

CACTUS COURIER

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday, April 22nd
Park Ave. Community Center
210 Park Ave., Escondido

Brag plants, Exchange Table, Benefit Drawing

11:00am - 3:00pm

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REFRESHMENTS

- 1 – Nell McChesney
- 2 – Winston Chan
- 3 – Heather Chan
- 4 – Ginny March

Our Spring Festival was so full of great activities that the Refreshment Sign-up kind of fell by the wayside, but goodies are needed.

If you haven't brought anything in a while, or ever, it's definitely YOUR turn!

Click here to visit our webpage:

www.palomarcactus.org

We're on Facebook!

This Month's Presentation:

'South Africa Spring of 2017'

(Which by the way occurs in August in the Southern hemisphere)

By Kelly Griffin

Kelly Griffin is most recognized with finding and creating new and different plants that can be utilized in garden settings. Some of Kelly's hybrid aloes are well known in the industry and are collected by enthusiasts.

Griffin will speak on a trip to Southern Africa and Namibia he took last year. "I traveled with two well known plantsmen: Brian Kemble and Walker Young. It was a special trip to areas you likely would not go to excepting to seek the unusual plants we found."

Griffin presents some of the strange, beautiful and wonderful plants (mostly succulent) that he has had the good fortune to find, sharing his passion to observe plants in the wild in order to understand how they grow, and under what conditions. He will share insights into the plants and habitats that are not well known.



karasmontana near im Namibia

Griffin is manager of Succulent Plant Development for Altman Plants, the largest producer of succulents in the country. His inclination has been towards Agaves, Aloes and Echeverias, but there are many more plants that have garnered his attention. As part of his life's work, he has introduced more than 100 succulents and created many cultivars that have been nudging their way into gardens and patios.



Left – *Conophytum* sp. from Sonberg
Right - *Crassula pyramidalis*

Although Griffin's area of study in college was applied physics, his love of plants continued to steer him towards horticulture as a career. Prior to his current position with Altman Plants he was the curator of Xerophytes at Rancho Soledad Nursery. He has traveled extensively worldwide documenting plants and collecting seed and pollen for propagation.

BOARD BRIEFS

SPRING FESTIVAL

Our annual event was a great success! Huge thanks go to Brita Miller for planning and coordinating the entire event! Plus, many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers, members who showed an incredible variety of quality plants, and to all everyone who sold plants and other misc. See p. 6 for more information and photos.

SD COUNTY FAIR EXHIBIT

Robert Kopfstein and Annie Morgan will be coordinating this event. See p. 4 for more information about how you can help.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN APRIL

See page 5 for information about [Coffee in the Garden](#) at Wanda and Gary's incredible Fallbrook garden this Sat., 4/15.

Then see page 3 for information about the [Palomar College C&S Garden Cleanup Day](#) at Palomar College on Sat., 4/29/17.

WINTER AND SUMMER GROWERS HANDOUT

Robert Kopfstein did a workshop on Summer and Winter Growers at last month's event. He had a handout but ran out of copies. It will be included in next month's newsletter for you to print out as there just is not room this month.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Instead of our regular Plant of the Month, we will be handing out Gift Plants for all 1st and 2nd place winners from our Spring Festival Plant Show last month. We will have 6" plants for all 1st place winners and 4" plants for all 2nd place winners. If you are not able to attend we will have a certificate worth \$3 towards any purchase made at a regular meeting available for you to pick up at our May meeting.

PCSS SPRING GARDEN CLEAN-UP DAY AT OUR OLD CACTUS & SUCCULENT GARDEN AT PALOMAR COLLEGE!

Palomar College is hosting a Spring Garden Clean-up Day on Saturday 4/29/17 from 9am – noon. They have invited PCSS members to come help with some clean-up and maintenance in our old garden, and to reminisce about the garden's development over the years.

