

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
~ PICNIC ~
~ AUCTION ~

Saturday, August 27th
San Diego Botanic Garden
230 Quail Gardens Dr.
Encinitas, CA 92024

NO Brag plants, Exchange Table, etc.

11:00am – 2:00pm

ANNUAL AUGUST PICNIC & AUCTION

Once again our Picnic and Auction will be held at the beautiful San Diego Botanic Gardens in Encinitas. It's at the coast and will certainly be cooler than inland!

This year it is NOT in the same location, but it is in the Ecke Building/Patio on the opposite side of the main parking lot, right where we have our October Show & Sale.

Come early or stay late to take some time to explore the gardens and artwork, open from 9am - 5pm.

Follow the signs Brita will put up, or ask at the kiosk.

Contact Jim Anderson about food.

Contact Annie Morgan for auction questions.

Contact Brita at EventCoordinator@palomarcactus.org for any other questions.

Bringing a guest? YOU MUST CONTACT BRITA IN ADVANCE!

The schedule is as follows:

Setup - 11:00 am

Lunch - 12:00 am

Auction - 1:00 pm

Cleanup - 2:00 pm

See the next two pages for all other details.



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We're on Facebook!

PCSS - AUGUST 27TH 2016 PICNIC LUNCH GOODIES



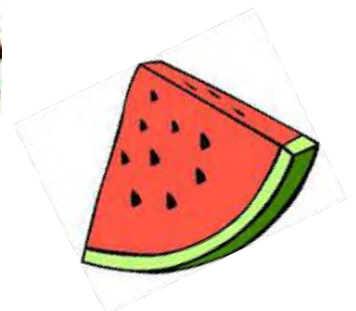
PLEASE MAKE SURE TO HAVE YOUR FOOD ITEMS THERE BY 11:30!

We have lots of great goodies so far, but will need more if we get the expected 50-60 plus people we expect/hope will attend. Hopefully those who have signed up will be bringing **HOMEMADE** dishes. We DO NOT need any more desserts. If you haven't signed up yet some ideas are:

- main dish(s)
- strawberries
- chips & dips
- BBQ beans
- deviled eggs
- veggie tray
- celery w/cream cheese, peanut butter, etc. ...

NAME DISH - Salads, Main, Sides, Desserts, Drinks, etc.

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| 1. May Fong Ho | - Appetizer |
| 2. Jerome Kahn | - Martinelli's Apple Juice |
| 3. Jim Anderson | - Lemonade, Iced Tea |
| 4. PCSS | - Bottled water |
| 5. Mary Hansen | - Potato Salad (no mayo) |
| 6. Charlyne Barad | - Salad |
| 7. Phyllis Flechsig | - Fruit Salad |
| 8. ??? | - Broccoli Salad |
| 9. John Tashjian | - Salad, etc. |
| 10. Neila Rybicki | - Fruit Salad &/or Dessert |
| 11. Kristie DeTar | - Side Dish |
| 12. Marcy Singer | - Watermelon slices |
| 13. Ruta Caldwell | - Chicken Chili w/ Honey Cornbread |
| 14. Peter Walkowiak | - BBQ Chicken Drumsticks |
| 15. Jim Anderson | - Ham sandwiches |
| 16. Lorie's Guest | - Finger sandwiches |
| 17. Linda Schmalfeldt | - Dessert |
| 18. Elf Minton | - Dessert |
| 19. Annie Morgan | - Pecan Pie (2 homemade) |
| 20. Wanda Mallen | - Dessert |
| 21. Victor Zonana | - Cookies |
| 22. Andrew Wilson | - Dessert |
| 23. Brita Miller | - Whatever's needed once all other is known |



MAKE SURE TO PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR DISHES AND UTENSILS!

Bringing a guest? YOU MUST CONTACT BRITA IN ADVANCE OR IT WILL COST THEM!



As you know, each year we hold an auction to raise money to donate to the SD Botanic Garden and this year it will be a bit different in the hopes that we will have more people bring in plants or misc. garden related items.

An auction is a great way to add to your collection - you bring a plant to be auctioned (donating part or all of the proceeds to the garden), then you bid and take home a nice plant for yourself.

