

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, May 20th

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

Brag plants, Exchange Table, Benefit Drawing

11:00am - 3:00pm

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REFRESHMENTS

- 1 – Barbara Armenise
- 2 – Vivian Follmer
- 3 – Ginny March
- 4 – Ruta Caldwell
- 5 – Annie Morgan

YOUR NAME HERE!!!

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www.palomarcactus.org

We're on Facebook!

This Month's Presentation:

Mutants

By Tom Glavich

This month's presentation is about Mutants - Crests, Monstrous, Variegates, and all the oddities of the plant world. The presentation will include a survey of some of the more interesting crests seen in shows and pots as well as crests and monstrous plants seen in habitat and gardens. Cultivation and propagation of these fascinating plants will also be covered.



Crested Echeveria 'Perle von Nurnberg'



Cereus peruvianus cristata monströse.

Rare small cactus in 4" pot.

This is a CREST and a MONSTROUS.



A crested mutation of
Austrocylindropuntia subulata
'Eve's Needle'.

Cleanup at Our Old Garden at Palomar College

HUGE THANKS to Mike Nelson, Ron Chisum, Bruce Barry, Brita Miller, Jim Anderson, Kevin Smith and Annie Morgan, from PCSS, who joined in at the Cleanup Day on May 13th. In addition, there were more than a dozen student and other volunteers. We had a very successful day doing much needed maintenance in our old Cactus and Succulent Garden. It turned out to be a beautiful day, not too hot and with a nice breeze, and the College provided Subway sandwiches, delicious muffins and drinks for lunch. Bruce and Brita stayed until 3pm when they were told it was time to leave.

It wasn't all weeding, we also cut back overgrown shrubs, pulled up lots of invasive plants, raked debris and did some misc. pruning. It was enough to fill a 16-foot truck which kept one student on the move all the time emptying our containers. Brita found that underneath the overgrown plants were some real treasures, and she and Bruce were pleasantly surprised that the garden wasn't as badly overgrown as we thought it might be since our super volunteer Dick Henderson's passing.

For those of you that have never been to the Garden before or couldn't make it, you really missed a treat. There are so many different beautiful plants to see! Annie even found a very unusual variegated Euphorbia with light and dark green, (right).

Our club used to have regular maintenance days with a dozen or so members who helped out several times a year. It would be wonderful if we could do a cleanup at least twice a year with more members joining in as many hands make light work. Hopefully next time you will be able to come as we could definitely have used a few more people in the large garden.

Hope to see you next time! Brita



Brag Plant Winners

Novice Cactus

- 1st Chet Reed Oreocereus trollii **#1**
 2nd Margaret Regan Mammillaria **#2**

Novice Succulent

- 1st Neila Rybicki Adenia glauca **#3**
 2nd Nancy Dunn Gasteria carinata **#4**
 3rd Sherrie Wasson Haworthia cuspidate **#5**

Intermediate Cactus

- 1st Jim Anderson Discocactus hybrid
 2nd Mike Nelson Echinocereus

Intermediate Succulent

- 1st Jim Anderson Haworthia cooperi **#6**
 2nd Mike Nelson Pachypodium horombense
 2nd John Tashjian Calibanis hookeri **#7**
 3rd Lorie Johansen Crassula 'Morgan's Beauty' **#8**
 3rd Lorie Johansen Euphorbia xanti

Advanced Cactus

- 1st Robert Kopfstein Mammillaria elongata **#9**
 1st Phyllis Flechsig Euphorbia decaryi v. spirosticha
 2nd Phyllis Flechsig Sinningia leucotricha **#10**
 2nd Robert Kopfstein Dyckia 'Arizona' X 'Brittlestar' **#11**
 3rd Robert Kopfstein Dyckia chloristaminea
 3rd John Barkley Cyphostemma cirrhosum

Intermediate Dish Garden

- 1st Libbi Salvo **#12**
 2nd Mike Nelson **#13**



PCSS at the SD County Fair – UPDATE

THANKS TO THE EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP!