PCSS started and managed the Cactus & Succulent Garden from 1963 until 2011 when we donated it to Palomar College. This is the garden where long-time PCSS Life-Member Dick Henderson spent an incredible 13+ years as a volunteer and as the Curator/Garden Manager of the Palomar College Cactus & Succulent Garden, often working 5 - 8 hour a day each week, until his death in 2015. Dick also donated over 3000 plants worth over \$20,000 to the Palomar College Cactus & Succulent Garden.

It should be a beautiful spring day, perfect for some PCSS comradery and gardening, so don't miss out!

- The Garden is located at 1140 W Mission Road Palomar College campus.
- Turn into Comet Circle & park free for this activity at student parking lot #5.
- Meet everyone at the Patron's Pavilion in the Arboretum.
- Mike Nelson from PCSS will be there to help you get your hands dirty.
- Continental breakfast and water will be provided.
- Please bring along your own gloves, garden tools, hat, sunscreen & sunglasses.
- Mark your tools with your name and phone number.



If you have questions, please contact May Fong Ho at info@palomarcactus.org.

For more details about the arboretum go to: <https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/arboretum/>



Some of our many events at the garden.





PCSS at the 2017 San Diego County Fair

Progress is being made and following
is where we are and what we need.



- We have changed the setup day to Sunday 5/21 and if needed 5/22.

This will allow us to get it all ready and then be able to go back and make sure it looks just right. Set up should only take 4-5 hours from start to finish if we have 5-6 volunteers.

- A basic design layout has been drawn up and will be submitted on 4/14.
- The fair will provide the shelving along with blocks to adjust the heights.
- They will also provide burlap 'table cloths' to cover the shelves.
- We will have a very basic western theme, a 4 x 8' piece of lattice to be hung on the back wall with 2 cow skulls with horns and bandanas to be hung on it. A few old cowboy hats would go nicely if anyone has them. In the center, we will hang three of our club shirts – red, white and blue. We will have red & white checked fabric to use as needed. This design is not set in stone and some help would be greatly appreciated! The club will cover costs as needed.
- **Robert has done displays in these enclosures for several years and will be speaking to everyone at our meeting on 4/22. He wants to remind everyone that:**
 - ~ The area is enclosed, covered w/ shade cloth, behind Plexiglas, has a locked door, and has security guards at night. Your plants will be safe.
 - ~ The fair grounds are at the ocean with higher humidity, so plants will not be stressed. The enclosure is south facing with shade covering, so only a little morning sun will come through the front.
 - ~ The fair, or Annie, will water your plants following your specific schedule and directions.
 - ~ Peter is loaning us about 15 of his incredible show plants as he is familiar with the area and is confident that there will be no problems.

NEEDED HELP:

1 – Someone to coordinate and set up the western themed parts would certainly be nice.

2 – People to pick up loaned plants and deliver them to the fair grounds on 5/21.

3 – 4 or 5 people to help on the set-up day. A few strong backs would be helpful.

3 – MOST IMPORTANTLY – YOUR PLANTS!

- ~ We need 5 or so of you to choose 2-3 of your plants to loan to PCSS for the exhibit.
- ~ Please don't just count on others, this should be a club effort.
- ~ We'd like variety - unique, weird, beautiful, common, etc. plants to wow the 1.6 million people who visit the garden area.
- ~ All plants must be in excellent condition, all debris out of pot and plants, top dressed – basically just as you prepare them to bring to a show.

TO HELP:

1 – Contact Annie to discuss any questions you have, what you would like to help with, or to let us know you can help.

2 – Please email Annie photos of plants you are considering loaning.

(Robert Kopfstein, co-chair of this project, is also in charge of SD Botanic Garden's 1000 sq. ft display, so all contacts for the PCSS project are going through Annie.)

Thank you to the following who have already volunteered to help out:
Bruce Barry, Carol McAllister, Stan Yalof, Katie Seidenwurm, & Pam Dunlap.