Following are the specifics:

- You may donate the entire proceeds, or do a 70/30% split with 70% going to you and 30% to the garden.
- We love to have those beautiful show-type plants in nicer pots: they are an excellent way to enhance one's collection.
- Or, you may want to bring some desirable quality plants that may be in a plastic or a simpler ceramic pot.
- They MUST be clean, bug free, manicured, and in clean pots with debris removed, etc.
- They should be labeled, and something like you might buy at a nice nursery and be willing to spend say \$15+.
- Think of these as VERY NICE Raffle Table plant, maybe something unusual.
- Or perhaps you make beautiful dish gardens and would like to create and donate one. They should be of a quality to be given as a gift.
- Lastly, perhaps you have some garden art, funky or traditional, a nice pot, or other garden items you no longer need but that someone else might treasure.
- Bidding will start at \$10 and up.

Additionally, the following people have signed up to bring the plants listed:

- Peter Walkowiak – 1-3 show type, & 4-6 others
- Stan Yalof – 1 columnar cactus, & 2 Ferocactus
- Wanda Mallen – surprise!
- Jerome Kahn – 3 Euphorbia milli

We hope more of you will surprise us by bringing additional plants or other items for the auction!

Below are some of the plants that will be available at the auction.



Donated by Lorie Johansen
- Callisia fragrans
- basket plant



Donated by Jim Anderson –
Selenicereus anthonyanus



Donated by Phyllis Flechsig –
Ferocactus peninsulae, grown by
Phyllis from seed, June 1982,
from San Borja, Baja California



Donated by Jim Anderson
- Haworthia attenuata



Donated by Jim Anderson -
Euphorbia mammillaris



Donated by Annie Morgan -
Opuntia sp. 'Woolly Jacket'



Left - Donated by Lorie Johansen -
Rhipsalis cereuscula



Right - Donated by Mitch Bahr -
Pelargonium Dasythylum

BOARD BRIEFS

First we want to thank Kienan Parr for his great Echeveria presentation! There certainly are an amazing number of hybrids with incredible diversity. Many members commented on how they found the practical information especially helpful.

Thanks also to Ernesto Sandoval for his excellent presentation on the differences of growing plants in pots versus in the ground, plus all other the other real-world tips. I think he could have shared his extensive knowledge for another hour if we'd had the time. He is speaking at the CSSA Symposium for those who are going.

PICNIC / AUCTION - As you hopefully know our annual picnic and auction are August 27th and we hope to see more people this year with our more spacious location. See p. 1-3 for all the details.

OCTOBER SHOW / SALE - Our annual Show and Sale are just around the corner on October 22nd-23rd. The behind the scenes planning and preparation have already started, but the most important thing we need are your plants to make the Show a success!

That means it's time to start thinking about which of your favorites you want to enter and then to start getting them ready. Do your pruning and transplanting now so the plants have a chance to settle in and put on some new growth. Make sure to top dress your plants as it really helps them settle in, and it really shows off and enhances the beauty of each plant. You must have owned your plants for six months or longer to show them.

For those who haven't entered our October Show before - what's holding you back? It's easy, and so much fun. We see so many show worthy plants on the monthly Brag Table, so don't let another year go by without taking the plunge - you'll be glad you did! Next month's newsletter will include all the details. If you're apprehensive about showing call Brita or Annie and we fill you in about how we got started, the excitement of your first show, and the joy of winning a ribbon.

SUMMER WATER - Several members sent in photos asking what's wrong with their plants. The answer is - it's summer, and it's hot! We all know that succulents are drought tolerant and need much less water than other plants. However, many fleshy succulents need some extra water now, particularly if you live inland where it has already hit 100+ degrees and the plants are in full sun. Don't flood them, just provide some early morning or evening water, and make sure it soaks in if the ground is really dry.

There are exceptions to this, with Aeoniums being a main one. Even here on the coast they often look terrible in summer when grown in full sun, but they are summer dormant and so only want minimal water.

Another issue can be sunburn. With the scorching temperatures some of your have plants that have gotten sunburned. If temperatures are going to climb unusually high and your plants aren't used to this, you can always move an umbrella, or rig up another type of covering, to protect the more delicate ones from the mid-day sizzling temperatures. Yes this is extra work and only you can decide if it's worth the trouble.

