

CACTUS COURIER

Newsletter of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society

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October 2014

The Show is the 4th Saturday – the Sale is Saturday and Sunday

Plant Show and Sale

October 25 & 26, 2014

San Diego Botanic Garden

Ecke Building (south of the parking lot)
230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA

formerly known as...
“Quail Botanical Gardens”



The Show Judging starts at 11 am Saturday PROMPTLY!

Plant check-in starts at 8:00AM

Please be aware that we'll need to arrive early to drop plants off, and move vehicles to the main lot.



Palomar Cactus &
Succulent Society
Plant Show and Sale
Sat. Oct 25th 9 – 5
Sun. Oct 26th 10 – 4



Plant Show & Sale at San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas

(formerly *Quail Botanical Gardens*)

Friday, October 24th Noon to 5 pm Set Up in the Hall – Bring your plants early if you can!

Saturday, October 25th 9 am to 5 pm Annual Members' Plant Show – Open Judging from 11 am to 1 pm

Chairperson Peter Walkowiak promises an outstanding Show and Sale this year. The public will be able to follow along as the judges comment on entries and make their selection in the 4 divisions of Cacti and Succulents for **Novice**, **Intermediate** and **Advanced** participants. The judges will also announce the Best Cactus, Best Succulent, and Best in Show winners. These selections will be on view Sunday as well.

Sunday, October 26th 10 am to 4 pm Saturday & Sunday Plant Sale

Vendors of plants and pottery will be selling from 9-5 Saturday and 10-4 Sunday. The plant vendors will have specimens for collectors as well as beginners.

Members of PCSS and affiliated clubs may show their membership cards for entry to the Garden.

Questions: email eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org



2014 Plant Show & Monster Sale

October 2014

Peter Walkowiak, Plant Show Manager



Annual Members' Plant Show with Open Judging from Saturday Noon – 3 PM.

Plant Show Manager Peter Walkowiak promises an outstanding Show and Sale this year on October 25th and 26th at the San Diego Botanic Garden (*formerly Quail Gardens*) 230 Quail Gardens Drive Encinitas. The public will be able to follow along on Saturday as the judges, **Woody Minnich** and **Mark Fryer**, comment on entries and make their selections in the 4 divisions of Cacti and Succulents for both Novice and Advanced participants. The judges will also announce the Best Cactus, Best Succulent and Best in Show winners. These selections will be on view Sunday as well.

Plant Sale – Saturday and Sunday

Vendors of **Plants, Pottery and Art** will be selling from 9-5 Saturday October 25th and 9-4 Sunday October 26th. The plant vendors will have specimens for collectors as well as beginners.

PLEASE NOTE – It takes a long time to log all the plants in.

We want to start the process by 8:00 am. Come no later than 10:00 am Saturday!!

(You may bring plants on Friday from Noon until 5 pm. The building will be locked at 5 pm.)



Board Meeting • Brag Plants • Exchange Table

All canceled due to the Show! They are ALL Brag Plants today!



PALOMAR CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY PLANT SHOW RULES



October 25th, October 26th, 2014

1. The Show is open to all paid members of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society.
2. Plants should be properly identified with their botanical names. There will be books available to check for names before the Show.
3. Entries must be in the possession of exhibitors for at least six months. Plants must be clean, (no weeds or debris) and healthy (no insects, disease or pesticide odor). Any plants showing evidence of either will be disqualified. Plant labels should be removed or hidden.
4. Entries are judged on: a) Condition – size, maturity and difficulty of culture: 70% b) Staging – pot, top dressing, arrangement, and cleanliness: 25% c) Nomenclature: 5%
5. Entry cards will be available at the Show. You will get to keep part of each card. The Judges' Clerks will collect the other half. Place the card next to the plant with your name hidden. Choose your category on the Honor System.
6. Advanced entries will use **WHITE** cards; Novice entries will use **COLORED** cards.
7. There will be awards for both Advanced and Intermediate/Novice entries. There will be prizes for the **Best Cactus**, **Best Succulent**, and **Best in Show**.
8. All entries must be here, cards completed, and plants in position by 10:45 am on the day of the Show. Don't torture us by coming late.
9. The Judges will consider staging and containers affecting the overall presentation in their decisions.
10. One plant per pot unless entered as a dish garden.
11. Plants will be entered into classes as listed below. One person may enter as many plants as desired in a class.
12. The awards will be as follows: First, Second and Third Place, Advanced and Intermediate/Novice, for each Class; Best Succulent; Best Cactus; Best of Show.
13. The Judges may, at their discretion, divide the entries in any class into two classes by size as may be appropriate for the plants entered. Ribbons will be awarded for each of the new classes.
14. Cristate and Monstrose plants may be entered into the Division and Class determined by its genus or may be entered into Division 3, Class #68.
15. Plants that have won a Best of Division or Best of Show within the past two years are not eligible for competition.

