

# CACTUS COURIER

Newsletter of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society  
The North San Diego County Cactus and Succulent Club

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## ***Sadly, this year's Spring Member Festival is CANCELLED***

As you may have read in the e-blast I sent last week, we found it necessary to cancel our March 28th Spring Member Festival meeting. This is due to the uncertainty regarding the spread of COVID-19 in the U.S. and following government requirements. Since then, the Escondido Community Center has closed through March 30th and probably longer. As the San Diego County Department of Public Health has banned any group of 10 or more from meeting, we will also need to cancel our April 18th meeting.

We apologize for any inconvenience to those who were planning on selling or showing. If you have plants to sell, you can do so at any regular monthly meeting using the "two stick" method. I hope that everyone stays healthy and safe during these trying times.

Take care, Brita Miller

## **April 18 MEETING CANCELLED**

Coffee in the Garden at Wanda and Gary's has been **CANCELLED** and may be rescheduled.



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## *Timely Tips*

FROM RON CHISUM:

### CARING FOR DRY DESERT PLANTS IN THE RAIN

I received over 3 inches of rain for the week, as of 3/12. Some of our dry desert plants may have problems with too much water, especially if it turns colder with more rain next week. I had to move some potted plants out of shady areas into potential sunny areas with good air circulation to prevent rot in areas where too much water was splitting leaves etc. I already have plants next to the house to get some protection under the eaves. Now I am tipping some vulnerable heavy potted plants on their sides to get better drainage. This obviously only applies to certain plants, as many of them love the rain which washes out accumulated salts. I had a couple of old cacti, in the ground for many years, split open like overripe watermelons last year, so I tend to be cautious.



*Thank You!*

to Kelly Griffin for his excellent presentation last month. As usual, the photos were great and so were the bits of science he taught us.

# Brag Plant Winners

## Novice Cactus

1<sup>st</sup> Patty Merriam Mammillaria parkinsonii 1

## Intermediate Cactus

1<sup>st</sup> Jerome Kahn Stenocactus multicostatus 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Libbi Salvo Stenocactus multicostatus 3

2<sup>nd</sup> Annie Morgan Mammillaria bocasana 4

3<sup>rd</sup> Heather Chan Mammillaria senilis

## Advanced Cactus

1<sup>st</sup> Russel Ray Mammillaria parkinsonii 6

2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Chisum Ferobergia X 5

2<sup>nd</sup> John Barkley Oroya peruviana 7

3<sup>rd</sup> John Barkley Eriosyce sp.

3<sup>rd</sup> Russel Ray Eriosyce senilis

3<sup>rd</sup> John Barkley Eriosyce senilis

3<sup>rd</sup> Russel Ray Echinocereus coccineus

## Novice Succulent

1<sup>st</sup> Tony Merritt Aloe bakeri X 8

2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Kort Haworthia attenuata variegata 9

2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Wetzel-Smith Aeonium crest

## Intermediate Succulent

1<sup>st</sup> Kevin Smith Gasteria carinata rugosa 10

2<sup>nd</sup> May Fong Ho Hoodia pilifera hybrid 11

2<sup>nd</sup> Moni Waiblinger Euphorbia pseudocactus 12

3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Smith Gasteria liliputana

3<sup>rd</sup> Moni Waiblinger Dioscoria elephantipes

3<sup>rd</sup> Heather Chan Euphorbia aeruginosa 13

## Plant of the Month – Novice

1<sup>st</sup> Patti Nelson Agave pumila 14

2<sup>nd</sup> Patti Nelson Agave applanata variegata 15

## Plant of the Month – Intermediate

1<sup>st</sup> Harold Dunn Agave lophantha quadracolor 16

2<sup>nd</sup> Annie Morgan Agave filifera ssp schidigera 17

‘Shiro ito no Ohi’

3<sup>rd</sup> Annie Morgan Agave utahensis ssp. eborispina

3<sup>rd</sup> Moni Waiblinger Agave filifera x leopoldii

## Plant of the Month – Advanced

1<sup>st</sup> Mike Nelson Agave ‘Blue Glow’ variegata 18

2<sup>nd</sup> John Barkley Agave utahensis 19

2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Chisum Agave isthmensis 20

‘Ohi Rajjin Shiro Nakafu’

