



# Cactus Courier



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**The North San Diego County Cactus and Succulent Club**

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## Holiday Party!

**Saturday, December 20th**

**Grace Presbyterian Church,  
1450 E. Vista Way, Vista**

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

**Gift plants galore!**



**See details on page 3.**

**There will be no exchange or benefit  
drawing tables and no auction.**



## Elections ~ An Important Part of Our Party



As we do each year at the holiday party, we will hold elections for our Board of Directors vacancies at this year's party too.

The slate of nominees for board of directors positions is below. You are welcome to add your name or the name of someone else to the list of nominees. To do so, email [info@palomarcactus.org](mailto:info@palomarcactus.org).

- |                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| • President (2-year term)         | Joe Cobb        |
| • Director at Large (2-year term) | Julian Duval    |
| • Treasurer (2-year term)         | Teri Shusterman |

## PCSS is very grateful to the following:

Lyn Mardesich for donating and then having repaired a vacuum cleaner for after events clean-up. This is something our club cannot do without. Thank you, Lyn!

Anthony Neubauer and Al Klein of Botanic Wonders for allowing us to buy holiday gift plants at wholesale prices. Their generosity enables us to provide very nice, desirable plants as gifts for our members. Thank you very much!

Dear PCSS Members,

As we close out 2025, I want to thank everyone for working so well together to make this such a successful year. We have transitioned our meetings from Escondido to Vista. We have had two of the largest Show and Sales in recent memory and welcomed many new members. Our plant auctions continue to have ever better plants, and higher sales, and our sales table has grown tremendously.

Our team approach to putting together our newsletter is producing a truly outstanding monthly publication. All the volunteers listed on the last page of this newsletter deserve your thanks, as well as so many others that you see assisting in the room set-up and clean-up, Sandy and Bruce in the kitchen, Robert as our auctioneer and speaker scheduler, and Brian at the Exchange Table.

As we move into the new year, I thought it might be helpful to write a bit about how the Brag Table works and how the Exchange Table, Benefit Drawing Table, and Auction work together. For the Brag Table, every member is encouraged to bring in up to five plants total. They are entered in categories of Cacti, Succulents, Plant of the Month, and Dish Garden. Members' plants are further separated into Novice, Intermediate, or Advanced competition categories. This way members only compete against others with similar display experience.

Exhibitors should have been growing their plant for at least six months. They usually start in the Novice category and remain in that category until they have won 10 first place awards, at which time they move into the Intermediate category. An exception is new members who are already very experienced plant growers should enter as either Intermediate or Advanced. Movement into the Advanced category is self-determined, sometimes with encouragement! Exhibitors earn one point for each entry, plus 3 points for first, 2 points for second, and 1 point for third. At the end of the year, the brag points are combined with the garden brag points, and people with the most points get first pick of the gift plants at the December Holiday Party.

The Exchange Table is a way to share your cuttings or rooted plants, pots, or other garden-related items with other members. Everyone who brings in cuttings, etc. is given a ticket, and at the end of the meeting a drawing is held. At the end of the drawing, everyone is encouraged to take whatever is remaining on the table. Plants and/or cuttings should be clean and dry to protect the church's carpet and make it easier for the volunteer clean-up crew to do their job. If the plants, etc. you bring in are of higher quality or rarity, you may put them on the Benefit Drawing table. Likewise, the table monitor may move an item up from the Exchange Table.

Once a plant, etc. has been placed on the Benefit Drawing Table, it cannot be moved off the table except through the drawing process. This is to ensure that people who buy tickets will have all the items available to them which were on the table when they purchased their tickets. When all tickets have been called, any remaining items may be moved down to the Exchange Table. If you bring in plants or other items of exceptional quality, you may choose to have them sold by auction. Acceptance for the auction is at the discretion of the auctioneer.

David Buffington



# Holiday Party 2025

By Eleanore Hewett



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

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



This will be our first party (of many, we hope!) at the Grace Church. That being said, it is our first year in this kitchen and we will be feeling our way.

. If you are bringing a cooler with hot food, here is a trick that I do: foil-wrap bricks and heat them in the oven. Put them in a towel-lined cooler. They keep food hot for hours!

**As usual, make sure all dishes and serving utensils are marked with your name.**

The food signup sheet is in this newsletter, but if you didn't sign up or want to change your mind, just email me ([Eleanore.hewitt@gmail.com](mailto:Eleanore.hewitt@gmail.com)) or call at 760-753-3651 (cell phone 760-412-2182) to leave a message) and I'll make that adjustment.

