

# Cactus & Succulent Society

## Newsletter of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society

The North San Diego County Cactus and Succulent Club

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### Next Meeting



## Holiday Party!

Gift plants for you!

**Saturday, December 16**

**Park Avenue Community Center  
210 Park Ave., Escondido**

**NO** Brag plants, benefit drawing or exchange table, or library.

**11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**



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### Greenery Needed, Please.

We need holiday greenery—evergreens, holly, etc.— to enhance our table decorations.

If you have some to share, please contact  
Sherman Blench

## Holiday Party Info

**Want a guaranteed seat and gift plant?**

**Please sign up!**

**To make sure a seat and plant are waiting for you, please contact**

**Brita Miller**

**Also contact Brita to bring a dish to the potluck.**

**Come socialize and enjoy some appetizers from 11:00-12:00.**

**Lunch will be served approximately at noon.**

**There will be available seating outside.**

**If you don't sign up by 12/10, we can't guarantee you a gift plant!**



# A Bit More About the Party



As we do each year at the holiday party, we will hold elections for board of directors at this year's gathering.

The slate of nominees is as follows: (You are welcome to reply to the email that sent this newsletter if you wish to add your name in nomination.)

- President (2-year term):: David Buffington
- Vice President (1-year term): Kevin Smith
- Treasurer (2-year term): Teri Shusterman
- Director at Large (2-year term): Brita Miller



- ◆ Eleanore Hewitt and Lorie Johansen are providing the main entrée of turkey. Eleanore is also bringing stuffing and her luscious gravy.
- ◆ If you are bringing a cooler with hot food, here is a trick from Eleanore: foil-wrap bricks and heat them in the oven. They keep food hot for hours!
- ◆ Any hot trays you have will be much appreciated as well. Don't forget the cords!

**PLEASE remember to put your name on all serving utensils, dishes, and lids!**

**We would hate to lose anything in the cleanup shuffle.**

**The SET-UP and Kitchen CREWS should arrive by 10:30 a.m.**

**Eleanore has invited us to contact her regarding any food-related questions.**

## More About Gift Plants

As usual, we will have lots of gift plants! A plant for all members in attendance, brag point winners - from the brag table, garden brag photos, and the Spring Festival - will receive a plant! See the points list in this newsletter.

Volunteers, we love you, couldn't do it without you, and we will have gift plants for you too!

**IF YOU DON'T RESERVE BY 12/10, WE CAN'T GUARANTEE YOU A MEMBER GIFT PLANT.**



# HOLIDAY PARTY POTLUCK SIGN-UP – DEC. 16, 2023



## Appetizers - please list specific dish

1. Marcy Singer -
2. Jerome Kahn - Walnuts
3. Stacy Day - Jalapeno dip
4. Sandy Wetzel-Smith -
5. Vickie Martinez -



## Salads

1. Prapa Taylor - Salad
2. Charlie Ballard - Green Salad
3. Lois Watkze - Spinach
4. Farrell Smith - Jello salad
5. Susan Turner - Macaroni salad
6. Jean O'Daniel - Hi Delight
7. Charlyne Barad - Salad

## Vegetables – please list specific dish

1. Harold Dunn - Roasted vegetables
2. Libbi Salvo - Corn pudding
3. Patti Nelson - Broccoli/cauliflower casserole
4. Tom McCarter - Frittatas
5. Francis Granger - Baked beans
6. Pauline Wong - Ming bean threads
7. \_\_\_\_\_

## Potatoes

1. Martina Reed - Mashed potatoes
2. Kathy McNair - Potatoes au gratin
3. Sherman Blench - Twice baked potatoes
4. Eleanore Hewitt - Mashed potatoes

## Sweet Potatoes

1. Kristie DeTar
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## Stuffing

1. Brita Miller
2. Eleanore Hewitt
3. \_\_\_\_\_



## Rolls/Bread

1. Candy & Jerry Garner

## Cranberry & Relish Dishes

1. Moni Waiblinger
2. Alex Clark



## Desserts

1. Chris Barkley – Christmas trifle
2. Deborah Pearson - Pumpkin pie
3. Annie Morgan - Pecan pie
4. Christa Stringham - Pies
5. Mary - Gingersnaps
6. Sam Stelletello - Palmier cookies
7. Jerome Kahn - Strawberries and blueberries
8. ? - Chocolate & Whipped cream cake