3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Nelson Agave victoriae reginae

3<sup>rd</sup> John Barkley Agave utahensis

## Bowl Garden – Novice

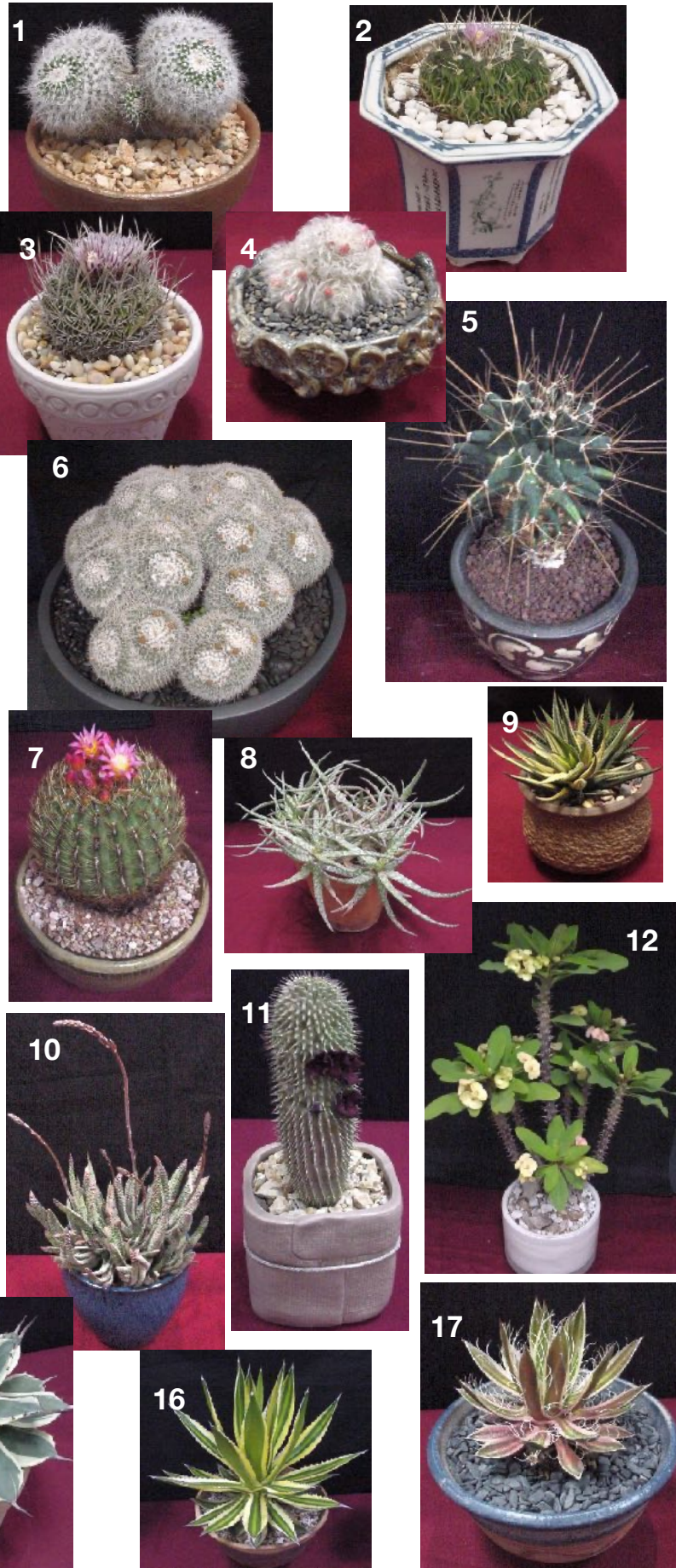
1<sup>st</sup> Gloria Medina Dish Garden 21

