

CACTUS COURIER

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The Meeting is the **4th** Saturday

July 28, 2007

Palomar College Garden

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

10 “ish”

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

**There will be a guided tour of the Garden
at 11 am.**



“Palomar Garden Picnic!!”



BOARD MEETING • BRAG PLANTS EXCHANGE TABLE

Canceled due to Good Weather!

Parking for the meeting will be in Lot 3 (North of the Garden Gate.) To “Beat the Heat” the Pot Luck will start about 10 am. Think of it as a **Summer Brunch**.

There will be Guided Tours of the Garden starting about 11 am with Ron Chisum and Andrew Wilson. 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 summer meetings certainly prove this. We ask people to bring their favorite summer potluck dish. Surprise us! Bring enough for 6-8 people. The Club will supply some liquid refreshment (Ron has been persuaded to bring his Famous Lemonade™) and the Garden will be sharing sunshine. We will set up some shade canopies on the upper terrace for that sun heat we're anticipating. But remember, even on hot days the terrace 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!



OBSERVATIONS
– Ron Chisum

On July 5th, Bruce Barry, Ron Chisum, Gloria Kendall and Peter Walkowiak took down the display at the Del Mar Fair. Bruce deserves our praise for all his work that has a huge effect on the economic health of the club. Special thanks to Gloria on two counts. She loaned us the use of her trailer for both set up and tear down at the fair. Secondly, she worked at the tear-down, with only one day off after doing the annual big horn sheep count in the Borrego Desert. That involves sitting still throughout the mid-day heat (multiple days) hoping to see sheep go to a water hole. Fortunately it was only an official, in the shade, 114°F!

I will bring the usual lemonade to the picnic. Last week when I took back the Palomar Garden plants we borrowed for the Fair, there was a pleasant, cool breeze blowing through the garden. Richard Henderson and other volunteers have been working hard to get the garden in shape for the picnic. He also wants it to look good for the 50 year anniversary of our garden at Palomar, this September. There are some garden tours planned the morning of the picnic. PS the reason we are having the picnic at Palomar in July is that Quail Garden needed the Ecke building this month and asked us to reschedule to August.

I found last month's speaker, Debra Baldwin, to be very informative and entertaining. A couple of her comments struck home. Attractive succulent gardens require some repetition, some clumping of plants, and variety of height, texture, and shapes. Plant collectors have problems with this because they want one of everything. Balanced composition, like a painting, is important. I was surprised by her comments that magazines will not accept photos of gardens where plastic pots are visible. This struck me as being a little snobbish on the part of the magazines. But the point is made, that quality plants deserve good pots. Just take a look at the photos in Rudy Lime's book, PACHYFORMS II. Does your prized plant look better in tattered plastic overalls or in a ceramic equivalent to a tailored suit? The answer is obvious. Now all I have to do is become a ceramist so I can afford quality pots for several hundred plants.



Garden Days
Dick Henderson

July

The Garden Committee met twice in July to prepare for the **July 28th Picnic** in the Garden.



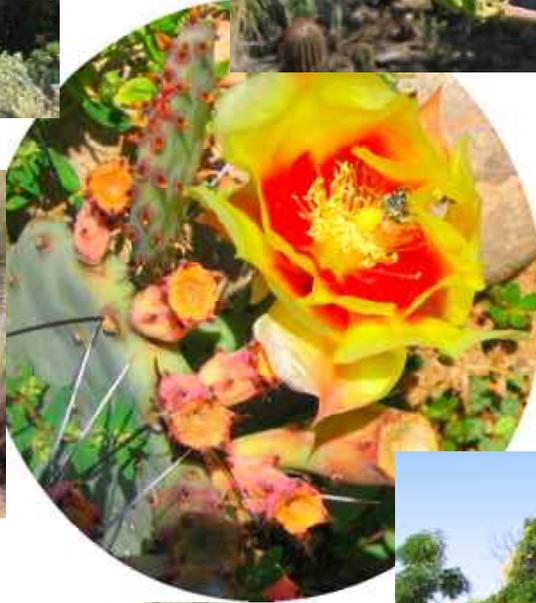
The Garden Committee revamped portions of the Large Euphorbia Garden. New Agaves, Dudleyas, and Crassulas were added to their respective gardens.

Attendees were Susan Snow, Bruce Barry and Dick Henderson.



I am sorry to have to report the recent passing of Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society member **Walter Hirt**. He had been attending meetings in Escondido for a number of years. Please join me in extending our sympathy to his family and friends.

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See you in the Garden!