

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 HOLIDAY PARTY!

A Week Early!

Gift Plants for You!

Saturday, December 8th

Park Ave. Community Center

210 Park Ave., Escondido

NO Brag plants, Exchange Table or Benefit Drawing

11:00am – 3:00pm

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HOLIDAY PARTY UPDATE!

WANT A GUARANTEED SEAT & GIFT PLANT?

PLEASE SIGN UP!

- To make sure a seat is waiting for you, please sign-up by contacting Brita if you haven't already at [EventCoordinator](#).

Tuesday December 4th is the deadline to sign up!

- Come socialize and enjoy some appetizers from 11-12. Lunch will start being served at approximately noon.

**IF YOU DON'T SIGN UP, WE CANNOT
GUARANTEE YOU A MEMBER GIFT PLANT!**

Holiday Party Food List

See p. 3

Website mostly revamped!

www.palomarcactus.org

We're on Facebook!

Questions, email:

Info@PalomarCactus.org

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

- ◇ As mentioned last month, we are now accepting Membership renewals. You may pay with cash, check or a credit card. **The party is the perfect time!**
- ◇ The deadline to renew and receive a March newsletter is February 28th. **The Party is the perfect time! Hmm, did I say that already?**
- ◇ You may pay at our meetings in December, January or February, or print a form and mail it in.

*** Forms are available at all meetings and on the back page of the newsletter! ***

❄️ Holiday Party 2018 ❄️

As is traditional, the Club will be providing the main entree of turkey, and yes, there will be more dark meat than white!

~ Eleanore and Lorie are cooking the turkey
~ Peter will bring a delicious smoked ham.

- ❖ Since the Community Center has no refrigerator bring your cold dishes in coolers. We do have a microwave, stove and oven for reheating, not for cooking.
- ❖ If you are bringing a cooler with hot food here's how: one of Eleanore's friends showed her a trick with foil-wrapped bricks heated in the oven – they keep food hot for hours!
- ❖ Any hot trays you may have tucked away in your back cupboards will be much appreciated as well. Don't forget the cords!



The set-up crew should arrive ready to work by 10:30am. There are tables to set and decorate. We have a few hand painted centerpieces. They are small, so **we need more table decorations and centerpieces.**
We also need greenery, pinecones and berries, etc. And of course, we will need help placing the decorations, as well as with general setup. Annie needs help unloading and organizing the gift plants.

PLEASE – remember to put your name on ALL serving utensils, dishes, and lids!

We would hate to have anything get lost in the cleanup shuffle.



What Would a Party be Without Gifts?

As usual we will have lots of Gift Plants! A plant for all members in attendance.

Brag Point Winners – from the Brag Table, Garden Brag Photos, March and October Shows will receive a plant!

Volunteers we love you, couldn't do it without you – and we will have gift plants for you too!

Gift Plants will be handed out right after lunch is served.

~ Notices ~

BOARD ELECTIONS

It's time to elect Board Members whose terms are up. We will vote at the Holiday Party. **The proposed Slate of Officers is:**

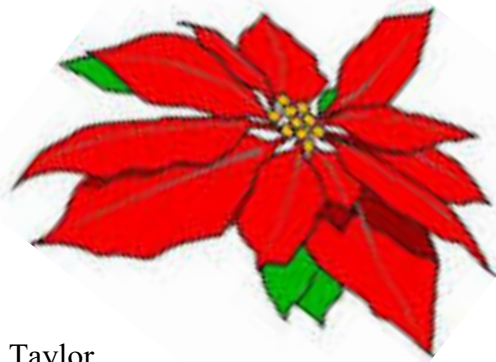
- President (2-year term) - Brita Miller
- Vice President (2-year term) - Open (if you are interested, please contact Brita)
- Secretary (2-year term) - Annie Morgan
- Director at Large (1-year term) - Peter Walkowiak (completing Jim Anderson's term)
- Director at Large (2-year term) - David Buffington
- Director at Large (2-year term) - Lorie Johansen

Thank You, Peter! ~ Thank you, Peter for all your years as President. Fortunately, you will be around to help as a Plant Ambassador, answering those difficult genus and species names, and sharing with us how to grow and care for the plants we love. xxx

WOODY MINNICH ~ LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

At our Board Meeting in November we decided that Woody Minnich has done so much for our hobby, and he has been such an important part of our club for many years that we decided it was high time to give him a Life Membership Award. It was presented at our November Meeting reading: "For his dedication and significant contributions to the hobby for 40 plus years; and his participation in our club over many years as a speaker, and show judge and vendor at our yearly Show & Sale, driving 600+ miles each time!" (See p. 5 for a photo of him receiving his award and his Thank You letter.

