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CACTUS COURIER

Newsletter of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society

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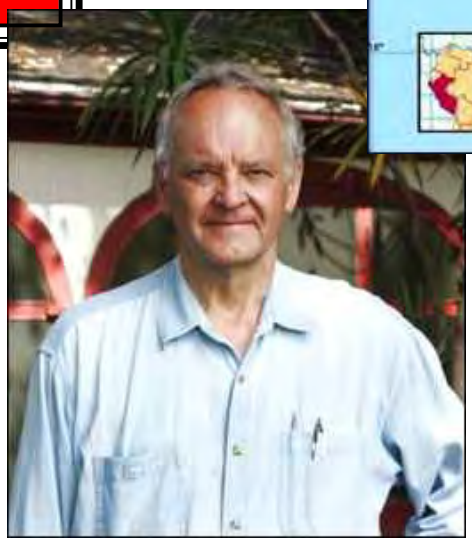
The Meeting is the **4th** Saturday

JUNE 28, 2014

Park Avenue Community Center

210 Park Ave
Escondido, CA 92025

NOON!!



"On the Cacti Trail in Southern Peru"

• • Gary Duke • •

Master Grower **Gary Duke** has been President of the Dayton club (which he started, although it doesn't exist anymore), the Albuquerque, South Coast and Long Beach clubs. He is a retired Air Force Officer with a doctoral degree in physics. He's grown cacti in Illinois, Nebraska, Ohio, California, Alabama and New Mexico. He currently works for Scitor as a consultant for the Air Force. He's an avid collector of cacti and has enjoyed it as a hobby since he was 10 years old. Although cacti are

his favorites (Woody Minnich calls his collection of 500-600 plants "eclectic"), his favorite succulents are Dudleyas and Tylecodons.

There will a lot of pictures of the tall columnar cacti not commonly seen in the states, but a lot of the small globular ones as well. Some cultural pics, a bit more on farming methods and a few scenic pics, and of course a couple on Machu Pichu.

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BOARD MEETING • PLANT SALES • BRAG PLANTS • EXCHANGE TABLE

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REFRESHMENTS

To no one's surprise, that elusive Refreshment Sheet has escaped… again…
It has apparently found yet another new a "safe place" to hide!
(If anyone knows where, please contact Your Friendly Editor!)

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE •• JUNE 2014

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 **Annie Morgan** 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.

On **Saturday, July 19th** there is the **Palomar College 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.

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

Peter Walkowiak, President

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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

Plant of the Month

•• Rebutia ••

Rebutia is a genus in the family Cactaceae, native to Bolivia and Argentina. They are generally small, colorful cacti, globular in form, which freely produce flowers that are relatively large in relation to the body. They have no distinctive ribs, but do have regularly arranged small tubercles. They are considered fairly easy to grow and they may produce large quantities of seeds that germinate freely around the parent plant.

The limits of the genus are currently uncertain – in particular whether or not it includes species formerly or currently placed in the genera *Aylostera*, *Cintia*, *Sulcorebutia* and *Weingartia*. The number of species included varies widely from source to source. A very large number of plants that have been treated in cultivation as species of *Rebutia* are now generally regarded as varieties, forms or synonyms of a much smaller number of species.

The genus was designated in 1895 by Karl Moritz Schumann and named after Pierre Rebut (1828–1898), a French cactus nurseryman.

[Wikipedia]

April Plant of the Month and Brag Plants

PoM – Novice

Don Nelson — *Opuntia cholla*

PoM – Advanced

1st John Barkley — *Opuntia erinacea*
2nd Richard Henderson — *Opuntia erectoclada*
3rd John Barkley — *Opuntia sp.*

Advanced Cactus

1st Phyllis Flechsig — *Copiapoa cinerea*
1st Peter Tashjian — *Pereskia grandiflora var. violacea*
2nd Richard Henderson — *Melocactus azureus*
3rd Richard Henderson — *Matucana pujupatii*
3rd John Barkley — *Rhipsalis* sp.

