

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

Picnic & Auction

Saturday, August 25th

San Diego Botanic (Quail) Garden
230 Quail Gardens Dr.
Encinitas, 92024

11:00am - 3:00pm

No Brag, Exchange or Benefit Drawing Tables

NEWS FLASH!

Our Holiday Party has been officially changed to
Saturday, December 8th!

This is a week earlier than originally scheduled.

Mark your calendars now so you don't forget.

Why you ask? Well, San Diego C&S Society got bumped from their regular Holiday Party date, so they had no choice but to move theirs to 12/15. Because we have so many joint members who would miss out, we moved ours.

WE SURE HOPE YOU CAN STILL MAKE OURS!

ANNUAL AUGUST PICNIC & AUCTION

Our Picnic and Auction will be held at the beautiful San Diego Botanic (Quail) Garden in Encinitas.

It is on the coast and will certainly be cooler than inland!

It will be in the Ecke Building and patio down the driveway south of the main parking lot.

The same place where we have our October Show & Sale.

Entrance is free for this event, so come early or stay late and take some time to explore the diverse gardens and beautiful artwork. Hours are 9am - 5pm.

Follow the signs Brita will put up, or ask at the kiosk.

Contact Annie Morgan for auction questions.

Contact event coordinator Brita with food or other questions.

Bringing a guest? YOU MUST CONTACT BRITA IN ADVANCE!

The schedule is as follows:

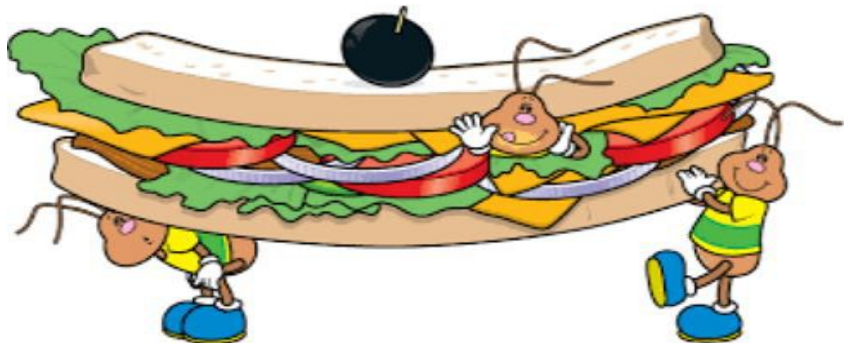
Bring in Auction Items - 10am - 11:30 am

Social Hour - 11:00 - 12:00 am

Lunch - 12:00 pm

Auction - 1:00 pm

Cleanup - 2:30 pm



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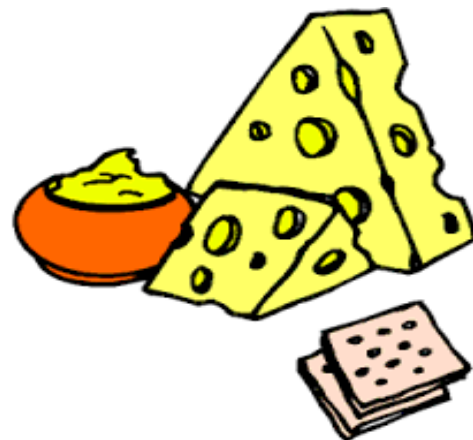
www.palomarcactus.org

We're on Facebook!

PCSS 2018 PICNIC

Sat., AUGUST 25TH

Food Sign-up List



PLEASE HAVE YOUR FOOD ITEMS THERE BY 11:30am
APPETIZERS BY 11:00am!

Appetizers

Maggi Lucus – Cheese, Crackers, Olives	Ruta Caldwell – Guacamole, Chips
Chris Barkley – Mystery Munchies	Frances Merritt – ?
Lorie Johansen – Cheese	Annie Morgan – Dip & Chips

Salads & Side Dishes

Heide White – Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Nancy Dunn – Broccoli Slaw
Pam Dunlap – Cole Slaw
Irene Bright – ?



Phyllis Flechsig – Fruit Salad
Stan Yalof – Pasta & Fruit Salads
Jean O'Daniel – Fruit Salad



Main Dishes

Peter Walkowiak –
Patti Nelson – Casserole
Kevin Smith – Chicken Wings
Don Nelson – Baked Beans & Sausage

Elizabeth Imperial – Pork Empanadas or Pancit or Lumpia
Gloria Medina – Sandwiches
Brent Wigand – Chicken Tortilla Casserole

Desserts

Linda Schmalfeldt – Cake
Wanda Mallen – Brownies
Vivian Follmer – Cookies

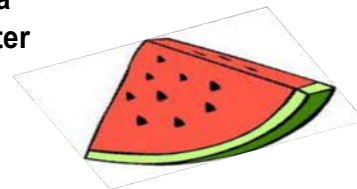


Sherman Blench – Lemon Bars
Barbara Launspach – Cake (clafaidis) – Gluten Free
Annie Morgan – Butterscotch Rum Bundt Cake

Drinks

Russel Ray – Sprite, Root Beer, . . .
Teri Shusterman – Flavored Sparkling Drinks

Jim Anderson – lemonade, ice tea
Sandy Wetzel Smith – bottled water



As you can see we have quite a few people bringing food. While we do not want to run short, we do not want you to go home with half of what you brought, so please bring for 8-10, not 10-15.