And thanks to the following who have already volunteered to loan plants:
Peter Walkowiak, Robert Kopfstein, Annie Morgan, and John Tashjian



COFFEE IN THE GARDEN

You are invited for a revisit to Wanda Mallen and Gary Vincent's two-acre botanical wonderland in Fallbrook. Since last year's visit there have been several more garden vignettes added, and of course with all the rain we've had the garden is looking spectacular. As before, SDCSS, and the SD Horticultural Society have also been invited. There will be refreshments and pots and plants available for purchase and/or giveaway

Date: Saturday, April 15th

Time: 10am -2pm

You don't want to miss this!



BOOK REVIEW By Kathie Hoxie

Cactus Basics: A Comprehensive Guide to Cultivation and Care

by Tony and Susanne Mace, Octopus Publishing Group, London, 2006

A marvelous 128 pages of clear text, gorgeous photos, watercolor illustrations, practical tips, plus a short bibliography, and helpful glossary. I used the Index to see what might intrigue me...it's nicely arranged, alphabetically of course, yet under each listing I found something clever: reasons for growing, under "succulents"; and *M. guelzowiana*, under *Mammillaria* (printed in bold).



Scanning the photographs, I came upon a 2-page spread showing a small pot of cactus that needed repotting, followed by 3 pictures showing each step in the repotting process. In the Equipment section, at the back of the book, I delighted in four pictures, each with a hand holding a tool, the right tool, for taking small and large cuttings, planting small seeds or seedlings, scooping soil around the top of a pot or dressing a plant. Now I won't use household scissors, an eating spoon, or clumsy fingers. Nor will I be sold a tool I can't use!

Chapters include succinct info on pests and diseases, building a collection (for ordinary enthusiasts and more serious plant parents), and a good overview of a variety of cacti and succulents worth having and what to expect when you bring a plant home.

This is a book I purchased for my garden shelves a few years back. Each time I open it, I'm delighted, refreshed, and enthused. Enjoy!

2017 Spring Member Festival Recap - by Brita Miller

Our 4th annual Spring Member Festival was a fun and successful way to kick off spring and the new year! One of the great things I heard was new members and guests who expressed their excitement and pleasure with the Plant Sale, Show and Workshops. They enjoyed the camaraderie and the chance to talk with other members.

We had a total of 195 beautiful show plants, up from 124 a year ago - wow! In the last year, the Novice category on the monthly Brag table has really grown and the Novice entries at this Spring Festival were amazing. This was with three Novices moving up to Intermediate for the first time! I hope to see the Novice exhibitors show their plants in October at our Annual Show. Next year I hope we have more members who have not shown before at the Festival show a plant or two. Thanks to Phyllis Flechsig and Peter Walkowiak for being our Show Judges again. They once again generously shared their knowledge of what makes a good show plant for those who followed them.

Our Member Sales Tables were popular again. We had 13 members sell a nice variety of plants, rock top dressings, pumice and pots. Remember members can sell (with the same two stick method) at our monthly meetings. Thanks to the members who donated a 100% of their sales to PCSS.

The workshops were well attended and members commented on how many great tips they picked up, and some more experienced members admitted to learning new information too! At the February meeting, the members overwhelmingly voted to have the workshops outside on the patio. That was a great choice. There was plenty of room and everyone could hear the speaker. This also gave people more room inside to sit around and relax, chat with friends, and eat some of all the great food our members brought.

Special thanks go out to our workshop presenters - Julie Kort, Robert Kopfstein and Wanda Mallen! Julie shared many tips that could take years and many mistakes to otherwise learn, shared tips as to what other types of plants can grow alongside succulents, and answered questions in general. Robert's workshop on the summer and winter growers was entertaining and very informative. Wanda wrapped up the day by sharing her knowledge about landscaping a home garden, aloes, etc., and answering questions we all have. Hope many of you will be able to visit Wanda's amazing garden next Saturday for her annual 'Coffee in the Garden'.

A HUGE THANK YOU GOES TO ALL OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS - 34 - TOO MANY TO LIST! YOU ARE THE BACKBONE OF AN EVENT LIKE THIS!!!

With your input, ideas, and suggestions (good and bad) we can make next year's Festival and other activities even better. We'd like to hear from everyone, especially new members.