Lorie, Charlyne, and I will be making the turkey. And there will be gravy! 🍴



The set-up crew should arrive ready to work by about 10 am. There are tables to set and decorate, and the room could use some holiday cheer. We would appreciate people bringing cut greens or Christmas decorations so we can make the hall as festive as possible. Pine, juniper or pyracantha would be great – as well as any succulent material you think would fit into the seasonal theme – like jade if it's in bloom. Please bring them early enough to be used in the decorating.

We welcome the spouses or SOs of all our members to the party. We know we would be delighted to meet them.

**If you have not already signed up to attend, please notify Brita at [Britamiller1@gmail.com](mailto:Britamiller1@gmail.com) or text 858-776-7216.**



## What Would a Party be Without Gifts?



As usual we will have lots of Gift Plants! There will be a plant for all members in attendance. Brag Point Winners – from the Brag Table, Garden Brag Photos, and the March and October Shows will receive a plant.

Volunteers, we love you, couldn't do it without you – and we will have gift plants for you, too! Gift Plants will be handed out after lunch is served.

**IF YOU DON'T SIGN UP BY 12/15, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU A MEMBER GIFT PLANT!**

# HOLIDAY PARTY POTLUCK SIGN-UP - DEC. 20, 2025



## **Appetizers** - please list specific dish - by 11:15am

1. Esper Batara & Nick V. - Noodles
2. Patti Nelson - Sushi
3. Teri Shusterman - \_\_\_\_\_
4. Duvals - Hot artichoke dip w/ crackers
5. *Your name here!* \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_



## **Salads** - please list specific dish

1. Liz Rozycki - Shaved brussels sprouts
2. Name? - Coleslaw w/ fruit and nuts
3. Duvals -Jello salad (grn w/pineapple, crm cheese)
4. Robert Kopfstein - \_\_\_\_\_
5. Chris Sangster - \_\_\_\_\_
6. Barbara Raab - \_\_\_\_\_
7. Nancy Woodward - \_\_\_\_\_

## **Vegetables** - please list specific dish

1. Libi Salvo - Roast butternut squash
2. Pauline Wong - Chinese bean threads
3. Peter Tashjian - Green Relleno Casserole
4. Lottie Foster - Green bean casserole
5. *Your name here!* \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Potatoes** - please list specific dish

1. Robert & Susie - Mashed potatoes
2. Harold Dunn - Noodle kugel
3. *Your name here!* \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Sweet Potatoes**

1. Lois Walag
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Stuffing**

1. Brita Miller
2. Moni Waiblinger
3. *Your name here!* \_\_\_\_\_



## **Cranberry & Relish Dishes**

1. Martina Reed
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Rolls/Bread**

1. Julie Kort

## **Drinks** - please list specific beverage

1. MaryEllen & Cliff Chanco - Eggnog
2. Kirstie DeTar - Sodas
3. PCSS - water, coffee

## **Desserts** - please list specific dish

1. Donna Roden - Kringle
2. Lynn Cahill - Snowball cookies
3. Assaf Magen - Brownies
4. Annie Morgan - Pecan pies
5. Suzi Harris - Pumpkin pie
6. Wanda and Gary - Cookies
7. Susie Guerra - Roll cake
8. Bill D'Angelo - Cherry trifle
9. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Set up - 10:30**

1. Brita Miller - main room, etc.
2. Lou and Suzi Harris
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Sherman Blench - decorations
5. Suzi Harris - decorations



## **Kitchen - 10:00**

1. Eleanore Hewitt, Lorie Johansen, Charlyne - kitchen
2. Lottie Foster - kitchen
3. \_\_\_\_\_ kitchen
4. \_\_\_\_\_ kitchen

## **Gift Plant Help - 10:30**

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



## **Turkey**

1. Eleanore, Lorie, Charlyne

## **Serving - noon**

1. Eleanore
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Clean up**

**Everyone!!!**

# ~ Brag Points = Gift Plants ~

The following are Brag Point totals from the Brag Table at meetings and Garden Brag photos in the newsletter. Gift plants will be awarded at the Holiday Party to those with 5 or more points.

You must sign up to attend by Monday, 12/15 to be sure you receive a gift plant.



