

# CACTUS COURIER

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The North San Diego County Cactus and Succulent Club!

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## NEXT MEETING

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

NO - Brag, Exchange or Benefit Drawing Tables

**10:30am - 3:00pm**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Member Festival

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**

**10:30am to 3pm**

**\* Member Plant, etc. Sale \***

**\* Plant Exhibition \***

**\* Workshops \* Potluck \***

The Festival will take place in our usual meeting room.  
You will be able to wander freely between activities.

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## REFRESHMENTS

|                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Carolina Leaps       | Chips & Guacamole        |
| Jessie Alexander     | Bell Pepper Tartlets Ted |
| Guerrero             | Fruit Salad              |
| Imee Ratnavich       | Fruit                    |
| Paula Deubig         | Salad                    |
| Patty Merriam        | Salad                    |
| Barbara Watzke       | Salad                    |
| Sherman Blench       | Chicken Salad            |
| Heather/Winston Chan | Sandwiches               |
| Eddie Sahlín         | Sandwiches               |
| Kathie Hoxie         | Casserole                |
| Fran Clepper         | Hot Dish                 |
| May Fong Ho          | Grilled Chicken Bits     |
| Annie Morgan         | Lemon Squares            |
| Julie Kort           | Brownies                 |
| Nell McChesney       | Surprise!                |
| Barbara Raab         | Surprise!                |
| Kevin Smith          | Surprise!                |
| Thelma Gerome        | Surprise!                |
| Ellen Pankuch        | Surprise!                |

- 9:00 - 9:30am MORNING VOLUNTEERS BRING IN THEIR SHOW & SALES PLANTS
- 9:30 - 10:15AM MEMBERS SET UP THEIR PLANTS TO SHOW AND TO SELL
- 10:30AM SHOW PLANTS MUST BE LABELED AND ON THE TABLES  
PLANTS FOR SALE SHOULD BE PRICED AND ON THE TABLES
- 10:30AM FESTIVAL OPENS**  
CASH REGISTER OPENS FOR SALES
- 11:00AM WORKSHOPS AND POTLUCK START
- 2:45PM CLEANUP

**UPDATED!!!**

[PalomarCactus.org](http://PalomarCactus.org)

We're on Facebook!

Questions: [info@PalomarCactus.org](mailto:info@PalomarCactus.org)



## **MEMBER PLANT, POTTERY, AND GARDEN RELATED ITEMS SALE**

**Do you have some extra potted plants you would like to sell? We do the selling for you, just bring in clean, rooted, attractive potted plants.**

- Bring items in between 9:30am - 10:15am. They should be labeled, priced, and in place by 10:30am.
- You must CONTACT BRITA IN ADVANCE to be guaranteed space! Tables are 6' long by 30" wide. Do you need ¼, ½, or a full table?
- You will need to have two plant sticks per plant.
  - **One stick MUST have your name and the price.**
  - **The second stick should have the name of the plant.**
  - Plant sticks will be available for sale, 8 for \$.45.
- Tip for pricing your plants - what would YOU pay for it?
- If you are going to donate plants for the club to sell, you must use sticks that say PCSS. We will have PCSS sticks available. You just need to add the price on the stick.
- You may also sell plants that are usually sold as cuttings, nice clean pots (not plastic) and other new or newer garden related items, including artwork. You must attach a plant stick or label with your name and price on it.
- *FYI, Gerry Garner will be bringing his pottery to sell once again.*



## **PLANT EXHIBITION**

**This year, we will have a non-judged show for all levels, so it will be simpler for all involved.**

- **Each plant will earn two Brag Points.** So, the more you bring in, the more points you will earn!
- As always, you MUST have owned your plant for six months or longer.
- You may bring plants that you have recently shown, even if you have won.
- All entries must be labeled and on table by 10:30am.
- Again, we will have a "People's Choice Award" for each level, so bring in your most popular plants.

