

# CACTUS COURIER

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The Meeting is the **4th** Saturday

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2012**

**Joslyn Senior Center  
724 N. Broadway, Escondido**

**12 NOON**



***“The Great American Southwest”***

**•• Wendell “Woody” Minnich ••**

**Woody Minnich** has been in the cactus hobby for some 41 years and has become well known for his participation in many of the cactus and succulent clubs. He is an honorary life member of seven clubs as well as a life member of CSSA (Cactus & Succulent Society of America.) He has served in almost all positions of leadership from president, to newsletter editor, to show chairman and so on. He is also

known for his extensive fieldwork studying primarily the cactus family. He has traveled throughout the United States, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, Africa, Yemen and Socotra. From these trips he has developed an extensive knowledge of the cactus family as well as many of the other succulent genera.

*“No where in the world is there a more dynamic and picturesque region than that of the American southwest. This romantic and historical part of the USA is marked with drama from its indigenous peoples and landscapes, to its grandest plants and creatures. For the purpose of this title we are including the seven most cactus and succulent-rich states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah.*

*In these seven states there is a wealth of endemic plants and animals. Along with these plants and animals, one will often encounter some amazing and beautiful scenery. Due to the fact that many of our cacti and succulents are found in these unique environments, their special characteristics are frequently developed for adaptation and survival in these harsh places. The geology in this general region is very often tortured and dramatic, and thus the plants, animals and scenery are frequently nothing short of breath taking!*

*Each state will be addressed with the cacti and succulents that are primarily found in that state. A fair number of the taxa inhabit more than one state, but many species are often found in a geographically small area located only within a single state. These genera include some of the rarest and most difficult to cultivate cacti and succulents to be found in the trade today. Their environments range from extreme cold regions with blazing sun, to high elevations with meters of snow, and from very arid low deserts with furnace like temperatures to Mediterranean-like coastal niches.*

*We will not show all the recorded species of each genus but will focus on the most unique and classic representatives of the Cactaceae and the many other succulent genera. These genera will include; Agave, Ancistrocactus, Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Carnegie, Coryphantha, Dasylirion, Dudleya, Echeveria, Echinocereus, Echinomastus, Epithelantha, Escobaria, Ferocactus, Graptopetalum, Lophocereus, Lophophora, Mammillaria, Neobesseya, Neolloydia, Nolina, Opuntia, Pediocactus, Sclerocactus, Stenocereus, Thelocactus, and Yucca. We will also take a look at some of the old plant names and their places, and stories, in history.*

*Adding to the mystique of the Great American Southwest is a wealth of information, from the places where these plants were found to the people who found them. Names like Coloradoa, Navajoa, Toumeya, and Utahia are just a few of the romantic and descriptive epithets used for some of these prized genera. There are many famous explorers and botanists who spent their entire lives to find these unique plants. These people include such prominent names as; Britton, Rose, Engelmann, Benson, Earle, Gentry and Weniger, just to mention a few.*

*This presentation, The Great American Southwest, is an epic story and view of this magic land. Many people from all over the world have been attracted this special region, and for me, I will be sharing over 40 years of my field work in this most incredible part of our country.”*

Woody is well known for his many presentations. His photography is considered to be extraordinary, and his commentary very entertaining and educational. He is a recognized international speaker and has spoken for plant conventions – organizations all over the USA, as well as in England, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina and Mexico. Woody has also authored a number of articles for various newsletters, the CSSA journal and his photographs are well published. Woody is the creator-originator of the first color version of the CSSA journal “Cacti and Succulents for the Amateur” that also featured show plants, shows and the growers of the pictured plants.



## **BOARD MEETING • PLANT SALES • BRAG PLANTS • EXCHANGE TABLE**



### **REFRESHMENTS**

**Jean O’Daniel**

**Mike Regan**

**Beth Bradsher**

**Mary O’donnell**

**Gloria Medina**

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE •• SEPTEMBER 2012

This past month was one sizzler, so many days in the 90's and 100's. I spent more time with a hose in my hands than I have in a long time, twice a week, 6 hours each day. The one nice weekend last month coincided with our picnic at the Palomar Succulent Garden. The day was perfect, warm, and not hot with a nice breeze. There was some good food, great conversation and a wonderful tour of the garden led by Dick Henderson. For those who could not make it you missed out.