HOYAS BLOSSOMS by Annie Morgan

We don't have a Plant of the Month so I thought I'd share a tip about Hoyas. For those of us who grow them, we grow them for their delicate and beautiful flowers. However, did you know that they bloom on the same place each year and that the bloom stem gets longer each time? Because of this you do not want to randomly trim your plants or you may lose bloom locations the next time they flower.

First photo - Part of a cluster of Hoya Carnosa flowers. Note the drops of honey on individual blossoms. Bees love them!

Second photo - The back of a flower cluster. Note the thin regular size stem at the top, and then the beginning of the thickened almost 2' long stem. You can almost see the rows, each representing one bloom cycle. This particular stem has gone through at least 12 cycles of blooms.



BRAG PLANT WINNERS

Novice Cactus

- 1st Tina Cord Oreocereus 'Silver Torch' - #1
 2nd Chet Reed Copiapoa marginata - #2

Intermediate Cactus

- 1st May Fong Ho Mammillaria - #3
 3rd Jeanine Zonana Neoporteria senilis - #4

Advanced Cactus

- 1st Ron Chisum Gymnocactus spegazzini - #5
 2nd Ron Chisum Euphorbia obesum -

Novice Succulent

- 1st Tina Cord Adenium obesum - #6

Intermediate Succulent

- 1st Jerome Kahn Stapelia - #7
 1st Lorie Johansen Hoodia pilifera - #8
 2nd Jim Anderson Portulacaria afra - #9

Novice Plant of the Month

- 1st Nell McChesney Echeveria encantada - #10
 2nd Mike Nelson Echeveria agavoides ebony - #11

Intermediate Plant of the Month

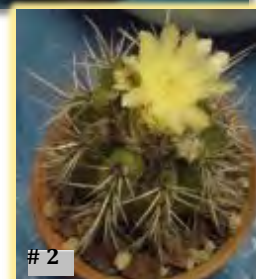
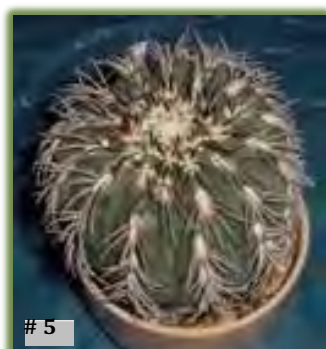
- 1st Jeanine Zonana Echeveria 'Crimson Tide' - #12
 2nd Leon LaFreniere Echeveria agavoides - #13
 3rd Lorie Johansen Echeveria species

Dish Garden Novice

- 1st Tina Cord

Intermediate Dish Garden

- 1st Don Nelson - #14



MEMBERS' BRAG GARDEN OR PLANT PHOTOS

Share a section of your garden, a plant that bloomed in-between meetings, or one that's too large or heavy to bring to the Brag Table. Published photos receive 3 Brag Points, those who email in photos receive 1 point. Email photos with plant names to Annie at: Secretary@palomarcactus.org.



Peter Walkowiak's *Notocactus Warsii*



Mitch Bahr's *Crassula falcata* "Propeller Plant"



Lorie Johansen's *Aloe kedongensis*



Peter Walkowiak's
Echinocereus scirius flower



Lorie Johansen's -
top - *Brachychiton discolor*
bottom right - *Brachychiton acerfolia*
bottom left - *Brachychiton acerfolia* flowers



Photos From the Safari Park Gardens - By Susan LaFreniere

Summer Blooms “Photos by Susan LaFreniere used with permission of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park”



Pachypodiums



Aloe vacillans



Crassula falcata “Propeller Plant”



Adenium obesum and Aloes

CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA – CSSA - SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM ~ SEPTEMBER 3RD

As we mentioned last month, the Cactus and Succulent Society of America holds a Succulent Symposium at The Huntington Garden each year, and YOU can get a free ticket, as our club will be sponsoring three members, including the dinner. (FYI, one of the speakers is after dinner.) To qualify for our drawing you must have volunteered for or at a club event or meeting in the last year.

