

CACTUS COURIER

Newsletter of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday, April 28th

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

Brag plants, Exchange Table or Benefit Drawing

11:00am – 3:00pm

REFRESHMENTS

1. Heather & Winston Chan
2. Charlyne Barad
3. Jean O'Daniel
4. Vivian Follmer
5. Edie Sahlin

**AND YOU!!!
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME
YOU BROUGHT SNACKS?
HMMM????**

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Webpage is STILL under reconstruction!

www.palomarcactus.org

We're on Facebook!

Reminder:

- Palomar College C&S Garden Clean-up
- Sat., April 21st ~ 9am - noon

This Month's Presentation:

"Secrets of a Landscaper Designer"

By Steve McDearmon

Steve will talk about landscaping with succulents and how he goes about creating a practical, yet progressive design for each individual project. He will delve into some of the secrets and tricks that he employs when creating succulent landscapes. Additionally, he will talk about boulder placement and his use of ground cover rock in the landscape for texture, color and contrast. Also covered will be favorite succulent plants that he uses in his landscape designs as well as plant pairings that work well together.

Some non- succulent plant favorites will be discussed as well. In his years of experience Steve has discovered which plants work well, which ones to use sparingly and which ones to be cautious of using.



REMINDER:

**Don't miss Wanda & Gary's Coffee in the Garden
~ It's this Saturday, April 21st ~ 10am - 2pm**

Steve McDearmon is a local landscape designer and contractor. His love for succulents started while in college at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He graduated with a degree in Environmental Horticulture and went to work directly for a large San Diego based landscape company. He realized after about 6 years that commercial landscape wasn't really his cup of tea. He then went to work for the nursery now called Waterwise Botanicals. He became one of their in-house designers, where he was mentored by Tom Jesch, and continued there for 7 years. It was there that he was able to immerse himself in the world of succulents, their care, and the ones that work great and not so great in the landscape.



He has since gone on to become a licensed landscape contractor with his own landscaping business, Garden Rhythms. He installs landscapes of all styles and shapes, but it's the succulent gardens that are the most fun. He strives to give his customers extremely low-maintenance, yet colorful and textural gardens. Oftentimes the succulents win out in this endeavor. He loves the challenge of combining materials that will work best for the individual site that he is working on. He also loves helping customers figure out what they want even when they don't know.

His work has been published in Debra Lee Baldwin's books, San Diego Home and Garden Magazine, Country Gardens Magazine, and most recently in Ranch and Coast Magazine. When not designing and installing landscapes he loves to spend time with his wife and two boys, ages 6 and 10. He loves being told by his wife that he must take his 10-year-old surfing or take both of them to the skate park. It's like a dream come true.



~ Notices ~

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR – HELP & PLANTS NEEDED

Our club will once again be entering a display of container show plants in the Del Mar Fair. Hopefully you were able to see last year's award winning display.. **Please see the article below as we need help from our club's members.**

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED – YES THIS COULD BE YOU!

- Huge THANK YOU to Libbi Salvo for volunteering to help Brita out with set up before the meetings!
- **STILL NEEDED** - Another position we need to fill ASAP is someone to set up and take down the projector and hook it to the computer. This is not a difficult task and only takes about 15-20 minutes before the meeting and about the same afterwards. Please contact Brita if you have questions or can help out with this important job.

San Diego County PCSS 2018 FAIR DISPLAY

Hopefully you visited last year's fair and saw our winning exhibit, which won first place in its category, plus awards for 4 individual plants, with monetary awards totaling \$850! See the photo of a section below.

This year we will again be participating in the same Container Plant Collection for clubs category, and Annie Morgan will once again be the coordinator. As with last year, it IS NOT a landscaped garden display, but is just a collection of your beautiful potted show plants.

