

CACTUS COURIER

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The Meeting is the **4th** Saturday

September 26, 2015

Park Avenue Community Center

210 Park Ave

Escondido, CA 92025

Meeting starts at NOON!!

**Come early to socialize and drop-off your
brag and exchange plants.**



“Australian Succulent Plants”

•• Attila Kapitany ••

Attila Kapitany is immediate past president of the Cactus & Succulent Society of Australia, with 10 years in this position, and is also currently editor of its journal.

He has thirty years of experience growing and marketing cacti and succulents. Attila is also a member of the Horticultural Media in Australia, writing regularly in magazines, journals and newspapers and promoting succulent plants.

Attila has co-written seven books with Rudolf Schulz about succulents, with an eighth book a solo

effort on Australian native species. His newest publications are a series of eight booklets on xerophytic Australian plants.

Since 2007 Attila has dedicated much of his time and resources to promoting lesser known Australian succulent plants, touring the Australian speaking circuit regularly and appearing on television and radio.

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.

Our September program is unique in that the speaker is coming a greater than usual distance, all the way from Melbourne, Australia. Attila will present a colorful visual tour of lesser known and intriguing Australian native plants, mostly in habitat, some of which are rare and very unusual. With Australia's natural flora of well over 20,000 species, at least 400 are considered to have a notable degree of succulence.

He will cover at least one hundred species from forty genera. Included are some of the most under-appreciated, diverse, and interesting of Australian plants. The fact that many of them are among the most drought or dry tolerant of all plants, helps link them all together, along with their obvious succulence. Many of these plants have never been trialed in gardens before. Some interesting aspects of their usefulness in the garden will be explored.



As a side note, we strongly urge you to watch this excellent overview of Attila and Michelle Kapitany's garden philosophy.

<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-ing-flora-of-the-desert-20140220-332fe.html>



President's Message, September 2015

What a great picnic we had at the San Diego Botanic Garden (SDBG). There was a wonderful selection of delicious food with a capacity crowd of members who enjoyed a great social time together! We also had a successful plant auction with proceeds going to the SDBG. This was a day for all members to visit and tour the gardens at no cost as well. Next year we will be at the Paul Ecke Building, where we have our show, so there will be more space for our growing club. Put this on your calendar for next year as a don't-miss event!

Our annual Show and Sale are just around the corner. This is the sixth year - can you believe it? It continues to grow, and last year we had a 40% increase in sales and an excellent variety of plants in the show. We expect another year of record sales and attendees, so with this in mind we will have a second register set up to speed up the checkout process. To help the event run smoothly we need volunteers for many positions. Contact Brita Miller to help with the event and Annie Morgan to help put out and take down signs.

Additionally, we need your favorite plants entered in the Show to make it a success, so this is the time to get them ready. Do your pruning and transplanting now so the plants have a chance to settle in and put on some new growth.

Once again we will have three levels for entrants – novice, intermediate and advanced, and we will be giving out 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. Novice is for the more casual or beginning collector who has won 10 blue ribbons or less. Intermediate is for those beyond Novice but not yet Advanced. Advanced is typically a long-term grower/collector whose plants are exceptional. Novices don't miss the workshop on "How to Show As a Novice" given by Annie Morgan and Brita Miller at 11:00AM before our regular meeting on September 26th.

Our speaker for this month has been changed to Attila Kapitany. Woody Minnich will be speaking in November instead. Attila has been the president of the Australian CSS and has written numerous books. He brings with him a wonderful energetic personality. I just heard him speak again at the Succulent Symposium and he did not disappoint. Don't miss his talk; you are in for a treat seeing all the unusual succulents of Australia.

Peter Walkowiak
PCSS President



Library Corner

We have three new books that will be available for checkout at the September Meeting.

- Plant Recipe Book: 100 Living Arrangements for Any Home in Any Season by Baylor Chapman provides simple steps showing anyone how to create stunning living plant décor, including those with succulents.
- Reimagining the California Lawn: Water-conserving Plants, Practices, and Designs by Carol Bornstein features water-conserving plants and offers design ideas, practical solutions, and alternatives to a traditional lawn to help you create a vibrant garden that uses less water.
- Planting Designs for Cactus & Succulents: Indoor and Outdoor Projects for Unique, Easy-Care Plants--in All Climates by local radio hosts Sharon Asakawa and John Bagnasco has design inspiration for adding succulents to your interior and exterior spaces with tips for selection, planting, and care.

Plant of the Month – GASTERIAS



Gasterias are a small charming species and one of the easiest succulents to grow so they are an ideal starting plant for the novice. With so many interesting hybrids available they are also great for more experienced collectors too. They are stemless plants recognizable by their thick "tongue-shaped" leaves which range from an inch to over a foot in length. Most species prefer light shade and should be protected from hot sun and severe frost.

Annie Morgan will be bringing in 10-15 Gasterias from her collection and doing a short talk. The presentation will focus on the basics about the plant and growing them in our climate.

PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP Showing Your Plants as a Novice

Have you thought about showing a plant or two in our October show but aren't quite sure how it works? 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.



Please feel free to bring plants that you have questions about entering in our show.

PCSS Summer Picnic

Our annual summer picnic and plant auction was held on August 22 at the San Diego Botanic Gardens (SDBG). We filled the Lawn House to capacity!

Thanks to the people who brought plants to auction (Diane Backer, Mitch Bahr, Annie Morgan, Don Nelson and Peter Walkowiak).

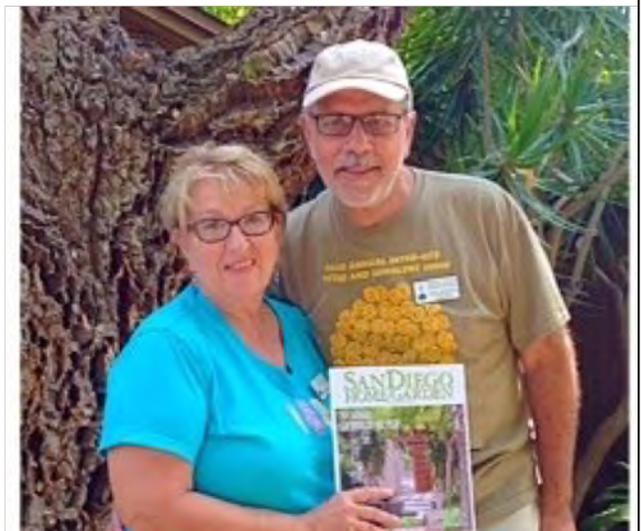
We raised \$135.40 to donate to SDBG!

Here's a photo of the highest bidders who took home the auction plants. Congratulations!



2015 Gardens of the Year Winners!

PCSS members Susan and Leon LaFreniere were one of this year's three San Diego Home and Garden Lifestyles Magazine gardens of the year! You can see the article online at <http://www.sandiegohomegarden.com> (starting on page 62) or buy a copy at your newsstand. Leon will be doing a 10 minute presentation at the September meeting on the evolution of their "Succulent Success Story".



Officers • Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

Peter Walkowiak – President & Program Chair & Show Chair

Brita Miller – Vice-President & Event Coordinator

Leon LaFreniere – Treasurer

Annie Morgan – Secretary, Membership, Website & Publicity

Francis Granger – Board Member & Exchange Table

Mike Nelson – Board Member

Carol McAllister – Board Member

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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

OPEN – Newsletter Editor

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

2015 PCSS MEETING SCHEDULE

26 September Park Ave. Community Center
24, 25 October PCSS Annual Show and Sale
San Diego Botanic Garden (*Quail*)
230 Quail Gardens Rd
Encinitas, CA

21 November Park Ave. Community Center

NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!

19 December Annual Holiday Party
Park Ave. Community Center

NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!

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Southern California Events

November 7, 8

San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale
LA County Arboretum, 301 S. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA

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

WE NEED YOU!!

**Fall Show & Sale Volunteers
needed!!**

**A few hours on Friday, Saturday or
Sunday would help greatly!**

**Attention New Members - This is a
great way to get to meet other
members and learn more about the
Show!**

**If you can help please contact Brita at
eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org**

**If you know of places to publicize the
Show & Sale, please email
Annie Morgan.**



Saturday, 10/24

- 9:00am – 5:00pm • Sales area open to all
- 10:30am – 5:00pm • Show area open to visitors
- 11:00am – 12:30pm • Judging – visitors may follow and listen

Sunday, 10/25

- 10:00am – 4:00pm • Show and Sales areas open

For more info contact:

Brita Miller at eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org

2015 Plant Show & Sale

Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society

October 24 & 25

Saturday: 9am to 5pm

Sunday: 10am to 4pm

**San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Gardens)
230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024**

For Directions: <http://www.sdbgarden.org/directions.htm>

- See Succulent Specimens from around the world!
- Plant Judging is Saturday from 11am – 12:30pm.
- The public can follow along as the judges comment on entries and make their decisions.
- All Show Plants will be available for viewing Saturday and Sunday, with Winners identified after 1pm Saturday.
- Specimen plants for the novice or collector, as well as handmade ceramic pots will be for sale.
- Free garden entry for PCSS members. Show is free to public with garden admission or garden membership.

MEMBER & VENDOR SCHEDULE

Friday 10/23

Noon – 5:00pm

- Paul Ecke Hall open to set-up crew and vendors
- Members may bring in show plants

Saturday 10/24

8:00am – 9:30am

- Members continue to bring in show plants.
- All plants must be logged in by 9:30am!

9:00am – 5:00pm

- Vendor sales

11:00am – 12:30pm

- Judging - members and visitors may follow and listen to judges

11:00am – 2:30pm

- Potluck table open for lunch and snacks for Members and Vendors only.

5:00pm • Sales and Show close for the day

Sunday 10/25

10:00am – 4:00pm

- Sales and Show open

11:00am – 2:30pm

- Potluck table open for lunch and snacks for Members Only

4:00 – 5:00pm

- **CLEAN UP!**

Please stay and help!