## Set up - 10:30

1. Moni Waiblinger
2. Libbi Salvo
3. Alex Clark
4. Stacy Day
5. Brita Miller - main room, etc
6. Eleanore Hewitt, Lorie Johansen - kitchen
7. Sherman Blench - decorations



## Gift Plant Help - 10:30

1. Annie Morgan
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## Turkey

1. Eleanore Hewitt
2. Lorie Johansen



## Serving - noon

1. Eleanore Hewitt
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## Clean up

Brita, Eleanore, Moni, Lorie, Annie  
Everyone!!!

# 2023 Brag Point Totals for Gift Plants

Following are the point lists based on the Brag Table at meetings and Garden Brag photos from the newsletter.

Gift plants will be awarded at the Holiday Party to those with 5 or more points. Those with less than 5 points are not listed.

**We look forward to presenting you with Brag Point Gift Plants at our Holiday Party!**  
*You must sign up to attend by Sunday, 12/10 for us to purchase a plant.*

## NOVICE

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Michele Crosby         | 6         |
| Mary Ellen Chanco      | 6         |
| Ted Guerrero           | 7         |
| Martina Reed           | 8         |
| Bernie Mases           | 10        |
| Joan Herskowitz        | 10        |
| Norm Roden             | 10        |
| Liz Rozycki            | 14        |
| Kristie DeTar          | 14        |
| Don DeTar              | 15        |
| Tom McCarter           | 16        |
| Susan Turner           | 17        |
| Michelle Leung         | 18        |
| Keith Umbreit          | 22        |
| Barbara Raab           | 23        |
| Marlene Walder         | 37        |
| <b>Deborah Pearson</b> | <b>45</b> |

## INTERMEDIATE

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Harold Dunn        | 10        |
| May Fong Ho        | 14        |
| Paul Benold        | 17        |
| Sherman Blench     | 19        |
| Pauline Wong       | 22        |
| Libbi Salvo        | 25        |
| Jerome Kahn        | 30        |
| Patti Nelson       | 34        |
| David Buffington   | 35        |
| Lois Walag         | 35        |
| Charlyne Barad     | 59        |
| <b>Kevin Smith</b> | <b>62</b> |

## ADVANCED

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| John Barkley           | 9          |
| Wanda Mallen           | 14         |
| Robert Kopfstein       | 22         |
| Candy/Jerry Garner     | 24         |
| Julian Duval           | 30         |
| Mike Nelson            | 48         |
| Lorie Johansen         | 56         |
| Russel Ray             | 114        |
| <b>Moni Waiblinger</b> | <b>141</b> |