* **Top Left** - our cashier crew - Leon LaFreniere, Dennis Miller, and Carol McAllister
* **Middle Top** - Nell McChesney manned our Information Table
* **Top Right** - Robert Kopfstein and Julie Slater (our Advanced level clerk), checking out the Advanced plants
* **Bottom Left** - lots of great food for lunch and snacks
* **Bottom Right** - our Novice and Intermediate Judge - Phyllis Flechsig, plus the clerking crew - L-R - Tina Cord, Mike Nelson, Annie Morgan, and Ruta Caldwell

NOVICE WINNERS

North American Cacti

- 1st Nell McChesney Mammillaria spinosissima # 1
- 2nd Bill Diangelo Ferocactus platyacanthus
- 3rd David Buffington Mammillaria formosa ssp. microthela
- 3rd David Buffington Escobaria sneedii v. lei

South American Cacti

- 1st Bill Diangelo Cephalocereus senilis # 2
- 2nd Chet Reed Cephalocereus senilis # 3
- 3rd Tammy Harmon Echinopsis sp.

Other Cacti

- 1st Ruta Caldwell Rhipsalis # 4

Leaf Succulents - A (6" & larger)

- 1st Bill Diangelo Aloe elongata
- 1st Bill Diangelo Agave victoriae reginae # 5
- 1st Nell McChesney Mangave Blood Spot # 6
- 2nd Christine Hays Aloe brevifolia # 7
- 2nd Julie Slater Euphorbia milli 'Peach Cobbler' # 8
- 3rd Bill Diangelo Aloe nobilis variegata
- 3rd Sue Steed Agave lophantha
- 3rd Nell McChesney Dyckia

Leaf Succulents - B (6" & smaller)

- 1st Sue Steed Aeonium 'Mardi Gras' # 9
- 1st Susan LaFreniere Sansevieria sp. # 10
- 1st Neila Rybicki Monadenium ritchiei subs. Nyambense # 11
- 2nd Nancy Walker Crassula marginata v. rubra # 12
- 2nd Libbi Salvo Euphorbia sp.
- 3rd Chris Barkley Kalanchoe
- 3rd Sue Steed Crassula

Stem Succulents - A (6" & larger)

- 1st Neila Rybicki Pachypodium brevicaula # 13
- 2nd Neila Rybicki Calibanus hookeri
- 3rd Kathie Hoxie Euphorbia milli

Root Succulents

- 1st Patti Nelson Albuca Augrabies Hills # 14
- 2nd Sue Steed Pelargonium carnosum sp. Nova # 15
- 3rd Sue Steed Pelargonium laxum

Monstrose Variegates, Crests - Succulents

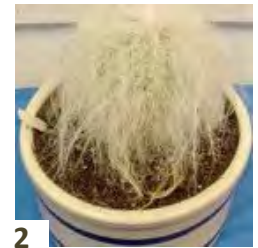
- 1st Sandy Wetzel-Smith Crassula sp. # 16
- 2nd Sue Steed Echeveria pulidonis
- 3rd Patti Nelson Euphorbia submammillaris monstrose

Bonsai

- 1st Chris Barkley Pelargonium sp.
- 2nd Chris Barkley Pelargonium sp.

Dish Gardens

- 1st Julie Slater # 17
- 2nd Chris Barkley
- 2nd Nell McChesney
- 3rd Chris Barkley
- 3rd Chris Barkley



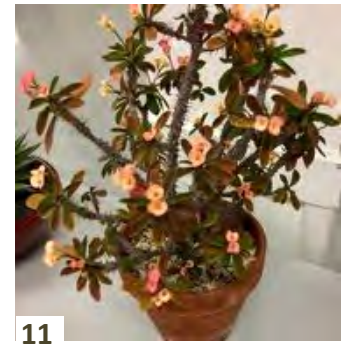
INTERMEDIATE WINNERS

North American Cacti

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| 1st | May Fong Ho | Mammillaria elongata # 1 |
| 1st | Mike Nelson | Ferocactus glaucescens # 2 |
| 2nd | Don Nelson | cactus # 14 |
| 2nd | Mike Nelson | Coryphantha bumamma |
| 3rd | Jeanine Zonana | Mammillaria sp. |
| 3rd | Don Nelson | Cholla |