MAKE SURE TO PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR DISHES AND UTENSILS!

Bringing a guest?

YOU MUST CONTACT BRITA IN ADVANCE OR THERE WILL BE A COST!

AUCTION INFORMATION

As you know, each year we hold an auction to raise money to donate to the SD Botanic (Quail) Garden. Don't forget you can bring in plants and also miscellaneous garden related items.

An auction is a great way to add to your collection - you bring a plant to be auctioned (donating part or all of the proceeds to the garden), then you bid and take home a nice plant for yourself.



YIKES! We forgot to send around the Auction signup at our last meeting, so we are sure hoping that those 15 or so people who raised their hand at the July meeting won't be the only ones bringing plants.

Following are the specifics:

- You may donate 100% to the garden, or do a 70/30% split w/70% to you and 30% to the garden.
- We love to have those beautiful show-type plants - they are an excellent way to enhance one's collection.
- However, people also love nice plants for their landscape.
- So, you may bring some desirable quality plants that may be in clean plastic pots or a simpler ceramic pot.
- And as we have announced, this year we will have a regular auction as well as a Silent Auction.
- For regular auction, plants and other items - they should be something you might buy at a nice nursery for say \$15 on up.
- The Silent Auction will be for plants worth approx. \$5 -15.
- They MUST all be clean, dry, bug free, manicured as needed, debris removed, and in clean pots, etc.
- All plants should be labeled with the plants name.
- Think of these as a VERY NICE Raffle Table plants, maybe something unusual.
- Or perhaps you make beautiful dish gardens and would like to create and donate one. They should of gift giving quality.
- Lastly, perhaps you have some garden art, funky or traditional, a nice show pot, or other garden items you no longer need but that someone else might treasure.
- Bidding will start at \$10 - \$15 and up.

Who is Bringing in Plants this Year?

YOU, YOU, and YOU and . . . !

No one has sent in photos at this time, so they will all be a surprise!

We sure do hope you will surprise us by bringing in enough plants to have a FUN and financially successful auction!





A few photos from the 2017 Auction.
 Page 6 - Left: Jim Anderson getting his new spreadsheet ready to list everyone's auction items. And is that ah? Leon getting ready to bid? Right: Robert Kopfstein and Annie Morgan discussing what they'll bid on. Mike Nelson getting the plants in order.
 Page 7 - Above: Julian Duval bidding on plants for the garden. Right: Peter sharing the next item for bidding, a handmade birdhouse from Gary Vincent. Will there be another one this year?



Tillandsia II **THE WORLD'S MOST UNUSUAL AIR PLANTS**

July's Speaker, Paul Isley, who spoke on Tillandsias has graciously offered to sell our members copies of his book at a discounted of \$72, plus tax and nominal shipping. It is a coffee table style book, 9 ½ x 11", with lots of beautiful photos, but full of information too. In order to get it at that price we need 6 more people to order. If you're interested please call Annie, see back page for her info, ASAP. We will need to collect the money first and then would have the books at the September meeting. Below is a review from Amazon.

This is one of the most beautiful plant books I have ever seen. I checked it out at our public library and had to own a copy, it is so exquisite. The information is so detailed and inclusive, I believe I might be able to propagate a tillandsia. the author has provided illustrations of the cell structure of these amazing plants so that anyone can understand why they are commonly called "air plants". The photography is so outstanding, it is breathtaking.

~ Notices ~

October 2018 Fall Show & Sale

Our annual Show & Sale are just around the corner on October 27th & 28th. The behind-the-scenes planning and preparation have already started, but the most important thing we need for a successful show are your plants!



That means it is time for you to start thinking about which of your favorites you want to enter, and then start getting them ready. Do your pruning and transplanting now so the plants have a chance to settle in and put on some new growth. Make sure to top dress your plants early as it really helps them settle in, and in the Show, it really enhances the beauty of each plant. **You must have owned your plants six months or longer to show them.**

For those who have not entered our October Show before – what is holding you back? It is easy, and so much fun. We see so many show worthy plants on the monthly Brag Table, so do not let another year go by without taking the plunge – you will be glad you did! Next month's newsletter will include all the details. If you are apprehensive about showing, call Brita or Annie and we fill you in on how we got started, the excitement of your first show, and the joy of winning a ribbon.

