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CACTUS COURIER

Newsletter of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society

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The Meeting is the **4th** Saturday

APRIL 22, 2006

Joslyn Senior Center
724 N. Broadway, Escondido

NOON ! !

"Best Succulent" 2005

"Members' Plant Show"

Tom De Merritt started working for cactus growers at the age of 15 at Sunset Desert Gardens and Green Thumb nurseries. He has traveled extensively through much of Mexico, Guatemala, Belize and Madagascar studying plants. He has an interest in all plants and favors anything that can tolerate neglect. He has assisted the judging at SDCSS for 20 years by working with the judges as a clerk. He has judged the Coronado Flower show and the Palomar Cactus and Succulent show *(to our great delight)*. He and his wife have a medium-sized yard in the Mission Bay area and have had their yard on the town garden tour twice. They have a couple hundred plants in pots and a lot in the ground.

Terry Parr is a former Board member for the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society. He and his wife, who currently serves on the Board, have been cultivating cacti and succulents in San Diego for the past 20 years. Their personal collection includes more than 400 species. They have written journal articles, entered show competitions (having won high points totals), and currently supply specialty nurseries with plants grown at their greenhouse in Vista.

We want to encourage many more members to jump into the Show. We all get so much more out of the Society by being participants. It makes no difference if we receive a second place award or Best of Show. We will have participated! Share the fun!

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PLEASE NOTE – It takes a long time to log all the plants in.

We want to start the process by 11:00 am. Come early!!!

BOARD MEETING • PLANT SALES • BRAG PLANTS • EXCHANGE TABLE
All canceled due to the Show! They are ALL Brag Plants Today!

REFRESHMENTS

Well, we forgot to pass the sign-up sheet around. I'm so sorry! I hope you will feel generous, and bring something anyway. ***[As I frequently say, this Club eats very well.]***

March Brag Plants

Cactus:

1st *Rhipsalis salicorniodes*
- Rudy Lime

2nd *Tephrocactus sp.*
- Royal Akin

3rd *Tephrocactus papyrocantha*
- Royal Akin

Succulents:

1st *Pachypodium namaquanum*
- Phylis Flechsig

2nd *Aeonium Crest*
- Alex Cardenas

3rd *Euphorbia pauliana*
- Reese Brown

Succulent Bonsai:

1st *Pelargonium appendiculatum*
- Rudy Lime

2nd *Pachypodium "Tessie Star"*
- Rudy Lime

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 2006 Board of Directors

President:	Richard Henderson	[redacted]
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Program Chair	Ron Chisum	
Recording Sec.	Mary Kaho	
Correspondence:	Dennis Miller	[redacted]
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Director:	Royal Akin	[redacted]
Director:	Dick Kubiak	[redacted]
Director:	Jonathan Eastman	
Director:	Doug Frederick	
Director:	**(Your Name Here!)**	
President ex officio	Eleanore Hewitt	[redacted]

News of the Weird

People Different from Us (?)

When collector Sian Tiong Lim, 32, was recently jailed for four months in England for smuggling orchids, orchid expert Eric Hansen told United Press International, "There is a lunatic fringe to the orchid world, and a fine line between the average grower and the horticulturally insane."

"Best Cactus" 2005

Special Message from the President!

Richard Henderson has arranged a special treat for the Club: the following nurseries have agreed to give

PCSS members a **10% discount** on most items. See the nursery manager for items not covered. The nurseries also ask that you show your PCSS membership card and this bulletin prior to claiming your discount.

Rainbow Gardens Nursery – Vista

Grigsby Nursery – Vista
(25% off purchase of $25 or more)

Buena Creek Nursery – San Marcos

El Plantio Nursery – Escondido

He tells me there are more to come!
(I just have to get the addresses!)

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2006 Meeting Schedule

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 ! !

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)

Name_____Phone_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Make checks payable to:
"Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society"
P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033

Eleanore and Lorie
Clerking the 2005 Show

PCSS MEMBERS PLANT SHOW 2006

The Annual Members' Plant Show will be held at our April meeting:

On the Fourth Saturday, April 22nd

We hope that members with choice small plants will bring them to the show even though they may think they can't compete with the more spectacular large specimens in the same class. In the past, the Judges have recognized this situation and split some of the classes by size. This year, if sufficient plants are entered, more classes will be split.

One of the rules we observe is that plants which have won a Best of Division or Best of Show within the past three years are not eligible for competition. However, the presence of these plants in the special Nostalgia Division greatly enhances the show. We urge you to bring plants that are not eligible for competition – "Just for Show." This will allow the members to enjoy some additional high-grade plants.