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South American Cacti

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| 1st | Jeanine Zonana | Eriosyce senilis # 3 |
| 2nd | Brita Miller | Oreocereus |
| 3rd | Annie Morgan | Oreocereus celsianus 'Old Man of the Andes' |



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Other Cacti

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| 1st | Annie Morgan | Opuntia monacantha var. variegata |
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Monstrose Variegates, Crests – Cacti

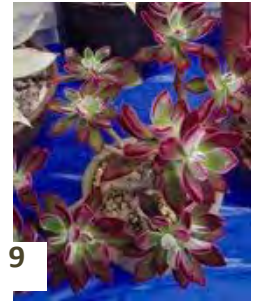
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| 1st | Annie Morgan | Mammillaria elongata 'Copper King' cristata # 4 |
| 2nd | Annie Morgan | Echinopsis lageniformis cv 'Penis Cactus' # 5 |
| 3rd | Jeanine Zonana | Trichocereus bridgesii monstrous inermis |



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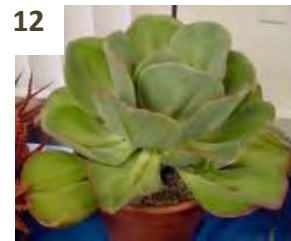
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Leaf Succulents - A (6" & larger)

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| 1st | Jeanine Zonana | Aloe ramosissima # 6 |
| 1st | Leon LaFreniere | Dudleya britonii # 7 |
| 1st | Tina Cord | Echeveria |
| 1st | Brita Miller | Aloe dorotheae # 8 |
| 1st | Brita Miller | Sansevieria masoniana |
| 1st | Tina Cord | Haworthia sp. |
| 2nd | Brita Miller | Agave |
| 2nd | Mike Nelson | Echeveria agavoides 'ebony' |
| 2nd | Brita Miller | Echeveria pulvinata 'Red Velvet' # 9 |
| 2nd | Annie Morgan | Crassula ovata 'Gollum' |
| 2nd | May Fong Ho | Deuterocohnia brevifolia # 10 |
| 2nd | Annie Morgan | Euphorbia milli # 11 |
| 2nd | Victor Zonana | Echeveria gigantea # 12 |
| 2nd | Mike Nelson | Gasteria armstrongii # 13 |
| 3rd | Don Nelson | Haworthia |
| 3rd | Leon LaFreniere | Echeveria agavoides |
| 3rd | Brita Miller | Crassula |
| 3rd | Tina Cord | Gasteraloe |
| 3rd | Brita Miller | Agave |
| 3rd | Annie Morgan | Agave sp. |
| 3rd | May Fong Ho | Aeonium leucoblepharum |



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Leaf Succulents - B (6" & smaller)

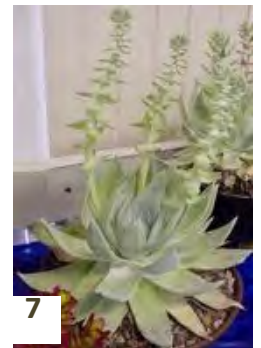
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| 1st | Tina Cord | Aloe 'Christmas Carol' (see back page) |
| 1st | Brita Miller | Aeonium zwartkop |
| 2nd | May Fong Ho | Dudleya Pachyphytum |
| 2nd | Annie Morgan | Peperomia |
| 3rd | Brita Miller | Aeonium |



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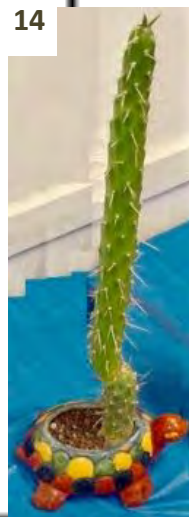
Stem Succulents - A (6" & larger)

