

# CACTUS COURIER

*Newsletter of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society*

The North San Diego County Cactus and Succulent Society

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**IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME! PLEASE RENEW YOURS AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING  
IF YOU HAVE YET TO DO SO. CASH, CHECKS, AND CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

## **NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

Brag plants, Exchange Table, Benefit Drawing

**11:00am – 3:00pm**

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## **REFRESHMENTS**

1. Heather & Winston Chan
2. Charlyne Barad
3. Nell McChesney
4. Nancy Conway
5. Libbi Salvo
6. Ginny March
7. Vivian Follmer
8. Anna Devine

**When was the last time YOU brought  
food? Is it your turn?**

## **This Month's Presentation:**

**"The Life of Sansevierias"**

**By: James Chambers**

James' presentation will provide a perspective from the historical "roots" (pun intended!) of Sansevierias to how to properly care for them as house and/or outdoor plants, and he will also cover propagation techniques. He will present information that will likely surprise and contradict what you have previously thought about how to grow Sansevierias properly.



**Left: Sansevieria 'Mason's Congo' Variegata, right: Sansevieria cylindrica**

James Chambers has owned and operated Rocksmith Nursery in Valley Center for nearly 20 years and has been an avid plant grower for over 25 years. The nursery started out propagating rare palm trees from seed until the palm demand subsided from the recession and the drought around 2010. Since then James has focused on succulents but more on the rarer and uncommon species found in the Sansevieria, Agave, and Aloe families.

Rocksmith Nursery currently has a large cold frame filled with many rare and unusual varieties of Sansevierias with natural habitats ranging from South Africa to Ethiopia and India. Unlike the usual selection of Sansevieria trifasciata, commonly known as the "Snake Plant" or "Mother-in-law's

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**We're on Facebook!**



Tongue", the collection at Rocksmith Nursery focuses on all Sansevieria species, many that are rarely or never seen in cultivation. The various forms range from tall, thin and green wispy leaves, to super blue and very thick and rigid flat fans.

James has been married to Bethann, his wife of 28 years, and they have four young adult children.

**James will be bringing about 50 plants to sell, so come early for the best selection!**

**PLANT OF THE MONTH - SANSEVERIAS** – James will be telling us all about them, so no article this month. Please bring your best and if you have any, unusual Sansevierias so that we have a good display on the Plant of the Month table.



## ~ NOTICES ~

### **NEW TREASURER NEEDED**

We are still in need of a new treasurer. Please contact Brita for more information or to discuss this opportunity. Find her information on the back page.

### **WEBSITE**

Jim Anderson and Annie Morgan have been working to revamp our website to make it more user friendly. While the current site is still up, it will no longer be updated, but the new one should be up and running by approximately February 25th. We hope you will check it out and use it to answer questions about meeting dates, speakers, how meetings run, Brag Table Guidelines, plus enjoy the photos that we will once again be adding after various events.

### **EVENT PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED**

As they say, "a photo says a thousand words" and we need more photos! We have several people who take photos, Chet Reed takes photos of our monthly Brag Table winners, Mike Nelson takes photos at events when he is available, but we are in need of a couple more so that we always have someone at each event, and so we get a variety of styles of photos.

We realized this when Mike was out of town and no one else took more than a couple of photos at our 2017 Holiday Party. What is mostly needed are people willing to take general photos at events such as the March Member Festival, our August Picnic & Auction, the October Show and Sale, our wonderful Holiday Party, etc. These will be used in the newsletter and to put on the website. Annie edits each photo as needed, so perfection is not needed, although anyone with professional experience would certainly be appreciated. Annie will give you tips and let you know in advance when we need a photographer or two to be present. Please contact her for more information.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY** Last year we created a directory for those who wanted to share some basic information (name, phone number, email, and city – member's choice of what was included) so members would be able to get in touch with each other. Of course, being included in this was and is optional. We will be updating the current directory after our March meeting, so now is the time to get your information in, or make changes, if you want to be added (or removed) into this year's directory. If you have already renewed your membership and have not marked anything different we will use your information from last year's form. And of course, If you do not want to be included just check NONE on the membership form. If you're not sure if you filled in that section, fill in a new Membership Form in March, cross out the payment part, circle the words Membership Directory and fill in what information you want included. Then just turn it in to the person collecting Membership Forms. Contact Annie with questions. See above or the back page for her information.

