

# CACTUS COURIER

*Newsletter of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society*

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**PCSS Plant Show and Sale**  
**October 24 and 25, 2015**  
**Saturday 9AM to 5PM**  
**Sunday 10AM to 4PM**



**San Diego Botanic Garden**  
**Ecke Building (south of the parking lot)**  
**230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA**  
**formerly known as... "Quail Botanical Gardens"**



**Judging will start promptly at 11AM on Saturday**  
**Show plant check-in is Friday, Noon to 5PM**  
**and Saturday 8AM to 10AM.**

**Arrive early, drop-off your plants and bring your**  
**car back to the main parking lot.**

## President's Message, October 2015

We had another amazing meeting with room packed full of eighty(!) energized and happy succulent plant lovers! Our speaker, Attila Kapitany did a fantastic presentation on Succulents of Australia, sharing photos of species so different than we have in the US. Annie Morgan and her talk on Gasterias were also great and very informative.

Eight new members joined our club at the meeting and as of this week and we now have 172 members. Fifty-four people have joined so far this year! When I first joined 10 or 12 years ago membership was around sixty-five. Please help welcome them and answer any questions they may have as they get the hang of all that goes on at our meetings.

Our show and sale is coming up on October 24-25<sup>th</sup> so let's keep this energy going. We need your plants and participation to help make it our best show ever. For those that are new to showing plants bring them Friday afternoon from noon to 5 pm if possible, as I will be available then to help you with identification. Otherwise you may also bring them on Saturday from 8-10am, although it will be busier. All plants MUST be logged in by 10:20am. If you are still wondering which plants to bring, take your favorites or those that look good this time of year. Any pruning, cleanup, or transplanting should be done a week in advance to get them ready.

When you arrive at the garden entrance booth just tell them your name and that you are with Palomar CSS for the show. They have a list of our members and entrance is free on Friday afternoon and on Saturday and Sunday.

We also need volunteers to help with the event overall and there are many areas that we can use some help. Please contact Brita Miller if you'd like to volunteer but haven't yet signed up.

Peter Walkowiak  
PCSS President



### **WE NEED YOU!!**

#### **Fall Show & Sale Volunteers needed!!**

A few hours on Friday, Saturday or Sunday would help greatly!

Attention New Members - This is a great way to get to meet other members and learn more about the Show!

**If you can help please contact Brita at [eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org](mailto:eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org)**

**If you know of places to publicize the Show & Sale, please email Merrilee 'Annie' Morgan at [publicity@palomarcactus.org](mailto:publicity@palomarcactus.org)**



### **Saturday, 10/24**

- 9:00am – 5:00pm • Sales area open to all
- 10:30am – 5:00pm • Show area open to visitors
- 11:00am – 12:30pm • Judging – visitors may follow and listen

### **Sunday, 10/25**

- 10:00am – 4:00pm • Show and Sales areas open

### **For more info contact:**

**Brita Miller at [eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org](mailto:eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org)**

## **2015 Plant Show & Sale**

**Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society**

**October 24 & 25**

**Saturday: 9am to 5pm**

**Sunday: 10am to 4pm**

**San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Gardens)  
230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024**

For Directions: <http://www.sdbgarden.org/directions.htm>

- See Succulent Specimens from around the world!
- Plant Judging is Saturday from 11am – 12:30pm.
- The public can follow along as the judges comment on entries and make their decisions.
- All Show Plants will be available for viewing Saturday and Sunday, with Winners identified after 1pm Saturday.
- Specimen plants for the novice or collector, as well as handmade ceramic pots will be for sale.
- Free garden entry for PCSS members. Show is free to public with garden admission or garden membership.

### **MEMBER & VENDOR SCHEDULE**

#### **Friday 10/23**

- Noon – 5:00pm
- Paul Ecke Hall open to set-up crew and vendors
  - Members may bring in show plants

#### **Saturday 10/24**

- 8:00am – 10:00am
- Members continue to bring in show plants. There will be people to help identify your plants.
  - All plants must be logged in by 10:20am!

