost are the ways plants sustain life on this planet and how they can inspire a rich array of thoughts and ideas in garden design. He says, "it is often while sitting in a garden that the beauty and quiet expressions of plants guide us into a state of contemplation and peace. Alchemy often comes to mind to explain these qualities of plants and gardens. Listen to insights and see images that celebrate the abundant gifts of plants and gardens."

Bob has recently written and published *Landscape Plants for California Gardens*, a comprehensive color illustrated planting reference for professionals and serious gardeners alike. Many ideas and photographs in this book come from his extensive travel throughout California and observations of plants. Bob has written two previous books on plants for landscape and water

conservation including: *Trees and Shrubs for Dry California Landscapes*, 1980, and *Landscape Plants for Western Regions*, 1992.

Bob Perry is a Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture at Cal Poly Pomona. His academic career began in 1972 and continues today. During this time he has taught in the UCLA Extension Program in Landscape Architecture, Landscape Architecture studies at USC, and Landscape Architecture at Cal Poly University, Pomona, CA. He is also a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

The evening starts at 6:00 p.m. in the Surfside Race Place at the Del Mar Fairgrounds on Jimmy Durante Blvd. in Del Mar. Parking is free and everyone is welcome. Admission is free for members and \$10 for non-members. Before the lecture a plant expert will discuss one exceptional plant (a "Hot Hort Pick") that is a star in the garden. An opportunity drawing featuring very special plants, including the Hot Hort Pick plant, will follow the lecture.

For more information, call (760) 295-7089 or visit www.sdhortsoc.org