### **MEETING SETUP VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

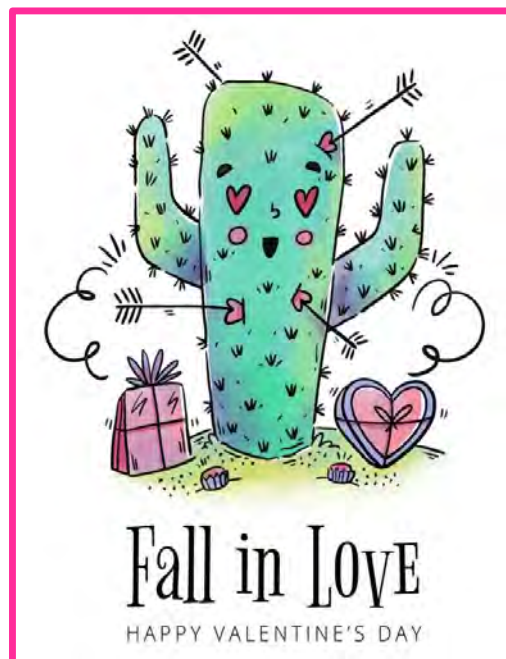
Brita is in need of a volunteer to help with misc. in the setup at our monthly meetings. She has it all planned out but needs help in the execution. This person would need to be there by 10:15 at the latest. Please let Brita know if you can help out.

### **EDUCATION PAGE**

This will return next month as this month every single thing in the newsletter had to be recreated from scratch, no cut and paste at all, no modifying an older article, etc., due to discovering last month that the master newsletter file was corrupted. This of course took lots of extra time, but should make it much easier for your newsletter editor in the future.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Wanda Mallen and Gary Vincent will once again be treating us to a Coffee in the Garden on April 21st from 10am – 2pm. Mark your calendars now as you definitely won't want to miss out!**





# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Member Festival

Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 11am – 3pm

It's that time of year again when we have time to socialize with old friends and find some new ones. Plus, it's a great time for 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 it a great dress rehearsal for the Fall Show. But Advanced members we definitely need your specimen plants too, as everyone loves to see what they can aim to grow. 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 may not have 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 receives 20%.

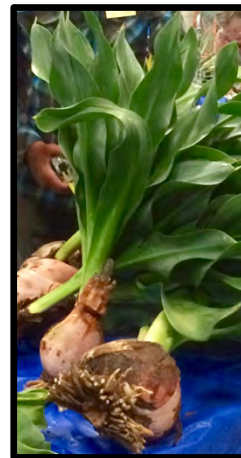
**WORKSHOPS** – We will hold interactive workshops on the care and cultivation of succulents and cactus. These will help you learn some of the basic tricks on growing your plants, that are seldom found in one book, and these experts will be able to answer your questions.

**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 and 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 years – remember how much fun we had? For new members – this is a great way to get to know other club members and to learn more about the club. Some volunteer positions are:

- ~ Setup and take down
- ~ Kitchen
- ~ Event photographer(s)
- ~ Assist at show or sales areas
- ~ Assist with plant identification

Please let Brita know ASAP if you think you'd like to volunteer, show, or sell – even if you're not sure yet.



We will again have educational workshops where you can ask questions. Here is Robert Kopfstein speaking about "Summer and Winter Growers" last March.

Mort Fairfield will again be selling his bulbs. Thanks to Lorie Johansen, here's a photo of what the very tall flower stalk looks like.



Peter will once again be bringing in a selection of plants from his extensive collection for an Exhibition Table.