## **WORKSHOPS – WILL START AT 11AM**

**As always, workshops will run consecutively so you won't miss a thing! Times will be listed that morning.**

- **"Repotting and Propagating Succulents"** - by Ron Chisum
- **"Common Pests of Succulents and Cactus in SD county"** - by Ray Lomba from the Safari Park
- **"Growing from Seed"** - by Dean Karras
- **"Soil"** - by Peter Walkowiak

## **POTLUCK**

Thanks to our generous members we hope to have lots of delicious food throughout most of the day. Enjoy time with old and new friends.

Don't forget to bring in some goodies for everyone to enjoy! See the list on p. 1.



## **VOLUNTEERS**

We can't do it without you. Come enjoy the fun and camaraderie. If everyone helps a little, we'll have a great time. **Please let Brita know as soon as possible if you would like to volunteer at [EventCoordinator@PalomarCactus.org](mailto:EventCoordinator@PalomarCactus.org).**

# ~ NOTICES ~

## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

The 2019 Membership Directory was emailed out on March 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have a few printed copies available at the March event and April meeting for members who do not have working printers. NOTE: If you opted not to have your city, email, or phone number in the directory we did not include your name. Next year you will have the option to just include your name if you wish.

## **PCSS WEBSITE – YOUR INPUT NEEDED**

We have the main pages updated but NEED YOUR HELP in adding to the Resources page.

Nurseries – We want to include an up-to-date list of local (So. California) nurseries that specialize or have a good selection of succulents and that sell to the public.

Gardens - We are also looking to update our list of botanical gardens to visit.

Websites – And lastly, we would like to have a list of the best succulent websites for reference.

- For each one we list it would be nice to have a sentence or two about them.
- Please go to the website, [www.PalomarCactus.org](http://www.PalomarCactus.org), and look under the Resources tab to see what we have now.
- Please contact Annie, info on back page, with suggestions.

## **PCSS T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!**

At our Spring Festival we will be selling the remaining ten club t-shirts for discounted prices! We have a few from each of the two designs and have them in several colors.



## **TWO INTERESTING ARTICLES**

### 'Yanked from the ground': cactus theft is ravaging the American desert

Hipster tastes have fueled a spike in succulent poaching. Now conservationists are finding creative ways to rescue them.

“When we think of smuggling and selling stuff on the black market we generally tend to think of either drugs or guns but in parts of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico the black market for Saguaro cacti is huge.” From Info Barrel

Micro Chips in Cactus? Click on the link below to read the article from The Guardian. Our own Woody Minnich is quoted in the article.



Samuel Arnberger was among the first rangers to insert the FGID chips into the saguaros. Photograph: Eirini Pajak/The Guardian

[HTTPS://WWW.THEGUARDIAN.COM/ENVIRONMENT/2019/FEB/20/TO-CATCH-A-CACTUS-THIEF-NATIONAL-PARKS-FIGHT-A-THORNY-PROBLEM](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/feb/20/to-catch-a-cactus-thief-national-parks-fight-a-thorny-problem)



Two unidentified men are photographed by warden Patrick Freeling after he arrested them in connection with the alleged poaching of Dudleya succulent plants, harvested by the men from the Mendocino coast. (Courtesy Patrick Freeling/CDFW)

## Succulent Smugglers Descend on California

You have probably read about the huge thefts of dudleyas in California and Mexico. Read what Debra Lee Baldwin has to say and what Kelly Griffin is trying to do to help combat the problem.

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/california-chronicles/succulent-smugglers-descend-on-california>

# BRAG TABLE WINNERS

## Novice Cactus

1st Charlyne Barad Opuntia crest #1

## Intermediate Cactus

1st Harold Dunn Neoperteria crispa #2

2nd Jeannie Zonana Opuntia microdasys

## Advanced Cactus

1st Russel Ray Mammillaria geminispina v. nobilis #3

2nd John Barkley Eriosyce nidus f. senilis #4

2nd Russel Ray Mammillaria sp.

