

Two special sales took up the slack from the two rainy weekends. We sold rescue cacti at Desert Survivors Nursery on Starr Pass Blvd on March 25 for their Spring Sale. We set up inside their fenced area where customers enter the nursery. We had a few customers at a time all day long. The Hedge Hogs were starting to bud so they were popular. We collected \$912.30 for a profit of about \$600. Desert Survivors did not ask for any commission but we left them about 55 small hedge hogs and barrels to pot up and grow out, they were very pleased. We sold about two thirds of the plants that we took to the sale. We also made a special sale to a Texas TCSS member, the first time we had shipped by moving van!

Again, thanks to all of the members who made this a very successful month of sales.

Joe Frannea

Cactus Rescues

The past four or five weeks were not only a busy time for rescued cactus sales but for rescues as well. We were out north twice at the new Saddlebrooke Ranch site, twice at Pulte site in Sahuarita that had wonderful barrels, and a DR



Horton site in Sahuarita. A treat at two of the sites was finding some wonderful Queen of the Night cacti, *Peniocereus greggii*.

TCSS Members can participate on our cactus rescues, which are normally held early on Saturday or Sunday mornings. Notices are emailed to all Rescue Crew Members on Thursdays. If you want to be on the notification list please send an email to CactusRescue@TucsonCactus.org

Joe Frannea

SARSEF Science Fair Winners



Each year the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society sets aside some of our cactus rescue proceeds to provide

special awards for the Southern Arizona Regional Science and Engineering Fair. These awards encourage students to consider cactus and succulent related subjects for their displays. Several of our members serve as special judges and make these awards.

This year our TCSS Cactus & Succulents Category judges selected seven worthy projects from grades K through 12 for cash awards and special certificates. There were 1,453 exhibits and many interesting topics. Some of our winners will bring their projects to our Sonoran VI Conference to share them with us. We will feature each of the seven exhibits in next month's newsletter.

Joe Frannea

Future Events

TCSS and landscape designer Greg Corman will sponsor a Garden Tour of Mary Dillon's Garden from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, April 23. Refreshments will be served. Maps will be available at the April meeting or call 888-6137 for information.

Information about two major events was recently mailed out:

Sonoran VI will be held May 5, 6 & 7 at the InnSuites Hotel. This year's theme is "The Sonoran Desert: Then and Now".

There will be a bus trip to the Huntington Botanical Garden, the Living Desert Gardens in Palm Desert and Lotus Land in Santa Barbara on June 30 to July 2. We are asking for a refundable deposit immediately and the remainder in June. We expect the bus to fill up, but we will need details on lodging as soon as possible to make the final arrangements.



Barry McCormick

Library Update



We have two new books by Kapitany and Schulz “Succulents for the Garden”. and “Succulent Propagation”. The first book is loaded with color pictures showing different kinds of succulents and how to use them in the garden, whether in the soil or in pots.

“Succulent Propagation” covers basic and advanced propagation, seed raising and propagation tips on forty-one specific groups of succulents and some cacti.

For a real treat, take a look at “Colour illustrated experiences of two expeditions for succulents in central, south and southwestern Madagascar”. This is not a wordy book, but the photos are superb and each one is identified. Some of the more numerous plants shown are aloes, euphorbia, and kalanchoes. A special treat is at the end of the book with a few pages of lemurs and the final photo a sunset in the mountains.

Joie Giunta



Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale
Presented by:
The Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

Featuring

- Cactus and Succulent Plant Show
- Cactus and Succulent Silent Auction
- Plant Sales with exclusive plant selections by the best plant growers in Tucson
- Book sales by Rainbow Gardens Bookstore
- Southwestern Art Show and Sales by the Southern Arizona Arts Guild
- Exhibits, Educational Displays and More!

Public Dates and Times
Saturday, May 6th 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday, May 2nd 9:00am - 4:00pm

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