

CACTUS COURIER

Newsletter of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society
The North San Diego County Cactus and Succulent Society

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday, Feb. 25th

**Park Ave. Community Center
210 Park Ave., Escondido**

Brag plants, Exchange Table, Benefit Drawing

11:00am - 3:00pm

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 28th!**

**THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER
YOU WILL RECEIVE IF YOU
HAVEN'T YET RENEWED WHEN
MARCH'S COMES OUT!**

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REFRESHMENTS

- 1 – Nancy Walker
- 2 – Paula Deubig
- 3 – Heather/Winston Chan
- 4 – **YOUR NAME HERE!**

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www.palomarcactus.org

We're on Facebook!

This Month's Presentation:

"The Evolution of the Ruth Bancroft Garden"

By Brian Kemble

The Ruth Bancroft Garden is in Walnut Creek, 30 miles east of San Francisco, and it is planted with succulents and other drought-tolerant plants. As the garden's curator, Brian is responsible for planting decisions, plant records, and doing write-ups on plants for the garden's newsletter and website. The Ruth Bancroft Garden was started in 1972, and the talk will include photos of its beginnings as well as many pictures of the changes over the years, as plants grew in and new ones were introduced. Some plant groups prominently displayed in the garden include aloes, yuccas, agaves, cacti, mesembs and echeverias.



Aloe Ferox

Brian Kemble is the Curator at the Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek, CA, and he has worked there since 1980. He serves on the board of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA), and is Vice-President of the San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society as well as the VP of the Institute for Aloe Studies. He writes a monthly newspaper column for several Bay Area newspapers about drought-tolerant plants, and has written many articles on succulents for various publications, including the CSSA's *Cactus & Succulent Journal*. He likes to travel to places where succulents grow so that he can see them and photograph them in habitat.



**Top - Yucca carnerosna
Left - Euphorbia randallii,
Center - Cheiridopsis robusta**



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & DIRECTORY

This year we are asking that you renew by February 28th. If you have not renewed when the March newsletter goes out you will receive a reminder notice, but NOT a newsletter.

PLEASE HELP OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – Leon LaFreniere – BY RENEWING ON TIME!

- You may print out a copy of the Membership Form on the last page and mail it in to the address indicated with a check. Or you may pay at the February meeting where forms will be available.
- This year if you renew at a meeting you may pay by cash, a check, or credit card.

As our club grows we are working on streamlining the various jobs our Board Members and volunteers do, and having all renewals in by the end of February will make our Membership Chair, Leon LaFreniere, job much easier. Also, although our monthly rent has gone up \$40 a month over the last two years, (we now pay \$180/month) we are keeping our membership fee at \$20.

Please note the Membership Directory section on the Membership Form. Many people call Board Members asking for other member's phone numbers and we cannot give them out, thus we are creating a directory for those who want to be included. If you do not want to be included just check NONE on the form. The directory will be typed up in March so make sure to renew before then to be included

BOARD BRIEFS

Thank you to Jeff Moore for his excellent presentation with all the wonderful photos of the aloe's gorgeous blooms. Jeff was generous enough to donate a copy of his new book, *Aloes & Agaves in Cultivation*, to our club. It will be available for checkout at the February meeting!

CLUB T-SHIRTS – T-shirts may now be ordered from BeSeenWear.com. Open his site, go to Stores - Palomar Cactus, then choose from the 6 ladies and 6 men's options. Shirts are \$15 plus tax and a \$3.50 shipping charge.

The following shirts may be purchased at meetings until gone - at the **discounted prices of ~ Men's = \$13, Ladies = \$10** plus tax. Please take them to the cash register for purchase.

Men's – White/red flower - S, 2-M, L ~ Blue/red Flower - L ~ Red/white flower - M, L ~ Lt. Gray/white flower - XL
Ladies – These are from the batch that ran small so I am listing the sizes as they actually fit.
Lt. Gray/red flower - 4-XS, S ~ Red/white flower - S ~ Blue/red flower – XS, M

PLANT OF THE MONTH – MINIATURE ALOES INTERESTING, COLORFUL, AND EASY SUCCULENTS

Our presenter Brian Kemble will be doing our Plant of the Month presentation this month. Following is a short introduction. Succulent collectors are often caught off guard when they first see one of the so called “fantasy aloe hybrids” and realize they've just fallen head-over-heels in love. Many people now collect these smaller unique aloes with rosettes approximately 4-12” wide, and it is more about the leaf colors, shape, texture, margins, or growth habit than it is about an eye-catching flower. They make beautiful potted specimens, and many also do well in the ground. As they bloom you will notice that their flowers are generally not as beautiful as their larger cousins, and many of their inflorescences are similar.

There are now many of these hybrids to choose from; some can be happy growing slowly for years in a 4” pot, while others will eventually grow to fill an 18” container, with every size in between. Many produce offsets readily and will eventually form an attractive clump; while others stay solitary. Cuttings root readily. They may need filtered sun in hot areas.