3rd Russel Ray Echinopsis chamaecereus

## Novice Succulent

1st Rebecca Wooster Echeveria agavoides x lauii crest #5

2nd Kathie Hoxsie Aloe 'Orange Marmalade'

3rd Kathie Hoxsie Gasteria sp. #6

## Intermediate Succulent

1st Annie Morgan Faucaria tuberculosa 'Super Warty' #7

2nd Jeannie Zonana Echeveria agavoides #8

3rd Kevin Smith Gasteria 'Lizard Tongue' #9

## Advanced Succulent

1st Russel Ray Aloe macrosiphon

2nd Russel Ray Crassula corymbulosa #10

2nd Robert Kopfstein Dudleya anthonyi #11

## Plant of the Month - Novice

1st Charlyne Barad Euphorbia enopla #12

2nd Charlyne Barad Euphorbia obesa

## Plant of the Month - Intermediate

1st Neila Rybicki Euphorbia columnaris #13

2nd Harold Dunn Euphorbia bupleurifolia #14

3rd Libbi Salvo Euphorbia suzannae #15

3rd Annie Morgan Euphorbia pseudocactus 'Zig Zag' #16

## Plant of the Month - Advanced

1st Ron Chisum Euphorbia francoisii #17

1st Ron Chisum Euphorbia hamata #18

2nd Mike Nelson Euphorbia medusa hybrid #19

2nd Mike Nelson Euphorbia abdelkuri #20

2nd Russel Ray Euphorbia knuthii

3rd Russel Ray Euphorbia cereiformis

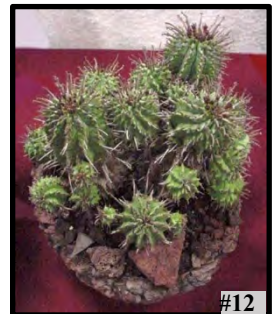
## Plant of the Month - Professional

1st Peter Walkowiak Euphorbia platyclada #21

2nd Peter Walkowiak Euphorbia suzannae crest #22

2nd Peter Walkowiak Euphorbia flanaganii

3rd Peter Walkowiak Euphorbia gorgonis



Flowers from Peter's E. platyclada, above, each one less than 1/8" across. Photo by Russel Ray.



# Garden Brag Photos

Share a section of your garden, a plant that bloomed in between meetings, or one that is too large or heavy to bring to the Brag Table. You earn 1 Brag Point for emailing photos and 2 points for each one published.

Email them to Annie at: [Secretary](#) WITH your name AND the plant name.



Annie Morgan's *Kalanchoe fedtschenkoi* with hundreds of flowers.



Lorie Johansen's *Billbergia nutans* - top center, *Glottiphyllum longum* above, and *Pleiospilos nelii* "Royal Flush", left. Below is a striking sculpture she came across while driving to Mammoth.



Left, Russel Ray's shot of an *Aeonium* after the rains, and some tiny,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ", very detailed flowers on a *mammillaria*.

# Palomar College Cactus & Succulent Garden

## 'Coffee in the Garden' Collage from 2/16/19



We really lucked out with the weather! It was a beautiful sunny day in-between many days of stormy weather. The plants all looked so clean and happy from the rains. Overall the garden looked fantastic due to Kevin Smith's herculean efforts in weeding, removing dying plants, etc. As hardly a weed was to be found, we have decided to cancel the 'clean up' day in April.



Photos by Brita Miller & May Fong Ho



# Coffee in the Garden

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 10am - 2pm

Wanda Mallen and Gary Vincent are hosting a visit of the Palomar and San Diego Cactus and Succulent Societies to their two-acre botanical extravaganza. You will find various garden vignettes, including a conifer garden, several tropical retreats, Australian natives throughout, palms and of course lots of cactus and succulents. The recent rains have the garden looking really good and ready to show off. There will be snacks, pots and plants for sale, and maybe some of Gary's famous birdhouses - first come, first served!

There is plenty of street parking - hope to see you there!