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| 1st | Mike Nelson | Monadenium ritchiei |
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Stem Succulents - B (6" & smaller)

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| 1st | Mike Nelson | Euphorbia suppressa # 15 |
| 2nd | Brita Miller | Euphorbia |

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Root Succulents

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|-----|--------------|------------------|
| 1st | Annie Morgan | Cussonia spicata |
| 1st | May Fong Ho | Albuca spiralis |
| 1st | Annie Morgan | Ficus benjamina |

Monstrose, Variegates, Crests – Succulents

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|-----|----------------|--|
| 1st | Brita Miller | Senecio crest |
| 2nd | Brita Miller | Euphorbia mammillaris 'corn cob' variegata |
| 3rd | Jeanine Zonana | Aloe nobilis variegata |

Bonsai

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|-----|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1st | Brita Miller | Crassula ovata variegata |
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Dish Gardens

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|-----|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1st | Libbi Salvo # 16 | 2nd Tina Cord # 17 | |
| 3rd | Tina Cord | 3rd May Fong Ho | 3rd Don Nelson |

Collections

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|-----|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1st | Annie Morgan - Sansevieria, | 2nd Annie Morgan - Haworthia |
| 3rd | Brita Miller - Gasteria | |



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ADVANCED WINNERS

North American Cacti

- 1st John Barkley Ariocarpus retusus ss. Retusus #1
- 2nd John Barkley Obregonia denegrii
- 3rd John Barkley Thelocactus rinconensis

South American Cacti

- 1st John Barkley Pelargonium laxum
- 2nd John Barkley Copiapoa coquimbana var. wagenknecht
- 3rd John Barkley Rebutia mentosa var. flavissima

Other Cacti

- 1st Phyllis Flechsig Rhipsalis burchellii

Monstrose, Variegates, Crests – Cactus

- 1st Stan Yalof Ferocactus glaucescens crest # 2
- 1st John Barkley Pachycereus hollianus var. cristata # 3

Leaf Succulents - A (6" & larger)

- 1st Candy & Gerry Garner Titanopsis fulleri
- 2nd Robert Kopfstein Sansevieria sp. # 4
- 2nd Candy & Gerry Garner Sansevieria # 5
- 3rd Robert Kopfstein Euphorbia stenoclada

Leaf Succulents - B (6" & smaller)

- 1st John Barkley Adromischus cristata # 6
- 2nd Mitch Bahr Aloe erinacea # 7
- 3rd Candy & Gerry Garner Haworthia emelyae major

Stem Succulents - A (6" & larger)

- 1st Mitch Bahr Pelargonium alternans
- 2nd Stan Yalof Euphorbia hamata # 8
- 2nd John Barkley Tylecodon bucholzianus
- 3rd Candy & Gerry Garner Tylecodon pearsonii

Root Succulents

- 1st Robert Kopfstein Ledebouria scilla # 9
- 1st Candy & Gerry Garner Lachenalia liliflora # 10
- 2nd Phyllis Flechsig Lachenalia pustulata # 11
- 2nd Robert Kopfstein Albuca namaquensis
- 3rd Mitch Bahr Cussonia spicata

Monstrose, Variegates, Crests – Succulents

- 2nd Mitch Bahr Euphorbia milii variegata 'Fireworks'