Next month is our Succulent Plant Show and Sale, October 27, 28. This is one of our fund raising events and a chance for us to show off the plants that have worked so hard to grow to the general public. This is our chance to shine, to dazzle the people of San Diego with your great plants. For this to be successful I need you to bring in your favorite plants, as many as you want or are able to bring. There will be plant entry cards available at the next meeting, be sure to take some home with you. I recommend that you bring in your plants on Friday the 26th, from noon to 6pm. You can bring in your plants on Saturday morning, from 8am to 9:30 am - things will be crazy at this time with everyone getting everything ready. Also, to make this run smoothly we need to have members sign up for one or more of the volunteer positions, kitchen, setup, security, clerks for judging. We will also need volunteers to help with the Children's Fall and Halloween Festival, tasks will include helping kids plant succulent plants. There is a great sense of achievement and satisfaction in participating, so please participate.

We are starting to plan our Spring Plant Sale for next year and we need you to provide plants to be sold at this event. There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting for volunteer positions as well as plants. We did very well last year, each year this sale has grown. This year we are planning to have it at the Joslyn Senior Center. As more details are worked out I will keep you informed with monthly updates.

Peter Walkowiak  
President



## Plant Garden of the Month *A Visit to Sunnylands* by Erik Gronborg

SUNNYLANDS is the nine-acre desert garden on the 200 acre Annenberg estate and conference center in Palm Springs. When we visited the garden, which is open to the public, in March this year it had been open just a few weeks. It is a garden unlike any we have ever seen. It was created by landscape architect James Burnett with help from Mary Irish, former director of public horticulture at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix and with her husband the author of the book "**AGAVES, YUCCAS AND RELATED PLANTS.**" The design was inspired by the French Impressionist paintings by Vincent Van Gogh in the Annenberg collection, using massing of hundreds of same species plants to create sweeps of color on a large scale. The garden is in the middle of a scruffy sandy desert in a very hot and often windy climate, so the designers had to use extensive wind breaks of trees and a completely underground irrigation system. Two favorite plants used more than any other is *Agave desmettiana* because of the deep green color and a yellow blooming palo verde tree.

We combined the trip to SUNNYLANDS with a visit to Joshua Tree National Park, about an hour's drive from Palm Springs, a real treasure, and the location for many of the pictures of *Chollas* I used in my recent Plant of the Month presentation.



**Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society**  
**Plant Show and Sale**

**October 27 and 28, 2012**

**San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas**  
*(formerly known as Quail Botanical Gardens)*

It's time to get your best plants all spruced up and ready for the Plant Show in October. They will benefit from that extra Tender Loving Care – it shows the Judges you know your business.

The Show is on Saturday; the Sale is both Saturday and Sunday.



**Here is the list of the Vendors to expect at the Sale:**

- Cactus Man** (*Dean Hart*) Cactus & succulents
- Corona Cactus** (*Jennifer & Daryl Craig*)
- Jerry Garner** Ceramic pots
- Hula Tropicals** (*Steve Salley*) Succulents, plumerias
- Rudy Lime** Succulents
- Woody Minnich** Succulents
- C&T Parr** (*Kienan & Terry Parr*) Succulents
- George Plaisted** Pots, perlite, fertilizer & supplies
- PW Plants** (*Peter walkowiak*) Succulents
- Succulent Gardening** (*Tina Zucker*) Succulents, plumerias



**Fall Show & Sale**  
**Volunteers Needed**

**WE NEED YOU!**

- Friday**  
 Setup - 11am - 3pm - 3 or 4 people
- Saturday**  
 Security - 9am - 1pm & 1pm - 5pm - 2 people per shift  
 Kitchen - 9am - 1pm & 1pm - 5pm - 2 people per shift
- SPECIAL EVENT!! Children's Potting Activity**  
 - 10:30am - 12:30pm - 3 people
- Sunday**  
 Security - 9am - 1pm & 1pm - 5pm - 2 people per shift  
 Kitchen - 9am - 1pm & 1pm - 5pm - 2 people per shift  
 Breakdown - 4pm - 5:30pm - 3 or 4 people

**We'll also need some food as plant shows & sales**  
**Work up an appetite!**  
**What will you be bringing?**

**2012 MEETING SCHEDULE**

- 22 September Joslyn Center**
- 27, 28 October San Diego Botanic Garden (Quail)**
- 17 November Joslyn Center**
- NOTE !!! 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday !!**
- 15 December Joslyn Center**
- NOTE !!! 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday !!**



**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**

**\$25.00 Single Membership**  
**\$30.00 Dual Membership (Same Address)**  
 (1/2 price after June 30th)

There is a **\$5 discount** on the fees if you choose to receive your newsletter by email-only. Save money, leave a small carbon footprint, and reduce Eleanore's workload!

