

CACTUS COURIER

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The Meeting is the **4th** Saturday

JUNE 24, 2006

Joslyn Senior Center
724 N. Broadway, Escondido

12:15 PM



“Trip to Mexico – March 2006”

• Kelly Griffin •

Kelly Griffin is one of our favorite speakers. He works for **Rancho Soledad Nurseries** where they grow and sell rare and unusual palms, cycads and succulent plants. He has had the opportunity and pleasure of working for the past four years at what some people describe as a plant Disneyland. His charge is to find and propagate new material and care for the procurements. Additionally, he is afforded the unique opportunity to create new plants utilizing the collection that is in his opinion, one of the best. Kelly is also the current Program Chairman and Conservation Committee Chairman for the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society.

He has been fortunate to travel to many parts of the world in search of new and different plants. The talk today will be on the last trip he took to Mexico three months ago. They were able to see some plants that he had not seen in his many previous visits to Mexico ...always an indicator of success!

Most notably for Kelly was the **Astrophytum asterias** which was until the recent discovery of the **Digitostigma** the last remaining species/ or form of

the the genus *Astrophytum* that he had not seen in habitat.



Astrophytum asterias "Super Kabuto"
(in cultivation)



Astrophytum asterias
(in cultivation)



Digitostigma
(in cultivation)

REFRESHMENTS

Mike Regan

Dick Henderson

Brita Miller

Pat Frederick

Teri Schmidt

Martha Hanson

DEL MAR FAIR REPORT

– Ron Chisum

Bruce Barry has worked very hard to keep things on track at the Fair. Bruce, Dennis, and Ron provided labor, and Stan and Richard helped in the planning phase. Some of the plants were from our Palomar Garden where Richard Henderson has been nurturing them. We got some nice plants from Western Cactus where Ed Dellollis was very helpful. New member Peter Walkowiak loaned us some spectacular specimens, and Stan Yalof and Ron Chisum also loaned plants to the show. All of the soil, rocks, and large plants are in place and Bruce says he will finish it up on Friday and Saturday. Vicki put in a huge amount of work on the Plant Identification Display.



OBSERVATIONS

– Ron Chisum

Instead of a plant of the month, Ron will present a beginners lecture on fertilizer.

- What does N-P-K mean?
- What is a muriate and why is it not the best choice?
- What does ash from a pot have to do with fertilizer?
- Trace elements and why pH makes a difference.

This and more, to help you read labels and grow happier plants.



May Brag Plants

Well, I didn't get the list! (I'll work on that.)

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!)





Habitat



2006 Meeting Schedule

- 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!!



in Estacion Calles



Seedlings



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Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

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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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