# Holiday Party Attendees List

|    | Name                            | # Ppl. |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1. | Jerome Kahn                     | 1      |
| 2  | Alan Chamberlain                | 2      |
| 3  | Kathy & Jeff McNair             | 2      |
| 4  | Moni Waiblinger                 | 1      |
| 5  | Chris & John Barkley            | 2      |
| 6  | Pauline Wong                    | 1      |
| 7  | Patti & Mike Nelson             | 2      |
| 8  | Libbi Salvo                     | 1      |
| 9  | Stacy Day                       | 1      |
| 10 | Tom McCarter                    | 1      |
| 11 | Deborah Pearson & Chet Reed     | 2      |
| 12 | Susan Turner                    | 1      |
| 13 | Brita & Richard Miller          | 2      |
| 14 | Linda Schmalfeldt               | 2      |
| 15 | Jean & Bill O'Daniel            | 4      |
| 16 | Cliff & Mary Ellen Chanco       | 2      |
| 17 | Martina and Tom Reed            | 2      |
| 18 | Wanda Mallen & Gary Vincent     | 2      |
| 19 | Charlyne Barad                  | 1      |
| 20 | William and Bonnie DiAngelo     | 2      |
| 21 | Harold Dunn                     | 1      |
| 22 | Winston and Heather Chan        | 2      |
| 23 | Sherman Blench & friend         | 2      |
| 24 | Annie Morgan                    | 1      |
| 25 | Brandi Walker                   | 2      |
| 26 | Bernie & Linda Mases            | 2      |
| 27 | Don & Kristie DeTar             | 2      |
| 28 | Stephanie Robbins               | 1      |
| 29 | Eleanore Hewitt                 | 1      |
| 30 | Lorie Johansen and Cousin       | 2      |
| 31 | Barbara Raab                    | 1      |
| 32 | Lyn Mardesich & Sam Stelletello | 2      |
| 33 | Michael & Christa Stringham     | 2      |
| 34 | Francis Granger                 | 2      |
| 35 | Paul Benhold                    | 1      |
| 36 | Charlie & Jill Ballard          | 2      |
| 37 | Bob & Chris Sangster            | 2      |
| 38 | Lori Brandt                     | 1      |
| 39 | Mary Tigue-Velardi              | 1      |
| 40 | Robert Kopfstein                | 1      |
| 41 | Vickie Martinez                 | 1      |
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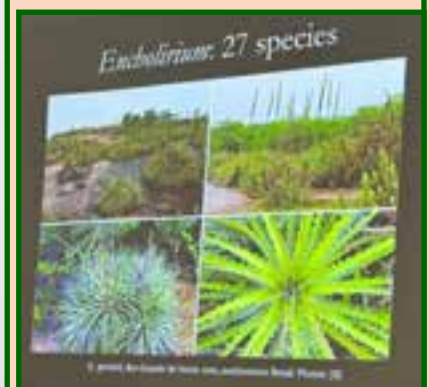
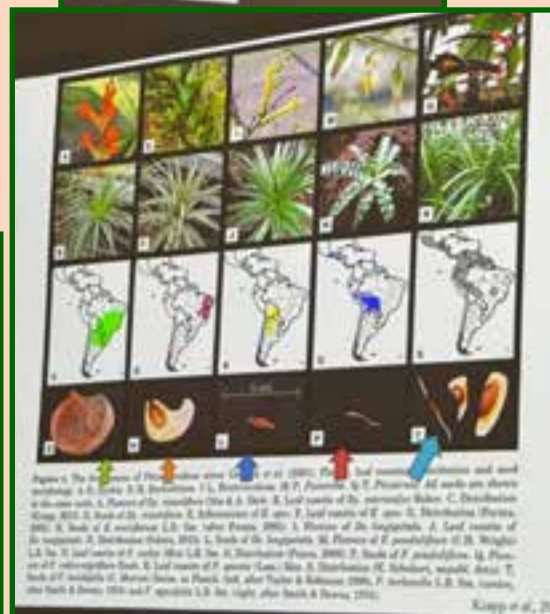
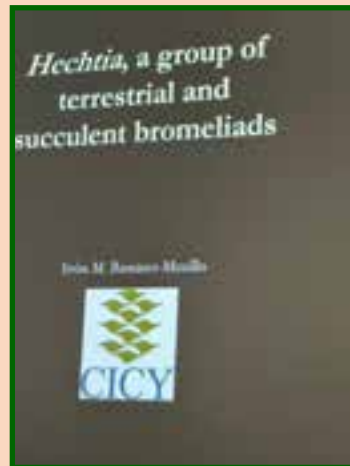
If you don't see your name on this list, and you plan to attend, please notify Brita ASAP.

Remember:; Sign up NLT 12/10 to get a member gift plant.



# November Meeting Recap

Dr. Ivone Ramirez spoke and showed a slide presentation about her work researching Hechtias, a group of terrestrial and succulent bromeliads, in Mexico. She talked about the many varieties, the differences among them, and the difficulties in differentiating them. She said that 70% of Hechtias grow in Mexico. **Note: Several photo pages had to be removed from this article to reduce file size. They will be sent separately.**





### *Bakerantba*

Endemic to Mexico  
5 species

### *Mesameranthe*

Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua  
3 species

### Bromeliaceae in Mexico

Genera: 15/94 ca. 20%  
Species: 426/3,762 ca. 12%

Endemism: 123 endemics (ca. 70%)

### Bromeliaceae in Mexico

Endemic genera

- Tillandsia (91/251 species, 40%)
- Heulandea (51/73 species, 69%)
- Psittacanthus (26/50 species, 40%)
- Bakerantba (5/7, 100%)
- Dirallopsis (2/2, 100%)
- Tillandsia (12/12, 100%)