WE LOVE WHEN PEOPLE ENTER FOR THE FIRST TIME AND WE WILL
 LEAD YOU THROUGH THE PROCESS TO MAKE IT A STRESS-FREE
 AND FUN EXPERIENCE. GIVE IT A TRY!

BRAG PLANT WINNERS

Novice Cactus

1 st	Tony Merritt	Melocactus	# 1
2 nd	Heather Chan	Opuntia vestita cristata	# 2
3 rd	Winston Chan	Myrtillocactus cristata	
3 rd	Tammy Harmon	Neoporteria nidus-senilis	

Intermediate Cactus

1 st	Neila Rybicki	Copiapoa cinera	# 3
2 nd	Neila Rybicki	Ferocactus	
3 rd	Neila Rybicki	Gymnocalycium cardenasianum v. armatus	

Advanced Cactus

1 st	Mike Nelson	Espostoa	# 4
2 nd	John Barkley	Sulcorebutia	

Novice Succulent

1 st	Winston Chan	Euphorbia lactea cristata	# 5
2 nd	Chris Barkley	Crassula	# 6
3 rd	Patti Nelson	Adenium arabicum	

Intermediate Succulent

1 st	John Tashjian	Calabanus hookeri	# 7
2 nd	John Tashjian	Faucaria splendens	

Advanced Succulent

1 st	Lorie Johansen	Hoya carnosia 'Krinkle Kurl'	# 8
2 nd	Lorie Johansen	Cotyledon 'Happy Young Lady'	# 9
2 nd	Mike Nelson	Bursera microphylla	
3 rd	Lorie Johansen	Aloe 'Lavender Star'	
3 rd	Lorie Johansen	Gasteraloe 'Green Ice'	
3 rd	Robert Kopfstein	Euphorbia decaryi	
3 rd	Mike Nelson	Uncarina roesliana	

Dish Garden Novice

1 st	Tammy Harmon	Tillandsias	# 10
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Dish Garden Advanced

1 st	John Barkley		# 11
2 nd	John Barkley		

Plant of the Month Novice

1 st	Christine Hays	Tillandsia intermedia	# 12
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Plant of the Month Intermediate

1 st	Kevin Smith	Tillandsia Houston	# 13
1 st	Brita Miller	Tillandsia	# 14

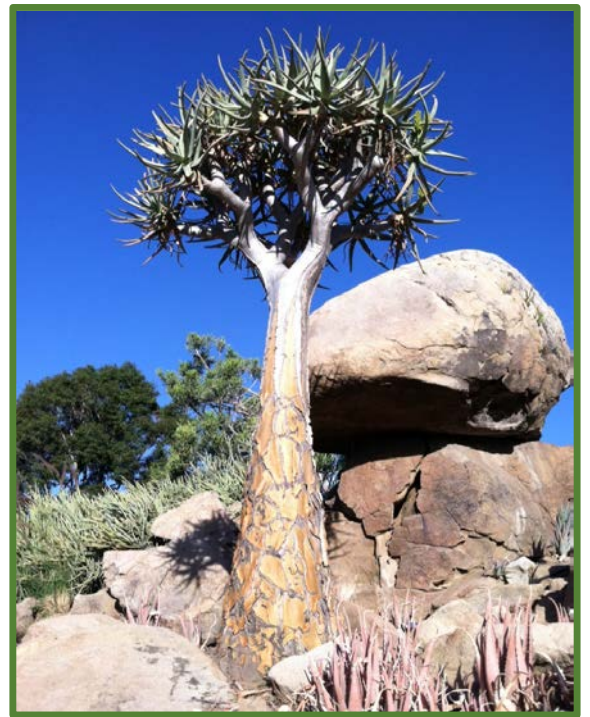
Plant of the Month Advanced

1 st	Robert Kopfstein	Tillandsia tectorum	# 15
1 st	Robert Kopfstein	Tillandsia peiraroi	
1 st	Robert Kopfstein	Tillandsia	
2 nd	Robert Kopfstein	Tillandsia heteromorpha v. rauchi	# 16



Safari Park Gardens Tour

- New Cactus Trail to Baja Garden from the Australia Walkabout
- New Undersee Garden and so much more...
- Join us at the Baja Garden & Old World Succulent Garden at the Safari Park in Escondido on Saturday, September 8th from 10am-1pm.
- Join us to tour the Gardens as well as visit the Safari Park



Address: 15500 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA

Refreshments: We will provide water and small snacks at the Baja Garden gazebo.