# BRAG TABLE WINNERS

## Novice Cactus

- 1<sup>st</sup> Moni Waiblinger *Pereskia rotundifolia* # 1  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Chet Reed *Mammillaria decipiens* # 2  
 3<sup>rd</sup> David Buffington *Pilosocereus pachycladus* # 3

## Intermediate Cactus

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Anderson *Rhipsalis rhombea* # 4  
 2<sup>nd</sup> May Fong Ho *Mammillaria* # 5

## Advanced Cactus

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Barkley *Oroya neoperuviana* # 6  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Kopfstein *Opuntia pyanantha*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> John Barkley *Mammillaria elongata*

## Novice Succulent

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sandi Wetzel Smith *Echeveria crest* # 8  
 1<sup>st</sup> Moni Waiblinger *Pelargonium ferulaceum* # 9  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vicki Martin *Sedum clavatum* # 10  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Vicki Martin *Kalanchoe*

## Intermediate Succulent

- 1<sup>st</sup> Don Nelson *Euphorbia primulifolia* # 11  
 2<sup>nd</sup> May Fong Ho *Echeveria coccinea*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Neila Rybicki *Aeonium 'Marti Gras'* # 12

## Advanced Succulent

- 1<sup>st</sup> Robert Kopfstein *Albuca namaquensis* # 13  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Kopfstein *Firmiana colorata* # 7  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Kopfstein *Aloe macrosiphon*

## Dish Garden Novice

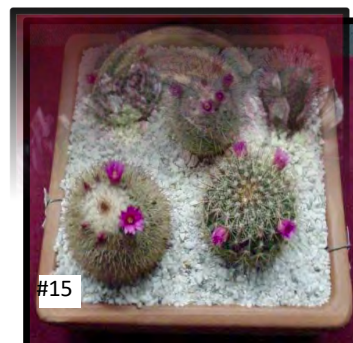
- 1<sup>st</sup> Christine Hays # 14

## Dish Garden Intermediate

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brita Miller # 15

## Dish Garden Advanced

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Barkley # 16





# Garden Brag Plants

Share a section of your garden, a plant that bloomed in between meetings, or one that is too large or heavy to bring to the Brag Table. You will earn 1 brag plant for emailing or texting photo(s), and 3 points **for each one printed**. Email photos with plant names, to Annie at [info@palomarcactus.org](mailto:info@palomarcactus.org). Be sure to include your name.



David Buffington's photos: top left – *Echinopsis bruchii*, previously known as *Soehrensia bruchii*, and right *Palosocereus* in bloom. A small but beautiful bloom from an unusual black bud.



Mike Nelson's Aloe species in bloom.



Susan LaFreniere's *Rebutia glomeriseata* in glorious bloom!



Bottom left, Paula Deubig's Agave 'Cameron Blue', and at the top of the photo Agave *desmettiana* 'Variegata'

Bottom right, Robert Kopfstein's *Echeveria conte*. Last month there was discussion where it was stated that these don't pup. However, as you can see they certainly do!







Left: Peter Walkowiak's *Adenium multiflorum*, which is 3' tall and takes two people to move. This was entered in the San Diego C&SS Winter Show on 2/10/18 and won 1st place in the Advanced Succulent division, the highest level prize in their winter show.



John Tashjian's *Opuntia Robusta*, AKA Dinner Plate Nopal and Silver Dollar Prickly Pear. These round pads can grow up to 20" wide!



## NEWS FROM THE SAFARI PARK GARDENS ~ BY JANET MORGAN

The volunteers have spent the beginning of 2018 examining and treating plants in the Safari Park Old World Garden (OWG) for aphids and aloe mites, planting new aloes, and weeding. Several large projects have been initiated this month as well. We're working with Jeff Moore to develop an Under Sea Garden (as opposed to an undersea garden, as the Park does not want the garden to be associated with any sea life). A designated space has been cleared of plants, and special top rocks and soil have been ordered. Soon the area will be planted with African succulents typical of an undersea succulent garden as well as some crested cactus and dudleya. A second project involves moving plants from the old greenhouse to the new greenhouse.

We'd like to thank Rick Bjorklund for his generous donation of several unusual aloes and an *Uncarina roeoesliana* from his collection. As always, if you have plants or materials to donate, or if you would like to volunteer at the gardens, please contact May Fong Ho at [info@palomarcactus.org](mailto:info@palomarcactus.org).