Double-Check these Category numbers. There have been some adjustments since the September newsletter!

DIVISION 1: CACTACEAE

North American Cacti

- 1) Ariocarpus, Astrophytum
- 2) Aztekium, Pelecyphora, Epithelantha, Strombocactus, Obregonia, Encephalocarpus, Ortegocactus
- 3) Coryphantha, Escobaria, Neobessya, 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, Ubelmannia
- 11) Buiningia, Discocactus, Melocactus
- 12) Copiapoa
- 13) Echinopsis, Lobivia
- 14) Eriocyce, Neochilenea, Neoporteria, Pyrrhocactus, Horridocactus
- 15) Gymnocalycium
- 16) Notocactus, Parodia, Ancanthocalycium
- 17) Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia
- 18) Matucana, Submatucana, Oroya, Borzicactus

Other Cacti

- 19) Ceroids, columnar cactus
- 20) Opuntioides
- 21) Epiphytic cactus
- 22) Variegates, Crests & Monstrose
- 23) Seed grown by Exhibitor



DIVISION 2: NON-CACTUS SUCCULENTS

Mesembryanthemaceae

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

Liliaceae

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



Crassulaceae

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

Euphorbiaceae

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



Burseraceae

- 51) Bursera
- 52) Commiphora, Boswellia

Dracaenaceae

- 53) Dracaena
- 54) Sansevieria

Didiereaceae

- 55) Alluadia
- 56) Alluadiopsis, Didiera

Moraceae

- 57) Ficus
- 58) Dorstenia



Passifloraceae

- 59) Adenia
- 60) Avonia, Anacampseros, Ceraria, Portulacaria



Bromeliaceae

- 61) Dyckia, Abromaitellia
- 62) Tillandsia

Pachycaul Succulents (Fat Trunks [Cucurbits])

- 63) New World: Pachychormus, Fouquieria, Bombax
- 64) Old World: Adansonia, Sesamothamnus, Chyphostemma

Geophytes (Fat Base or Roots [Cucurbits])

- 65) New World: Ibervillea, Marah
- 66) Old World: Dioscorea, Ipomoea
- 67) Bulbs

DIVISION 3: OTHER

- 68) Variegates, Monstrose and Crests
- 69) Succulent Bonsai; a succulent plant presented in a bonsai style
- 70) Seed grown by exhibitor
- 71) Collections, 5 to 10 plants of the same genus, separate pots
- 72) Theme Collection; plants of different genera with something in common
- 73) All Other Genera

Dish Gardens

- 74) Anything goes: use of figurines or unusual pots. More than one plant species. Creativity is encouraged.
- 75) Multiple Genera or Species: arrangement of succulent plants in an appealing way. Only natural materials, rocks, gravel, driftwood etc.
- 76) Single Genera: 3 or more species of one genus in one pot

DIVISION 4 – SUCCULENT ART

- 77) Photography of Succulents
- 78) Art: paintings, drawings, carvings
- 79) Art made with succulent plants, or materials derived from them.



Fall Show & Sale
Volunteers Needed!!

WE NEED YOU!