- 9:00am – 5:00pm
- Vendor sales

- 11:00am – 12:30pm
- Judging - members and visitors may follow and listen to judges

- 11:00am – 2:30pm
- Potluck table open for lunch and snacks for Members and Vendors only

5:00pm • Sales and Show close for the day

#### **Sunday 10/25**

- 10:00am – 4:00pm
- Sales and Show open: 11:00am – 2:30pm
  - Potluck table open for lunch and snacks for Members and Vendors Only

#### **4:00 – 5:00pm**

- **PICK UP YOUR SHOW PLANTS!**
- **CLEAN UP! Please stay and help!**

Gates are locked at 5:00pm

## October Refreshments

The food is only for members, vendors and volunteers. Since the vendors and some volunteers can't leave the area all day Saturday and Sunday, we do need extra food. Thank you!

- We really need more food on Sunday!!
- Please call or email Brita and let her know what you'd like to bring.
- Please label your dishes and utensils so you are sure to get them back.
- We need a couple volunteers on Saturday and Sunday to help get the food on the tables etc.



### Sign up List

**(Please email or call Brita to add your favorite dish to share!)**

#### Saturday 10/24: Please bring by 11am

Annie Morgan	- Pea Salad
Peter Walkowiak	- Chili
Stan Yalof	- Salad
Kathie Hoxie	- Fruit Dish
Mary Hansen	- Sandwiches
Linda Schmalfeldt	- ?
Carol Carrillo	- dessert
Patti Nelson	- Coffee Cake
Janice Thompson	- ?



#### Sunday 10/25: Please bring by 11am

Peter Walkowiak	- Chili
Kienan Parr	- Bean Salad

**Who signed up to bring a cooler of water bottles? – please call or email Brita.**

### **REMINDERS FOR OCTOBER**

- Admission to the SD Botanic Gardens will be **FREE** for **PCSS Members** on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
  - Just give them your name and say you're with PCSS.
  - The booth at SDBG will have an up-to-date member list.
- There will be **NO Exchange Table or Benefit Drawing.**
- There will be **NO Member Plants Sales** (Vendor sales only).

## VENDOR LIST 2015



Member Name	Vendor Company Name
Tina Zucker	Succulent Gardening
Woody Minnich	Cactus Data Plants
Jerry & Candy Garner	Kobe Clay Works
Rudy Lime	Rudy Lime
Peter Walkowiak	PW Plants
Terry & Collette Parr	C&T Plants
Steve Salley	Hula Tropicals
Phyllis Flechsig	Phyllis Flechsig
Joe Wujcik	Joe Wujcik
Larry & Belen Bourget	Sea Foam Driftwood
John Matthews	John Matthews
Chris Miller	Chris Miller
Regina Fernandez	Port Town Pottery



**WE ALWAYS NEED MORE NOVICE PLANTS!!**

**Novices are encouraged to bring their favorite plant or plants to the show. There will be experienced members there to help you identify your plants. Many novice categories go unrepresented so bring in a plant and you may just bring home a ribbon!**

## October 24 and 25, 2015 PCSS Plant Show Rules

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; Intermediate entries will use YELLOW cards; Novice entries will use GREEN cards.
7. There will be awards for Advanced, Intermediate and Novice entries. There will be prizes for the Best Cactus, Best Succulent, Best in Show and Judge's Choice.
8. All entries must be here, cards completed, and plants in position by 10:20 AM on the day of the Show.
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, Intermediate and Novice, for each Class; Best Succulent; Best Cactus; Best of Show; Judge's Choice.
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) Eriosyce, 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: milii, viguieri, unispina
- 38) No leaves or spines: caput-medusa, inermis, esculenta, obesa
- 39) Spines, no leaves: stellispina, horrida, stellata, clavigera
- 40) Jatropa, 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.