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*Bakerantba* (5/7, 100%)

*Dirallopsis* (2/2, 100%)

*Tillandsia* (12/12, 100%)



### Capsules and winged seeds

*Tillandsia* (L.) Swartz

- Superior, inferior or semi-inferior ovary
- Simple erect-stigma, sessile (no style)
- Fragrant flowers

1 mm



# November Brag Plant Winners

## 2023 Nov Brag Plant Winners

### Intermediate Cactus

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jerome Kahn Mammillaria hahniana 1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerome Kahn Cactus sp., crested 2
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Smith Mammillaria nejapensis 3
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jerome Kahn Tephrocactus articulata 4

### Advanced Cactus

- 1<sup>st</sup> Russel Ray Mammillaria schwarzii 5
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Moni Waiblinger Mammillaria sp. 6
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Russel Ray Mammillaria microthele 7
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Russel Ray Mammillaria nejapensis 8





**Novice Succulent**

1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Pearson *Euphorbia evansii* 9

2<sup>nd</sup> Liz Rozycki *Faucaria felina* 10

**Intermediate Succulent**

1<sup>st</sup> Kevin Smith *Dudleya brittoni* 11

2<sup>nd</sup> Jerome Kahn *Huernia* sp. 12

3<sup>rd</sup> Pauline Wong *Kalanchoe fedtschenloi* 13

3<sup>rd</sup> Jerome Kahn *Tylecodon* sp. 14



**Advanced Succulent**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Nelson Tylecodon grandifloras 15
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Russel Ray Echeveria agavoides 16
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Russel Ray Sempervivum tectorum 17
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Moni Waiblinger Aeonium decorum 'Sunburst' 18

**Advanced Plant of the Month**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Moni Waiblinger Schlumbergera truncata 19
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy McNair Schlumbergera truncata 20
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Moni Waiblinger Schlumbergera bridgesii 21



**Dish Garden – Novice**

1<sup>st</sup> Susan Turner Yucca brevifolia et. al. 22

**Dish Garden – Advanced**

1<sup>st</sup> Russel Ray Dish Garden 23

2<sup>nd</sup> Moni Waiblinger Aeonium, Crassula argentea, Echeveria 24



**And then there was...**

# San Marcos Library Plant of the Month

PCSS continues to support San Marcos Library's Plant-of-the-Month program. In November, library patrons enjoyed viewing Barbara Raab's Gasteria, and this month they are admiring Moni Waiblinger's Christmas tree topiary.



Barbara Raab's Gasteria ("Little Warty") on display.



Moni Waiblinger's  
Christmas tree topiary  
At the library





# Home Garden Brag Plants



Tina Zucker's  
*Haworthia truncata*



Tina Zucker's  
*Brighamia insignis*



Tina Zucker's'  
Agave



Pamela Dunlap's  
Lithops in bloom



Deborah Pearson's  
cactus





Moni Waiblinger's



Moni Waiblinger's  
Aloe Garden



Moni Waiblinger's



Tony Rowe's  
Mixed Cacti



Candy and Jerry  
Garner's  
*Ariocarpus retusus*



*Euphorbia millii* hyb





Norb Roden's  
Cyhanchum  
Marhieranum (dead stick plant)



Norb Roden's  
Close up of Cyhanchum  
Marhieranum Blooms



Norb Roden's  
Haemanthus Albiflos

Lorie Johansen's  
Portulacaria afra  
variegata 'Kaleidoscope'  
Purchased from Jeff  
Moore at a PCSS meeting.



Marlene  
Walder's  
Garden



Aloes





Lorie Johansen's  
Bromelia pinguin



Lois Walag's  
Rhipsalis mesembryanthemoides bloom



Marlene Walder's garden

Marlene Walder's Agave



Charlyne Barad's  
Front Door Sansevieria Collection







Poinsettias and Euphorbia millii in Pauline Wong and her parents' front yard.



From Tom McCarter

ONCE IN 80 YEARS Puya raimondii, queen of the Andes, is the largest species of bromeliad, reaching up to 15 m (50 ft) in height and carry 20,000 flowers. It is native to the high Andes of Bolivia and Peru. It has been considered a Protocarnivorous plant (ensnaring birds). Its reproductive cycle lasts approximately 80 years.

