

CACTUS COURIER

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The Meeting is the 3rd Saturday

MAY 17, 2014

Park Avenue Community Center

210 Park Ave
Escondido, CA 92025

NOON!!

Come at **11am** if you'd like to buy some of Attila's books – or have him sign yours.



“Future of Succulents in Garden Design”

• • Attila Kapitany • •

“The mind tends to limit succulents to a particular style, and yet imaginative garden designers have in recent years explored the possibilities like never before. Join me on an almost unbelievable visual treat. Who would have thought that succulents could ever be made to look soft and luxuriant in the garden,

mixing succulents with annuals, spring bulbs and under roses?

Also why are succulents popular? You'll be surprised at my ideas and findings...

Some say succulents are a fad that's going to fade... I'll prove them wrong!” [Attila Kapitany]

Attila Kapitany is an internationally renowned cactus and succulent enthusiast. He will be speaking on **The Future of Succulents in Garden Design**. Attila has served as president of the Cactus & Succulent Society of Australia for 10 years, and has 30 years experience growing and marketing cacti and succulents. He is a prominent member of the horticultural media in Australia, writing regularly in magazines, journals and newspapers and promoting succulent plants.

Attila is co-founder and developer of the well-known **Collectors Corner** and **Paradisia Nurseries**, where his interests focused on the breeding, cultivating and marketing of rare and unusual plants. He has traveled extensively to plant habitats around the world and has amassed possibly one of the largest collections of (mostly seed-raised) plants in Australia.

Attila has co-written seven books with Rudolf Schulz about succulents, with an eighth book, a solo effort on Australian native species. His most recent publications are a series of booklets on xerophytic Australian plants. **Attila will have books to sell at the meeting. If you already have one of his books, feel free to bring it and have him sign it.**

Come early to get your book signed, then find a seat and hear how Australian succulents (and others!) can be used in the future in garden design.

While I was looking for photos for this issue, I came across a [YouTube video](#) of an interview in his garden. I **STRONGLY** urge you to watch it! It is an excellent overview of Attila and Michelle Kapitany's garden philosophy. (And it's lovely, too!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T27q1Z6D4ko>

There is also a very good article from the Sydney Morning Herald that discusses their garden:

<http://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/homestyle/champion-flora-of-the-desert-20140220-332fe.html>



PLANT SALES • BRAG PLANTS

*No Board Meeting or Exchange Table this month...
... The Library will not be out, but you can certainly return your books.*



REFRESHMENTS

Beth Bradsher

Shelly Oliver

Lorie Johansen

Vicki Broughton

Patti Nelson

Sandy Wetzel-Smith

Because Attila is a special speaker, we are expecting extra people at the meeting.

Please plan to bring something extra to share – it really does make the day more social and fun!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • MAY 2014

We have an extraordinary speaker this month **Attila Kapitany** will be our guest speaker, and will present the **"Future of Succulents in Garden Design."** He is presenting "Australian Succulents" for the San Diego Club on May 11th. He is a very entertaining speaker – I recommend that you see both presentations. The San Diego Club meets in Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 101. I have seen him at the last two CSSA conventions. Fantastic!!!! I quote, "**The best speaker we have ever had.**" He will have books for sale, and will be happy to sign your copies.

In July on **Saturday the 19th** there is the **Palomar Water Wise Event** at Palomar College. There will be many displays that celebrate and demonstrate low-water plants. We would like volunteers to man an information table – more details will be forthcoming.

For those who wish to attend the **CSSA Show and Sale** at the Huntington on June 28, 29, & 30, you must get a pass from **Brita Miller** to get in free, otherwise you will have to pay an entrance fee this year. This is due to ongoing construction being done to create a new meeting hall and upgrade other facilities at the entrance of the gardens. This should be completed for next year's show and sale. I will keep you informed on the progress and any changes that may occur for 2015.

If anyone needs to contact me email at hciservices@gmail.com

Peter Walkowiak, President

Plant of the Month

• • Large Euphorbias • •

By Erik Grongborg



You probably all had some poinsettias during Christmas. When you look at the gardens in your neighborhood you are likely to see a number of Sticks On Fire And Candelabra trees are sticking up everywhere. They are all Euphorbias.

The genus *Euphorbia* is huge, with more than 2000 species all over the world. About 850 species are succulents. What defines a *Euphorbia*? One, they all produce a white latex, which

often can be a skin irritant, and at times and for some people is very toxic, just ask Andrew Wilson. Two, most flowers in the plant world have both male and female parts, but *Euphorbias* have unisexual flowers, that is separate male and female flowers on the same inflorescence. They are small flowers in a unique cluster called a Cyathium. Three, unlike cacti which have spines growing from areoles, spines or thorns on *Euphorbias* are modified stipules, usually in pairs, or dried remnants of peduncles, the flowering stalks, mostly growing in long rows along the edges of the angular branches.

I will show *Euphorbias* which are too large to bring to the meeting. I took all the photographs in the San Diego area, many in my garden, so it will be mostly the more common species which can easily be found growing here. In my own garden I counted 17, and I used to have four more large species.