A reminder that the OWG and the Baja Garden are closed to the public until the development of the new Australian area, located directly below the gardens, has been completed. The photo to the right is of an *Aloe chabaudii*. It was taken at the Old World Garden and used with permission of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park



# Peter Walkowiak

## PETERWPLANTS ~ OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**\*\*\* 😊 SNACKS AND BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED 😊 \*\*\***

**Please R.S.V.P. for BBQ (contact info below)**

You've seen many of my plants at various shows, but there are many more to see (over 2000 total) and many of you have indicated an interest in seeing the entire collection. This is your opportunity!

Sales inventory is available as well:

- \$50 & up 20% discount
- \$150 & up 30% discount

We will provide snacks and iced tea. However, when the party starts.... I'll have the beer chilled, some pork on the smoker and have chips & salsa ready. If you'd like something with more spirit, please feel free to bring it along!

**Location:**

1172 Avocado Ave, Escondido, CA 92026

**DIRECTIONS - TRUST THESE DIRECTIONS, not Google Maps or MapQuest or your phone's GPS:**

- 15 freeway, exit El Norte Pkwy which is 1 mile north of highway 78
- Right turn from northbound - head east
- Left turn from southbound - head east
- Seven Oaks Rd - immediate RIGHT turn (frontage road)
- Borden Rd - 1/4 mile - LEFT turn
- Avocado Ave - 1/2 mile - LEFT turn
- ***this is the tricky part....***
- 1/4 mile on Avocado Ave there is an unmarked cul-de-sac. The house on the corner has a white block wall about 2 feet high. This IS PART of Avocado Ave, not a different street.
- Turn left up this cul-de-sac.
- At the end of the cul-de-sac there are two parallel driveways on the right. Ours is the one on the right.
- We will have a sign at the bottom of the driveway indicating 1172.
- Park in the cul-de-sac, if you pull nose in at the front of the dirt hill, we can fit more cars.



# 2018 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EVENTS

## March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society  
Spring Show & Sale, Thurs. 6 - 9pm, Fri., 9 - 7pm,  
Sat. 9 - 5pm, 1000 S. State College Bl.,  
Anaheim United Methodist Church, Info: 562-587-3357

## April 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale  
9 - 4pm both days, South Coast Botanical Gardens  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes,  
Info: [heidihusnak@gmail.com](mailto:heidihusnak@gmail.com), or <http://southcoastcss.org>

## April 29<sup>th</sup>

Huntington Botanical Gardens Sale, 10 - 5pm,  
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, Info: 626-405-3504

## May 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale  
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, Veteran's Memorial Center  
Garden Room, Info: 310-822-1783

## May 6<sup>th</sup>

South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale, 9 - 4pm,  
South Coast Botanical Gardens, Info: 310-833-6823

## May 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

Gates Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale  
9 - 4:30pm both days,  
Info on location call: 909-910-9195

## May 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale  
10 - 4pm both days, Rancho Los Alamitos  
6400 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, Info: 562-631-5876

## May 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society  
Annual Show & Sale, 10 - 4pm both days,  
Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo,  
Info: 805-237-2054, [www.centralcoastcactus.org](http://www.centralcoastcactus.org)

## May 29 - June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Biennial World Bromeliad Conference will be held in San Diego at the Paradise Point Hotel and Conference Center. The show and sale will be open to the public free of charge on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9AM until 4PM. Parking is free at the hotel. Vendors will be from across the United States as well as California. Go to <http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org/conference-schedule-revised-february.html> for more information about each day's schedule.

