

# CACTUS COURIER

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The Meeting is the 4th Saturday

**AUGUST 22, 2015**

**San Diego Botanic Garden**

*(Formerly known as Quail Gardens)*  
230 Quail Gardens Drive  
Encinitas, CA 92024

**Setup Starting at 10:30 am**

**Lunch at 11:30 am**

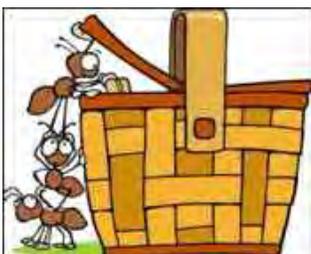
**Auction at 12:45 pm**

**Cleanup Starting 1:30 pm**

**Picnic Time!!!**



Summer is here with a vengeance! The temperature is soaring in Escondido and parts east!  
Come on over to the Coast where the weather is guaranteed to be nicer than Escondido!



We'll be meeting at the...

**San Diego Botanic Garden**



...in Encinitas (*sorry, I still think of it as Quail Gardens!*). We'll not, repeat **NOT** be in the Ecke Building. Look for signs. Go north of the parking lot to...



The people at the ticket kiosk will be checking our membership list, so you better make sure you're up-to-date! Let Leon or Annie know if you need to pay your membership.

**We are invited to take advantage of the Garden from as early as 10 am until 5 pm.**

**Come and tour to your heart's content.**

**Take the time to explore the beautiful grounds and artwork.**

If you need assistance getting to the Lawn House, or taking your food and/or plants down the driveway, please call Brita in advance. We will provide shuttle help as needed.

***WE MAY NOT LEAVE OUR CARS DOWN THERE!!***

We are planning one of our excellent Potluck Lunches™, so please bring a dish to share: munchies, salads, main dishes, desserts, etc... One of my favorite remarks about the Club has to do with how well we eat (*we are Pros!*), and the summer meeting certainly proves this. Bring enough for 6-8 people. The Club will supply plates, utensils, napkins, etc. and some liquid refreshment, and the Garden will be sharing sunshine and fabulous plants.

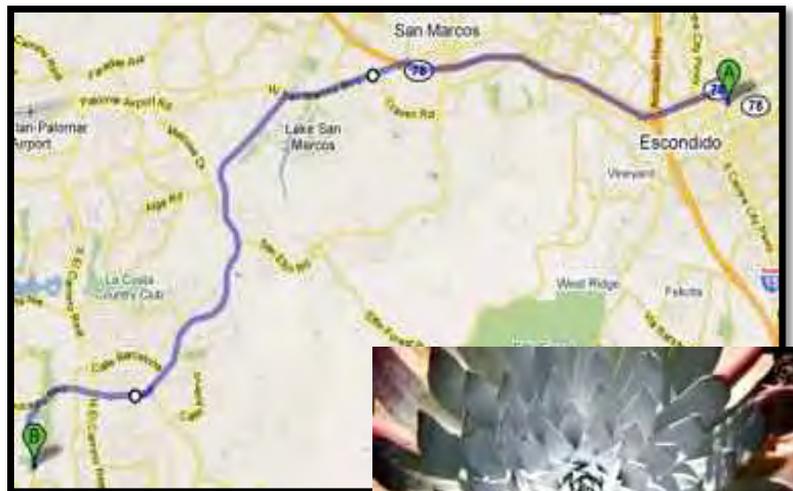
There will be a **Plant Auction** to raise money for the Botanic Garden. They are wonderful hosts and very generous to us. Please help us support them. If you have a special plant or lovely pot, consider donating it towards this effort. The standard process is the seller earns 70% of the winning bid – 30% will go to the Garden. Or you may donate 100% to the Garden.

### Directions:

Driving directions to **San Diego Botanic Garden** starting at the Park Avenue Community Center, 210 Park Ave, Escondido via the 78, West San Marcos Blvd, S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd, and Olivenhain Rd.