## NOVICE

Amy Plotkin .....	5
Jan Bauer .....	6
Sherry Hunga-Moore.....	7
Don DeTar .....	8
Donna Roden .....	8
Nick Van Der Westhuizen.....	9
Kristie De Tar.....	9
Mary Bentley .....	10
Mary Ellen/Clifford Chanco .....	10
Stacy Day .....	12
Liz Rozycki .....	12
Keith Umbreit .....	13
Chet Reed .....	14
Barbara Raab .....	15
Charlie Ballard .....	15
Martina Reed .....	16
Deborah Pearson .....	16
Teri Schusterman .....	16
Tom McCarter .....	20
Deborah Buffington .....	21
Gerard Richart .....	25
Lottie Foster .....	25
Christina Sangster .....	28
Susan Snow .....	28
Jamie Straub .....	86
<b>Lynn Cahill .....</b>	<b>106</b>

## INTERMEDIATE

France's Granger .....	8
Jim Anderson .....	23
Libbi Salvo .....	25
Chris Barkley .....	27
Sherman Blench .....	28
Charlyne Barad .....	28
Patti Nelson .....	29
David Buffington .....	29
Norb Roden .....	29
Debra Lee Baldwin.....	31
Lois Walag .....	35
Harold Dunn .....	35
Frances Granger .....	35
Pauline Wong .....	52
Jeff McNair .....	57
Joan Herskowitz .....	65
<b>Kathy McNair .....</b>	<b>87</b>

## ADVANCED

Eric Gronborg .....	8
Moni Waiblinger .....	26
Wanda Mallen .....	27
Russel Ray .....	29
Mike Nelson .....	35
Robert Kopfstein .....	37
Julian Duval .....	39
John Barkley .....	40
Lorie Johansen .....	74
<b>Candy/Gerry Gardner .....</b>	<b>101</b>



# November Meeting Recap

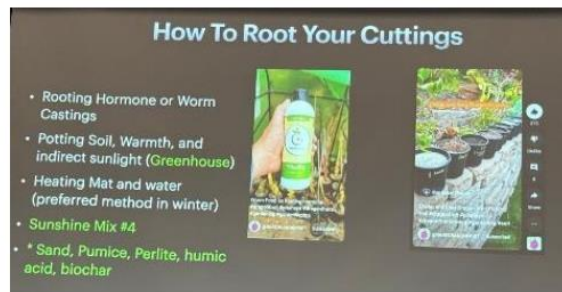
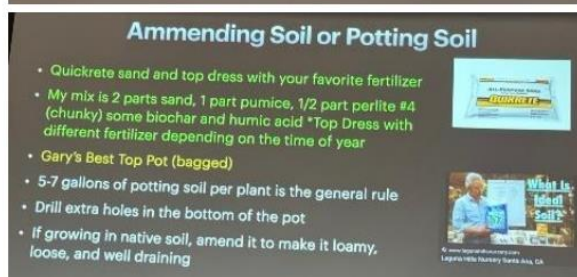


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- You tube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/RAREDRAGONFRUIT>
- Other: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/332218314495124/>
- Slide Show: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tRqJL0bMDnaHZp-IOQz681jCf9xROOEP/view>



Our November speaker, Paul Erickson, treated us to a very interesting and engaging talk about dragon fruit. Above are a few of many available websites with some information from him about his dragon fruit hobby/passion. If you do a search on **"Paul Erickson & dragon fruit,"** you will find numerous other sites, including lots of You Tube videos of interviews of him, tours of his property, growing advice, and many others.

The last link on the list above has a slide show similar to the one he shared with us.



Among many things, Paul recommended:

- Fertilize 4-5 times/year
- Hand pollinate at night to beat bees to the pollen.
- Grow DF in sand mixture.
- Control aphids by controlling ants.



Brag table judges, Annie & Debra, shared prize plants.

Welcome back, Annie!

The little Boojum shown here on a cart was auctioned off for a total of \$265! Many thanks for Russel for contributing \$150 so Robert could start the auction at a lower number! Congratulations to Bruce for winning the final bid!

# November Brag Table Winners

Just a reminder, January and July are months when we can show plants in plain plastic nursery pots. Judges will base their decisions on the quality of the plants only.

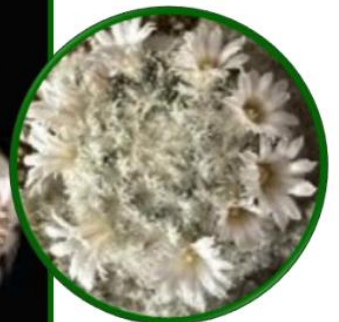
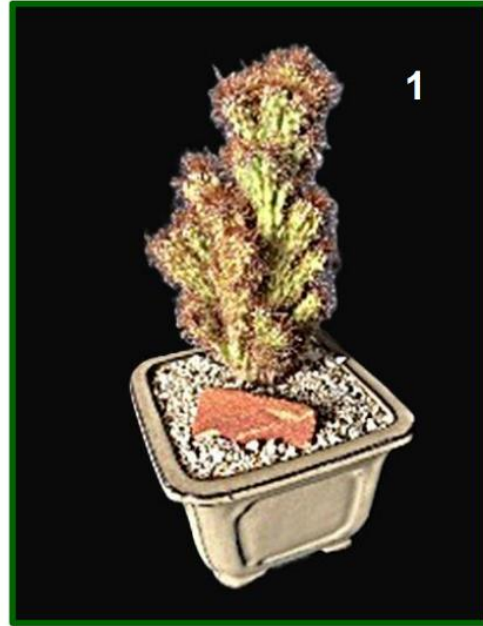
## 2025 November Brag Plant Winners

