

Cactus Rescue Crew in Full Swing

Our 2007 Cactus Rescue efforts started off in full force on March 3rd with 53 crew members showing up to start replenishing our inventory, digging plants for our first sale which was the same day, and getting a few cacti for their own landscapes. We have been working a 275 acre site south of the Los Realtos landfill which has hundreds of very nice barrel cactus and many nice mature and smaller ocotillos.



We have completed three cactus rescues at this site and plan a few more as we have only covered about half the acreage so far. Our large 12 foot, 5 ton, rescue trailer can handle about 200 barrels but that is often not enough for one sale. For the Pima County Country Fair, where we normally sell a lot of larger barrel cactus, one of our crew members rented and drove a large box truck to haul another 200 barrels and 25 large ocotillos. This worked well as we were able to deliver them directly to our sale site the next morning.

Members who want to participate on the Cactus Rescue Crew, please send an email to

cactusrescue@tucsoncactus.org

requesting to be added to the notification list.

Joe Frannea

Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society

Annual Show & Sale – Phoenix

CACSS is having its annual show and Sale at the Desert Botanical Gardens on Friday - Sunday April 20 - 22, 2007. TCSS members may put in plant entries before 7 pm on Wednesday, April 18. Doug Dawson will bring registration forms to the April meeting. We will try to arrange a truck to have plants taken up on Wednesday – more info at the April TCSS meeting. Show rules can be found on www.centralarizonacactus.org. We should support our friends to the north, and there is much to learn from visiting their shows.

Doug Dawson

April Field Trip

On April 22, from 10 am to 1 pm there will be a trip to B & B Cactus Farms. Mark Sitter will take us through the landscaped grounds as well as the greenhouses where we will see a wide variety of cactus and succulents.

I expect this to be a popular trip. There will be a limit of 25 people. A payment of \$5.00 can be made at the library table or send a check to

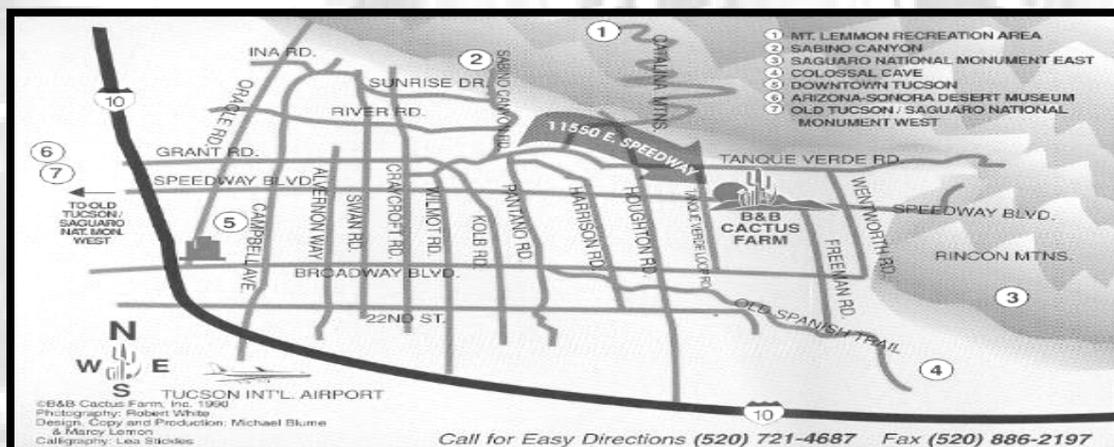
TCSS
P.O. BOX 64759
Tucson, AZ 85728-4759

Telephone reservations may be made, but those who have paid will have preference. Questions and reservations can be emailed to joietgo@yahoo.com or call Joie at 907-7050.

B & B Cactus is located at 11550 E. Speedway.

See map below

Joie Giunta



TOUR of NORTHERN ARGENTINA

Cactus, Culture & More

Sunday, Oct. 7 through Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007

Join us as we follow along the base of the Andes mountain range and tour Northern Argentina viewing native cactus along with a variety of local flora and fauna. On the way, we will visit impressive archaeological sites, see extraordinary geological formations, and absorb the history, arts, crafts and music of the area. Even though the main focus of the trip will be locating unique cacti in its native setting, there will be much more to experience as we travel at a relaxed pace allowing the group to take advantage of these other attractions.



The thirteen day tour will be during the Argentine spring. It will have no extended walks and will stay under 7,500 feet in altitude. Trogon Tours of Argentina, www.trogon.com, will coordinate our trip. Willy Smith, noted Argentine cactus guide, will be leading it. Also planning on accompanying us is Luis Segura, one of the founders of Trogon Tours and a prominent South American birding guide.

For further information contact:

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Peter Hubbell

March Cactus Sales a Big Success

Our Rescue Cactus Sales started off a bit shaky with cacti being rescued the morning of our first



sale. This was not by design but by necessity since we did not have any properties that we could



rescue cactus from until our first sale date. Our thanks to Granite Construction Company, who made a new site available to our Rescue Crew.

Our first sale was held at the Foothills Mall, part of the Fiesta de las Flores show and sale on March 3 and 4. We sold 382 cacti, cactus gloves, T-shirts, and a few memberships bringing in a total of \$3,566 with a profit of about \$2,200.

Our second sale was at the Spring Pima County Country Fair held at the new Brandy Fenton Memorial Park, located on east River Road near Dodge. This event has previously been held at the Lew Sorrenson Center. We sold 433 cacti including 287 barrel cacti, 24 large rescued ocotillo, six seedling ocotillo in 5 gallon pots donated by Plants for the Southwest, and some



Cholla, Hedge Hogs and Mammillaria. Total sales were \$4,748 including \$4,332 for rescued cacti with a profit of about \$2,600.

Our next Rescued Cactus sale will be at the Hacienda del Sol Resort and Guest Ranch located just south of Sunrise Drive on Hacienda del Sol, Sunday April 15 from 9 am to 3 pm. See our web site for more details and a list of the local member nurseries that will also be selling cactus and succulents at this sale.



Joe Frannea