## September Meeting Brag Plant

### NOVICE CACTUS

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Victor Zonana  | Myrtillocactus geometrizans |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jeannie Zonana | Echinopsis                  |

### ADVANCED CACTUS

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Stan Yalof | Ferocactus emoryi          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stan Yalof | Hamatocactus hamatacanthus |

### NOVICE SUCCULENT

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chet Reed      | Euphorbia lactea       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jeannie Zonana | Sansevieria cylindrica |

### INTERMEDIATE SUCCULENT

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Robert Kopfstein | Stapelia scitula      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brita Miller     | Senecio sizzle sticks |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Brita Miller     | Crassula              |

### ADVANCED SUCCULENT

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Phyllis Flechsig | Euphorbia francoisii   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Phyllis Flechsig | Haworthia koelmaniorum |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stan Yalof       | Tylecodon wallichii    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Stan Yalof       | Bombax ellipticum      |

### NOVICE PLANT OF THE MONTH GASTERIA

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Fran Komarek     | Gasteria little warty |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Nell Mc Chesney  | Gasteria armstrongii  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Susan LaFreniere | Gasteria              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Christine Hays   | Gasteria              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nell Mc Chesney  | Gasteria              |

### INTERMEDIATE PLANT OF THE MONTH

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Annie Morgan    | Gasteria lilyputana |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leon LaFreniere | Gasteria            |

### INTERMEDIATE DISH GARDEN

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annie Morgan | Gasteria mixed sp. |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Don Nelson   |                    |



## Library Corner

After our fantastic presentation by Attila Kapitany we wanted to let you know that we have three of his books and give you a brief overview. All of his books are relatively short but packed full of glossy color photos of an amazing array of succulents (and a few cactus).

A favorite is **SUCCULENT CARE AND HEALTH**, which explains everything you need to know about the care and health of succulents. It gives excellent advice for beginners to the hobby, providing answers to the following questions: "Where to grow them; Repotting; Fertilizing; Seasonal Changes; Pests and Diseases; Choosing a Container; Recognizing Healthy Plants; Handling Spiny Plants; Basic Propagation; Natural Remedies" – and much more.

**SUCCULENT SUCCESS IN THE GARDEN** explores six gardens, ranging from an inner city courtyard to a rural property. It shows how succulents can be used in the most amazing ways in garden environments: seaside gardens, hillside country, farmlets, and inland gardens, plus city courtyards, suburban nature strips and more. Recommended plantings of different species are given, showing flower color, shade tolerance, pot suitability, indoor/outdoor situations, height, spread, more. Echeverias, sedums, crassulas, senecios, yuccas, aloes and many more are detailed and described.

**SUCCULENT PROPAGATION** is 112 pages of excellent photos, charts, etc., and provides detailed step-by-step trade secrets on how to propagate both the easy and more difficult species, including a 40 page section on "Propagation by Genus". If you think there is nothing more to learn about succulent propagation beyond pushing a few leaves or stems into a pot than you are going to be surprised and pleased by all the outstanding information this book offers.

Attila also co-authored **SUCCULENTS FOR THE GARDEN** and **MORE SUCCULENTS FOR THE GARDEN**.



**Officers • Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society**

Peter Walkowiak – President & Program Chair & Show Chair

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**Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society**

The North San Diego County C&S Club

***Membership Application***

Membership: Please  a category:

New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

There is a \$10 charge if you receive your newsletter by U.S. Mail.  
Save a tree, and \$10!

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Membership \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Members + \$5

\_\_\_\_\_ Printed Newsletter sent by U.S. Mail + \$10

\_\_\_\_\_ Engraved PCSS Name Badge + \$6

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT! We must be able to read it!**

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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Bring form & check or cash to a meeting, or mail it in.

Make checks payable to:

**Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society (or PCSS)**

P.O. Box 840, Escondido, CA 92033

**2015 PCSS MEETING SCHEDULE**

24, 25 October PCSS Annual Show and Sale  
San Diego Botanic Garden (*Quail*)  
230 Quail Gardens Rd  
Encinitas, CA

21 November Park Ave. Community Center

**NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!**

19 December Annual Holiday Party  
Park Ave. Community Center

**NOTE !!! 3rd Saturday !!**

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**Southern California Events**

**November 7, 8**

San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale  
LA County Arboretum, 301 S. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA  
<http://www.sgvcss.com//>

**HELP WANTED**

PCSS is looking for a Newsletter Editor for the Cactus Courier. If you have some time to give to the club and enjoy putting your computer skills to work then please contact me for more information.

Leon LaFreniere – Treasurer