### Novice Cactus

- |                             |                                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Lynn Cahill | Mammillaria elongata 1             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Liz Rozycki | Mammillaria gracilis v. fragilis 2 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Barbra Raab | Schlumbergera truncata 3           |

### Intermediate Cactus

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Norb Roden   | Mammillaria plumosa 4    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kathy McNair | Schlumbergera truncata 5 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Harold Dunn  | Mammillaria plumosa 6    |



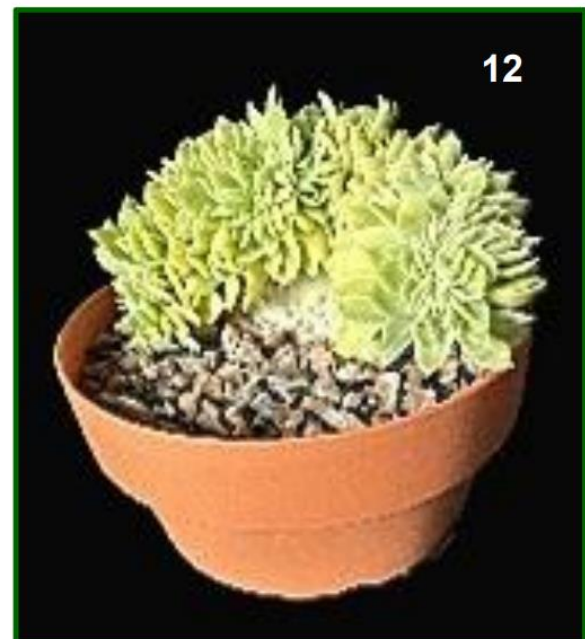
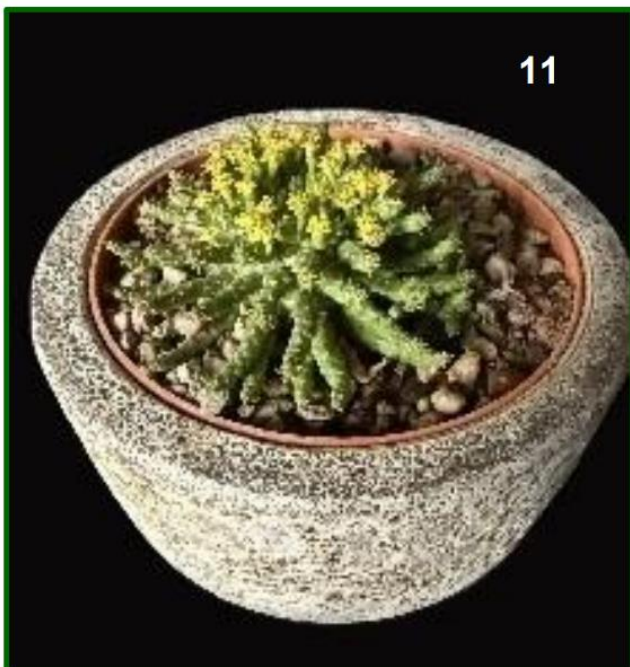
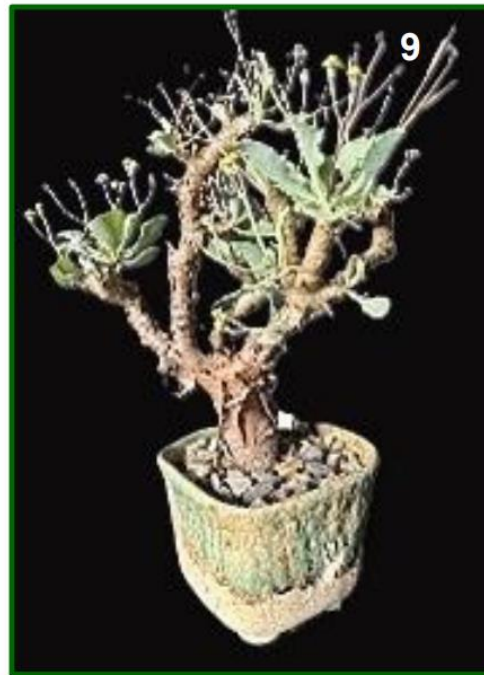
# November Brag Table Winners Cont.