Friday

Setup - noon - 5pm - 2 or 3 people
Signs - 2 to 3 hours - 2 or 3 people

(We need someone to put up signs around Encinitas)

Saturday

Sales Table - 9am - 1pm & 1pm - 5pm - 2 people per shift
Security - 9am - 1pm & 1pm - 5pm - 2 people per shift
Membership - 9am - 1pm & 1pm - 5pm - 1 person per shift
Kitchen - 11am - 2pm - 1 person per shift

Sunday

Sales Table - 10am - 1pm & 1pm - 4pm - 2 people per shift
Security - 10am - 1pm & 1pm - 4pm - 2 people per shift
Membership - 10am - 1pm & 1pm - 4pm - 1 person per shift
Kitchen - 11am - 2pm - 1 person per shift
Cleanup* - 4pm - 5:30pm - 3 or 4 people

***We REALLY need Cleanup help!!**

Please stay to help when you pick up your plants!

A couple of strong backs will be very helpful!!!!

Please think about how and when you can help out.

**If you're not sure, sign up anyway
and we'll come up with a plan!**

Contact Brita Miller or

eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org

Here are some of the jobs in need of Volunteers:

(1)

We want to put direction Signs up along the route into the Garden. We will want to retrieve them on both Saturday and Sunday.

(2)

Refreshments – we need extra food since we're setting out on both days. The vendors are especially in need of help with this – they can't leave their tables to find lunch. So if you can, bring a little extra, or bring for Sunday instead of Saturday.

We will need someone to keep track of the food. We are feeding only our people and the vendors – not the general public.

(3)

We need BOXES!! Small to medium shallow ones are needed most. We'll also need boxers up at the cash register to help sort things for the shoppers.

(4)

We'll need Security people to keep an eye on things. This is a walking-around job, and requires a calm and alert demeanor. You will probably end up answering questions, or directing people to others who can. If mobility is an issue, we can station you near the checkout area.

(5)

Your Friendly Editor™ would also like to have lots of people taking photographs on Saturday and Sunday. Need Input! We would love to have sooooo many pictures of the special plants that our members have treasured for so long. Please take pictures and share them with the membership!!!

(6)

Cleanup, Cleanup, Cleanup... Yup, we need people both Saturday and Sunday who can tidy up between the days, or at the end of Sunday. Blessed are the Cleaners! This goes very fast and is actually fun! (*We don't have to swab the decks ;-)*)

• • 2014 Show Vendors • •

<u>Larry Bourget</u>	Driftwood
<u>Cactus Data</u> (<i>Woody Minnich</i>)	Succulents
<u>Phyllis Flechsig</u>	Succulents
<u>Mark Fryer</u>	Succulents
<u>Jerry Garner</u>	Ceramic Pots
<u>Hula Tropicals</u> (<i>Steve Salley</i>)	Succulents, Plumerias
<u>Matthew Maggio</u>	Succulents & Arrangements
<u>John Matthews</u>	Succulents
<u>C&T Parr</u> (<i>Terry Parr & Kienan Parr</i>)	Succulents
<u>PW Plants</u> (<i>Peter Walkowiak</i>)	Succulents
<u>Teri Shusterman</u>	Garden Art
<u>Succulent Gardening</u> (<i>Tina Zucker</i>)	Succulents, Plumerias & Epidendrams
<u>Joe Wujcik</u>	Pottery

REFRESHMENTS

We have two (2) full days of activities, so we are in need of *extra* snacks and drinks.

We need food for both Saturday and Sunday of the Plant Show & Sale.

Sunday was sparse last year. The vendors and volunteers really need the support on Sunday – they can't just leave their tables.

We also need a couple of people willing to keep track of the refreshments and supplies.
We are feeding only our people and the vendors – not the general public.

Saturday: *YOUR NAME HERE!!!*

The signup sheet didn't end up in my hands
(Maybe there will be plan for Sunday!)