Aloes grown in pots do best in a well-drained potting mix. Their roots should not be continuously wet – allow the soil to dry between waterings. Most aloes are from summer rainfall areas and therefore are summer growers.



Aloe 'Christmas Carol' (left) is just one of the ever-increasing numbers of hybrids now being produced; this one is by one of the preeminent hybridizers of dwarf aloes, Kelly Griffin. Another well know aloe hybridizer is Karen Zimmerman of Huntington Gardens. Here is a link to an article about Karen: <http://huntingtonblogs.org/2015/03/fantasy-hybrid-aloes/>, and another link another link to a Dave's Garden article which covers these smaller, and also larger hybrids: <http://davesgarden.com/guides/articles/view/2921#b>.



Aloe 'Pink Blush'



Aloe 'Minnie Bell'



Aloe 'Blizzard'



Aloe 'DZ' - Karen Zimmerman's first hybrid



Aloe 'Orange Marmalade'

Aloe 'Icicle II', a new Kelly Griffin hybrid not yet on the market! Thank you Debra Lee Baldwin!



4th Annual Spring Member Festival

Saturday, March 25, 2017 - 11am - 3pm

This is an event that we hope will be of interest to everyone - those just starting out with succulents, and the more experienced collectors who have been collecting for a while as a relaxing hobby. Next month we will include all the details.

PLANT SHOW - This is primarily for the novice and intermediate, and is a great dress rehearsal for the Fall Show. Advanced members we need your specimen plants too, as everyone loves to see your what they can aim for. Now is the time to get your plants transplanted, cleaned and ready to show off! Plus you will earn Brag Plant points - doubled!

MEMBER PLANT SALE - This is for those of you who have not sold plants and pots before, or those who only have a few plants to sell and have no other venue to do so. Now is the time to get them ready, and we will do the selling for you. You will receive 80% of the sales price and the Club takes 20%.

WORKSHOPS - We will have interactive workshops on the care and cultivation of succulents. Are there topics that you would like to learn more about? Please let Brita know your suggestions ASAP.

TIME TO SOCIALIZE - Many people have mentioned how nice it was to have time to socialize with old friends and make new ones, so even if you don't have plants to show or sell come join in the fun! We will have a potluck lunch as usual.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER? - We can't do it without you. For those of you who helped the last few year - remember how much fun we had? For new members - this is a great way to get to know other members and to learn more about the club. Some volunteer positions are:

- ~ Setup and take down
- ~ Assist at show or sales areas
- ~ Kitchen
- ~ Assist with workshop transition
- ~ Event photographer

Please let Brita know ASAP if you think you'd like to Volunteer, Show, or Sale - even if you're not sure yet.



Score on Mort Fairfield's bulbs!



Checking out some of the Advanced entries!



Succulent section of the Novice show entries! Lots of beautiful plants were entered. Sales area is in the background with 16 tables full of plants, etc. for sale.



Two beautiful 1st place show entries!

Are you getting yours ready?



January Brag Plant Winners

NOVICE SUCCULENT

- 1st Carol Carrillo Aloe erinacea #1
 2nd Sherrie Wasson Aeonium crested #2
 2nd Mike Nelson Euphorbia medusa hybrid #3
 3rd Patti Nelson Gasteraloe green ice

INTERMEDIATE SUCCULENT

- 1st Victor Zonana Euphorbia #4
 2nd Jeanine Zonana Euphorbia #5
 3rd Lorie Johansen Gasteria liliputana
 3rd Jeanine Zonana Echeveria

ADVANCED SUCCULENT

- 1st Robert Kopfstein Aeonium 'Mardi Gras' #6
 2nd Robert Kopfstein Dudleya anthonyi #7
 3rd Ron Chisum Euphorbia esculenta

NOVICE CACTUS

- 1st Mike Nelson Coryphantha bumamma #9

INTERMEDIATE CACTUS

- 1st Jeanine Zonana Opuntia sp. Variegata #10

ADVANCED CACTUS

- 1st Robert Kopfstein Copiapoa tenuissima #11
 2nd John Barkley Neoporteria nidus #12
 3rd John Barkley Mammillaria gracilis fragilis

DISH GARDEN NOVICE

- 1st Mike Nelson #13
 2nd Paula Deubig #14

DISH GARDEN ADVANCED

- 1st John Barkley Aloes #15



Garden Tour Rescheduled to Saturday, March 18th

- Don't forget that the tour at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park Old World and Baja Gardens has been rescheduled for March 18th.
- We'll be there to answer your questions between 9 and 11a.m.
- All previous requests for guest passes will still be honored. If you no longer need your guest pass, please contact me.
- We would like a rough count of visitors who do come, so on that day PLEASE check in at the SDCSS / PCSS Check-In Table near the Safari Park entrance.
- If your name is on the list to receive a guest pass, pick up the passes there.



