

## TCSS Rescue Cacti for Sale

Lots & lots to choose from.....

Barrels - from 2" to 14" diameter (about \$1 per inch)  
Hedgehogs - from 1 to 20 heads (about \$1 per head)

TCSS Club Members receive a 15% discount  
Call Joe or Patsy if interested 575-7126



### Events in 2003

Happy New Year! We have a big year planned for 2003, including a new show in May. Some of the dates are tentative, and there's room for more suggestions. If you have some ideas, let Dick Wiedhopf know.

Cactus rescue and sales will continue, with the two Pima County Fairs, the El Con Plant Show February 22-23, and other sales as needed to find good homes for the plants. May 3 and 4 are the planned dates for a show at the Junior League to include plant displays, vendor sales, and demonstrations. This show, if successful, will be held every other year. A field trip to Desert Botanical Gardens in Phoenix will be arranged for March 1 or 2. Of course we will have our full schedule of meetings, with great speakers. And for those who really plan ahead, next year's Holiday Party will be on December 14!

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Treasurer's Report: \$22,556.83 in checking & savings; \$3705.12 belongs to the school grant program.

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# Desert Breeze

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society

January 2003

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### Next Meeting

Thursday, January 2 at 7:00 pm  
Junior League of Tucson  
2099 E. River Road  
Tucson

### January Refreshments

Those with family names beginning with  
G to M, please bring your choice of  
refreshment to the meeting.

Everyone is Welcome!  
Bring your friends, join in the fun,  
and meet the cactus and succulent  
community.

Thursday, January 2, 2003

7:00 pm

**Cory Martin**

### "Backroads and Big Boojums."

Baja California is a xenophiles garden of Eden. If you haven't been there (or even if you have) this is the opportunity to see "Backroads and Big Boojums."

This slide show will cover the most recent trip taken by the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum Cerro Colorado flora team. This just happens to include re-finding the "Big Boojum" of Montevideo Canyon. The presentation will consist of roughly 150 images and will be presented by ASDM Horticulturist Cory Martin. Cory worked in wholesale and retail at Bach's Cactus Nursery for three years and has been with the museum for the past three years.

Join him to revel in the beauty and enchantment of Baja

Thursday, February 6, 2003

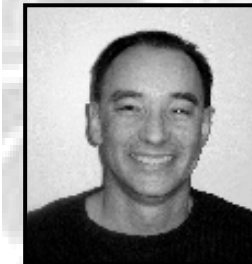
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**Vonn Watkins**

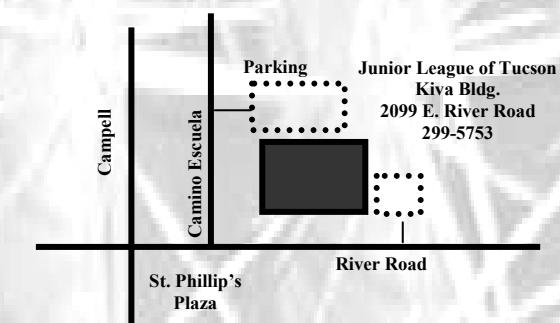
### "Le Jardin Exotique de Monaco"

Vonn will talk about his recent visit to the Le Jardin Exotique de Monaco or The Exotique Garden of Monaco.

He will show approximately 40 photographs to give everyone a peek at this amazing succulent garden wonder.



### Meeting Place



### President's Message



Happy New Year! I hope you were able to enjoy the Holidays with friends and family. Our TCSS Holiday party was the largest ever and the first at the Junior League Facility. It is great to have space to move

around. You donated \$74.00 and 130 pounds of food to the Community Food Bank. Thank you.

On December 18 at 8 pm I decided that I had procrastinated enough and I had better move those tender plants to shelter. Every year I start thinking about a structure to cover winter plants the day after the first freeze. I need to set some new goals and priorities for this new year:

1. Start planning and constructing a winter home for my plants for next year. Maybe even a summer home!
2. Visit every Nursery member and buy plants from each one. (We all need to do this) I will report on my visits throughout this year.
3. Fertilize!! Buying it and storing it in the garage has not produced the results I am looking for. I need to use it on plants.
4. Continue growing plants from seeds until I get it right.
5. Kill fewer plants than last year.
6. Determine: How many Mammillaria graminea are too many?
7. Help rescue and distribute more cacti and succulents than we did in 2002.
8. Take plant pictures and share them. (need to put my new digital camera to good use)
9. Say "Thank You" meaningfully and as often as I can to all of you for the efforts you make on behalf of this Society.
10. Finally, write the *President's Message* before the due date, at least once!!

Thank you for your support and efforts.

*Dick Wiedhopf, President*

### Holiday Party

The annual Holiday Party was, as always, a great success – a fitting culmination of a great year. As usual, we took this opportunity to single out a few members for special awards. The greatest award of all goes to every one of us – for all the things, large and small, that added together to make this such a great year. Cactus rescue, educational grants, top caliber programs, community food drive, environmental activism, and, for all of us, our love of cactus and succulents.

### President's Awards

**Wendy Beall** - For the life and spirit you brought to the Society and your service as Affiliate Representative and Sonoran IV Show Chairperson.

**Barry McCormick** - For your service on the Board of Directors, Editor of the Desert Breeze and Webmaster.

**Valarie Miller** - For your dedication and service as Treasurer of this Society.

**Chris Monrad** - For your service on the Board of Directors, Rescue Committee and School Grants Committee.

**Margaret Pope** - For your dedicated service on the Board of Directors, Program Committee and Chairperson of Sonoran IV.

**Mark Sitter** - For your service on the Board of Directors, Program Committee and Speaker.

**Vonn Watkins** - For your dedication and support of this Society.

### Special Service Awards

**Joe & Patsy Frannea** - For Your Special Dedication and Outstanding Service to the Society.

**Helen & Jack Ramsey** - For Your Special Dedication and Outstanding Service to the Society.

### 2003 Meeting Schedule

Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month except for December.

Board Meetings are the second Tuesday of the Month at The U of A College of Pharmacy, Room 333.

January 2 General Meeting, Cory Martin  
February 6 General Meeting, Vonn Watkins



Holiday Party Photos. Additional pictures on the web site at <http://www.tucsoncactus.com/>