We need your help with the following:

- **SET UP HELP** - Set up blocks and shelving on Sunday, May 20th, 10am – 1pm is a suggested time but can be modified. This will entail setting up the blocks, placing the shelves, adding the burlap, and hanging the background trellis. Nothing too heavy, but strong backs are helpful for parts.
- **PLANT PLACERS** - 1 or 2 people to put the plants on the shelves, guidance will be provided, and some will need to be adjusted as the display goes together. Being able to lift 15-20 pounds is helpful. This will be done on, Tuesday, May 22nd from 10am – 1 or 2 pm.
- **YOUR SHOW PLANTS!** - We can't do it without a few of your amazing show plants – novice to professional levels!
 - These must be in ceramic pots, top dressed and ready to enter as if in a C&S show.
 - As you can see from the photos below we had small 4" pots up to large 18" pots. The main criteria is that they are excellent examples of a cactus or succulent. Blooms are an added bonus!
 - We'd like a combination of Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Professional (Peter's) plants.
 - We will need you to bring them to the fairgrounds on May 22th at about 9-11am, or to Annie's home in Carlsbad on May 24th or 25th. If you are bringing them to Annie's, they must be boxed securely so she doesn't worry about mishaps.
 - You will then need to pick them up at fairgrounds on July 5th - 8th.

THANK YOU TO:

- ~ Robert Kopfstein who has volunteered to help with setup and placing the plants.
- ~ Pam Slater again volunteered to help Annie water each Monday morning.
- ~ Lorie Johansen & Moni Waiblinger have volunteered to be the plant checkers.
- ~ Katie Seidenwurm who again volunteered to handle the decorations.



**Contact ANNIE ASAP @ info@palomarcactus.org w/questions or to volunteer.
It is a club wide effort and can't be done without your help! Thanks in advance!**

Plant of the Month ~ Succulent Pelargoniums by Annie Morgan

There are over 200 species of Pelargoniums, most are found in Africa, primarily in the southwestern sections, with about 18 species on the rest of the continent and some on the islands nearby. They are one of the toughest and most durable succulents and many collectors find them very attractive and easy to grow. Additionally, they have small but beautiful and delicate flowers.

In cultivation they have few problems. Some species are true succulents with water storage in the stems, a few have succulent leaves. Some are underground geophytes, i.e. they have an underground storage organ – a caudex in succulent terms, which we of course raise to show off.

Most Pelargonium species are winter growers, and in the U.S. they grow between September – April. They prefer to be grown in well-drained slightly acidic soil in an open sunny location. When they start producing new leaves it is time to start watering, but you can stimulate them to grow with misting. When they are in full leaf they like regular water, every other week, but as with other succulents keep the soil dry between waterings. Most thrive in cooler temperatures than many other succulents, but otherwise have very similar growing requirements. When it warms up in late spring and summer, reduce water and allow them to rest.

Propagation is by seed or cuttings. Take cuttings in early fall as they are just starting to leaf out and are most productive. Allow cuttings to callus over before planting, and then mist them several times a day. They should be in approximately 50% or a bit more natural light, with good ventilation. Cuttings should root in 2-3 months.



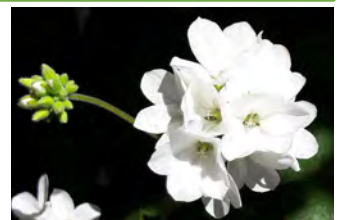
Pelargonium x fragrans



Pelargonium carnosum



Pelargonium cotyledonis



Education Section by Annie Morgan

This month I just have one tip which I hope will be helpful. It's the time of year that Hoya's are beginning to bloom, and how many blooms they have can be determined by the pruning you do.

Every year Hoyas bloom at the same place at the end of a branch, and that section should NEVER be cut off if it can be avoided. To the right is a photo of a bloom, and you'll notice that just above the flower for an inch or so that the stem is thicker and rough looking compared to the branch. It blooms on similar looking sections all over the plant and as time passes that section elongates, so don't trim off sections that have this type of end.

I have many, many bloom ends that are at least 1 ½" long. This one has been blooming for 15-20 years. And yes, I'm embarrassed to admit that it has been very neglected; it gets too much sun, limited water, no fertilizer, has pale leaves which should be nice and green, and yet it blooms it's heart out year after year. So now after sharing this long-term neglect, I am going to pour on the love and see if it blooms even more!