# An Invitation to the Library

By Barbara Raab

PCSS has an extensive library of 76 books available for lending to members, and 31 reference books available to read at the meetings.

General topics include succulents, cacti, agave, plus volumes devoted to one genus or species. There are guides for planting, growing & designing. Some books describe habitat locations, technical details at the cellular level, and others have beautiful pictures of the plants we love.

Also, there are a few books and older CSSA Journals for sale.

A list of the lending library is provided below. For questions, suggestions, and comments, please email [pcss.librarian@gmail.com](mailto:pcss.librarian@gmail.com), or stop by the library at the meetings.

## PCSS Library

|    | <i>Title</i>  | <i>Author(s)</i>    | <i>Published</i> |
|----|---|---------------------|------------------|
| 1  |   |                     |                  |
| 2  |   |                     |                  |
| 3  |   |                     |                  |
| 4  |   |                     |                  |
| 5  | ADENIUM: Sculptural Elegance, Floral Extravagance                               | Dimmitt (et al)     | 2009             |
| 6  | AGAVES - Living sculputres for landscaping and containers                       | Starr               | 2012             |
| 7  | AGAVES, A Gallery of (including variegates)                                     | Pilbeam             | 2013             |
| 8  | AIR PLANTS - The Curious World of Tillandsias                                   | Sengo               | 2014             |
| 9  | ARIOCARPUS et cetera: The special, smaller genera of Mexican Cacti              | Pilbeam & Weightman | 2006             |
| 0  |   |                     |                  |
| 1  | BEGINNER'S GUIDE - To Gasteria, Haworthia, Agave and other Succulent Monocots   | Glavich             | 2015             |
| 2  | BROMELIADS, BLOOMING  | Baensch             | 1994             |
| 3  | BROMELIAD, A GLOSSARY   | Hyatt (Compiled by) | 2022             |
| 4  | BROMELIADS for Modern Living  | Wilson              | 1977             |
| 5  |   |                     |                  |
| 6  | CACTI - Over 1200 Species Illustrated and Identified                            | Innes & Glass       | 1999             |
| 7  | CACTI - THE ILLUSTRATED DICTIONARY  | Preston-Mafham      | 1991             |
| 8  | CACTI & OTHER SUCCULENTS, The Illustrated Encyclopedia of                       | Riha J & Subik R    | 1981             |
| 9  | CACTI & SUCCULENTS  | Hecht               | 1994             |
| 0  | CACTI & SUCCULENTS - The Complete Illustrated Guide to Growing                  | Anderson            | 2008             |
| 1  |   |                     |                  |
| 2  | CACTI A Illustrated Guide to Over 150 Representative Species                    | Schneck             | 1992             |
| 3  | CACTI AND SUCCULENTS-Illustrated guide. . . Plants. . . cultivation             | Charles             | 2014             |
| 4  | CACTI of the WORLD, A Guide to  | Lamb                | 1991             |
| 5  | CACTI, AGAVES, AND YUCCAS OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA                              | Ingram              | 2008             |
| 6  | CACTI, An Introduction to   | Shuster             | 1984             |
| 7  | CACTI & SUCCULENTS FOR MODERN LIVING  | Williams            | 1976             |
| 8  |   |                     |                  |
| 9  | CACTUS & SUCCULENTS - Simple Secrets for Glorius Gardens-Indoors and Out        | Luebermann          | 1997             |
| 0  | CACTUS HANDBOOK, The  | Haustein            | 1986             |
| 1  | CACTUS PRIMER The   | Gibson, Nobel       | 1986             |
| 2  | CACTUS, THE GARDENER'S GUIDE TO -The 100 Best Paddles, Barrels, Columns, Globes | Calhoun             | 2012             |
| 3  |   |                     |                  |
| 4  | CYCADS OF SOUTH AFRICA  | Giddy               | 1974             |
| 5  | DESIGNING With SUCCULENTS   | Baldwin             | 2007             |
| 6  | DRY CLIMATE GARDENING WITH SUCCULENTS - Compiled by Huntington Gardens          | Folsom (et al)      | 1995             |
| 7  | ECHEVERIA, The genus  | Pilbeam             | 2008             |
| 8  | EUPHORBIACEAE, Introduction to the  | Pritchard           | 2003             |
| 9  |   |                     |                  |
| 10 | EUPHORBIA - VOLUME 1  |                     | 1983             |
| 11 | EUPHORBIA - VOLUME 2  |                     | 1984             |
| 12 | EUPHORBIA - VOLUME 3  |                     | 1985             |
| 13 | EUPHORBIA - VOLUME 4  |                     | 1987             |
| 14 | EUPHORBIA - VOLUME 5  |                     | 1988             |
| 15 | EUPHORBIA -VOLUME 6   |                     | 1989             |
| 16 | EUPHORBIA - VOLUME 7  |                     | 1991             |
| 17 | EUPHORBIA - VOLUME 8  |                     | 1992             |
| 18 | EUPHORBIA - VOLUME 9  |                     | 1994             |
| 19 | EUPHORBIA - VOLUME 10   |                     | 1996             |
| 0  |   |                     |                  |