Parking: Parking fee is \$15 per vehicle. You may want to carpool for the long drive.

Tickets: You will need a ticket to enter the Safari Park.

If you do not have a membership, email May Fong Ho by August 18 to request one of the limited number of complimentary entrance tickets for that day, (first come, first serve).

May will let you know if a complimentary ticket is available for you on August 20.



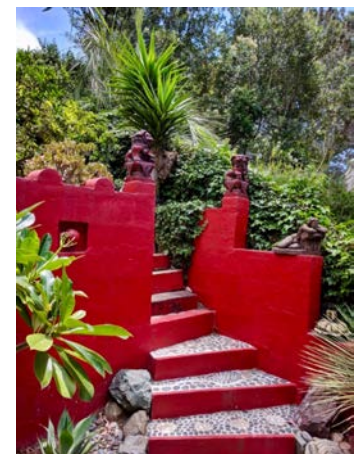
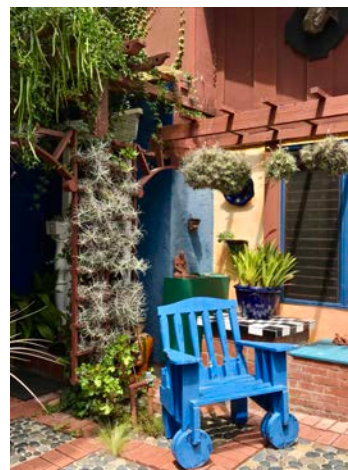
RSVP: RSVP by August 18 - IF YOU NEED A COMPLIMENTARY TICKET

Questions: Contact May

*On the tour day, check off your name at the entrance ticket booth.

Photo Essay of Erik and Irina's Coffee in the Garden on July 21st

Photos by Lorie Johansen and Annie Morgan



There was so much to see that these really don't do it justice, but give the flavor, with closeups, of all the artwork among the many, many plants, most not shown.

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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Brag Table

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OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Vicki Martin – Co-Librarian

Richard Miller – Membership

Kevin Smith – Brag Table Setup

Bruce Barry & Sandy Wetzels-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 – Dennis Miller

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EVENTS

September 1st - Huntington Botanical Gardens
Succulent Symposium

All day at the Huntington, Info: 626-405-3504

September 15th - Long Beach Cactus Club Annual
Plant Auction

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

2018 PCSS Meeting Schedule

Speaker & Topic ~ Plant of the Month

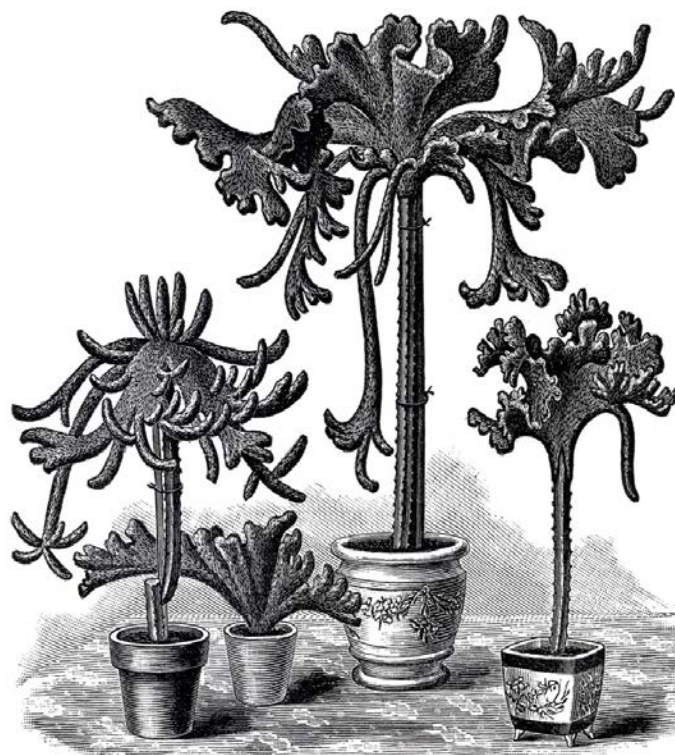
August 25th ----- Annual Picnic & Auction
- Your Plants, etc. to be Auctioned!

September 22nd ----- TBA - the scheduled speaker had an conflict and will
now speak in January
- Monadenium

October 27-28th ----- Annual Show & Sale @ San Diego Botanic
Gardens
- Your Show Plants!

November 17th ----- Woody Minnich - The New, Rare and Seldom
Seen Cactus of Mexico
- Mammillarias - straight & hooked spines

December 15th ----- Holiday Party!!!
- Gift Plants Galore ~ for YOU!



Wouldn't you love to have some like these?

(From the Graphics Fairy)