Dish Gardens

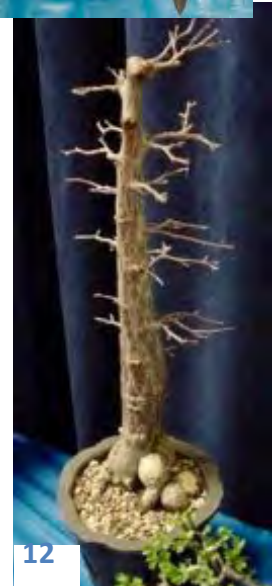
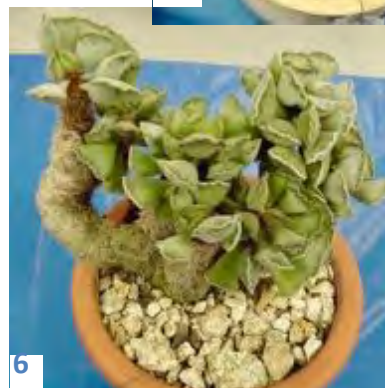
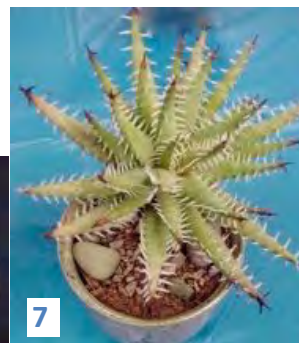
- 1st Mitch Bahr 2nd John Barkley 3rd John Barkley

Bonsai

- 1st Mitch Bahr # 12 Operculicarya
- 2nd Mitch Bahr Othonna herrei
- 3rd Mitch Bahr Sarcocaulon vanderietiae

Collections

- 1st Phyllis Flechsig Euphorbia # 13
- 2nd Mitch Bahr Haworthia
- 3rd John Barkley Euphorbia



News From the Safari Park Gardens - By Dee Morgan

The Old World (OWG) and Baja Garden tour for the local cactus and succulent societies was well attended by over 100 people. Thanks to Susan LaFreniere for organizing a great event! Our *Aloe rupestris* (photo to left) had amazing blooms on tour day.

It's spring propagation time. Donations of cuttings are most welcome, especially aloes. We currently have ~100 species of aloes in the OWG garden collection and have an ambitious goal to collect and exhibit all the >500 species. Your donations or help to source rare aloes would be most appreciated. If you have plants to donate, please contact May Fong Ho at info@palomarcactus.org.

We are excited to announce we have recently added 4 additional volunteers - 2 club members and 2 park supporters. This will provide more elbow grease and succulent expertise to keep the OWG plants healthy and to plant more specimens.

Photos by Susan LaFreniere, used with permission of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park



FREE EVENT

LACSS
The Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society
Since 1935

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
JUNE 10-11, 2017**

Annual Drought Tolerant Plant Festival

Sepulveda Garden Center
16633 Magnolia Boulevard
Encino, CA 91316

**LOS ANGELES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
ANNUAL DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANT FESTIVAL
SHOW & SALE**

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017 - 9AM TO 4PM
Featured Speakers*
Lili Singer Sandy Chase Kathleen Misko

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017 - 9AM TO 3PM
Kids' Day events start at 10:30AM
Featured Speakers*
Mott Maggio John Martinez

FREE EVENT

Saturday & Sunday Activities

- Plants, Pottery, and Craft Sales
- Educational Displays and Demonstration Gardens
- The San Fernando Valley Bromeliad Society Displays
- Silent Auctions • Potting Workshop • Refreshments for purchase

Activities for kids on Sunday

- Games and Crafts • Pot-A-Plant • Kids' Displays • Turtle & Tortoise Club

Check our website and Facebook for updates: www.lacssociety.com
Sepulveda Garden Center
16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino, CA 91316
e-mail: lacss.contact@gmail.com | phone: 818-749-5346

MEMBERS' BRAG GARDEN OR PLANT PHOTOS Share a section of your garden, a plant that bloomed inbetween meetings, or one that's too large or heavy to bring to the Brag Table. Published photo receives 3 Brag Points; those who email in photos receive 1 point. Email photos with plant names and your name to Annie at Secretary@palomarcactus.org.



Lorie Johansen's
Neoporteria nidus senilis



Mike Nelson's *Pleiospilos*



Annie Morgan's *Thelocactus rinconensis*



Susan & Leon LaFreniere's Aloes - Top L - *A. 'Blue Elf'*,
R - *A. striata*, Bottom L - *A. plicatilis*, R - *A. sabaea*





San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society

June 3rd & 4th 2017

Summer Show & Sale

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Rm 101 & Courtyard

Saturday, June 3rd, 10:00-5:00* & Sunday, June 4th, 10:00-4:00

Members Only Shopping: Saturday 9:00 - 10:00

Free! Open to the Public

Sale: Large Variety of Interesting Plants
 Show: Beautiful Specimens on Display
 Auction: Bid on World Class Plants

*Show closes at 2:00pm Saturday for loading.