2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS for Southern California

March 23 - 25

Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society

Spring Show & Sale – 23rd 6 - 8pm,
24th 9am - 7pm, 25th 9am - 5pm,
1000 S. State College Bl., Info – 562-587-3357

April 8 - 9

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

Show & Sale, South Coast Botanical Gardens,
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes
Info – 310-378-1953 www.southcoastcss.org

April 29th

Huntington Gardens Plant Sale, 1 - 5pm

Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd.,
San Marino Info – 626-405-3504

May 6 - 7

Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale

Veteran's Memorial Center, Garden Room
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City
Info – 310-822-1783

May 7th

South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale

9am - 4pm, South Coast Botanical Gardens
Info – 310-833-6823

May 12 - 13

Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 35th Show & Sale

9am - 4:30pm, Landscapes Southern California Style
450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside
Info – 941-360-8802

May 20 – 21

Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale

10am - 4pm, Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd.
Long Beach Info – 562-631-5876

May 27 – 28

Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

Annual Show & Sale, 10am - 4pm, Ludwick Center
864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo
Info – 805-237-2054 www.centralcoastcactus.org

June 3 – 4

San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society

Summer Show & Sale, Balboa Park, Rm 101,
San Diego Info – 619-258-9810

June 10 – 11

Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale

10th 9am – 5pm, 11th 9am – 3pm, Sepulveda Garden
Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd, Encino
Info - www.lacss-show.com

June 10 - 11

San Diego Bromeliad Society Show & Sale

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado - Rm 101
Info - Nancy Groves 858-952-6154
Nancygroves@me.com

June 30 – July 2

CSSA Annual Show (7/1-2) & Sale (6/30-7/1)

Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd.,
San Marino Info – 626-405-3504

July 20 – 22

Orange County C & S Society Show & Sale

20th - 6 - 8pm, 21st - 9am - 7pm, 22nd - 9am - 5pm
1000 S. State College Blvd, Anaheim
Anaheim United Methodist Church
Info – 949-212-8417

July 26 – 31

CSSA Convention, Tempe, AZ

August 12 – 13

32nd Annual Intercity Show & Sale, LA County

Arboretum, 9am - 5pm, 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
Tom Glavich 626-798-2430, John Martinez 805-390-2139

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September 2nd

Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium

Info – 626-405-3504

September 3rd

Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction,

12 – 5pm, Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd.,
Long Beach Info – 562-631-5876

October 7 – 8

Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale

Sat. 10am - 5pm, Sun. 11am - 3pm, St. Paul's Church
2216 17th Street, Bakersfield Info – 661-831-8488

October 28 – 29

Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society Show & Sale

Sat. 9am - 5pm, Sun. 10am - 3pm
San Diego Botanic Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Rd.,
Encinitas Info – EventCoordinator@palomarcactus.org

November 4 – 5

San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society

Show & Sale, 9am - 4pm, LA County Arboretum,
301 No. Baldwin, Arcadia
Info - Manny Rivera 626-780-6957
John Matthews 661-714-1052



Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

The North San Diego County C & S Club!

Membership Application

Membership: Please a category:

New Member OR Renewal

Annual dues w/color email newsletter \$20
 Additional Household Members + \$ 5
 Engraved PCSS Name Badge + \$ 6
Total

PLEASE PRINT! We must be able to read it!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Membership Directory: Please which, if any, we may include:

Phone # Email City OR None

Disclaimer: This directory is for the use of members only and may not be shared, etc.

Bring form & check or cash to a meeting, or mail it in.

Make checks payable to PCSS.

Credit cards accepted at meetings.

PCSS P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033



Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Peter Walkowiak – President

Brita Miller – Vice-President, Show Chair, Event Coordinator
Eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org

Leon LaFreniere – Treasurer, Membership

Annie Morgan – Secretary, Program Chair, Publicity,
Website, Newsletter Editor (paid position)
info@palomarcactus.org

Francis Granger – Board Member, Member/Guest Ambassador

Mike Nelson – Board Member, Brag Table Points

Carol McAllister – Board Member, Monthly Meeting Volunteer

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OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Vicki Martin – Co-Librarian

Bruce Barry & Sandy Wetzel-Smith – Refreshments

Dennis Miller – Plant Sales & Benefit Drawing

Tina Cord – Meeting Setup, etc.

Brian Magone – Exchange Table

Lorie Johansen – Guest/New Member Ambassador

Chet Reed – Brag Plant Photographer

Nell McChesney – Name Tag Drawing Plants

Kathie Hoxsie – Monthly Meeting Publicity

May Fong Ho – Website

2017 PCSS MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are at the Park Ave. Community Center in Escondido unless noted.

February 25th

March 25th SPRING MEMBER FESTIVAL

April 22nd

May 20th – Note 3rd Saturday

June 24th

July 22nd

August 26th PICNIC & AUCTION at SD Botanic Garden

September 23rd

October 28 - 29 ANNUAL SHOW & SALE at SD Botanic Garden

November 18th – Note 3rd Saturday

December 16th – Note 3rd Saturday