WE CURRENTLY HAVE PLENTY OF HELP AND PLANTS OVERALL. WE HAVE:

- Eight people helping with aspects of the design and set-up,
- One person designing the western theme and two putting it together
 - Ten people loaning us plants for the duration of the fair
- Three people who will help checking on the plants and watering
 - Three people loaning western themed items

> What we still need are 2-3 cowboy hats to add to the western design.

- They can be all beat up or in decent condition.
- They will be in a covered area, completely protected from fair goers (as are the plants).

Please contact Annie if you can help out with loaning a hat or two.

I will show pictures of the display, and our award, in June's newsletter.



Plant of the Month — CRESTS, MONSTROSE, VARIEGATES

Our speaker will cover the topic in his presentation and will be our Brag Plant and Plant of the Month Judge.



BOOK REVIEW

By Kathie Hoxie

The Garden Succulents Primer

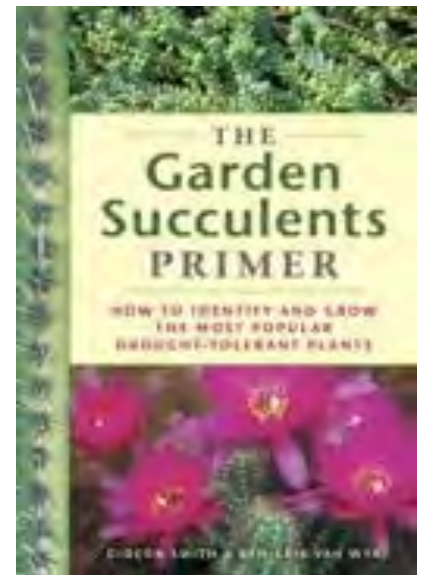
by Gideon Smith & Ben-Erik Van Wyk,
Timber Press, Portland & London 2008

The format of a left page of text and a right page of gorgeous color photos makes this primer both a restful "page through" as well as a great way to learn about succulents. Ten succulent plant groups are discussed. Plant names in the index are given in English and Latin. The most fun are 4-5 pages of "Garden Succulents of the World".

To begin with in "About this book" the authors tell exactly what they wish to share. Uses of plants, conservation, cultivation, and propagation are briefly discussed.

Then the succulents are described, but in meters only which was difficult for me. Obtuse terminology (involucral bracts and cyathia) given for my favorite crown of thorns annoyed me, as did the fact that little background is given about the authors.

But overall I loved this primer, sat hours with it, and learned much.



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 @ Secretary@palomarcactus.org. **BRAG PLANT PHOTO MUST BE IN THE SUBJECT LINE**



Left - Ron Chisum's Aporocactus,
Above - Grusonia invicta, a Baja cactus

Annie Morgan's Ornithogalum
dubium bulb 'Orange Cream'



Lorie Johansen's Epi 'Sunrise'



Above - John Tashjian's Lamarloцерium
marginatus,

Left - John's large patch of gorgeous blooming
aloes (of which Annie lost the email with the name)



News From the Safari Park Gardens - By Susan LaFreniere

Leon and I took our first driving trip across the border into Mexico. We had heard that the cactus and succulents in Baja were fabulous because of the winter rains there, and they didn't disappoint. Here are some photos.



Left - Cardon - *Pachycereus pringlei*.

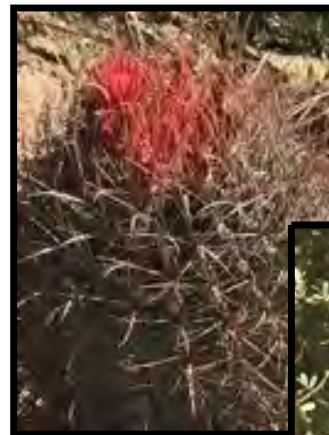
Insert - Cardon bloom.

Top right - Leon & Boojum tree - *Fouquieria columnaris*.

Bottom right - *Dudleya*



And here are their counterparts, and more, in the Baja Garden of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park.



