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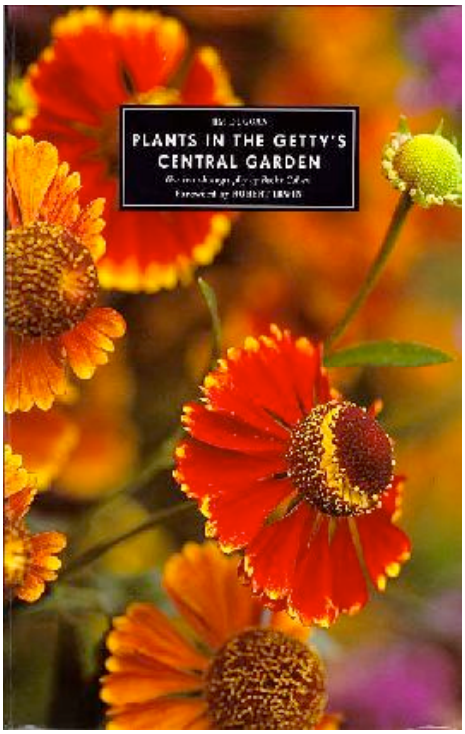
The Meeting is the **4th** Saturday

June 26, 2010

Joslyn Senior Center
724 N. Broadway, Escondido

12 Noon!!



Jim Duggan (Author), Becky Cohen (Photographer)

Babiana '*Jim's Choice*'

"A Love For African Bulbs"

• Jim Duggan •

Our speaker this month will be The Bulb Man: **Jim Duggan** from ***Jim Duggan Flower Nursery*** in the Solana Beach area. He is the local resource for these wonderful African bulbs. I was looking at his website, and was quite overwhelmed by the beautiful photos (all Jim's work). I tried to pick just a few to show you, but, Wow! They are expectional.

His website is:
http://www.thebulbman.com/index.html

I spoke with Jim, and I have his permission to include the following growing tips:

"The two main requirements for successfully growing these bulbs or corms are excellent drainage and a dry rest period during summer dormancy.

Planting can begin in August. However, do not start watering until the weather cools down; usually late September or October. Plant all bulbs by the end of October. If any bulbs have begun to sprout, plant and water immediately. In the nursery I water my bulbs once a week with occasional extra water when the weather is very warm. *(We'll have to find out the tricks for San Diego at the meeting!)*

It is better to fertilize frequently with a low dose than infrequently with a large dose. It may not make a difference what kind of fertilizer you use, just try to do it often and at low doses.

Discontinue feeding after flowering. The leaves of plants will then begin to yellow. This signals the onset of dormancy. Reduce watering and let foliage die back. Discontinue watering when leaves have withered.

Stop all watering during summer dormancy. Store pots in a shaded location after soil has dried completely. Lift most bulbs in the garden and store in a dry soil mix in a warm, dry location."

Jim also works on some spectacular landscapes in the North County Area. I've included a couple of photos below.

He is the author of a lovely book about his work on the garden at the Getty Center.

BOARD MEETING • PLANT SALES • BRAG PLANTS • EXCHANGE TABLE

REFRESHMENTS

Lina Paul Teri Schmidt Martha Hanson Lorie Johansen

Alice Somers Evelyn Voth Doris St. John Red & Connie Bernal

Brag Plants
May 2010

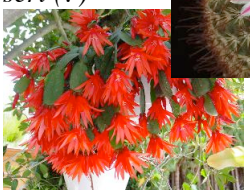
Cactus:

1st *Mammillaria spinosissima*
Stan Yalof

2nd *Lobivia occulta*
Peter Walkowiak

3rd *M. blossfeldiana* (Baja)
Phyllis Flechsig

3rd *Rhipsaphyllopsis graeseri (?)*
Maddy Beasley



Succulents:

1st *Senecio tropeliformis*
Inacia Mathens

2nd *Gasteria* hybrid
Phyllis Flechsig

3rd *Euphorbia ambovombensis*
Phyllis Flechsig

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2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

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
	NOTE ! ! ! 3rd Saturday ! !

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Garden Days

Dick Henderson

Dick is at the Garden a lot. (Really, a lot!)
Give him a call at 760-480-4181 if you can join him.
The Garden will appreciate your help!

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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 ____

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Dick Henderson – Board Member & Garden Chair

Mary Kaho – Board Member

Brita Miller – Librarian

Ron Chisum – Refreshments & Speakers

Eleanore Hewitt – Newsletter & Membership Co-Chair

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Potential Bus Trip to the Arboretum for the Show, Sunday, August 15 ••• Details to follow!

2010 • Del Mar Fair ***"A Taste of Succulence"***

<u>We would like to thank people for their help on "A Taste of Succulence</u>"

Peter Walkowiak – designer of the Garden and large, mature plant specimens
Vicki Broughton – designer of the Casita, signage and publicity
Irina Gronborg – beautiful mural
Erik Gronborg – help installing the mural and menu
Don Nelson – Vicki's right hand man in the Casita decorating, helping with educational materials, getting specimens of edibles, and picking up our bistro set
Bruce Barry – arranging for plants from Oasis.
Bill O'Daniel – set up for several long days and helping hang the banner
Jim Ciuzak – plants and set up
Ron Chisum – plants
Jerre and Newt Stafford – *Agave tequilana*
John Barkley and **Francis Granger** – set up

Volunteers at the garden display:
Barbara Martin, Leon & Susan La Freniere, Jerre & Newt Stafford, John & Chris Barkley, Jim Ciuzak, Don Nelson, Vicki Broughton, and Inacia Matheus.

Remember that we need help on Tear Down Day **Tuesday July 6**. Contact Peter if you need to drive into the display area – only a few passes are given and may need to be shared; others who aren't loading up can park in the main lot and walk in.

The lovely golden gravel *(Palm Springs Gold, 3/8 inch)* used in the display will be available to the members at a much reduced price. Any member can come to teardown and load it up.

Vicki has asked me to post a special thanks to **Oasis Water Efficient Gardens**, 10816 Reidy Canyon Trail, Escondido, 92026, for their very generous loan of plants for the display.

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As some of you know, member **Art McCullough** and his wife lost their home in the fires. They have FINALLY been able to move back in. He sent me a number of pictures that I would like to share. He has asked me to see if anyone can identify the blooming cactus.