16 miles

- Head north on N. Broadway toward E. Mission Ave. Turn left (west) onto State Route 78
- Take exit #12 for San Marcos Blvd
- Turn left at the light onto W. San Marcos Blvd
- Turn left (west) onto S. Rancho Santa Fe Road (this becomes Olivenhain Rd)
- Continue west on Olivenhain Rd (*this becomes Leucadia Blvd at El Camino Real*)
- Continue west on Leucadia Blvd
- Turn left (south) at Quail Gardens Drive
- Turn right (west) at the Ecke Ranch Rd at the Garden sign →
- **From the coast, take the 5 to Encinitas Blvd inland (east) & go left on Quail Gardens Dr.**
- **Turn left (west) at the Ecke Ranch Rd at the Garden sign →**



Our picnic is just around the corner, and due to limited space we need to confirm who and how many are coming to this year's event. In past years we've had about 30 people attend, but since our club has grown and become more active we figure more will be coming this year.

**If you're planning on coming and have not yet signed up, or if you have any questions, please contact Brita.**

Here is the list of those who have signed up so far:

**Main Dish**

- Peter Walkowiak – BBQ chicken drumsticks
- Sandy Wetzel-Smith – Tortilla Soup
- Nancy Dunn –
- Gloria Medina –



**Side Dish & Salads**

- Julie Slater – Baked Beans
- Jim Anderson – Clam Chowder
- Kevin Smith – Waldorf Salad
- Phyllis Flechsig – Fruit Salad
- Evelyn Voth – Salad
- Kathie Hoxsie –



**Desserts**

- Betty Meredith – Cookies
- Linda Schmalfeldt – Sheet Cake
- Annie Morgan – Pecan Pie
- Jenna Schultz –



**Appetizers**

- Brita Miller – Veggie sticks, fruit
- Karen Warner –



**Drinks**

- Brita Miller – Bottled water
- Neila Rybicki –
- Isabel Hernandez –



**Wow – 21 New Members!  
Welcome!**

**We are so happy to meet so many of you.**

Normally our meetings are half the size of July's, so it's much less crowded and easier to get to the various tables. You should have received an email titled PCSS Meeting Highlights, which covers all the basics of what's going on at each meeting. Contact Annie Morgan if you missed it. Please feel free to ask any Board Member if you ever have questions about the club.

**Hope to see you at our next meeting!**

There will be **NO**... BRAG PLANTS or EXCHANGE TABLE this month...

Canceled due to Good Weather!

All Picnic, all the time!!!



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, what a great meeting! By far the largest attendance we have ever had, and many new members signed up. What a great presentation Debra Lee Baldwin did about using succulent plants in our landscapes instead of high water use and maintenance ones. To pull off this meeting without a hitch took considerable amount of planning in anticipation of having a much larger meeting than normal. The biggest problem was the room layout, fitting in a much larger audience plus still including all of our regular stuff. Thanks to Brita for all her preplanning, and also to Annie and Leon who were also key in making everything run smoothly. Again, thanks to Debra for all the new members and a great presentation.

Our Annual Show and Sale is just around the corner in October. Now is the time to start choosing plants you want to enter and get them ready to show off. Novices – we really want you to enter! Annie Morgan, assisted by Brita Miller, will be doing a pre-meeting workshop at 11:00am before our September meeting to discuss entering plants as a Novice, going over the procedures and answering your questions. You will be able to bring plants you have questions about.

Our next meeting is our Annual Potluck Picnic at the San Diego Botanic Garden in Encinitas. If you did not sign up at the meeting please contact Brita so you can be added to the list, and you can let her know what dish you will be bringing. Don't forget your name badge if you have one to help check into the garden. If you do not have a badge the entry booth will have a membership list – just tell them your name and be prepared to show ID. Entrance fee is waived for members that day and in return you get great company, delicious food, and you can visit the gardens for the whole day. In addition there will be a **Succulent Auction** held after the meal. (ALL the proceeds will go to the San Diego Botanic Garden!) If you have a nice plant, or other garden-related item, that you would like to sell or donate bring it along. You may keep 70% of the auction price or donate 100% to the garden. I like to think of it as a plant swap, I bring plants that I have more than one of and then buy a new plant that I did not have, but desired. This is a fun event so I hope to see many of you there.

