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“Trains, Bonsai, and Small Succulent Plants”

• **Richard Wright** •

In recent years, model train enthusiasts have moved outdoors taking their miniature landscapes with them. This new combination of passions even has a name: Garden Railroading.

Richard Wright from Walter Anderson Nursery in Poway will be our speaker this month. As the nursery has become involved with the phenomena, Richard has been a big part of the evolution at both the Nursery, as the landscape designer of both train layouts, and as a plant

consultant for many of the ever growing Garden Railroad clientele both local and abroad. He continues to consult with “Trainers” all over California, the United States, the UK and Europe. He is also one of the primary teachers for the Saturday garden classes offered at the nursery.

Since 2002, Richard has been designer and co-designer for Walter Andersen Nursery’s San Diego County Fair garden display.



Mark Kuzminski



Werner Grundmann



BOARD MEETING • PLANT SALES • BRAG PLANTS • EXCHANGE TABLE

The February 2006 Board Meeting will take place in the Annex off the Main Room at **** 10:30 am ****



REFRESHMENTS

Lorie Johansen Vickie Tingle Royal Akin Vicki Martin
Richard Henderson Mike Regan Juanita Harris

January Brag Plants

Cactus:

- 1st *Mammillaria lenta*
– Carol Maker
- 2nd *Matucana Haynei v. purpeo alba*
– Andrew Wilson
- 3rd *Hatiora salicornoides*
– Marylyn Henderson

Succulents:

- 1st *Euphorbia turbini-formis*
– Alex Cardenas
- 2nd *Diascorea*
– Marylyn Henderson
- 3rd *Sanseveria cylindrica dwarf*
– John Barkley



Dave Hitchcock, Vancouver

It's Not Too Early !!


April 2006
Members' Plant Show



Now is a good time to start planning for the **April Plant Show**. We will have a plant raffle (one ticket per person) for the club members that participate in the show. Start by picking out your best plants, check pot size versus plant size, quality of the pot, position of the plant, remove dead leaves or other appropriate grooming. A little work now will pay big dividends and make you proud the day of the show.

– Ron Chisum



There is still one more spot open on the Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society **Board of Directors for 2006**. We would love to include you in the running of the Club. The Board meets only 8 times a year – the rest are either summer or holiday events. Come on, you can do it!

The Board of Directors is still looking for a Recording Secretary. This is a "sit-down" job with only eight meetings during the year. If you think you'd like to lend a hand, please let the Board know. (And you don't have to even type! Hand-written minutes are fine!)

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Don't let your subscription lapse!

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
\$15.00 Single Membership
\$20.00 Dual Membership (Same Address)
(1/2 price after June 30th)

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2006 Meeting Schedule

25 February Joslyn Center

- 25 March** Joslyn Center
- 22 April** Joslyn Center
- 20 May** Joslyn Center
NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!
- 24 June** Joslyn Center
- 22 July** Quail Garden
- 26 August** Palomar Garden
- 16 September** Joslyn Center
NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!
- 28 October** Joslyn Center
- 18 November** Joslyn Center
NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!
- 16 December** Joslyn Center
NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!



Frank Heath, Utah



OBSERVATIONS

Ron Chisum

This has been the driest winter in my memory. By now my outdoor plants are usually plump with moisture. I have had to start watering some of my winter growing plants to promote growth. The first plants to catch my attention were my two boojams (*Foucaria columnaris*). The leaf tips were turning brown and would soon fall off as the plant went into dormancy. I then discovered all my *Foucarias* were doing the same thing. I dug into the soil, and 4 inches down it was bone dry. In the green house, I have had to be more observant than normal. The winter-sensitive plants such as *Lithops* and dormant *Pachypodiums* remain on the NO WATER list, but several of my caudiciform plants have kept their leaves. The Santa Ana winds create low humidity and warmer daytime temperatures. Careful hand watering is required so plants won't end up with excess moisture if and when the rains come.

On February 1st, several members of the Fair Committee and Garden Committee met at the Garden to look over plants that could be used at Del Mar. Bruce Barry is considering a display of drought tolerant native plants. If you have anything that fits

the description, and is in a pot, or could be dug up and borrowed for a month, let us know at the next few meetings. We may do two displays so stay tuned for more requests. Don't forget, the money we make at the Fair is the life-blood for our club. Thanks to Richard Henderson, Royal Akin, Vicki Broughton, and Bruce Barry for being there.

April will be here faster than you think. Keep working on grooming a few plants for the club plant show.

Tip of the Month:

Are the wooden handles of your shovels and hoes weathered and split? A rub down with WATCO oil will add extra life to them. If there are sharp splinters, a once-over with sand paper should go first. All of the WATCO oils work similarly. Teak oil and Danish oils are similar, these just have added tints. Just rub it on with a small rag, and dry for 48 hours.