Sunday: *YOUR NAME HERE!!!*



Brag Plants

••• September 2014 •••

Advanced Cactus

- 1st John Barkley *Ariocarpus retusus*
- 2nd John Barkley *Ariocarpus fissuratus*
- 3rd Richard Henderson *Ariocarpus retusus*

Advanced Succulents:

- 1st Mitch Bahr *Operculicarya decaryi*
- 2nd Phyllis Flechsig *Alluaudia comosa*
- 3rd Phyllis Flechsig *Euphorbia platyclada*

Intermediate / Novice Succulents:

- 1st Lorie Johansen *Fenestraria rhopalophylla*
- 2nd Ron Chisum *Echeveria Hybrid "Lotus"*
- 3rd John Tashjian *Sinningia bullata*
- 3rd Vicki Martin *Aloe*

Dish Gardens:

- 1st Brita Miller *Crassula*
- 2nd Annie Morgan *Faucaria*



2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

25, 26 October San Diego Botanic Garden

22 November Park Ave. Community Center

20 December Park Ave. Community Center

NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !



GOOD NEWS!!!

After the September meeting, a plant belonging to Phyllis Flechsig was picked up by accident.

We are **VERY** happy to report that her *Euphorbia capsainte-mariensis* has been found!! It is now safe at home.

Thank you!

Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

The North San Diego County Cactus & Succulent
Club!
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



Officers • Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

Peter Walkowiak – President & Program Chair & Show Chair

Brita Miller – Vice-President & Librarian & Event Coordinator

Annie Morgan – Treasurer & Website & Publicity

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



Dick Henderson – Garden Representative

Vicki Martin – Assistant Librarian

Tina Zucker – Show & Sale Vendor Coordinator

**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 & Website



SHOWS AND JUDGING

by Dorothy Dunn – Late Member of PCSS

Exhibiting your plants in a show can be fun, stimulating, and very educational. If it is a competitive show, judged by discerning and knowledgeable plant experts, it becomes even more challenging and exciting. It's also very gratifying to overhear strangers ooh-ing and ahh-ing over your "pampered darlings" which you have (hopefully) groomed and dusted to perfection for their public appearance. Unfortunately, many of us hesitate to enter plant shows because of a lack of information concerning just what constitutes a "show-worthy" plant. So – the purpose of this article is to acquaint the timorous uninitiated with a few basic guidelines in preparing plants for a show. Remember, first of all, that judging is a very individualistic, opinionated, and often subjective process, and that rarely will any two judges ever see the same plant in the same way on any given day. A plant that sends one judge into paroxysms of delight may be passed over almost without comment by another.

The criteria most often followed in cactus and succulent shows is the CSSA (Cactus and Succulent Society of America) Judging Scale, which is as follows: Condition = 70%; Staging = 15%; Size and Degree of Maturity = 10%; Nomenclature = 5%.

The condition of a plant relates to general culture. How well has the plant been grown and cared for? Condition reflects on the grower's ability to assess a particular plant's needs to maintain characteristic, healthy growth. Is the plant etiolated (too green and

lanky, indicating too much shade and/or fertilizer)? Is it sunburned, scarred, discolored, or diseased? Is the growth uniform and even? Are there any signs of mealy-bugs, scale, or ants? An experienced judge will note immediately and automatically all of these things, because an experienced judge knows what the plant should – ideally – look like. (In some shows, plants are judged “against perfection” as opposed to being judged against each other).

Staging is the manner in which the plant is displayed, and includes pots, top dressing, and cleanliness. Pots may be ordinary clay, stoneware, ceramic, or even plastic, but they must be in good condition (no chips or cracks) and they must be clean (no alkali encrustations, algae, dirt clinging to the pot, etc.). The pot should be of a complementary size, shape, and color for the plant: no garish, shiny colors or elaborate designs, and no fanciful, overly ornate or “too-cute” shapes. Remember, you are displaying the plant, not the pot, and while the pot should always subtly enhance the plant, it should never overwhelm or detract from it in any way. The judges will, however, take the overall effect into consideration. The plant must, of course, be straight and centered in the pot. Top dressing is optional, but generally adds to the well-groomed effect. It may consist of clean gravel, small, natural-looking pebbles, lava rock (scoria), coarse sand or decomposed granite. Aside from being neat-appearing, top dressing is also beneficial to the plant; it keeps the soil from caking and cracking, conserves moisture, and discourages weeds. Here, as with the pot, it should never detract from or clash with the plant. If you choose not to use a top dressing, the soil around the plant should be clean and fresh-looking and free of weeds or debris. The plant itself should be as immaculate as you can possibly make it – no spider webs and/or (worse!) spiders, no snail tracks and/or (worse!) snails, etc., ad nauseam, and it should be cleaned of hard water marks on the leaves or body, and be free of dust, dead leaves and other debris. Dead blooms should be removed unless they have been left on the plants for the purpose of setting seed.