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

Birdhouses of Wanda & Gary's Garden Tour

For those who missed Coffee in the Garden at Wanda Mallen and Gary Vincent's home in April, here are photos of some of the over 50 birdhouses Gary has made over the 18 years they've lived there. Gary has used a combination of ideas from woodworking magazines and his own designs, with input from Wanda when she sees something that catches her eye for the start of a design. They are hung throughout the garden and birds occasionally nest in a few, but they are mostly decorative and are a delight to see.





San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society



2017 Summer Show & Sale

Saturday, June 3rd & Sunday, June 4th
Room 101 & Courtyard
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

Free!
Public Welcome

Sale: Large Variety of Interesting Plants

Saturday, 10:00 - 5:00 and Sunday, 10:00 - 4:00
"Members Only" shopping, Saturday 9:00 - 10:00

Show: Beautiful Specimens on Display

Saturday, 10:00 - 3:00 and Sunday, 10:00 - 4:00

Auction: Bid on World Class Plants

Silent Auction: Sat-Sun & Live Auction - Sun at 2:00 pm





San Diego Iris Society

Annual Spring Show & Potted Iris Sale
 Saturday May 6, 2017 - 12PM-5PM
 Sunday May 7, 2017 - 10AM-4PM
 BALBOA PARK - CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 101



You are invited to the San Diego Iris Society's Annual Spring Show & Potted Iris Sale. Join us on Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7 at Balboa Park at the Casa del Prado-Room 101.



We will have a large selection of potted irises, including rebloomers, in a variety of colors. Come early for the best selection.



Members of the San Diego Iris Society will be on hand to answer your questions about growing irises.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 FREE ADMISSION**

Visit our website for more information:
www.sandiegoirissociety.org



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

Echinops perfoliatus
 Photographed by Tammy Debra

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

Designing with Succulents with Debra Lee Baldwin

Saturday, June 17th, 9-10:00am at Roger's Gardens, 949-640-5800 **FREE**



Debra Lee Baldwin's bestselling books about succulents launched the current succulent craze, earning her the title "Queen of the Succulents." As one of our most popular presenters, Baldwin's mission is to "entertain and enlighten in equal measure." She will show you how to combine great looking, easy-to-care-for succulents with lovely containers, all from Roger's Gardens. Additionally, Debra will share terrific tips, ideas and design secrets. You'll leave confident in your ability to use succulents to express your own style and beautifully enhance your outdoor spaces. Book signing to follow.



FREE EVENT

**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*
Matt Maggio John Martinez
*Check website and Facebook for times

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

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

Annual Drought Tolerant Plant Festival

Sepulveda Garden Center
16633 Magnolia Boulevard
Encino, CA 91316



Cactus and Succulent Society of America
37th Biennial Convention
Celebrating the Beauty of the Desert
July 26 to 30, 2017




Mark your calendars now! More info to come next month.

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

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Francis Granger – Board Member, Member/Guest Ambassador

Mike Nelson – Board Member, Brag Table Winner's List & 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

May Fong Ho – Website

2017 So. California Event Calendar

May 12 - 13 Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 35th Show & Sale 9 – 4:30pm, at Landscapes Southern California Style, 450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside Info - 909-626-4197

May 20 – 21 Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale 10 - 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 10 – 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, Room 101, San Diego Info – 858-382-1797

June 10 – 11 Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale 6/10 9-4pm, 6/11 9-3pm, Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino Info - www.lacactus.com

See January & February 2017 newsletter for the complete list.

2017 PCSS MEETING SCHEDULE ~ Speaker & Topic

~ Plant of the Month

May 20th – 3rd Saturday – Ton Glavich – Mutants - Crests, Variegates, Monstrose, and More

~ Monstrose, Crests, Variegates

June 24th – Ernesto Sandoval – Plant Hormones & Propagation

~ TBA

July 22nd – Robert Kopfstein – Bromeliads for Succulent Gardens

~ Terrestrial Bromeliads, Dyckias, Hectias, Deuterocohnia

August 26th – PICNIC & AUCTION

~ Plant Auction

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

~ Caudiciforms

October 28 - 29 – ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

~ YOUR SHOWPLANTS!

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

~ TBA

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

~ GIFT PLANTS FOR YOU!