## June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>

San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society  
Summer Show & Sale, Balboa Park, Rm 101  
Info: 858-382-1797

## June 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society  
Plant Show & Sale, Sat., 9 - 4pm, Sun., 9 - 3pm  
Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd.,  
Encino, Info: [www.lacactus.com](http://www.lacactus.com)

## June 29<sup>th</sup> - Jul 1<sup>st</sup>

CSSA Annual Show & Sale - Huntington Botanical  
Gardens, Plant Sale 29<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup>, Show opens 30<sup>th</sup> 10 - 5pm,  
1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, Info: 626-405-3504

## July 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>

Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer  
Show & Sale, Thurs., 6 - 9pm, Fri., 9 - 7pm, Sat., 9 - 5pm  
1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim United Methodist Church  
Info: 949-212-8417

## August 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Intercity Show & Sale at the LA County Arboretum  
9 - 5pm daily, 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia  
Info: Tom Glavich 626-798-2430, John Martinez 805-390-2139

## September 1<sup>st</sup>

Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium  
All day at the Huntington, Info: 626-405-3504

## September 15<sup>th</sup>

Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction, 12 - 5pm  
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach  
Info: 562-631-5876

## October 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale  
Sat., 10 - 5pm, Sun., 11 - 3pm, St. Paul's Church,  
2216 17<sup>th</sup> St., Info: 661-831-8488

## October 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society Fall Show & Sale  
Sat., 10 - 5pm, Sat., 10 - 3pm, San Diego Botanic Gardens  
230 Quail Gardens Rd., Encinitas,  
Info: [eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org](mailto:eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org)

## November 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale  
9 - 4pm both days, La County Arboretum, 310 No. Baldwin,  
Arcadia, Info: Manny Rivera 626-780-6957, John Matthews

**THIS IS THE LAST MONTH THE ENTIRE SCHEDULE WILL BE PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER. FROM HERE ON, ONLY THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WILL BE LISTED MONTHLY. HOWEVER, THE ENTIRE SCHEDULE WILL BE IN THE NEWLY FORMATTED WEBSITE.**



## 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

Forms available at meetings, just bring a check or cash to a meeting, or print one out and mail it in.

Make checks payable to PCSS.

Credit cards accepted at meetings.

**Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society or PCSS**

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## Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Peter Walkowiak – President

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Brita Miller – Vice President, Show Chair, Event Coordinator,  
Librarian, \_\_\_\_\_ \* [eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org](mailto:eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org)

Leon LaFreniere – Treasurer

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Annie Morgan – Secretary, Program Chair, Print Publicity,  
Website, Newsletter Editor (paid position)

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Francis Granger - Board Member, Member/Guest Ambassador

Mike Nelson – Board Member, Brag Table Points

Jim Anderson – Board Member, Website, Publicity

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### OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Vicki Martin – Co-Librarian

Richard Miller – Membership

Bruce Barry & Sandy Wetzel-Smith – Refreshments

Brian Magone – Exchange Table

Lorie Johansen – Guest/New Member Ambassador

Chet Reed – Brag Plant Photographer

Nell McChesney – Name Tag Drawing Plants

Cash Register at Monthly Meetings – Lorie Johansen, Robert  
Kopfstein, Winston Chan

## 2018 PCSS Meeting Schedule ~ Speaker & Topic ~ Plant of the Month

February 24 <sup>th</sup> - - - - -	James Chambers - The Life of Sansevieria	- Sansevierias
March 24 <sup>th</sup> - - - - -	Spring Member Festival	- Your Show Plants!
April 28 <sup>th</sup> - - - - -	TBA	- None- prizes plant awards from March
May 19 <sup>th</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. - - - - -	Gunner Eisel - TBA	- TBA
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> - - - - -	Peter Walkowiak -	- TBA
July 28 <sup>th</sup> - - - - -	Paul Isley - All About Growing Tillandsias	- Tillandsias
August 25 <sup>th</sup> - - - - -	Annual Picnic & Auction	- Your Plants to be Auctioned!
September 22 <sup>nd</sup> - - - - -	Jon Rebman -	- TBA
October 27-28 <sup>th</sup> - - - - -	Annual Show & Sale @ San Diego Botanic Gardens	- Your Show Plants!
November 17 <sup>th</sup> - - - - -	Woody Minnich -	- TBA
December 15 <sup>th</sup> - - - - -	Holiday Party!!!	- Gift Plants Galore for You!