BRAG TABLE & GARDEN BRAG PHOTO'S POINTS January - March 2018

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, here are Brag Table & Garden Brag Photo points through March. Listing them will hopefully develop a little healthy competition, and you will know where you stand. We list them again in July and November. Many clubs include this in their newsletters or websites, so we thought we would join the trend. Hopefully, this will also encourage more entries. So as not to embarrass anyone, if you have 5 or less total points we will not include your name, or at your request.

And starting this year, we will now be awarding 8" plants to the very top point earners in each level at the December Holiday Party when we hand out gift plants. Points for both categories (Brag Table & Garden Photos) and all levels (Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced) will be totaled and Gift Plants will be given out starting with the highest point winners.

<u>NOVICE</u>		<u>INTERMEDIATE</u>		<u>ADVANCED</u>		<u>Garden Brag Photos</u>	
Winston Chan	28	Neila Rybicki	63	John Barkley	64	Lorie Johansen	22
Nell McChesney	23	Brita Miller	62	Lorie Johansen	37	David Buffington	18
Kathie Hoxie	23	Annie Morgan	45	Mike Nelson	31	Annie Morgan	16
Nancy Dunn	19	Libbi Salvo	24	Robert Kopfstein	28	John Tashjian	16
Chet Reed	19	Bill Diangelo	22	Ron Chisum	11	Marcy Singer	13
Vicky Martin	15	May Fong Ho	12				
Patti Nelson	14	Don Nelson	11				
Heather Chan	12	Steve Rybicki	8				
Julie Slater	12	Jim Anderson	7				
Moni Wailblinger	9						
Harold Dunn	8						
Kevin Smith	8						
Ginny March	6						
David Buffington	2						

2018 Spring Member Festival Recap - by Brita Miller

Our 5th annual Spring Member Festival was a fun and successful way to jump in to spring! One of the great things I heard was new members and guests who expressed their excitement and pleasure with the Sales, Show and Workshops. They enjoyed the camaraderie and the chance to talk with other members.

We had a total of 102 plants plus 9 of Peter Walkowiak's beautiful plants on his Exhibition Table. This year the Novice and Intermediates had noticeably fewer entries, and for some reason for the past six months at our meetings our Brag table has been short of plants overall. Thank you Advanced Showers, you really came through, even with only 7 of you in the group! I hope everyone will start bringing in more plants to the Brag Table again, to share with our members and get in practice for our shows.

Thanks to our show judges, Andrew Wilson and Rick Björklund for being our Novice and Intermediate Show Plants Judges, and to Peter for judging our Advanced show plants. Special thanks to Andrew for stepping in with just a day's notice. They did a wonderful job studying each plant and making helpful comments about why they judged as they did and how members could improve their plants.

This year we added three People's Choice Awards, one for each entry level. Vicki Martin in the Novice level, Neila Rybicki in the Intermediate level, and Robert Kopfstein in the Advanced level. They each received a special ribbon. See photos below.

Our Member Sales Tables were popular again, exceeding last year's sales! We had 12 members selling a nice variety of plants, top dressings and pots. Thanks to our revamped sales team, Harold & Nancy Dunn and Heather & Winston Chan, plus John Barkley – our new treasurer, who managed beautifully handling the event this team's first time! Thanks to the members who donated 100% of their sales to PCSS. (And, just a reminder, members can sell, using the same two stick method, at our monthly meetings.).

The workshops were well attended, and members commented on how many great tips they picked up. Special thanks go out to our workshop presenters - Lorie Johansen, Ron Chisum and Peter Walkowiak! Lorie shared information about how to design your garden against the wildfires we seem to have all too often. Ron shared many tips on propagation - from seed, pruning and potting clippings, and he answered some of the questions we all have. Peter presented his Soil Workshop. Attendees received samples.

A HUGE THANK YOU GOES TOO ALL OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS - 28 - TOO MANY TO LIST!

YOU ARE THE BACKBONE OF AN EVENT LIKE THIS!!!



Above right - our Show Judges – Rick Björklund and Andrew Wilson, Show Clerks – Libbi Salvo, Heather Chan, Annie Morgan, and Photographer – Chet Reed.