## South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Sale

April 6 - 7, 2019

9 AM - 4 PM



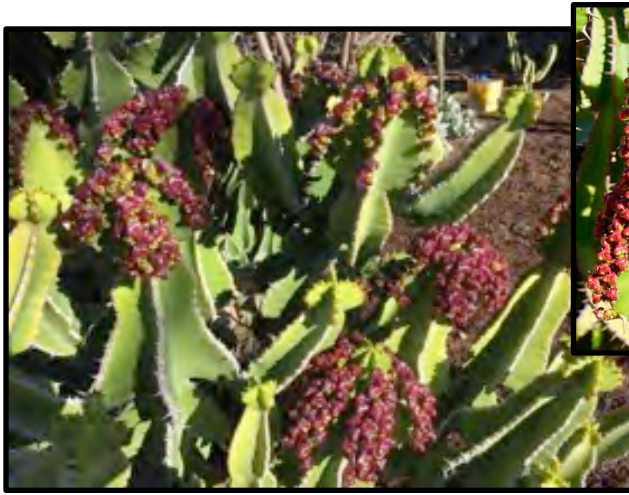
*Aeonium sunburst*

South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd. • Palos Verdes Peninsula 90274



# News from the Safari Park By May Fong Ho

The rainy weather has been fantastic, for the plants, but not for volunteers working in the Gardens. We missed half of our work days due to rain. We had been planting when we thought the soil was dry enough; and of course, we did a lot of weeding! It's the season. It's also the season for succulent blooms and so here are a few pictures.



Euphorbia cooperi, left  
Gasteria acinacifolia, right



If you have plants or materials to donate, or if you would like to volunteer at the gardens, please contact May Fong Ho at [info@PalomarCactus.org](mailto:info@PalomarCactus.org).

Aloe vaombe, left  
Aloe wickensii/criptopoda(?), right

Photos by May Fong Ho used with permission of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park

**Get yours now! The Cactus Flowers stamps feature images of 10 cacti, flowering perennial succulents that are abundant in the Southwest and other parts of the world!**

(The post office suggests buying them online as they have been selling out fast at local offices.)



# Waterwise Botanical Succulent Celebration!



## Succulent Celebration 2019 "Riding the Succulent Wave" Event Schedule

### *Friday, April 12th, 2019*

- 10:00 am: Tom Interviews Jeff Moore, about Jeff's New Book releasing later this year on Cactus, Questions Following
- 11:30 am: Laura Eubanks "Flash Mob Demo" on Tapestry Design
- 1:30 pm: Tom Jesch "So Pretty It Hurts" - Flowering Opuntias & More
- 9:00am-2:00pm: Ongoing Workshops for Kid's (Free)  
Ongoing Workshops for Adults (Price Varies)

### *Saturday, April 13th, 2019*

- 10:00 am: Debra Lee Baldwin "LIVE" Interview with Tom
- 1:00 pm: Dave Dean (Dave's Rock Garden of Encinitas, Ca) Tom will interview this delightful personality and reveal his story
- 1:30pm: Jeff Chemnick (Aloes In Wonderland, Santa Barbara County) Interview and Slides with Tom
- 9:00am-2:00pm: Ongoing Workshops for Kid's (Free)  
Ongoing Workshops for Adults (Price Varies)

Speakers will be in Large Tent  
Adult Workshops located in Adult Tent  
Kid's Workshops located in Kid's Tent



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## Succulent Celebration 2019 "Riding the Succulent Wave" Added Attractions

### *Vendors*

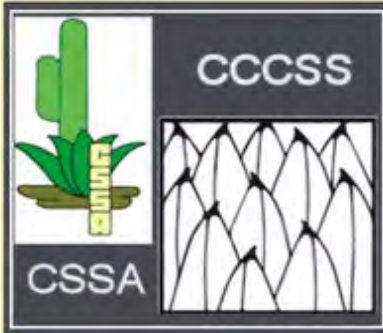
- Wine Country Gifts
- In Succulent Love
- Lisa Rocks
- Port Town Pottery
- Creations by Donna
- MadPotters
- Three Sisters Harvest
- Susan Aach
- Lee Lee's Rustic Customs
- Wilderness Zen
- Botanical Bright
- BygoneWoods
- Seafoam Driftwood
- San Diego County Gourd Artists