## Advanced Cactus

- 1<sup>st</sup> Russel Ray      *Mammillaria bombycina* 7  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lorie Johansen   *Schlumbergera truncata* 8  
3<sup>rd</sup> Candy & Jerry Garner   *Gymnocalycium spegazzini* 9

## Novice Succulent

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lynn Cahill      *Gasteria armstrongii* 10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jamie Straub   *Euphorbia flanaganii* 11  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jamie Straub   *Echevaria agavoides* 12



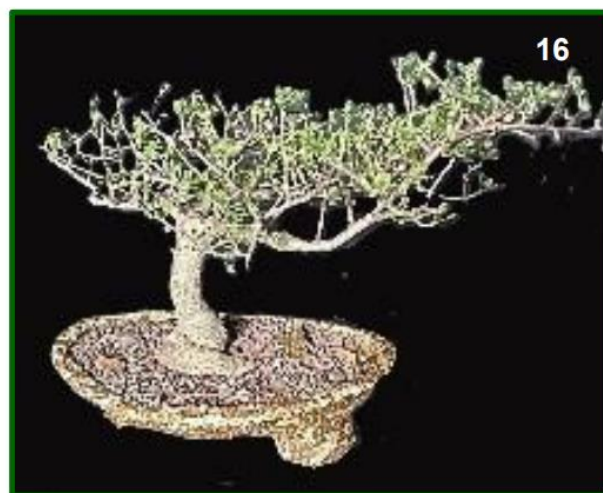
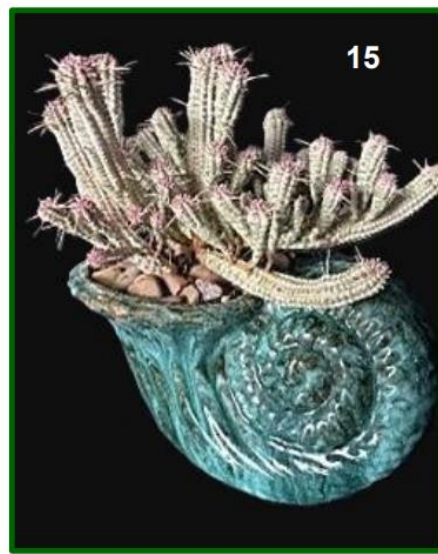
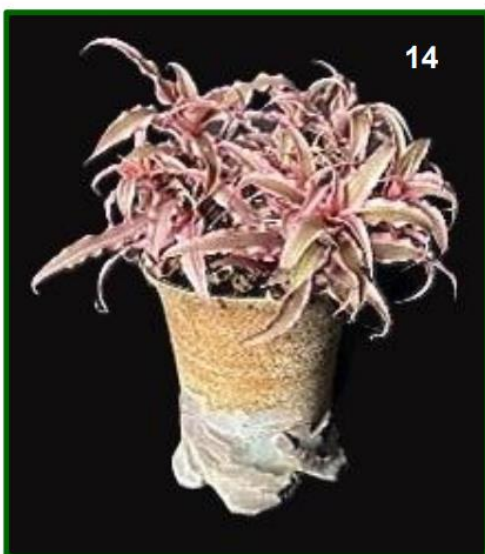
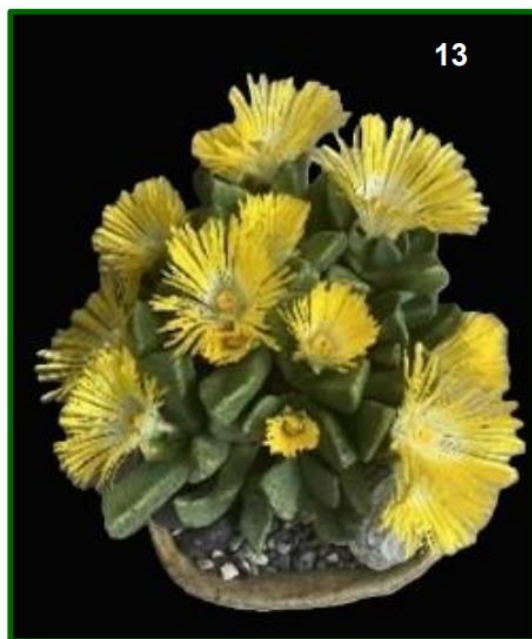
# November Brag Table Winners Cont.