HOLIDAY PARTY POTLUCK LIST



Appetizers

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1. Shrimp | Barbara Watzke |
| 2. Ragoons | Patty Merriam |
| 3. Surprise! | Gerome's |
| 4. Surprise! | Bill Diangelo |
| 5. Surprise! | Nancy Dunn |



Salads

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|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Caesar salad | Lyn Mardesich |
| 2. Cabbage salad | Don Nelson |
| 3. Waldorf salad | Ruta Caldwell |
| 4. Fruit Salad | Jean & Bill O'Daniel |
| 5. Salad | Evelyn Voth |
| 6. Salad | Nancy Conway |

Vegetables

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Brussel Sprouts | Anna Devine |
| 2. Roasted root vegetables | Libbi Salvo |
| 3. Marinated green beans | Neila Rybicki |
| 4. Vegetables | Chris Barkley |
| 5. Vegetables | Jamaye Despaigne |
| 6. Vegetables | Marcy Singer |

Potatoes

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Scalloped potatoes | Farrell Smith |
| 2. Scalloped potatoes | Linda Schmalfeldt |
| 3. Roasted baby potatoes | Charlyne Barad |
| 4. Alabama Sweet Potato Pie | Kathie Hoxie |
| 5. Mashed potatoes | Bonnie Diangelo |

Cranberry & Relish Dishes

1. Moni Waiblinger
2. Chet Reed
3. May Fong Ho



Rolls/Bread

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| 1. Rolls | Prapa Taylor |
| 3. Rolls | Neila Rybicki |

Desserts

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Pecan pie | Annie Morgan |
| 2. Pumpkin pie | Vivian Follmer |
| 3. Apple pie | Deborah Pearson |
| 4. Pie | Christa Stringham |
| 5. Holiday bread | Sherman Blench |
| 6. German cookies | Beth Bradsher |
| 7. Surprise! | Wanda Mallen |
| 8. Holiday cookies | Stan/Boecky Yalof |

Set up - 10:30

1. Lyn Mardesich
2. Jean & Bill O'Daniel
3. Bill & Bonnie Diangelo
- 4.
- 5.



Gift Plant Help - 10:30

1. Annie
- 2.
- 3.

Serving - noon

1. Julie Slater
- 2.



Clean up

1. Lyn Mardesich
- 2.
3. Everyone!!



2018 BRAG, GARDEN BRAG PHOTOS, and SHOW POINTS TOTALS

- Following is the point list for: Brag Table Points, Garden Brag Photo Points, and points for showing in March & October.
- As mentioned before, if you have 5 or fewer total points we will not include your name, or at your request.
- The points listed represent the points they earned for entering plants in ALL the events.
- Novices thanks to all of you who have brought in plants this year to the Brag Table. It's quite a list.
- Annie's appreciation goes to those who send in Garden Brag Photos, as it does take planning and some retaking.
- And Advanced Level exhibitors – you outdid yourself this year with the number of plants at the Show! WOW!

<u>NOVICE</u>				<u>INTERMEDIATE</u>		<u>ADVANCED</u>	
Christine Hays	5	Christine Hays	20	Steve Rybicki	8	Stan Yalof	11
Mary Fong Walker	5	Chet Reed	20	Wanda Mallen	10	Ron Chisum	23
Ginny March	6	Charlyne Barad	22	Bill Diangelo	22	Phyllis Flechsig	50
Gloria Medina	6	Dee Morgan	22	Don Nelson	30	Candy/Gerry Garner	104
Chris Barkley	8	Nancy Dunn	25	John Tashjian	35	Mike Nelson	131
Max McGavin	8	Nell McChesney	27	May Fong Ho	44	Robert Kopfstein	158
Lyn Mardesich	8	Sandy Wetzels-Smith	27	Libbi Salvo	78	Lorie Johansen	233
Richard Miller	8	Patti Nelson	28	Pauline Wong	80	Russel Ray	272
Julie Kort	8	Kathie Hoxie	29	Jerome Kong	86	John Barkley	297
Thelma Gerome	12	Vicki Martin	33	Brita Miller	88		
Rebecca Wooster	12	Kevin Smith	46	Neila Rybicki	209	Congrats to our <u>ADVANCED EXHIBITORS!</u> Every one of you brought in plants to share this year. We do love seeing your specimens! THANKS also to Peter who brings in many of his Professional level plants to share as examples of our Plant of the Month Exhibit	
Marcy Singer	13	Tammy Harmon	51	Annie Morgan	242		
Tony Gurnoe	14	Susan LaFreniere	51				
Julie Slater	14	Winston Chan	61				
Harold Dunn	17	Moni Waiblinger	67				
Sherman Blench	20	Heather Chan	69				
		David Buffington	95				

Congratulations to our **NOVICES** who entered Brag Plants, our March Show, Garden Brag Photos, and our October Show!