To establish some order I have organized them into three groups:

1. *Euphorbias* with thorns either candelabra or large bushes.
2. Bundles of sticks without thorns.
3. *Euphorbias* with permanent leaves.



The PCSS website is coming along nicely!

Our Consultant should have it up with a couple of weeks. There are a few things we are looking for:

1. **PHOTOS!!** Lots of photos! We would like to have many galleries of people's gardens, Palomar Garden, other botanical gardens, Plant Shows, CSSA Conventions, PCSS parties & picnics, meetings, speakers, field trips... anything you took pictures of. Please send them to Eleanore with a note of permission to use them online.
2. **NEWSLETTERS.** You wouldn't think it, but we do not have a proper archive of our newsletters. If you have any older than 2005, please loan them to Eleanore to scan so we can include them on the website. I promise we'll return them in good condition.

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"
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2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

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 !!

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

Dick Henderson – Garden Representative

Vicki Martin – Assistant Librarian

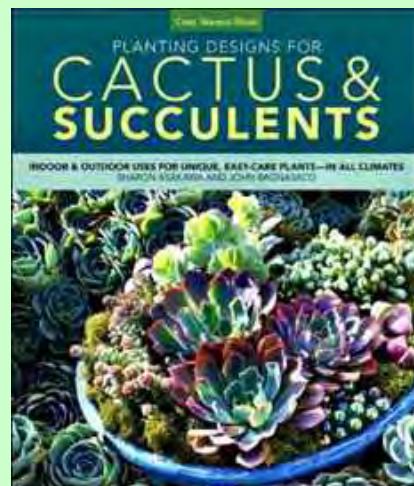
Tina Zucker – Show & Sale Vendor Coordinator

Bruce Barry – Refreshments & Exchange Table

Dennis Miller – Raffle & Plant Sales

We need an Assistant for the Plant Sales

Eleanore Hewitt – Newsletter & Membership Chair



We still need a **Secretary** to take the minutes.

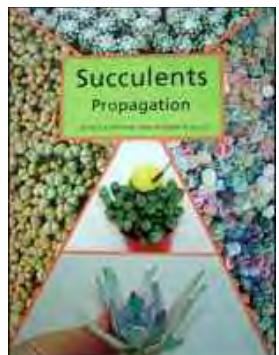
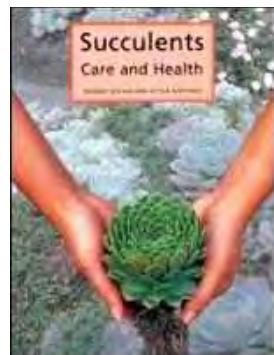
It is a part-time job! Really.

And a sit-down one as well!

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Stuck on You! Indoor and Outdoor Projects with Succulents

Monday, May 12, 2014

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Surfside Race Place at the Del Mar Fairgrounds

Members - Free

Non-Member Guests - \$15

(Pay at meeting check-in)

Crazy for cacti? Sweet on succulents? Fuel your passion with all-new designs and projects that will captivate the imagination of gardeners of all ages. Discussing information and ideas from her new book, Sharon Asakawa will share their excitement of weirdly wonderful collectors choices as well as some easy and elegant project plans with designer Robyn Foreman.

Planting Designs for Cactus and Succulents will be available for purchase and signing by the authors.



Waterwise Botanicals, established in 2010, is a 20+ acre wholesale/retail nursery located in the rolling hills of Escondido, in North County San Diego. Just off Interstate-15 northwest of the highway at 32183 Old Hwy 395 Escondido, CA 92026



THE 2ND ANNUAL SUCCULENT CELEBRATION AT WATERWISE BOTANICALS JUNE 6-7

www.waterwisebotanicals.com

32183 Old Hwy 395
Escondido, CA 92026
760-728-2641

For more information contact: **Mikayla Taylor**
mikayla@waterwisebotanicals.com

North San Diego County's Waterwise Botanicals nursery will host the spectacular two-day event, Succulent Celebration, on Friday and Saturday, June 6 -7, 2014.

This one of a kind event in Southern California celebrates the versatility, sustainability, and beauty of succulents. Come to Waterwise Botanicals to enjoy a kaleidoscope of color, creation, and education on drought tolerant landscaping, and living art at its best.

Also featured is the exciting reinvention of Garden Design magazine and its creators.

The superior lineup of speakers includes best-selling author and photojournalist Debra Lee Baldwin; plant explorer and hybridizer Kelly Griffin of Altman Plants; Peter Loyola of Oceanside's Succulent Café; Robyn Stockwell, owner of Succulent Gardens in Northern California, and Tom Jesch of Waterwise Botanicals.

All are invited to experience "the best garden event of the year" with acres of nursery and display gardens to explore, hands-on workshops, a grand assortment of succulents and low-water plants for sale, the chance to speak with industry experts, arts and crafts vendors with succulent-themed gifts, food trucks and more.