Seven of you signed up at the July meeting, but now that we know the topics and times (see below) we thought more of you might be interested. We will have the drawing at the picnic, so if you haven't signed up and won't be there contact Annie and she will add your name to the list. Winners will be contacted on Sunday, 8/28, if not in attendance at the picnic.

For those who don't win or haven't volunteered you can still attend. Information about registering is below.

The event includes a silent auction after lunch.

Please contact Peter for any questions about the event itself, as Annie has never attended.



Bob White, Cactus Specialist
 10:00-11:00 AM
 Topics: Cacti, Succulents, Propagation, Identification, A walk with Cactus & Succulents

William Miller, Succulent Specialist
 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
 Topics: Propagation, Identification, A walk with Cactus & Succulents, Succulents in the Garden, Succulents, Cacti, and Succulents in the Home

Wanda Blomberg, Succulent Specialist
 12:00-1:00 PM
 Topics: Propagation, Identification, A walk with Cactus & Succulents

Bruce Bennett, Cactus Specialist
 1:00-2:00 PM
 Topics: Propagation, Identification, A walk with Cactus & Succulents

Wanda Blomberg, Succulent Specialist
 2:00-3:00 PM
 Topics: Propagation, Identification, A walk with Cactus & Succulents

John W. Beardsley, Cactus Specialist
 10:00-11:00 AM
 Topics: Cacti, Succulents, Propagation, Identification, A walk with Cactus & Succulents

Robert White, Succulent Specialist
 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
 Topics: Propagation, Identification, A walk with Cactus & Succulents, Succulents in the Garden, Succulents, Cacti, and Succulents in the Home

John W. Beardsley, Cactus Specialist
 1:00-2:00 PM
 Topics: Propagation, Identification, A walk with Cactus & Succulents

Bob White, Cactus Specialist
 2:00-3:00 PM
 Topics: Propagation, Identification, A walk with Cactus & Succulents

Registration
 \$15.00
 \$20.00

Details for Registration
 The ticket price includes the symposium, lunch, and a silent auction. The fee also includes a complimentary membership card and name tag.

Registration Information
 Registration is open to all members of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. For more information, contact Peter at (714) 868-9800.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Home: _____

Work: _____

Mobile: _____

Twitter: _____

Facebook: _____

Instagram: _____

Website: _____

Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

The North San Diego County C & S Club!

Membership Application

Membership: Please ✓ a category:

New Member _____

Renewal _____

_____ Annual dues w/color email newsletter \$20

_____ Additional Household Members + \$ 5

_____ 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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Bruce Barry & Sandy Wetzel-Smith – Refreshments

Dennis Miller – Plant Sales & Benefit Drawing

Tina Cord – Meeting Setup, etc.

Brian Magone – Exchange Table

Lorie Johansen – Guest/New Member Ambassador

Chet Reed – Brag Plant Photographer

Nell McChesney – Name Tag Drawing Plants

Kathie Hoxsie – Monthly Meeting Publicity

May Fong Ho – Website

2016 So. California Event Calendar

Sept. 3 Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium
All day at The Huntington, Info. 626-405-3504

Sept. 10 Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction
12-5pm, Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA 90615, Info. 562-631-5876

Oct. 8-9 Bakersfield Cactus and Succulent Society Show & Sale
Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-4, East Hills Mall, Center Court, 3100 Mall View Road, Bakersfield, CA 93306 Info. 661-831-8488

Nov. 5-6 San Gabriel Cactus and Succulent Society Show & Sale
9am-4pm, LA County Arboretum, 310 N. Baldwin, Arcadia, CA, Info. Manny Rivera 626-780-6957 or John Matthews 661-714-1052

2016 PCSS MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	SPEAKER		PLANT OF THE MONTH
24 September	Woody Minnich	TBA	Staging Workshop
22, 23 October	---	ANNUAL SHOW & SALE AT SAN DIEGO BOTANIC (QUAIL) GARDEN IN ENCINITAS	YOUR SHOW PLANTS!!!
19 November	Brian Kimball	Gasterias	Gasteria
17 December	---	Holiday Party!	GIFT PLANTS FOR ALL