Novice to Intermediate Succulent

1st Robert Kopfstein — *Tylecodon bucholziana*
2nd Larry Mummey — *Euphorbia caput medusa*
2nd Don Nelson — *Yucca whipplei* – seed grown

Advanced Succulent

1st Phillis Flechsig — *Aloe dorotheae*
1st Richard Henderson — *Euphorbia setispina*
2nd Mitch Bahr — *Cyphostemma hybrid*
2nd Phyllis Flechsig — *Sinningia leucotricha*
3rd Richard Henderson — *Euphorbia obesa*
3rd Richard Henderson — *Euphorbia symmetrica*

May Plant of the Month and Brag Plants

Novice to Intermediate Cactus

1st Mike Regan — *Notocactus*
2nd Deborah Pearson — Un-named cactus

Novice to Intermediate Succulent

1st Vicki Martin — *Aloe* Hybrid "Lavendar Star"

Advanced Cactus

1st John Barkley — *Echinocereus rubispinus*
2nd Dick Henderson — *Ariocarpus fissuratus*
3rd John Barkley — Un-named cactus

Advanced Succulent

1st Richard Henderson — *Fockea edulis*
2nd Mitch Bahr — *Sarcocaulon vanderietiae*
2nd Mitch Bahr — *Fouquieria purpisii*
3rd Ron Chisum — *Sansevieria phillipsiae* from Uganda

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.

Officers • Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

Peter Walkowiak – President & Program Chair & Show Chair

Brita Miller – Vice-President & Librarian

Annie Morgan – Treasurer

Lorie Johansen & Francis Granger – Temporary Secretaries

Don Nelson – Board Member

Francis Granger – Board Member & Exchange Table

Leon LaFreniere – Board Member

Your Name Here!! – 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 & Gloria Medina
Refreshments & Exchange Table

Dennis Miller – Raffle & Plant Sales

We need an Assistant for the Monthly Plant Sales

Eleanore Hewitt – Newsletter & Membership Chair

Lorie Johansen and Francis Granger have offered to take the Board minutes, but would **happily** let someone else do the job!
Remember, it is a sit-down job…

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

2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

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 !

The difference between Plant Collectors and Plant Growers…

- Collectors like rare plants…
- Growers like plants which grow…
- Collectors like large mature *Ariocarpus* and the like…
- Growers like seedling *Ariocarpus* and like to watch them develop…
- Collectors seldom over-water…
- Growers love to water…
- Collectors grow plants 'hard'…
- Growers grow some plants hard and others lush, often to see how things will develop…
- Collectors have a preferred potting mix, often of secret composition…
- Growers tinker around with mixes and will often have several of the same plants in different mixes…
- Collectors like square pots, usually kept close together…
- Growers like all kinds of pots…
- Collectors seldom enter shows…
- Growers love shows, or would like to enter but are too worried that their plants are not good enough…
- Collectors talk about field numbers, varieties, subspecies…
- Growers often talk about potting mixes, diseases and bugs..
- Collectors often claim they do not have mealie bugs ... they are blind, liars, or both…
- Growers fuss with plants…
- Collectors amass plants…

…Which are you? …

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Southern California Events

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

July 19
Palomar College Water Wise Event, 9am-Noon, 1140 West Mission Rd, San Marcos, CA; Info: 760-480-4181 www.palomar.edu/arboretum

July 25-27
Orange County C&SS Summer Show & Sale, Fri. & Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. Noon-4pm, 1000 S. State College Blvd, (Anaheim United Methodist Church), Anaheim; Info: 949-212-8417; http://www.occss.org/

August 9 & 10
29th Annual Intercity Show & Sale at the LA County Arboretum, 9am-5pm daily, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA; Info: Tom Glavich 626-798-2430

August 30
Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium, all day at the Huntington, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino
http://www.huntington.org/

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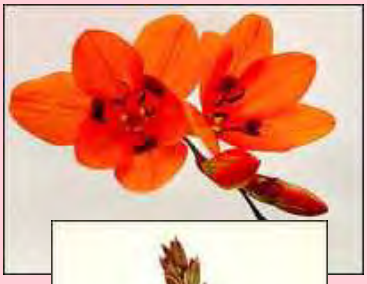