## Intermediate Succulent

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pauline Wong Machairophyllum brevifolium  
(formerly M. latifolium) **BEST IN SHOW 13**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pauline Wong Cryptanthus bivittatus 'Pink  
Starlight' 14  
3<sup>rd</sup> Libbi Salvo Euphorbia mammillaris variegata 15

## Advanced Succulent

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Nelson Bursera microphylla 16  
1<sup>st</sup> Candy & Jerry Garner Euphorbia francoisii 17  
2<sup>nd</sup> Candy & Jerry Garner Othonna euphorbioides 18  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lorie Johansen Glottiphyllum nelii 19



# November Brag Table Winners Cont.

## Plant of the Month – Novice

- 1<sup>st</sup> Debi Buffington *Opuntia* sp. f. *cristata* **20**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lynn Cahill *Aeonium* 'Sunburst' f. *cristata* **21**

## Plant of the Month – Intermediate

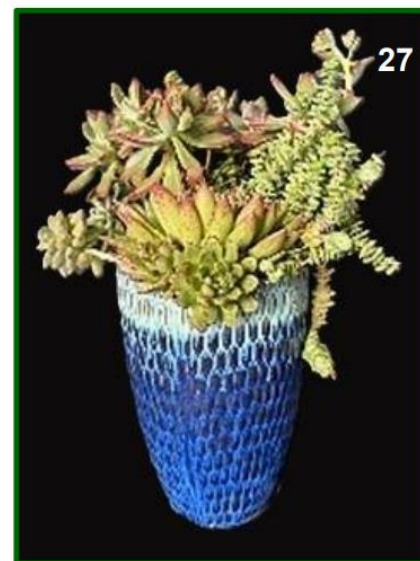
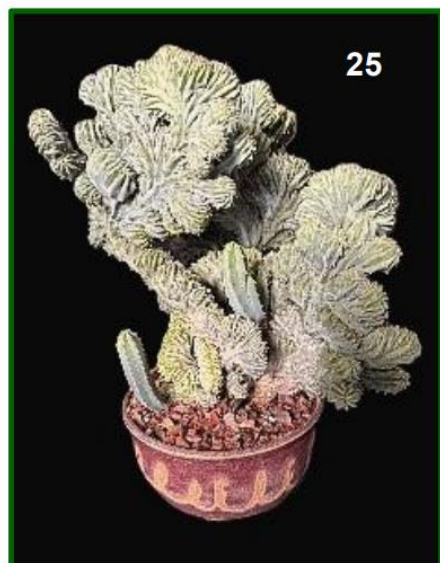
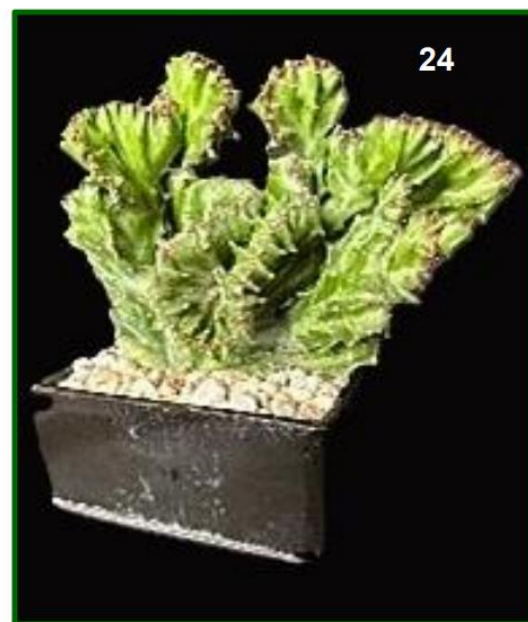
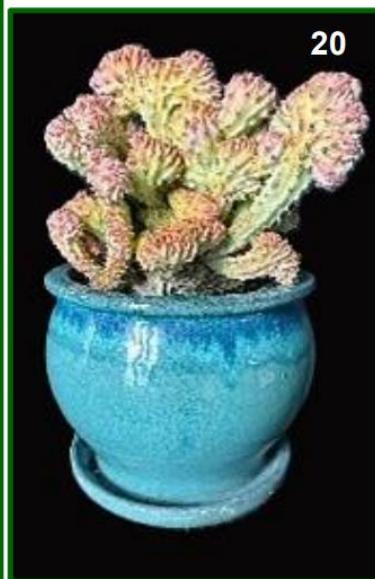
- 1<sup>st</sup> Jeff McNair *Aeonium* sp. *Crest* **22**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Anderson *Cereus* *peruvinus* f. *monstrose* **23**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Harold Dunn *Euphorbia* *lactea* **24**