San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society: www.sdcss.org

Gates Cactus & Succulent Society
42nd Annual Show & Sale
Friday & Saturday
May 12 & 13, 2017

Echinocereus peruvianus
 Photography by Jimmy Deason

Sale: 9:00 'til 4:00 PM Both Days
 Show: 9:00 'til 4:00 PM Saturday only
 Landscapes Southern California Style
 450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, CA
 Go to www.gatescsc.com for more information.

THIS SECTION OF THE FAIR GARDEN SHOW IS PERFECT FOR PCSS MEMBERS AS INDIVIDUALS!!!

Come join in on the fun at the 2017 San Diego County Fair's Garden Show "Happy Trails"



Did you know that for every \$10 Container Plant Entry you get 2 Free Fair Tickets?

2017 Fair Tickets are \$18.00 each!

We have added new Class Categories and we have built an AMAZING brand new structure to show off your container creations!!!

- Division 2003 Container Plants
- Class 2 Bromeliads & Tillandsias
- **Class 3 Cactus & Succulents**
 - **Class 4 Fairy Gardens**
 - Class 5 Ferns & Tropicals
 - Class 6 Noteworthy Plants
 - Class 7 Window Boxes
- Cash Awards and Ribbons available
 - \$10 per entry (no limit)

We are waiting for your entries...

Entry deadline: Friday, May 5, 2017

Go to: <http://www.sdfair.com/exhibits/garden-show/> for entry details.

NEWS FLASH!!!

Dear PCSS Container Plant Exhibitors,

We want you to know that we would like you to enter any of the plants that you have loaned for the PCSS display into division 2003 Classes 2-7 (individual Container Plants). They don't even need to be moved! They will be included in the judging process right where they are placed in your display. The entry fee is \$10 per entry and there is no limit.

For every Container Plant Entry (which costs you \$10 to enter) you get 2 Free Fair Tickets! 2017 Fair Tickets are \$18.00 each!

Call us if you have any questions. (Or you can call Annie at 760-803-8948, 9am – 6pm)

Cheri Kenney

Garden Show Assistant Coordinator | Exhibits

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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

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

Make checks payable to PCSS

Credit cards accepted at meetings.

Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society or PCSS

P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033

Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

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Tina Cord – Meeting Setup, etc.

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2017 So. California Event Calendar

April 29 Huntington Gardens Plant Sale – all kinds of plants!

Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1 - 5pm,
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

See January & February 2017 newsletters for the complete list.



Tina Cord - Intermediate 1st Place -
Aloe 'Christmas Carol'

2017 PCSS MEETING SCHEDULE ~ Speaker & Topic ~ Plant of the Month

April 22nd ----- Kelly Griffin – So. Africa Part II

May 20th – 3rd Saturday ----- TBA

June 24th ----- Ernesto Sandoval – Plant Hormones & Propagation

July 22nd ----- Robert Kopfstein – Bromeliads for Succulent Gardens

August 26th ----- PICNIC & AUCTION

September 23rd ----- Keith Kitoi Taylor – Staging - A New Perspective

October 28 - 29 ----- ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

November 18th – 3rd Saturday – Woody Minnich – The Secrets of Growing Quality Cacti and other Succulents

December 16th – 3rd Saturday – HOLIDAY PARTY!!!

~ Spring Festival 1st & 2nd Place Winners choose Gift Plants

~ TBA

~ Caudiciforms

~ Terrestrial Bromeliads, Dyckias, Hectias, Deuterocohnia

~ Plant Auction

~ TBA

~ YOUR SHOW PLANTS!

~ TBA

~ GIFT PLANTS FOR YOU!