|  |                   |      |
|--|-------------------|------|
| EXOTIC CACTI - Successful Indoor Gardening   | Chapman & Martin  | 1989 |
| FIRESCAPING - Creating fire-resistant landscapes . . . in California's diverse environments    | Kent              | 2005 |
| GARDEN SUCCULENTS PRIMER, The - How to Identify & Grow . . . Drought-Tolerant Plants           | Smith & Van Wyk   | 2008 |
| GLOSSARY of Botanical Terms with special reference to Succulent Plants                         | Eggl              | 1993 |
| HARDY SUCCULENTS - Tough Plants for Every Climate  | Kelaidis          | 2008 |
| HAWORTHIA For the Collector  | Schulz            | 2009 |
| LAWN GONE - Low-Maintenance, Sustainable, Attractive Alternatives for Your Yard                | Penick            | 2013 |
| LAWN, REIMAGINING THE CALIFORNIA - Water Conserving Plants, Practices, & Designs               | Bornstein         | 2011 |
| LIFE AFTER LAWNS - 8 Steps from Grass to A Waterwise Garden                                    | Bogh & Schnetz    | 2014 |
| LITHOPS - TREASURES OF THE VELD (2nd Edition 2010)   | Hammer            | 2010 |
| MAMMILLARIA Now & Again  | Pilbeam           | 2017 |
| MESEMBS, The <i>new</i> Growing the  | Storms            | 1986 |
| MESEMBS OF THE WORLD - Illustrated Guide To A Remarkable Succulent Group                       | Smith (et al)     | 1998 |
| NATIVE PLANTS, San Diego County  | Lightner          | 2011 |
| OUR GARDEN   | Gronborg          | 2011 |
| PELARGONIUM FAMILY The Species of Pelargonium, Monsonia and Sarcocaulon                        | Webb              | 1984 |
| PILOSOCEREUS (Cactaceae) - The Genus in Brazil   | Zappi             | 1994 |
| PLANT RECIPE BOOK, The   | Chapman           | 2014 |
| Planting Designs for CACTUS & SUCCULENTS-Indoor & Outdoor Projects                             | Asakawa           | 2013 |
| PRICKLY PEARS - Commonly Found in the United States and Northern Mexico                        | Green             | 2005 |
| PRICKLY PLANT BOOK, The  | Tarsky            | 1980 |
| SANSEVIERIA, The SPLENDID - An Account of the Species  | Chahinian         | 2005 |
| SEDUMS, The PLANT LOVER'S GUIDE to   | Horvath           | 2014 |
| SOFT SUCCULENTS Aeoniums, Echeverias, Crassulas, Sedums, Kalanchoes, & related plants          | Moore             | 2017 |
| SPINY SUCCULENTS - Euphorbias, cacti . . . sculptural succulents . . . spiny xerophytic plants | Moore             | 2019 |
| STAPELIADS, A gallery of 686 pictures of all 57 genera of this group of succulent plants       | Pilbeam           | 2010 |
| SUCCULENT PLANTS of the WORLD, The Timber Press Guide to                                       | Dortort           | 2011 |
| SUCCULENT SUCCESS in the GARDEN  | Kapitany & Schulz | 2007 |
| SUCCULENTS in Southern Africa, Field Guide to  | Smith (et al)     | 2017 |
| SUCCULENTS - The Ultimate Guide to Choosing, Designing, and Growing 200 Easy-Care Plants       | Stockwell         | 2017 |
| SUCCULENTS for the AMATEUR (Edited by Scott E Haselton)  | Brown (et al)     | 1939 |
| SUCCULENTS for the GARDEN  | Kapitany & Schulz | 2006 |
| SUCCULENTS IN NATURE   | Guglielmone       | 2012 |
| SUCCULENTS SIMPLIFIED - Growing, Designing & Crafting with 100 Easy-Care Varieties             | Baldwin           | 2013 |
| SUCCULENTS, The Instant Guide to Healthy Succulents  | Pilbeam           | 1984 |
| SUCCULENTS, Under the Spell of   | Moore             | 2014 |
| SUCCULENTS: Care and Health  | Schulz & Kapitany | 2003 |
| SULCOREBUTIA and WEINGARTIA - A Collector's Guide  | Pilbeam           | 1985 |
| TOPIARY, The New - Imaginative Techniques From Longwood Gardens                                | Hammer            | 2003 |