### *Food*

- Mahalo Shaved Ice
- A&S Catering & BBQ
- Casanova Fish Tacos



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Cactus and Succulent Society of America  
2019 Biennial Convention  
July 17-20, 2019

*Succulents: Conserving our Treasures*

San Luis Obispo, California



Link to website: [CSSAConvention.com](http://CSSAConvention.com) where you can get detailed information and register. Full information will be listed in April.

## **Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society**

The North San Diego County C & S Club!

For a printable Membership Application click below:

<http://www.palomarcactus.org/membership/>

### **2019 MEETING SCHEDULE**

#### Speakers & Topics & Plants of the Month

April 27<sup>th</sup> - - - - - Speaker TBA & P of M TBA  
 May 18<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Ernesto Sandoval – Succulents of So. Africa  
 - with Growing Tips & P of M TBA  
 June 22<sup>nd</sup> - - - - - Speaker TBA & P of M TBA  
 July 27<sup>th</sup> - - - - - Speaker TBA & P of M TBA  
 August 24<sup>th</sup> - - - - - Annual Picnic at San Diego Botanic Garden  
 September 21<sup>st</sup> - - - Jeff Moore (if his new book is finished) & P of M TBA  
 October 26 - 27 - - - FALL SHOW & SALE  
 AT SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDENS IN ENCINITAS  
 November 23<sup>rd</sup> - - - Woody Minnich – 20 years in the ATACAMA  
 & P of M TBA  
 December 21<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – HOLIDAY PARTY & GIFT PLANTS FOR YOU!

## **Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brita Miller – [President](#), [Show Chair](#), [Event Coordinator](#)

OPEN – [Vice-President](#) – Contact Brita Miller for information.

John Barkley – [Treasurer](#)

Peter Walkowiak – [Member at Large](#), [Plant Expert](#)

David Buffington – [Member at Large](#)

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### OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Annie Morgan – [Program Chair](#), [Website](#)

[Newsletter Editor](#) (paid position),

Lorie Johansen – [Guest & New Member Ambassador](#),  
[Plant of the Month](#)

Richard Miller – [Membership](#) [membership@palomarcactus.org](mailto:membership@palomarcactus.org)

Dennis Miller – [Cash Register at Monthly Meetings](#)

Sandy Wetzel-Smith & Bruce Barry – [Refreshments](#)

Vicki Martin – [Co-Librarian](#)

Kevin Smith – [Brag Table](#)

Francis Granger & Brian Magone – [Exchange Table](#)

Chet Reed – [Brag Plant Photographer](#)

Russel Ray – [Event Photographer](#), [Website](#)

Nell McChesney – [Name Tag Drawing Plants](#)

Libbi Salvo – [Monthly Meeting Set-up](#)

## **NEW - Succulent Eye Candy**



Echeveria 'Fantastic Fountain' Photo from succulents-australia-sales.com

## **Upcoming Events**

March 21-23 Orange County C & S Society Show/Sale  
Thurs., 21<sup>st</sup> 6 - 9pm, Fri., 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 - 7pm, Sat., 23<sup>rd</sup> 9 - 5pm  
1000 State College Blvd., Anaheim United Methodist Church  
Info: 562-587-3357

April 6-7 South Coast C & S Society Show & Sale  
9 - 4pm, South Coast Botanic Garden,  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes  
Info: <http://www.southcoastcss.org>

April 13 Conejo C & S Society Plant Sale,  
9am - 3pm, Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Rd.,  
Thousand Oaks 91362 Info: [conejojcss@hotmail.com](mailto:conejojcss@hotmail.com)

April 28 Huntington Plant Sale (all types of plants)  
10am - 5pm, Huntington Botanical Gardens,  
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino Info. 626-405-3504