## Plant of the Month – Advanced

- 1<sup>st</sup> Julian Duval *Myrtillocactus* *geometrans* f. *cristata* **25**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Nelson *Euphorbia* *aluadia* f. *cristata* **26**

## Dish/Bowl Garden - Intermediate

- 1<sup>st</sup> Libbi Salvo *Mixed* **27**



# HOME GARDEN BRAG

by Joan Herskowitz

Share an especially nice section of your garden, a plant that bloomed in between meetings, or one that is too large to bring to the Brag Table. Earn 2 points for each published photo. You may send in photos of a maximum of two plants. Send photos to: [jmherskowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:jmherskowitz@yahoo.com). SUBMISSION DATES IN 2026: 3rd day of each month.



Aloidendron sp.  
Julian Duval



Aloe rubroviolacea  
Christina Sangster



Aloe elegans  
Christina Sangster



Orbea variegata  
Lorie Johansen



Neoregelia 'Hannibal Lechter'  
(bromeliad)  
Tom McCarter



Crassula capitella  
Tom McCarter



Pachycereus pringlei  
Jeff McNair



Fouquieria diguetii  
Jeff McNair



Lophocereus schottii  
Kathy McNair



Euphorbia pulcherrima (Poinsettia tree)  
Erik Gronberg



Fenestraria rhopalophylla  
Joan Herskowitz



Mammillaria hahniana  
Lynn Cahill



Epiphyllum hybrid  
Joan Herskowitz



Alluaudia procera  
Kathy McNair



Schlumbergera truncata  
Lynn Cahill



Crassula capitella 'Campfire'  
Lois Walag



Aloe arborescens  
Susan Snow



Haemanthus albiflos  
Susan Snow



Tree Aloe  
Annie Morgan



# It's PCSS Renewal Time!

For those of us who love PCSS (and who doesn't!) it's time to renew our memberships. Annual dues remain \$35.00—a bargain for a year of cactus pleasure & succulent excitement!

Dues are due by Dec. 31 if you want your name in the Membership Directory and may be paid any time until the end of the year.

You may pay by cash, check or credit card at meetings or send a check by mail to: PCSS, P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033-0840

For those who would like to make a tax-deductible donation to Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society (a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization) we have three levels:

**Crassula \$100**

**Ocotillo \$250**

**Saguaro \$500**

With donors' permission, we will honor them with their names published in our monthly Newsletter, the *Cactus Courier*.

## Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

The North San Diego County Cactus & Succulent Club

**Membership Application** — Please ✓ a category ~ New Member \_\_\_\_ OR Renewal \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Annual Dues w/email newsletter ~ \$35      \_\_\_\_ Annual Dues after June 30th ~ \$18  
\_\_\_\_ Additional Household Members ~ \$5 each      \_\_\_\_ Engraved PCSS Name Badge ~ + \$8

### NEW! Tax-Deductible Donation

\_\_\_\_ Crassula Level ~ \$100      - benefit =  $\frac{1}{2}$  off annual membership  
\_\_\_\_ Ocotillo Level ~ \$250      - benefit = 1 year free membership  
\_\_\_\_ Saguaro Level ~ \$500      - benefit = 2 years free membership

\_\_\_\_ Permission to list donor's name(s) in newsletter by category. Amounts will not be listed.

PCSS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. A receipt showing your deduction will be emailed to you.

**Payment:** Cash \_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_ Charge \_\_\_\_ Total = \$ \_\_\_\_



Please Print! We must be able to read it!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Directory:** Please ✓ which, if any, we may include: \_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_ Email OR \_\_\_\_ None

Make checks payable to PCSS. Credit cards accepted at meetings. Please bring this form & check or cash to a meeting, or mail it in to: Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society or PCSS ~ P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033

By Barbara Raab



The Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society was founded at Palomar College in 1962.

At the same time, we established a lending library – a collection of botanical books that focused on cacti and succulent plants to be available to members at each meeting. The Society obtained the books either by buying them or through donations, including signed copies generously given by the authors themselves. This process continued for more than sixty years, and many early volumes are now out of print.

Along with access to the library, secure storage was needed. Between meetings the PCSS library was kept in cupboards at the Escondido venue for many years until the City of Escondido ended this storage arrangement. Afterwards, Kevin Smith stored the books at home and brought them to meetings, all 8 to 12 crates of them!

These challenges persisted after this year's move to Grace Presbyterian Church in Vista, where there is no storage for the library between meetings and no one to transport them.