RULES FOR THE ANNUAL MEMBERS' PLANT SHOW OF THE PALOMAR CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY FOR 2006

1. The Show is open to all paid members of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society.
2. Plants should be properly identified with their botanical names. There will be books available to check for names before the Show.
3. Each entry must be accompanied by a 3 x 5 file card giving the plant name on one side of the card and the owner's name on the reverse. Place the card next to the plant with the name of the plant facing up. The Judges' Clerk will collect these at the conclusion of the show.
4. There will be ribbons for both Advanced and Novice entries. Choose your category on the Honor System. Advanced entries will use **WHITE** cards; Novice entries will use **COLORED** cards.
5. All entries must be in the hall by Noon on the day of the Show. Please come at 11:00 am.
6. Plants must be free of insects or disease. Any plants showing evidence of either will be disqualified.
7. Staging and containers affecting the overall presentation are considered by the Judges in their decisions.
8. One plant per pot unless entered as a dish garden.
9. Plants will be entered into classes as listed below. One person may enter as many plants as desired in a class.
10. Any plant entered must have been owned by the entrant for at least 6 months.
11. The awards will be as follows: First and Second Place, Advanced and Novice, for each Class; Best Succulent; Best Cactus; Best of Show.
12. The Judges may, at their discretion, divide the entries in any class into two classes by size as may be appropriate for the plants entered. Ribbons will be awarded for each of the new classes.
13. Cristate and Monstrose plants may be entered into the Division and Class determined by its genus or may be entered into Division III, Classes 27 or 28.
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Entry Classes

DIVISION I - CACTUS

1. Mammillaria
2. Echinocereus, Ferocactus, Echinocactus
3. Echinopsis, Notocactus, Parodia, Gymnocalycium, or any similar genera
4. Any Cereus type
5. Rebutia, Turbinocarpus, or other miniatures
6. Epiphyllum, Selenicereus, Rhipsalis
7. Opuntia, Tephrocactus
8. All other Genera including Pereskia

DIVISION II - OTHER SUCCULENTS

9. Woody Stem Plants, including: Adansonia, Alluaudia, Bombax, Bursera, Commiphora, Decaryia, Didiera, Fouquieria, Idria, Pachycormas, Operculicarya, etc.
10. Succulent Root Plants, including: Cucurbits, Fockea, Gerrardanthus, Ipomoea, Mestoklema, Seyrigia, Trichodiadema, Xerosicyos, etc.
11. Succulent Stem Plants, including: Adenium, Brighamia, Cissus, Cyphostemma, Pachypodium, etc.
12. Agave, Nolina, Yucca
13. Aloe
14. Haworthia
15. Gasteria, Astroloba, Sanseveria
16. Euphorbiaceae - Large Forms
17. Euphorbiaceae - Small Forms
18. Euphorbiaceae - Leafy Forms
19. Crassulaceae - Large Forms, including: Aeonium, Cotyledon, Crassula, Dudleya, Echeveria, Kalenchoe, Pachyphytum, Sedum, Sempervivum
20. Crassulaceae - Small Forms (See Class 19)
21. Bromeliads including: Deuterocohina (formerly Abromeitiella), Dyckia, Hechtia, Orthophytum, Puya
22. Lithops and other Mesembryanthemums
23. Asclepiads, including Stapelia and other genera
24. All other Genera including Compositae
25. Miniature Plant of Any Genus

DIVISION III - SUCCULENT GRAFTED, CRISTATE AND MONSTROSE PLANTS

26. Any Variegated Plants
27. Grafted plants of any Succulent Class, Genus and Size
28. Crests and Monstrose plants of any Succulent Class, Genus and Size

DIVISION IV - DISH GARDENS

29. Dish Gardens or Planters; more than one plant per dish

DIVISION V - COLLECTIONS

30. Minimum of three, maximum of ten plants of the same genus

DIVISION VI - SUCCULENT BONSAI

31. Any succulent plant presented in a Bonsai style, classical or unconventional

DIVISION VII - NOSTALGIA

32. Plants which have won *BEST OF DIVISION* or *BEST OF SHOW* at the Palomar Cactus Society Members' Plant Show within the past three years. These plants are not eligible for competition in the current show. However, we encourage members to bring them along. A special **Nostalgia** ribbon will be awarded to the Best in this division.

2006 Del Mar Fair

June 10th through July 4th

Photos by Vicki Broughton of 2005 Del Mar Fair

As in years past, a great deal of fun can be had by all. Some participation by many makes more fun and less work. If you come to the fair and no one is there – look at the exhibits and do something – smooth dirt, clean plants, place plants where you think they look right and dig them in. The design is not set in concrete – we will place plants as they arrive.

If you have any size truck, van or station wagon that can transport plants, please let Bruce know. He have to get plants from places other than the Garden and will need all the help he can get.

Please come and pitch in. Come one, come all. If you can't lift a plant, that's OK, bring a soft paint brush and sweep out the cobwebs and pine needles. (Don't forget your gloves !)

May 20-21 First Weekend of Access

Come to the Fairgrounds -- contouring and reorganizing dirt. Bring shovels, rakes and **GLOVES!**

May 27-28-29 Work Weekend

Planting crew at the Fair installing plants. (Don't forget those gloves!)

June 3-4 Last Work Weekend

Planting crew at the Fair installing plants. We will be numbering and labeling all the plants this weekend, so this is the LAST opportunity to bring plants. We will finish up the groundcover and the bark. Bring soft brushes and tweezers for final plant grooming.

Wednesday, June 7 The Gardens MUST be ready for Judging by 10 AM!

Wednesday, July 5 Teardown! We MUST get all our plants OUT by that evening!

Contact Bruce Barry ' with offers of help and plants.