Jim Duggan Flower Nursery
http://www.thebulbman.com/

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

Liō by Mark Tatulli

Agave

by Nels Christianson, Sunset C&SS
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draped in purple phacelia
you remind me
this is the easy part
and I know by your gray skin
thick and new to the newest point
you have grown lush this winter

today you are a star in the desert
watered, turgid, festooned in purple
and your own brilliance
making and
changing the light of a galaxy of spines

yet vestiges of former leaves
ravaged by summers past
now hug the ground
like old hard men
wanting to disappear into the earth

you have walked with difficulty
through the long sun season
when the dried sheaths of earlier wildflowers
offered only thin shade
to your desiccating leaves
and so scarred
you also carry the mark of drought

in this place of sand and rock
you live by occasional rain
your inheritance
rooted to the planet
and you, like the wandering tortoise are
brother to the roving shark
and tough skinned elephant
brother to the bristlecone
alive two thousand years

hold tight to your chosen home, agave
prosper in this unique spot
hold aloft your thorny face
like no other

This picture just tickled me!
I looked up the comparative cost of the plant…

George Lindsay, well-known cactophile, served as a combat cinematographer with the Fourth Combat Camera Unit of the 9th Army Air Force. George was surprised and pleased to find potted cacti for sale in Paris, France in the spring of 1945. The Opuntia in the background was priced at $25.

$25 in 1945 translates to $324.88 in 2014 dollars!!!

49th CSSA Annual Show and Sale
JUNE 27-29, 2014

Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA.

Free admission for CSSA Members and C&S Society Members

NOTE to C&S Club Members:
You must wear your club name tag!

Early-Bird Plant Sale: Friday, Noon–4:30
Show and Sale: Sat. 10:30 to 4:30
Sun. 10:30 to 4:00

Hundreds of award-winning plants will be on view as the Cactus and Succulent Society of America presents its 49th annual show and sale. Rare specimens from around the world will be showcased, including plants native to Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Botswana, Madagascar, and the Middle East. The juried competition will also include categories for photography, paintings, crafts, and dish gardens. Plants and related items will be available for sale both days, with an early-bird plant sale Friday, noon–4:30 p.m. Friends' Hall.

NOTE: The location of the Show has been changed to the Botanical Center (#4 on the HBG map) which is NE of the Conservatory and Children's Garden. Cacti will be displayed in Banta Hall (along with the Membership & Information Tables) and Succulents will be found in the Ahmanson Classroom. The Annual meeting will be in Danner Conference Room and the Annual Dinner will be in the Atrium which is located downstairs.

The Cactus and Succulent Society of America was founded in 1929. The society is dedicated to the study, cultivation and propagation of cacti and succulent plants. The society has also been active in the goal of the dissemination of information and conservation of the plants worldwide. Members enjoy a bi-monthly journal and newsletter. Please visit our website at: www.cssainc.org

More Photos:
https://plus.google.com/photos/113320971979978781657/albums/5489171223984993665?banner=pwa

"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

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. ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!***

For more information about the workshop, or how to volunteer contact Dick.

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

Friends of the Palomar College ARBORETUM

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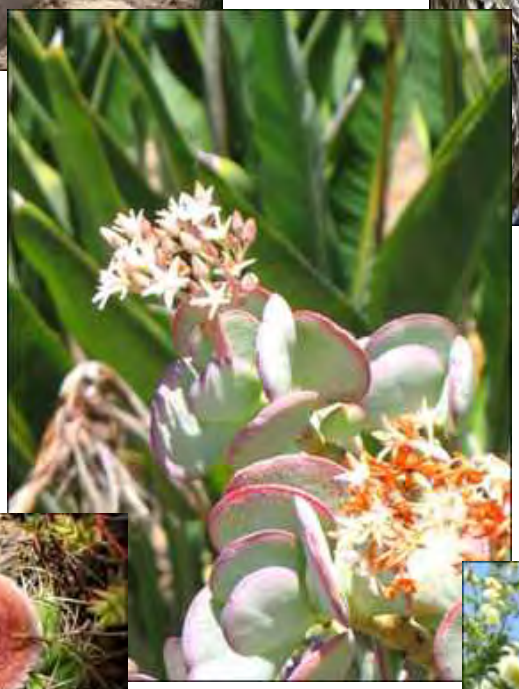
Vicki Broughton just sent me some new photos of the Palomar Cactus Garden! For those of us Old Timers *(how did <u>that</u> happen?),* the Club managed the Garden for years. Now, **Dick Henderson** handles the bulk of the work by himself. You should contact him and make arrangements to see what's going on. The Garden loves company!!