**Peter Walkowiak**  
President

### 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

**22 August** Picnic & Auction at San Diego Botanic Garden in Encinitas

**26 September** Park Ave. Community Center

**24, 25 October** San Diego Botanic Garden (*Quail*)

**21 November** Park Ave. Community Center

**NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!**

**19 December** Park Ave. Community Center

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### July Brag Plants



#### NOVICE SUCCULENTS

1<sup>st</sup> Jeannie Zonana *Echeveria*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chet Reed *Euphorbia milii*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jeannie Zonana *Euphorbia francoissi*

#### INTERMEDIATE SUCCULENTS

1<sup>st</sup> Brita Miller *Echeveria pulvinata*  
1<sup>st</sup> Robert Kopfstein *Dyckia 'Brittle Star'*  
1<sup>st</sup> Robert Kopfstein *Didierea madagascariensis*  
1<sup>st</sup> Robert Kopfstein *Dyckia dawsonii* x *D. fosteriana*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brita Miller *Echeveria etna*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Don Nelson *Echeveria*  
3<sup>rd</sup> John Tashjian *Aloe*

**ADVANCED SUCCULENTS**

1st Ron Chisum *Eulophia petersii*

**NOVICE CACTUS**

1st Jerry Kahn *Copiapoa hypogaea*  
2nd Beverly Ficuciello *Echinocereus echinatum*  
2nd Jerry Kahn *Astrophytum myriostigma*

**INTERMEDIATE CACTUS**

1st Don Nelson *Echinocactus hybrid*  
1st Robert Kopfstein *Copiapoa tenuissima*  
2nd Robert Kopfstein *Copiapoa hypogaea*  
3rd Robert Kopfstein *Pterocactus tuberosus*

**NOVICE DISH GARDEN**

1st Jerry Kahn  
2nd Chet Reed *Austrocylindropuntia vestita cristata/Mammillaria gracilis*

**ADVANCED DISH GARDEN**

1st Phyllis Flechsig



**Officers • Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society**

**Peter Walkowiak – President & Program Chair & Show Chair**

**Brita Miller – Vice-President & Event Coordinator**

**Leon LaFreniere – Treasurer**

**Annie Morgan – Secretary & Website & Publicity**

**Francis Granger – Board Member & Exchange Table**

**Mike Nelson – Board Member**

**Carol McAllister – Board Member**



**Fran Komarek – Librarian**

**Vicki Martin – Assistant Librarian**

**Tina Zucker – Show & Sale Vendor Coordinator**

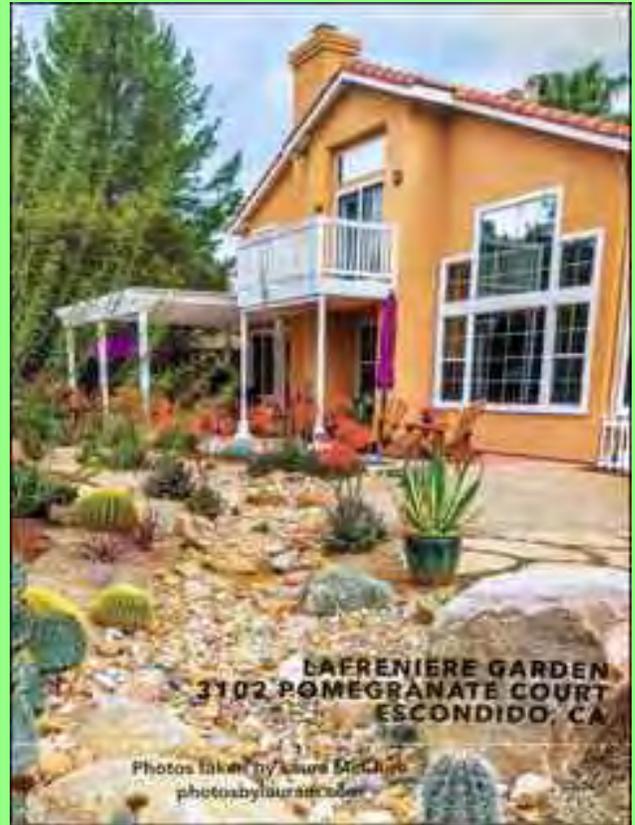
**Bruce Barry & Sandy Wetzel-Smith – Refreshments**