Hours 9:00am to 5:00pm both days. Free parking and admission. Event details can be seen at:

www.succulentcelebration.com



San Diego Bromeliad Society 2014 Show & Sale

Saturday & Sunday, June 28th & 29th

10 am to 4 pm

Casa del Prado, Room 101
Balboa Park

http://www.bsi.org/webpages/san_diego.html



PCSS member **Steve Toth** has a number of plants to share with the Club. He has a bunch of very tall potted plants, both cactus and succulents, that he would like to give away. You will probably need a pickup truck, and maybe a helper, too!

You need to contact him before the middle of May. Contact Eleanore for details.



• • 2014 • • Southern California Events

May 16 & 17

Gates C&SS 33rd Show and Sale, Fri & Sat 9am-4:30pm, Landscapes Southern California Style, 450 Alessandro Blvd., Riverside; info: 951-360-8802.

May 17 & 18

Long Beach C&SS Plant Show and Sale, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm, Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach; Info: 310-922-6090, www.lbccs.org

June 6 & 7

Waterwise Botanicals, 2nd Annual Succulent Celebration, 9am-5pm, Escondido, CA, 760-728-2641, www.SucculentCelebration.com

June 7 & 8

San Diego C&SS, Summer Show & Sale, Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA; info: 858-382-1797, www.sdcss.net

June 14 & 15

Los Angeles C&SS Drought Tolerant Plant Show and Sale, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-3:30, Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino CA, info. Email www.lacss-show.com

June 27-29

CSSA Annual Show & Sale, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino CA, 626-405-2160 or 2277, Sales: Friday-Sunday, Show: Saturday & Sunday, free to public

June 28 & 29

San Diego Bromeliad Society Show & Sale, Balboa Park, www.bsi.org/webpages/san_diego.html



<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/apr/04/tp-hoa-landscape-rules-bill-clears-assembly/>

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HOA LANDSCAPE RULES BILL CLEARS ASSEMBLY

Sacramento —

Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez's legislation to grant members of homeowners associations the right to plant drought-resistant landscaping is on its way to the state Senate.

The Democrat's measure easily cleared the Assembly Thursday, 74-1.

"Homeowners who want to act responsibly in these times of water insecurity should be rewarded — not penalized, sued or fined by their HOAs," Gonzalez said.

The measure, which comes when the state is in the grips of a deep drought, "is an effort to remind the entire state that brown is beautiful," she added.

Gonzalez's Assembly Bill 2104 aims to plug a hole in existing law regarding so-called common-interest developments.

When the Legislature previously limited the control homeowner associations have over landscaping, some governing boards acted to circumvent the law by declaring lawns as part of the complex's architectural design and thus were free to retain authority over what residents can plant — even during droughts.

The new legislation clarifies that HOAs must permit drought-resistant landscaping regardless of long-standing policies.

The lone no vote came without comment from Assemblyman Tim Donnelly, R-Twin Peaks, a candidate for governor.

Gov. Jerry Brown has not taken a position on the bill, but he has generally pushed for more conservation mandates.

Residential outdoor landscaping accounts for 35 percent of all urban water use, according to the state Department of Water Resources. The San Diego County Water Authority estimates that more than half of residential water use in the region goes to gardens and lawns.

Michael Gardner • U-T





Jim Duggan Flower Nursery

<http://www.thebulbman.com/>

Jim is in the process of closing his California-based nursery, of which the bulb business is part. He plans to offer bulbs one more year. The next and last Mail Order Season will be an abbreviated one. Bulbs will be available in June of 2014 only.

This is an extraordinary resource that will be much missed. The catalog links from the website above. We don't know what will still be available, but we urge you to look at it.

Contact him at:
jimsflowers@thebulbman.com
or write to
Jim Duggan Flower Nursery
P.O. Box 987
Solana Beach, CA 92075



A lab found a genetic marker in an *Opuntia* that did not express anything but that repeated itself across different genera:

- Ha! ...said the Scientist; at last we have a common anchorpoint.
- Ha! ...said the Taxonomist; I've always known they were all *Opuntia*.
- Ha! ...said the Botanist, finely they've managed to lump everything.
- Ha! ...said the Amateur; I've always said they didn't know what they were talking about.



"Cactus and Succulent Care"

with Dick Henderson & Susan Snow

Saturday, July 19th, 2014

9:00 am – Noon

Meet outside the Cactus & Succulent Garden Gate

The workshop is free and open to the Public.

Please park in Parking Lot 14.

(Free parking for attendees.)

Sponsored by the Friends of the Palomar College Arboretum

<http://www.palomar.edu/arboretum>



Dick Henderson, VP of the Friends of the Palomar College Arboretum

Susan Snow



The Cactus and Succulent Garden, located at Comet Circle Drive and Mission Road, offers about 3,000 varieties of plants from around the world. The workshop includes a tour of the garden, a discussion of the use and history of the plants and the basics of succulent plant care. Participants will take cuttings of "easy to grow" succulents, pot them, and take their plants home with them.

For more information about the workshop: call Mr. Henderson at 760-480-4181

Or email Dick Henderson: 37chinesedog@gmail.com

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(Tony Rangel, President of the Friends of the Palomar College Arboretum)



"How do you know you're a farmer wannabe?" Her answer: When you move, you take your compost pile with you.

– from Dirt du Jour