A large, relatively mature “specimen-size” plant, if well grown, will always take precedence over immature or seedling plants. This is where Size and Degree of Maturity come in. It is especially satisfying to display a plant you have successfully grown from a seedling into a handsome and mature specimen. Due to the proper emphasis on conservation and endangered species, most judges tend to cast a somewhat jaundiced eye on obviously collected plants, and there is some discussion about disqualifying them altogether. Most show rules also require that the plant must be grown by the exhibitor for at least six months prior to the show, and some judges feel that the plants shown should ideally reflect the end result of several years of painstaking effort on the part of the grower. Rarity, and how difficult the plant is in cultivation, although not listed in the judging scale, can also be factors with individual judges, especially when all other points (condition, staging, etc.) are virtually equal. A very rare or difficult to grow plant is bound to influence most judges. *[Note from the editor – a common but beautifully grown plant can still take the prize over a rare but not quite perfect plant].*

Nomenclature has to do with the proper labeling and correct botanical name (including spelling) of the plant. Even though it counts for only 5%, you should make every effort to provide the correct name for your plant. When in doubt, if all else fails, it is probably better to label it – for example – simply Mammillaria species, rather than to give it an erroneous specific name, or worse yet, an ambiguous common name such as “Pincushion Cactus.” Labels should be clean, neat, and inconspicuous, if used. (Many shows use entry cards instead of labels). The owner's name cannot be visible to the judges.

So, now – start making plans to cart your favorite (and most delectable) plants off to the next show with confidence, relax and enjoy it, and try to accept with grace and suitable modesty the compliments and ribbons which are sure to reward your efforts.

March 1983



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Southern California Events
November 1st & 2nd
San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Soc. Show & Sale
9am to 4pm daily
LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, C



Waterwise Botanicals

“Fall Garden Party”

Saturday, November 8th
9 am to 3 pm

San Diego North County's Waterwise Botanicals nursery will be hosting their second annual “Fall Garden Party” Saturday, November 8th. The event will highlight expert speakers, two succulent design workshops, plein air artists in the gardens, and celebrate the book launching of Jeff Moore's newest book, “*Under the Spell of Succulents.*”

“The Fall Garden Party” will celebrate the “Spirit of Fall” in Southern California,” said Tom Jesch, Manager of Waterwise Botanicals.

For one special day, we will have Laura Eubanks speaking on creating a “Tapestry of Succulents” & their maintenance, Tom Jesch speaking on “Planting a Slope for

Success,” creative workshops, and a few specialty vendors for you to enjoy, plus the Bottaro Wood Fired Pizza truck for your convenience! Slip away and join us for the day... or maybe for an hour, as we learn something new about gardening from an expert... or creating a succulent wreath, or driftwood planter.

Waterwise Botanicals is a 20-acre wholesale/retail nursery located in the beautiful rolling hills of North County San Diego. Open to the public Monday-Saturday 8am-5pm.

This is a FREE event!

Visit www.TheFallGardenParty.com
for more info



The San Diego Horticultural Society

The November meeting
at the Del Mar Fairgrounds will be...

The Holiday Marketplace

Monday, November 10th
6 pm to 9 pm

Surfside Race Place • Del Mar Fairgrounds

“Mingle and Shop the SDHS Holiday Marketplace with exhibits by SDHS sponsors, business members, horticultural vendors, botanic gardens, and other non-profits. Shop for plants, garden related merchandise, gift memberships and horticultural services from leading businesses and vendors.”

Photos from the September Meeting (Thank you, Lorie Johansen!)