Left - Mort's bulbs flying out the door again this year.
Right - Winston Chan and Nancy Dunn manning the registers.



Top left - Bill Diangelo's flat of plants donated to the PCSS Sales table.

Above center - just one of 12 Member's Sales Tables.

Bottom left - a beautiful cake brought in by Linda Schmalfeldt.

Bottom right - Harold & Nancy Dunn choosing a pot from Jerry Garner's beautiful selection.





Above left - Ron Chisum presenting his workshop on propagation and answering general questions. Note the crowd in the window reflection.



Above right - Lorie Johansen all prepared with booklets to handout during her workshop on planting your yard with succulents to protect your home from fire.

Below right - How many plants can you stuff into every nook and cranny of your Jeep with plants to show and sell, plus refreshments? Ask Lorie.



Above left - Ron Chisum and Dennis Miller (back from his absence for some shoulder repair) having a chat.

Bottom left - Nell McChesney, left, and her mother, manning the Welcome and Sign-in Table.

Above - Members taking some time to relax and enjoy some club comradery: L and around - Stan Yalof, Mort Fairfield, Linda Schmalfeldt, Vicky Broughton, Jerry Garner, Neila Rybicki, Vicky Martin, and Lorie Johansen.

People's Choice Award Winners



Top Right - Novice -
Vicki Martin's *Sedum rubrotinctum*



Top Left - Intermediate -
Neila Rybicki's *Monadenium stapelioides*



Bottom Right - Advanced -
Robert Kopfstein's *Aeonium 'Marti Gras'*



Peter Walkowiak's
Exhibition Table

Novice Show Winners

A HUGE THANK YOU to Chet Reed who sent me cropped edited photos of all 67 winning plants, with the person's name, plant name, and place included. WOW!

Winston Chan	1 st	Echeveria pulvinata	# 1
Winston Chan	1 st	Fockea edulis	
Heather Chan	1 st	Euphorbia trigona rubra	# 2
Nancy Dunn	1 st	Astrophytum	# 3
Nancy Dunn	1 st	Euphorbia polygona 'Snowflake'	
Harold Dunn	1 st	Euphorbia lactea variegata 'Cristata'	# 4
Vicki Martin	1 st	Sedum rubrotinctum (See People's Choice)	
Patti Nelson	1 st	Albuca hills	# 5
Sandy Wetzel-Smith	1 st	Euphorbia lactea 'Cristata'	# 6
Nell McChesney	1 st	Espostoa Lanata	# 7
Winston Chan	2 nd	Echinocactus grusonii	
Winston Chan	2 nd	Euphorbia	
Kathie Hoxie	2 nd	Echeveria agavoides	# 8
Nell McChesney	2 nd	Deuterocohnia hybrid	
Chet Reed	2 nd	Haageocereus versicolor	
Chet Reed	2 nd	Mammillaria mystax	# 9
Julie Slater	2 nd	Echeveria crest	# 10
Heather Chan	3 rd	Notocactus magnificus	# 11
Kathie Hoxie	3 rd	Echeveria 'Perle von Nurnberg'	
Kathie Hoxie	3 rd	Senecio stapeliiformis	
Kathie Hoxie	3 rd	Crassula ovata 'Hummel's Sunset'	
Patti Nelson	3 rd	Aloe 'Snowstorm'	