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Sunnylands

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**Annie Morgan – Spring 2013 Plant Sale**



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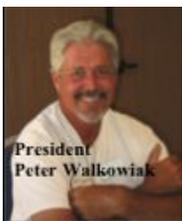


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Spring Plant Sale →  
**Annie Morgan**



Gary Duke is having an Open House at his home in **Long Beach** on 20 and 21 October 2012 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm each day. He has over 800 different cacti and succulents with over a hundred landscaped into his front yard. You are welcome to come and get landscaping or greenhouse ideas (he does have more than one design) as well as see the plant varieties and specimens. Yes, he will have some plants for sale. His address is 4660 Rio Ave, Long Beach, CA 90805. A few cars can park in his back yard located behind Johnny Rebs on Long Beach Blvd – the gate will be open, but please do **not** park in Johnny Rebs parking lot. Parking is also available in front of the house on Rio Avenue or on 47th Ave.



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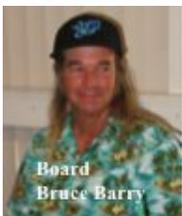
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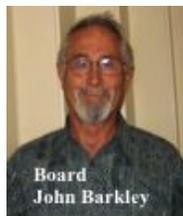
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**Publishing Deadlines for the *Cactus Courier***

If you have items for the newsletter, I need them in my hands (*computer*) no later than **2 weeks** before the next meeting. I am happy to include pictures from your gardens, articles and pictures about other garden clubs, interesting articles about your favorite plant(s), or items about upcoming events. I may not be able to get everything in, but I will try. I want to make this newsletter as interesting as possible. (...Eleanore)

Our **Spring 2013 Plant Sale** will be March 23rd and we need you to start thinking about it – and getting those special plants ready!

We're asking for your help now so we're not scrambling at the last minute to have enough plants. Yep, it seems early, but we only have four actual meetings to connect with our members.

That's YOU! So, what do you grow or collect that you could donate to the sale that would WOW our customers?

**ALOE – AEONEIUM – AGAVE – CRASSULA – ECHEVERIA**

**ECHINOCEREUS – EPIPHYLLIUM – FEROCATUS – GASTERIA**

**HAWORTHIA – HOYA – KALENCHOE – MAMMILLARIA**

**OPUNTIA, PACHYPODIUM, SANSAVERIA...**

At the September meeting we'll have a poster for you to sign up for how many and what kind(s) of plants you can donate. It will be up at the November, January & February meetings too, but the sooner we know what plants we'll have the easier it is for the committee.

For the May 2012 Sale we typed descriptions with care information for plants we had multiples of, and customers liked those. So we'll be doing that again, but it's time-consuming so we want an early start.

Each year our sale has been a bit bigger, and that means more money raised! This year we're asking if you can donate 5 or 6, more if you'd like, of the same type of plant so that it's worth the time to type up the descriptions. Of course, ones or twos of any plants are welcome, too!

Naturally, we need quality plants – which we know is what you'll have! We're hoping the reputation of our sale will just keep getting better so people will look forward to coming back each year.

**Annie Morgan will be the Contact Person**



## **Southern California EVENTS**

### **September 23**

Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction, 18127 South Alameda St, Rancho Dominguez, CA. Start at noon.

[www.lbcss.org](http://www.lbcss.org)

### **October 13 & 14**

Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale. Golden State Mall, 3201 F. St, Bakersfield, CA, Oct 13 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Oct 14 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Info:

[www.bakersfieldcactus.org](http://www.bakersfieldcactus.org)

### **October 27 & 28**

Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale. San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas, CA., 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Info:

Peter Walkowiak [hciservices@gmail.com](mailto:hciservices@gmail.com)



### **Nov 3 & 4**

San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society Winter Show & Sale, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia, CA. 9:00 Am to 4:30 PM. Info: [www.sgvcss.com](http://www.sgvcss.com)

### **Nov 9 & 10**

Orange County Cactus & Succulent Winter Show And Sale. Sale Friday Nov 30: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Dec 1: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anaheim United Methodist Church. 1000 S. State College Blvd. Anaheim, CA. For information [www.occss.org](http://www.occss.org)

## **Palomar Garden Picnic**