SUPER CONGRATULATIONS to: David Buffington for earning 95 points ~ a Novice record - by far!
 Annie Morgan for earning 242 points ~ a new Intermediate record!
 John Barkley for earning 297 points ~ a new Advanced record!

2018 SHOW and GARDEN BRAG PHOTO CONGRADULATIONS

A few people also stand out for their entries into the October Show and we want to recognize them:

- ~ Russel Ray, who joined in March, entered 44 plants earning 214 points!
- ~ John Barkley entered 44 plants earning 146 points!
- ~ Annie Morgan entered 20 plants and earned 124 points!
- ~ Lorie Johansen entered 22 plants and earned 120 points!
- ~ Neila Rybicki entered 19 plants and earned 108 points!
- ~ Pauline Wong, who joined in Sept., jumped right in showing 12 plants earning 80 points!

We had a record 21 people enter photos for the Garden Brag Photo page in 2018, with our top three being:

- ~ Lorie Johansen 58
- ~ Susan LaFreniere 51
- ~ Annie Morgan 45

We look forward to presenting you ALL with Brag Plant Gift Plants at our Holiday Party!



Top L: Annie Morgan & Russel Ray receiving their certificates for being on the Winner's Table at the October Show. (Other winners were absent.)

Top R: Peter and Annie presenting a Thank You Gift Plant from the Board to Brita for all her work in organizing and running a VERY successful Show & Sale!

Bottom L: Brita's Gift Plant

Bottom R: Woody Minnich receiving a Lifetime Member Award from PCSS!

Below: Woody's thank you letter to the club.

Hey Annie, Brita, Peter, Lorie, John, and all of the club.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the entire Palomar CSS for making me an honorary Life Member.

Over the years it has been a real pleasure, trying my best, to help the Palomar club be all it can be. All of the club leaders have done a really great job of creating a very welcoming, warm and enjoyable club atmosphere. The show and sale has become one of my favorites and, once again, all of your hard work has really been wonderful.

I must admit, I really look forward to giving presentations to the club, as the members are all so gracious and friendly. As you know, I attend about 30 clubs each year and the PCSS is one of the best. Please know that I am more than willing to be of assistance when every you need me. I feel as if I owe the PCSS as much as I can give, as everyone has been so much a loving family. Please don't change!

You have heard me say many times over, "It is all about the people" and you have all really done your best to recognize all the club members for all of their contributions.

Thank you so much for treating me as if I am part of the team.

All my love to each of you.

Cheers,
Woody

Brag Plant Winners

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Novice

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|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----|
| 1 st | Charlene Barad | Rhipsalis | # 1 |
| 2 nd | Charlene Barad | Cereus forbesii monstrose | |

Advanced

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|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| 1 st | Russel Ray | Opuntia erinacea | # 2 |
| 2 nd | Robert Kopfstein | Cephalocereus senilis | |

SUCCULENTS

Novice

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|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|-----|
| 1 st | Charlyne Barad | Faucaria tigrina | # 3 |
| 2 nd | Tammy Harmon | Aechmea recurvata | # 4 |
| 2 nd | Charlyne Barad | Euphorbia esculenta | |

Intermediate

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|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------|------|
| 1 st | Kevin Smith | Sansevieria | # 5 |
| 2 nd | Don Nelson | Crassula capitella | # 17 |
| 2 nd | Don Nelson | Dyckia | # 6 |
| 3 rd | Neila Rybicki | Fouquieria macedougallii | |

Advanced

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|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|-----|
| 1 st | Robert Kopfstein | Tillandsia | # 7 |
| 2 nd | Lorie Johansen | Othonna quercifolia | # 8 |

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| 2 nd | Robert Kopfstein | Dyckia marnier lapostollei
v. estevesii | |
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| 3 rd | Russel Ray | Sedum morganianum | # 9 |
| 3 rd | John Barkley | Aloe montis nabro | # 10 |

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Intermediate

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|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|------|
| 1 st | Neila Rybicki | Mammillaria plumosa | # 11 |
| 2 nd | Neila Rybicki | Mammillaria compressa | |

Advanced

- | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------|------|
| 1 st | Robert Kopfstein | Mammillaria hahniana | # 12 |
| 2 nd | Russel Ray | Mammillaria magnimamma | |
| 3 rd | John Barkley | Mammillaria elongata hyb. | |