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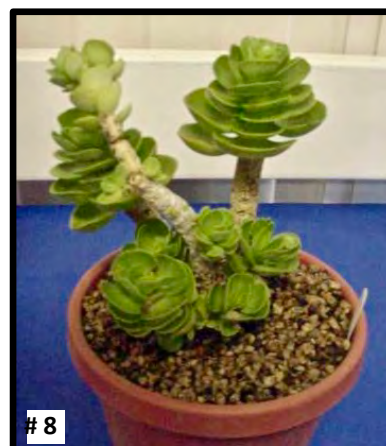
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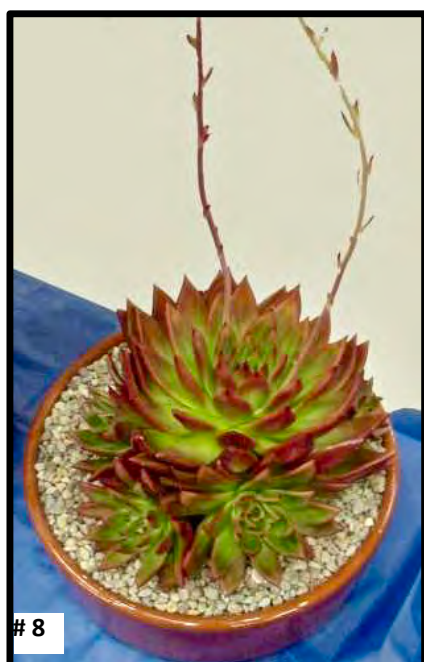
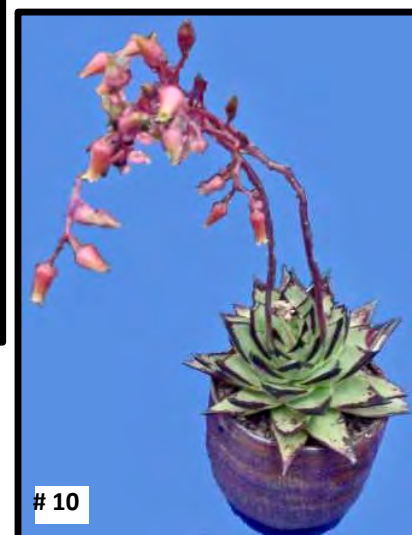
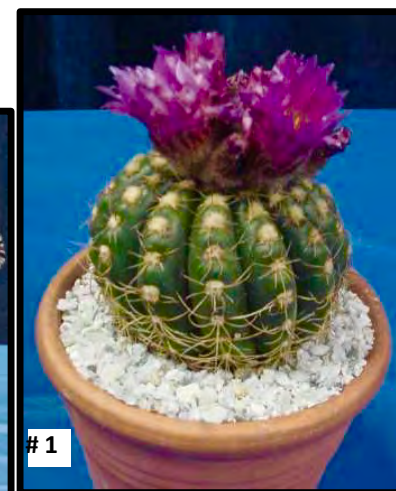
Intermediate Show Winners

May Fong Ho	1 st	Cephalocereus senilis	# 1
Brita Miller	1 st	Senecio crest	
Brita Miller	1 st	Sansevieria Dish Garden	# 2
Brita Miller	1 st	Senecio anteuphorbium	
Annie Morgan	1 st	Didierea trollii	# 3
Neila Rybicki	1 st	Pachypodium Brevicaule	
Neila Rybicki	1 st	Haworthia	
Neila Rybicki	1 st	Aeonium 'Mardi Gras'	
Neila Rybicki	1 st	Calibanus hookeri	# 4
Neila Rybicki	1 st	Monadenium stapelioides	
Neila Rybicki	1 st	Euphorbia trigona rubra	
Neila Rybicki	1 st	Euphorbia crest grafted	# 5
Steve Rybicki	1 st	Mammillaria compressa	# 6
Libbi Salvo	1 st	Succulent Dish Garden	# 7
Bill Diangelo	2 nd	Portulaca molokiniensis	# 8
Bill Diangelo	2 nd	Echeveria 'Raindrop'	# 9
Brita Miller	2 nd	Echinocactus grusonii	
Annie Morgan	2 nd	Sansevieria phillipsiae	
Annie Morgan	2 nd	Sansevieria	
Annie Morgan	2 nd	Succulent Dish Garden	
Neila Rybicki	2 nd	Monadenium ritchiei	
Libbi Salvo	2 nd	Euphorbia 'Suzannae'	# 10
Bill Diangelo	3 rd	Cephalocereus senilis	
Brita Miller	3 rd	Agave	
Brita Miller	3 rd	Graptopetalum Dish Garden	# 11
Annie Morgan	3 rd	Agave titantota	
Annie Morgan	3 rd	Sansevieria	