## A Cactus Christmas

Janet Westerbrook

"To the Point" Nov/Dec 2004

Bring me what I really want:  
A spiny, water-hoarding plant!  
A Mamm that may in summer wear  
A wreath of flowers in her hair.  
A jungle type that blooms by night,  
A monstrose form that looks a fright.  
Santa, honey, make me smile—  
I'm just a hopeless cactophile.

Not another lurid tie,  
Not another fattening pie.  
Not another "Big Orange" shirt,  
Not another poodle skirt.  
Not another fruitcake brick,  
Not another Waterpik.  
Santa, Santa, hear my plea:  
A Cactus Christmas let this be.

An Old Man with a long white fringe,  
A Gymno with a tartan tinge.  
A Cereus who's trying to top  
A big Saguaro's spiky mop.  
A rickrack Zygo blooming red,  
An Astrophytum's starry head.  
Santa, baby, make me grin,  
Here's my stocking – slip one in!

If cacti are in short supply,  
Bring a distant cousin by.  
One that looks like fat green beads,  
Or one that likes to throw its seeds.

## Some Chuckles From Eleanore Hewitt

Euphorbia: I am, I find,  
Most partial to the tubby kind.  
Santa, sweetie, please feel free  
To put that Pachy 'neath my tree.

A fierce Agave tipped in black,  
A squat Crassula in a stack.  
A Tiger Jaws that's full of teeth,  
Or Aloe vera, for relief.  
A Lithops trying to pass for stone,  
A Kalanchoe for my own.  
Santa, Santa, humor me:  
A Cactus Christmas let this be.



## Current Board and Volunteers

President—Robert Kopfstein—[president@palomarcactus.org](mailto:president@palomarcactus.org)

Vice President—Dean Karras [gnosisnursery@gmail.com](mailto:gnosisnursery@gmail.com)

Past President, Meeting set-up—Brita Miller

Treasurer—Teri Shusterman [treasurer@palomarcactus.org](mailto:treasurer@palomarcactus.org)

Assistant Treasurer—Liz Rozycki

Secretary—Moni Waiblinger

Members at Large—Charlyne Barad, David Buffington, Lorie Johansen

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## 2024 Speakers and Events

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| Jan. 27 | Brandi Eide, AZ Desert Gardens     |
| Feb. 24 | Pam Hyatt, Wehrner Ranch           |
| Mar. 23 | Woody Minnich, TBA                 |
| Apr. 27 | Spring Festival                    |
| May 25  | Kelly Griffin, TBA                 |
| Jun. 22 | Gunnar Eisel, TBA                  |
| Jul. 27 | Ernesto Sandoval, TBA              |
| Aug. 24 | Picnic at Palomar College          |
| Sep. 28 | Tom Glavich, TBA                   |
| Oct. 26 | Fall Show/Sale at SD Botanic Gard. |
| Nov. 23 | Craig Kolodge, Soils               |
| Dec. 14 | Holiday Party                      |