PCSS Library usage has declined. Members now increasingly use the internet for quick access to information about plant identification, habitats, care, etc.

The PCSS Library has served as a very significant source of information. One of the key objectives of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society is education, both of our members and of the public. Keeping this objective in mind, we are actively seeking a reasonable and effective solution to these issues and will keep you informed of any developments.

## *Thank you, Generous Members!*

### Crassula Level (\$100 – \$249.99)

2025 (for 2026)

Charlyne Barad  
David and Debi Buffington  
Linda Case  
Cy Chadley  
Brian Youens

### Ocotillo Level (\$250.00 - \$499.99)

Candy and Jerry Garner  
Julian and Leslie Duval

### Saguaro Level (\$500 & Above)

Mike and Nancy Peters

### Other amount

# El Cajon Library

## December Plant of the Month

Sponsored by Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society

### *Mammillaria geminispina*

by Russel Ray



*Mammillaria geminispina* (picture ← of plant loaned by Russel Ray) is native to several states in central Mexico (see map ↓). It grows in xerophilous scrub in calcareous soil on rocky hills at 3,280 to 6,070 feet above sea level.

*Mammillaria geminispina* is a highly variable species with plants forming clumps up to 3 feet wide or remaining solitary. Stems are cylindrical and up to 7 inches tall. Tubercles are rounded, and the axil is filled with white wool. Spines can be very short or very long, and vary



from solid white to white spines with dark tips. Some spines can protrude far out from the rest, can be straight or slightly curved, and can be up to 2 inches long. See picture →.

Flowers are funnel-shaped, pink to carmine red with darker midveins, and up to 3/4" in size. They usually grow in a ring in the growth of the previous year but sometimes more randomly over the body. If grown from seed, *Mammillaria geminispina* can take up to eight years before flowering. The fruits are red, and the seeds are brown. Plants can be propagated by seeds or stem cuttings.

*Mammillaria geminispina* is a fairly easy plant to grow. The more light it receives without burning the plant encourages the heaviest spine formation. In low light, it can become overly lush and green, a condition that can result in rotting due to excessive water. It does best outside during the summer where the temperature is over 85°F with no harm to the plant. They like a short winter's rest but should be kept almost completely dry during the winter months. Root loss can occur if the soil is allowed to be dry for too long or if the plants are both wet and cold. Increase watering gradually in March, and by May the plant should be in full growth. Continue to water regularly during the summer, perhaps a little more frequently during overly hot weather, and then reduce watering in September and through the winter months.

Fertilizer is only necessary if the plant has not been repotted recently. Feeding from September onwards can cause lush growth which can be fatal during the dark and cold winter months. Mature plants can resist temperatures down to 25°F for a short time, but it is best to keep above freezing to avoid ugly spots on the plant.

My plant is 8 years old, was purchased as a solitary head, and has not flowered. It gets 8-16 hours of sun each day, and annual rainfall from 15" (2022) to 70" (2019, yes 70", not a typo). Soil is a 40/60 mix of organic/pumice. Because my plant is outside with no protection whatsoever, this is one of my few pots that has a drainage hole. I do not fertilize it, leaving it to rainfall to do that. It has survived low temperatures of 28°F for three consecutive nights and highs of 100°F to 118°F for 41 consecutive days in 2020.



## 2026 MEETING DATES, PLANT OF THE MONTH, SPEAKERS & TOPICS

Dates	Plant of the Month*	Speakers & Topics
Jan 24	Echinopsis 	Diana Lindsay, Plants in Anza Borrego used by native peoples
Feb 28	Hoya 	Marie Sinovich, Desert animals of Anza Borrego
Mar 28	Aloe 	Jeff Moore, Succulent road trip — Gardens from San Francisco to San Diego
Apr 25	None	Spring Festival/Sale
May 23	None	Picnic at Palomar College
Jun 27	Opuntia 	Woody Minnich, Pachypodiums
Jul 25	String succulents 	Nan Sterman, California-Dreamin' — Gardening in a Mediterranean climate
Aug 22	Euphorbia 	Antonio Rangel, The gardens at Palomar College — Landscaping for education and conservation
Sep 26	Astrophytum 	Dylan Zoller, Jewels of the Brazilian highlands
Oct 24	None	Fall Festival/Sale
Nov 21	Schlumbergera 	Cristy Brenner, Cactus adventure in Argentina and Chile
Dec 19	None	Holiday Party 

**\*We are doing something different this year in that the plant of the month has been chosen from lists of birth plants (similar to birth stones).**



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Assist at meetings with clean-up

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