## Bowl Garden – Intermediate

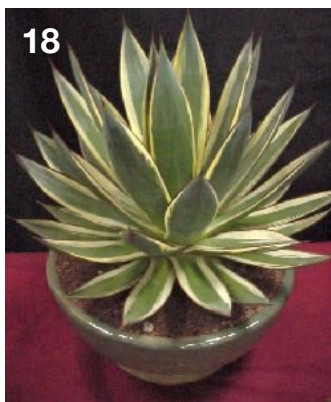
1<sup>st</sup> Tammy Harmon Dish Garden 22

2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Chambelain Euphorbia & Notocactus 23

3<sup>rd</sup> Moni Waiblinger Euphorbia milii



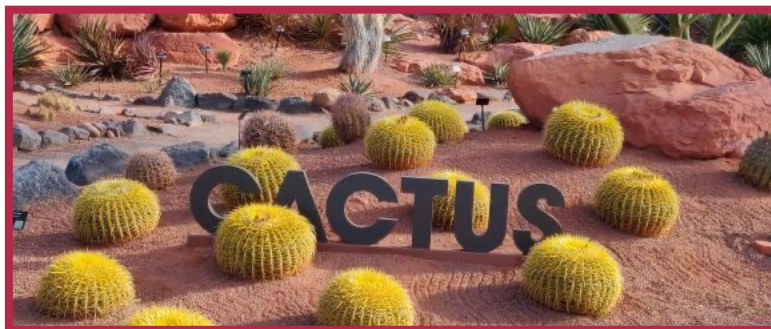
**Brag Plant Winners (cont'd)**



**A VISIT TO THE**  
*Red Hills Desert Garden*  
**ST. GEORGE, UTAH**

by Lorie Johansen

We decided to stay overnight in St. George, Utah to break up the 15-20 hour trip to Salt Lake City where we enjoyed perfect ski conditions for a week. When we got up the next morning, we decided to have our coffee while strolling through the Red Hills Desert Garden which is perched on a hill with amazing views to the south of the city. It was a magical morning as we were the only people there! What immediately impressed me is that all the planting beds were raked, just like a Japanese garden. No expense was spared for signage and educational venues with a price tag of \$3 million.



It's the first desert conservation garden in Utah with 5 acres featuring 5000 water-wise plants, a 1,150-foot stream stocked with native and endangered fish species. The project is a collaboration of the Washington County Water Conservancy District, City of St. George and Virgin River Program. Since the opening in spring 2015, thousands have visited and enjoyed the seasonal activities including holiday lights. Address: 375 N. Red Hills Parkway, St. George, UT Hours: Daylight hours, seven days a week.

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Click here for a printable form:

<https://www.palomarcactus.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/PCSS-Membership-Form-Single.pdf>

### 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Speakers & Topic	Plants of the Month
April 18 <b>CANCELLED</b>	Gary Duke - Bolivia in Bloom	Lobivia
May 23	Ron Chisum - Succulent Plants of the Galapagos Islands	Pelargoniums
June 27	Al Kline - Fat Plants	Adenias
July 25	Peter Walkowiak - Staging	Pachypodiums
August 22	Picnic & Auction	Your auction plants!
September 26	Jeff Chemnick - Seldom Seen Succulents	Ariocarpus
October 24-25	Fall Show & Sale	Your show plants!
November 21	Woody Minnich - TBA	Plants w/pots 4" or smaller
December 19	Holiday Party	Gift plants for you!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 19 - 21 - **CANCELLED**  
Orange Co. C&SS Spring Show & Sale  
April 4 - 5 - **CANCELLED**  
South Coast C&SS Show & Sale  
April 26 - **CANCELLED**  
Huntington Plant Sale

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Brian Magone - **Exchange Table**

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Russel Ray - **Event Photographer, Website, AV**

Tammy Harmon - **Coffee in the Garden**

Julie Kort - **Name Tag Drawing Plants**

Libbi Salvo - **Monthly Meeting Set-up**

## Succulent Eye Candy



*Thelocactus macdouglii*  
Photo by Mike Nelson



*Crassula rupestris*  
Photo by Lorie Johansen



*Dudleya in Nature*  
Photo by Monica Mosack