Gates are locked at 5:00pm

**Here is the list of Categories for next month's Plant Show at San Diego Botanic Gardens.
This is to give you time to make labels for your special plants!**

DIVISION 1: CACTACEAE

North American Cacti

- 1) Ariocarpus, Astrophytum
- 2) Aztekium, Pelecypora, Epithelantha, Strombocactus, Obregonia, Encephalocarpus, Ortegocactus
- 3) Coryphantha, Escobaria, Neobesseyia, Neolloydia, Leuchtenbergia
- 4) Gymnocactus, Turbinocarpus, Stenocactus
- 5) Echinocereus
- 6) Echinocactus, Ferocactus, Hamatocactus
- 7) Mammillaria; hooked spines
- 8) Mammillaria; straight spines
- 9) Thelocactus, Sclerocactus, Pediocactus

South American Cacti

- 10) Blossfeldia, Frailea, Uebelmannia
- 11) Buiningia, Discocactus, Melocactus
- 12) Copiapoa
- 13) Echinopsis, Lobivia
- 14) Eriocyce, Neochilenia, Neoporteria, Pyrrhocactus, Horridocactus
- 15) Gymnocalycium
- 16) Notocactus, Parodia, Acanthocalycium
- 17) Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia
- 18) Matucana, Submatucana, Oroya, Borzicactus

Other cacti

- 19) Ceroids, columnar types
- 20) Opuntioides
- 21) Epiphytic cacti
- 22) Variegates, crests and monstrose
- 23) Seed-grown by exhibitor

DIVISION 2: NON-CACTUS SUCCULENTS

Aizoaceae (Mesembryanthemaceae)

- 24) Lithops, Conophytum
- 25) Pleiospilos, Titanopsis, Dinteranthus, Faucaria
- 26) Mestoklema, Aloiopsis, Trichodiadema

Asphodelaceae

- 27) Aloe
- 28) Gasteria
- 29) Haworthia, Astroloba

Crassulaceae

- 30) Cotyledon, Tylecodon
- 31) Crassula, Kalanchoe
- 32) Dudleya
- 33) Echeveria
- 34) Pachyphytum, Graptopetalum, Tacitus
- 35) Aeonium, Sedum

Euphorbiaceae

- 36) Leaves, no spines: decaryi, capsaintemariensis, bupleurifolia
- 37) Leaves and spines: milii, gottlebei, viguieri, unispina
- 38) No leaves or spines: caput-medusa, inermis, esculenta, obesa
- 39) Spines, no leaves: stellispina, horrida, ferox, stellata, clavigera
- 40) Monadenium, Jatropha, Pedilanthus

Geraniaceae

- 41) Pelargonium
- 42) Sarcocaulon

Apocynaceae

- 43) Adenium
- 44) Pachypodium

Asclepiadaceae

- 45) Fockea, Petopentia, Raphionacme
- 46) Caralluma, Hoodia, Huernia, Stapelia

Agavaceae

- 47) Agave
- 48) Nolina, Yucca, Beaucarnea, Calibanus

Asteraceae

- 49) Senecio
- 50) Othonna
- 51) Abromeitiella, Dyckia, Burseraceae
- 52) Commiphora, Didiereaceae
- 53) Alluaudia, Didierea, Dracaenaceae
- 54) Sansevieria
- 55) Moraceae, Ficus, Dorstenia, Passifloraceae
- 56) Adenia, Portulacaceae
- 57) Avonia, Anacampseros, Ceraria

Caudiciforms, Pachycauls, Geophytes

- 58) Bombax, Cucurbits, Fouquieria, Dioscorea, Pachycormus

DIVISION 3: OTHER

- 59) Succulent Bulbs
- 60) Variegates, Crests, and Monstrose
- 61) Succulent Bonsai; any succulent plant presented in a Bonsai style, classical or unconventional
- 62) Seed-grown by exhibitor
- 63) Dish Gardens; more than one plant per dish
- 64) Collections: minimum of three, maximum of ten plants of the same genus. They may or may not be in the same pot.

DIVISION 4 – ART

- 65) Photography & Art in any media, about succulent plants, or habitat. Art made from plant materials also included. Display Only – NOT JUDGED. Figurines, etc, may be included.

Thank You Eleanore!

Our newsletter editor of 21 years is stepping down. Eleanore Hewitt has been a member of PCSS for over 40 years and is a Lifetime member. She has held many of the board positions including President. Eleanore is one of the charter members who in 1985 formed PCSS as a CA tax-exempt corporation.

We owe Eleanore much gratitude for her service and her wonderful holiday dinners which we look forward to for years to come!!

All hail Eleanore Hewitt!!



(Yes, the clothes are amazing!)

September Refreshments

EVERYONE PLEASE BRING SOME FOOD TO SHARE.

July meeting was so busy we didn't pass around a sign-up sheet.

PLANT SALES • BRAG PLANTS • EXCHANGE PLANTS