Dish Gardens

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|-----------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| 1 st | John Barkley | Mammillarias | # 13 |
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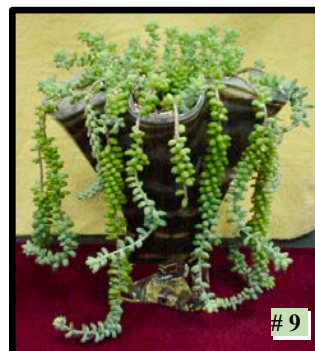
DISH GARDENS

Novice

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|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|------|
| 1 st | Gloria Medina | Mixed plants & other | # 14 |
| 2 nd | Tammy Harmon | Mixed C & S | # 15 |

Advanced

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|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|------|
| 1 st | Russel Ray | Mixed Succulents | # 16 |
| 2 nd | John Barkley | Mammillarias and Rebutia | |



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 with plant names, to Annie at [Secretary](#). Be sure to include your name.



Only three beauties this month. Where are yours? L to R:
~ Mike Nelson's Conophytum
~ Lorie Johansen's Schlumbergera AKA Christmas Cactus
~ Annie Morgan's Kalanchoe thyrsiflora 'Flapjacks'



SAFARI PARK NEWS

By Dee Morgan

It's planting time at the Safari Park's Old World Garden. Many plants that have spent the summer in the greenhouse will be planted over the coming months. Recent additions to the garden include a large *Pachypodium namaquanum* specimen, a yellow-flower Bird of Paradise (*Strelitzia reginae*, or 'Mandela's Gold') and three narrow-leaved Bird of Paradise (*Strelitzia juncea*) plants. In addition, two large bowls of donated euphorbias have been set in place near the walkway.

Several volunteers helped to erect the shade house adjacent to the greenhouse. This additional area allows us to keep many more plants under good conditions for an extended time.

Norb Roden, a volunteer at the Baja Garden, has been hard at work removing wild buckwheat and dodder that have overrun some areas of the garden, as well as cutting back brittle bush.

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.

Description of the photos:
Donated euphorbias newly relocated in the Old World Garden.



25th Annual San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale

Sat. and Sun. January 12th and 13th, 2019 9am to 4pm

(Admissions free with PAID Arboretum Admission)

Los Angeles Arboretum and Botanic Garden
301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, CA

Information: please contact Manny Rivera 626-579-7954, Tom Glavich 626-798-2430, or the Los Angeles County Arboretum at 626-821-3222

Sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society



San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society 2019 Winter Show & Sale



Saturday, February 9th,
Rm 101 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Shop for exotic cactus and succulent
plants and handmade pottery

Spectacular specimen plants
on display at the show

Club members are admitted to the sale
at 9:00 am, for "Members Only Hour"

Open to the Public
www.sdcss.net

Photo: *Agave potatorium* (Oaxaca, Mexico) by Kelly Griffin

Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

The North San Diego County C & S Society

Membership Application

Please ☒ a category

New Member **OR** Renewal

____ Annual Dues w/color email newsletter \$20

____ Each additional Household Member + \$ 5

____ Engraved PCSS Name Badge + \$ 6

Cash ____ Ck ____ CC ____ 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 out check to PCSS - Credit cards accepted at meetings

Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society or PCSS

P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033

Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Peter Walkowiak – President

Brita Miller – Vice President, Meeting Set-up & Take Down,
Show Chair,, Librarian * Event Coordinator

John Barkley – Treasurer

Annie Morgan – Secretary, Program Chair, Print Publicity,
Website, Gift Plants, Business Cards, FB Admin, Newsletter
Editor (paid position)

Francis Granger – Board Member, Member/Guest Ambassador

Mike Nelson – Board Member, Brag Table Points

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OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Vicki Martin – Co-Librarian

Richard Miller – Membership

Kevin Smith – Brag Table

Sandy Wetzel-Smith & Bruce Barry – Refreshments

Brian Magone – Exchange Table

Lorie Johansen – Guest/New Member Ambassador

Chet Reed – Brag Plant Photographer

Russel Ray – Event Photographer, Videos

Nell McChesney – Name Tag Drawing Plants

Libbi Salvo - Meeting Set-up

Dennis Miller - Cash Register at Monthly Meetings



Anyone recognize this guy who's been missing? Ron Chisum sends his apologies for missing two meetings. Seems he got on the boat on the day of our Show/Sale and was lucky enough to catch this beauty. What a catch! We can look forward to hearing some good fishing stories at our Holiday Party!



Here is another beautiful design by Debra Lee Baldwin just in time for the Holidays!
Included is a link to the YouTube video on how to make it.
Just click on the link below and you'll be there!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIwfwMMyfnyY>