

CACTUS COURIER

Newsletter of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society

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March 2014

The Meeting is the **4th** Saturday

MARCH 22, 2014

Park Avenue Community Center

210 Park Ave
Escondido, CA 92025

10am to 4pm



“Spring Member Event”

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday March 22, 2014

10am to 4pm

The last few years we've had a very successful Spring Plant Sale. This year we are going to try something a little different. We have many members who are just starting out, or have been doing it for a while as a relaxing hobby. This month's meeting will have a variety of interactive events.



Some of the activities will be:

• • Member Plant Sale • •

This event is for those of you who have not sold plants and pots, or those who only have a few plants to sell and have no other venue to do so.

Do you have some extra potted plants you would like to share?

We will do the selling for you. All you need to do is bring in clean, rooted, Suitable for Sale plants.

We need LOTS more people to bring in plants!

(Nice pots are always welcome, too!!!)

Or you can donate plants with proceeds going to the Club.

• • Plant Show • •

This Show is primarily for the novice and intermediate and a great dress rehearsal for the October Show. It will be judged like the monthly Brag Plants, except participants will receive double the points.

Bring your favorite plant(s) or dish gardens to show.
There will be someone there to help identify your plants if needed.

The judges will share what makes a plant a good show plant and provide solid, practical information about plant presentation.

Andrew Wilson will be judging Novice and Intermediate plants

Peter Walkowiak will be judging Advanced plants

Please bring a plant or two (maybe three!).

We would love to see plants that are easier to grow and will inspire and encourage the rest of us.

• • Workshops/Ask the Experts • •

Do you have questions about a plant, or need it identified – bring it on in.

We will have workshops on the care and growing of succulents:

- Peter Walkowiak
 - **Staging Plants and Soil Mixes**
- Phyllis Flechsig and Deb Batey (2 workshops)
 - **Repotting and what to do with overgrown, or leggy plants**
 - **General plant questions will be answered**
- Andrew Wilson
 - **What and when to plant plants in the ground**
- Annie Morgan
 - **Dish Gardens**
- Dick Henderson, Peter Walkowiak, and Stan Yalof
 - **Ask the Experts**



• • Would you like to volunteer? • •

We can't do it without you. Remember how much fun we had at last year's Spring Sale?



Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to:

- • • Show plants
- • • Sell plants or pots
- • • Volunteer



Even if you are not sure, but if you think that you might want to show, sell and or volunteer please contact Brita ASAP.



Contact: Brita Miller

eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org



Debra Lee Baldwin

There will be no...

BOARD MEETING • PLANT SALES • BRAG PLANTS • EXCHANGE TABLE

REFRESHMENTS

Gloria Medina

Vicki Broughton

Jean O'Daniel

Teri Shusterman

Kathie Hoxie

Martha Hanson

Patti Nelson

Carol Carrillo

Please plan to bring something to share – it really makes the day more fun!

If you can, please bring Lunch-type items... Potluck!!!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE • MARCH 2014

For the last several years we have had our Spring Plant Sale in March. This year we have added a few more activities to this event to increase involvement for the membership. There will be a mini show to show case your favorite plants; workshops to share knowledge and expertise from our experts; and an opportunity to sell plants you have grown to the public and members. This is one of the fund raising events that we have so that the club can provide all that we do for the membership, speakers, facility rental, picnic, Holiday party, and bus trips. It was decided this year to expand what we do during the Spring Plant sale to increase membership involvement and in the following paragraphs I will go into the details of the new events.

The mini show will be like our brag table that we have every meeting with the exception that points earned will be doubled; there will be more categories to enter in; and finally there will be plants for all first places. The judging will take place from 11am to 12 noon in an open format so that you can hear my reasons for choosing the winners.

There will be a novice and advanced levels in all categories below;

- North American Cactus
- South American Cactus
- Leaf Succulents
- Stem Succulents
- Root Succulents

If you are not sure which category your plant goes in I will be there to help. I will have a separate display table for myself that will not be apart of the judging.

There will be several workshops for the membership held during the day where basic plant knowledge will be shared and questions answered. I will be doing a workshop on soil mix, repotting and staging of your plants at 10am. I will discuss the importance of materials used for a succulent soil mix along with drainage, top dressing, PH of soil and fertilizer.

To bring plants to sell they will need to be double tagged, one with the plant name and the other with your name, symbol, or initials with the price. You can also bring plants to be donated to the club – the label will need to have PCSS on it with the price. If you are going to sell plants, we need you to bring them in **before** 9am. We will have blank labels for you to use as well.

Finally, we all like to eat. We will have a potluck lunch. We need members to bring in a favorite dish to share with everyone. Also we need to have members to volunteer for setup, sales and cleanup. For setup we will start at 8am. For other tasks that you may like to help with contact Brita Miller or Annie Morgan

Peter Walkowiak, President

February Brag Plants

Plant of the Month

Novice to Intermediate

1 st	Mike Nelson	<i>Echinocereus ferreirianus</i> <i>subsp. linsayi</i>
2 nd	John Barkley	<i>Opuntia erinacea</i>

Advanced

1 st	Steve Salley	<i>Fouquieria columnaris</i>
2 nd	Mitch Bahr	<i>Pachycormus discolor</i>
3 rd	Dick Henderson	<i>Fouquieria burragei</i>

Novice to Intermediate Cactus

1 st	Mike Regan	<i>Mammillaria sp.</i>
2 nd	John Barkley	
3 rd	Mike Regan	

Advanced Cactus

1 st	Stan Yalof	<i>Stenocactus sp.</i>
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Novice to Intermediate Succulents

1 st	John Barkley	<i>Pelargonium sp.</i>
2 nd	Robert Kopfstein	<i>Tylecodon paniculatus</i>
2 nd	Lorie Schwartz	<i>Aeonium sp.</i>
3 rd	Vicki Martin	<i>Sedum sp.</i>

Advanced Succulents

1 st	Mitch Bahr	<i>Othonna herrei</i>
2 nd	Dick Henderson	<i>Fouquieria fasciculata</i>
3 rd	Mitch Bahr	<i>Euphorbia milii hybrid</i>

Notable Plant

3 rd	Robert Kopfstein	<i>Pitcairnia erratica</i>
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2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

22 March Member Event – Park Ave. Center

26 April Park Ave. Community Center

17 May Park Ave. Community Center

NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!

28 June Park Ave. Community Center

26 July Park Ave. Community Center

23 August Picnic & Auction SD Botanic Gdn

27 September Park Ave. Community Center

25, 26 October San Diego Botanic Garden **22**

November Park Ave. Community Center

20 December Park Ave. Community Center

NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !



Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033
Membership Application

I/We wish to join/renew membership in the
Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

- ☐ **Single Membership, mailed newsletter - \$25**
☐ **Single Membership, emailed newsletter - \$20**

☐ **Dual Membership, (one address) mailed newsletter - \$30**
☐ **Dual Membership, (one address) emailed newsletter - \$25**

(Half price after June 30th)

There is a **\$5 discount** on the fees if you choose to receive your newsletter by email-only. Save money, leave a small carbon footprint, and reduce Eleanore's workload!

Please **print!** We have to be able to read it!

Email _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make checks payable to:

"Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society"
P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033

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Southern California Events

March 28-30

Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale
Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S State College Blvd,
Anaheim, 562-587-3357
www.occss.org

April 12 & 13

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale
South Coast Botanic Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos
Verdes, 310-378-1953
www.southcoastcss.org

April 27

Huntington Plant Sale
Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino

May 4

South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale
South Coast Botanic Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos
Verdes, 310-833-6823

May 3 & 4

Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale
Veterans Memorial Center, 4117 Overland Ave, Culver City
310-822-1723

May 16 & 17

Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 33rd Show & Sale
450 Alessandro Blvd, Riverside – Details to follow
951-360-8802

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society
42nd Annual Show & Sale
• Beautiful displays
• Expert advice
• 1000s of plants for sale

April 12 – 13, 2014
9 AM to 4 PM
South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula

Entry free with paid admission to garden; adult \$9; senior/student \$6; child 5-12 \$3; under 5 free.
www.southcoastcss.org



If you haven't renewed your membership, this will be your last issue of the "Cactus Courier."



Officers • Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

Peter Walkowiak – President & Program Chair & Show Chair

Brita Miller – Vice-President & Librarian

Annie Morgan – Treasurer

Your Name Here!! – Secretary

Don Nelson – Board Member

Francis Granger – Board Member & Exchange Table

Leon LaFreniere – Board Member

Fran Komarek – Board Member

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Dick Henderson – Garden Representative

Vicki Martin – Assistant Librarian

Tina Zucker – Show & Sale Vendor Coordinator
succulentsus@gmail.com

Bruce Barry – Refreshments & Exchange table

Dennis Miller – Raffle & Plant Sales & Membership Co-Chair

We need an Assistant for the Plant Sales

Eleanore Hewitt – Newsletter & Membership Co-Chair

We still need a **Secretary** to take the minutes. It is a part-time job! Really. And a sit-down one as well!



In the Sonoran desert, scratching post scratches you!



(Café Press)

Dave's Garden

<http://davesgarden.com/>

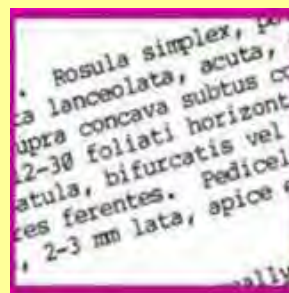
September 10, 2010

You Might Be a Plant Nerd

By Kelli Kallenborn

Since you visit *Dave's Garden*, there is a very good chance that you like plants. But have you ever felt that your fondness for or interest in plants went above and beyond the average? Do you have an obsession that most consider a bit abnormal, maybe even unhealthy? Do you think about plants all of the time? Do you find it impossible to pass up a plant sale? Do you understand the words in the purple box below? Don't look now, but you might be a Plant Nerd.

[...there is no known cure (postmandug)]



Plant nerds do and think things that the rest of the world might think are odd. Here are a few examples.

- You know the scientific names of your weeds.
- Your dream house is a greenhouse.
- You have named pets after plants. You would name your children after plants if your spouse would let you.
- You missed your nephew's christening because it was the same day as the exotic plant sale.
- You have wondered why the Toronto Maple Leafs are the only professional team named after a plant. Why not the Portland Poison Oak or the Denver Ponderosas?



San Diego Wild Animal Vegetable Park

- You tell the travel agent that you don't care so much about the quality of the beach, you want to know about the quality of the botanic garden and nurseries. [see #7 below...]
- You go to the zoo to see the plants.
- You didn't catch any fish but it was a successful trip because you saw five species of plants that you had never seen before.
- You thought that a smart phone was a frivolous luxury, until you learned of the new rare plant locator app.
- You have stood in line for four hours at the botanic garden in order to see the *amorphophallus* flower.
- Your dream vacation is an African safari – plant safari, that is.
- The “swimsuit issue” is okay, but the seed catalogues are the real February eye candy.



Taraxacum officinale, but you knew that...

- You can't remember where you put your birth certificate, but you can remember within a few yards of where on the trail you saw yellow ladyslippers back in 1978.
- An associate says that he is going to Namibia to see the *welwitschias*. Everyone else gives him a blank stare but you are insanely jealous.
- You have told a complete stranger that the ivy at Wrigley Field is not true ivy, it is a relative of the grape.



Wrigley Field

- Your computer passwords are scientific names of plants.*
- You have stopped along the highway (“Emergency stopping only”) to look at or take pictures of an interesting plant.
- You know the difference between cacti and cactuses.
- If you came into some extra money, you would buy a parking lot and turn it into a meadow.
- You took more pictures of the Grand Canyon flora than of the canyon itself.
- You have had dreams where the main subject was a plant or plants.
- You have taken a vacation day so you can go see local wildflowers or a plant show on a weekday when the crowds are smaller.
- You would drive 100 miles out of the way to see a plant you had never seen before.

The most telling thing of all, though, is that if you can relate to this list and have thought of your own additions, then you are a plant nerd. Chances are you have suspected that all along and even glory in it. We think it's great, too. Welcome to the brotherhood and sisterhood of Dave's Garden, where the plant nerds – and the not so nerdy – from around the world can chat and swap ideas, experiences, and sometimes even plants.

* *Don't do that. For security reasons, it is not recommended that words associated with your hobbies be used as passwords.*

Read more:

<http://davesgarden.com/guides/articles/view/2983/#ixzz2dwXdOsNp>

- Every time you go to a nursery to shop, another customer thinks you're an employee and starts asking you questions! Bad thing is, I always answer before realizing they think I'm an employee, and must follow up by saying, 'oh, but I don't work here.' (*dianne99*)
- You feel like you've lost a loved one when the deer eat your hostas. (*postmandoug*)
- You run yelling to your spouse in early spring when you notice the first plants poking through the ground. (*postmandoug*)
- During the heat of summer your water bill is higher than your electric bill. (*postmandoug*)
- Your kitchenware becomes garden tools. (*dahlianut*)
- Your linen closet has nothing in it but frost cloths. (*dahlianut*)
- You wear gumboots all the time. (*dahlianut*)

- You steal your neighbours' leaves in the fall and snow in the winter. (*dahlianut*)
- Christmas is when you find long lost seeds drying under the couch. (*dahlianut*)
- What do we have in our dining room cabinets, maybe tablecloths and the good china? No, seed packets, plant labels, plant food containers, gloves, and plant books. (*kelli*)
- You keep a bucket in the office kitchen to take home coffee grounds for your raspberries. (*katlian*)
- You've asked your veterinarian if you can have a cutting from their mini geranium by the front door. (*katlian*)
- You fantasize about buying the house across the street so you could have an extra garden. (*katlian*)
- You pass a newly planted landscape at your Doctor's new office building and spot weeds growing through the gravel mulch, and have to fight your wanting to pull those weeds! (*HappyJackMom*)
- You are waiting to catch the bus into Seattle to go to the library to do genealogical research and pull the weeds you see growing in the planting bed at the bus stop. Been there, did that! (*HappyJackMom*)

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And from the South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society...

1. If you had the option, you would rather photosynthesize.
2. You buy plants without knowing where you are going to plant them.
3. Discussions with your friends contain as much Latin as English.
4. You worship the Fertilizer, the Sun, and the Holy Spigot.
5. You have on several occasions used a flashlight to garden.
6. The first things that get entered into your monthly planner are events of botanical significance.
7. Whenever you travel somewhere, you first find out where the cool nurseries/public gardens are.
8. You employ a plant sitter while you are away for an extended period of time (>1 week).
9. You have almost as many plants in pots waiting to be planted as you do actually in the ground (see #2).
10. Your reading material in the bathroom consists mainly of nursery catalogs.
11. Your non-gardening friends think you are weird because many of your plant catalogs don't have any pictures.

12. You can't have just one pair of pruners.
13. Some of your plants get more attention than your pets/children/significant others.
14. You have, on occasion, planted things on other people's property or have asked permission to garden on someone else's property.



For those of you who get the Union-Tribune, there was a very interesting and important article in it this past Monday. Many homeowner associations are getting caught in a bind in the drought. The state and counties are urging stricter and stricter water reductions, but most, if not all, HOA covenants have continued to demand green lawns – no excuses.

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/mar/10/tp-homeowner-groups-rethink-landscapes/>

HOMEOWNER GROUPS RETHINK LANDSCAPES

By Deborah Sullivan Brennan

The full article is too long to include in the newsletter, but I urge you to go to the link and take a look at it.

Existing rules “can promote environmentally friendly practices, or in the case of older communities, may serve as an obstacle for greener living,” Andrew Fortin, senior vice president for Associa, wrote in a company newsletter. “The biggest challenge existing communities face is being burdened with rules that no longer fit the contemporary demands or modern residents’ needs.”

“Homeowners are well aware that there’s a drought in the state,” Marjorie Murray [president of the Oakland-based Center for California Homeowner Association Law] said. “They’ve heard about it from the governor and local water districts, and read it on the news. Then in the mail, they get a statement from their HOA saying please take care of your lawn, water it and mow it. So yes, homeowners are between a rock and hard place. They’re between a cactus and a lawn.”

Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, D-San Diego, took up the issue last month with Assembly Bill 2104, which clarifies that people who live in “common interest developments” can plant low-water landscaping without fear of fines. “It makes it clear that HOAs cannot prevent or penalize homeowners for using any form of drought-resistant landscaping,” Gonzalez said.