Advanced Show Winners

John Barkley	1 st	Parodia weneri	# 1
John Barkley	1 st	Cactus Dish Garden	# 2
Candy/Jerry Garner	1 st	Tylecodon pearsonii	# 3
Lorie Johansen	1 st	Veltheimia bracteata	# 4
Lorie Johansen	1 st	Aeonium arboreum crest	# 5
Robert Kopfstein -	1 st	Aeonium 'Marti Gras'	
(See People's Choice Photos)			
Mike Nelson	1 st	Ferocactus glaucescens var. Nudum	# 6
John Barkley	2 nd	Rebutia arenacea	
John Barkley	2 nd	Cactus Dish Garden	
Candy/Jerry Garner	2 nd	Titanopsis fulleri	# 7
Lorie Johansen	2 nd	Fockea crispa	
Lorie Johansen	2 nd	Echeveria agavoides 'Lipstick'	# 8
Mike Nelson	2 nd	Ferocactus	
John Barkley	3 rd	Euphorbia esculenta	
John Barkley	3 rd	Cactus Dish Garden	
Ron Chisum	3 rd	Ferobergia leuchtenbergia Principis	# 9
Candy/Jerry Garner	3 rd	Euphorbia waringiae	
Mike Nelson	3 rd	Echeveria agavoides 'Ebony'	# 10



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 point for emailing or texting photo(s), and 3 points for each one printed.

Email photos, with plant names, to Annie at info@palomarcactus.org. Be sure to include your name.



Rebecca Wooster's 20" diameter planted saucer filled with beautiful Haworthias and a Senecio 'String of Pearls' and used as a table! How wonderful to have a brand-new member jump in and share!



Above - Susan LaFreniere's Aloe plicatilis in bloom.
Below - two beautiful and very different cactus flowers. The bottom one is a mammillaria.



Left & below - A gloriously blooming cactus in Mike Nelson's yard.





Above left - Lorie Johansen's *Aloe marlothii* with its beautiful orange inflorescence and bumps galore!
Above right - a *Bombax ellipticum* and its very unusual flower.



Above - May Fong Ho's *Gasteria glomerata* in bloom. The stomach shaped flower is showing a perfect example of how Gasterias got their name.

Left - John Tashjian's *Euphorbia mauritanica* - old, large, and sprawling.

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.

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OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Vicki Martin – Co-Librarian

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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

Meeting Set-up – Libbi Salvo

Cash Register at Monthly Meetings - Winston & Heather Chan

Southern California Events

April 29th - Huntington Botanical Gardens Sale, all types of plants, 10 - 5pm, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, Info: 626-405-3504

May 5th - 6th - Sunset C & S Society Show & Sale, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, Veteran's Memorial Center, Garden Rm, 310-822-3783

May 6th - South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale, 9 - 4pm, South Coast Botanical Gardens, Info: 310-833-6823

May 11th - 12th - Gates Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, 9 - 4:30pm both days, Info on location call: 909-910-9195

May 19th - 20th - Long Beach Cactus Club Show & Sale, 10 - 4pm S/S Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, 562-631-587

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

April 28 th	-----	Steve McDearmon – “Secrets of a Landscape Designer”	- Pelargoniums
May 19 th - 3 rd Sat.	-----	Gunner Eisel - “Beauty in the Eye of the Beholder: Our Wonderful and Weird Hobby”	
		- Rebutia, Gymnocalycium, Lobivia, Echinopsis - So. Amer. globular	
June 23 rd	-----	Peter Walkowiak - Propagation from Beginning to End – Seed, Pollination, & Flowers	
			- Euphorbias – dioecious
July 28 th	-----	Paul Isley - All About Growing Tillandsias	- Tillandsias
August 25 th	-----	Annual Picnic & Auction	- Your Plants to be Auctioned!
September 22 nd	-----	Jon Rebman - TBA	- Monadenium
October 27-28 th	-----	Annual Show & Sale @ San Diego Botanic Gardens	- Your Show Plants!
November 17 th	-----	Woody Minnich - The New, Rare and Seldom Seen Cactus of Mexico	- Mammillarias - straight & hooked spines
December 15 th	-----	Holiday Party!!!	- Gift Plants Galore for You!