**Dennis Miller – Benefit Drawing & Plant Sales**

**Misplaced Book!**

Susan & Leon LaFreniere brought a couple of copies of the book *chronicling the transformation of their garden* for our members to enjoy.

If you accidentally picked it up, please contact Susan.



**Room to Grow!**

One of our members is offering rental land/space for propagation, storage, or enjoyment of cactus and succulents on private property located in south-west Escondido

(5 minutes off the 15 by Lake Hodges).

Contact Linda Schmalfeldt for details if interested.

## Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

The North San Diego County C&S Club

### *Membership Application*

Membership: Please ✓ a category:

New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

*There is a \$10 charge if you receive your newsletter by U.S. Mail  
Save a tree, and \$10!*

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Membership \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Members + \$5

\_\_\_\_\_ Printed Newsletter sent by U.S. Mail + \$10

\_\_\_\_\_ Engraved PCSS Name Badge + \$6

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT! We must be able to read it!**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Bring form & check or cash to a meeting, or mail it in*

Make checks payable to:

**Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society (or PCSS)**

P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033



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## **Southern California Events**

### September 5

Succulent Symposium  
Huntington Botanical Gardens  
1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA  
[www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org)

### September 6

Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction  
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd, Long Beach, CA  
[www.lbcss.org/](http://www.lbcss.org/)

### October 24, 25

Palomar Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale  
San Diego Botanic Gardens  
230 Quail Gardens Rd, Encinitas, CA

### November 7, 8

San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale  
LA County Arboretum, 301 S. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA  
<http://www.sgvcss.com/>





## ***Brag Plant Photos Update***

In the excitement of adding new categories to our Brag Plants, we got ahead of ourselves. We realized that, for now, we have too many categories to manage.

We now have two:

- Photos of single plants that are in the ground. There can be other plants in the photo, but only the named plant will be judged.
- Photos of single plants in pots too large or heavy to bring to the monthly meeting.

Submission deadline is still November 1. You can email your photos to Mike Nelson or bring them to a meeting. Be sure to include your full name and contact information, whether you're a novice, intermediate or advanced, and the plant name.

Please continue to bring in or email Mike Nelson photos of your garden, including plants that are in bloom. Currently, we are trying to come up with a good way to show the emailed photos at our monthly meetings.



## **Erosion**

Bare and bushless,  
Makes slick sleek slopes,  
Sandy solutes scour south  
'Till swallowed by Oceana's mouth.

Pockmarked dimples in the dirt,  
Slow the silt and divert,  
Water and dirt sucked down deep,  
Terra a portion hence can keep.

And who am I, lacking arms and feet,  
An armless worm, ancestral to you, a polychaete,  
Find me in a little dip, a small compression,  
Not much to you,  
But my wormhole home is that depression,  
And when I depart, it is my legacy to soil.

– Stan Yalof



After nearly 21 years of pulling the *Cactus Courier* together, I am stepping down.

Please give my replacements all the help you can. Remember those deadlines!!

Thank you for letting me do this job for so long. It's been a blast!

– Eleanore Hewitt

# San Diego Zoo Safari Park

I tend to joke that the animals are accessories to the plants! It isn't true, of course, but we see so much more than just the animals. If the botanical aspects intrigue you, you may contact some of our members who work tirelessly in the gardens. They normally work Tuesday mornings.

May Fong Ho or Susan LaFreniere at [info@palomarcactus.org](mailto:info@palomarcactus.org)



*Aloe tomentosa*



<- *Cyphostemma juttae*



*Aloe nobilis*

