



Desert Breeze

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society

November 2003

Thursday, November 6, 2003

7:00 pm

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Next Meeting

Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 pm

Junior League of Tucson

2099 E. River Road

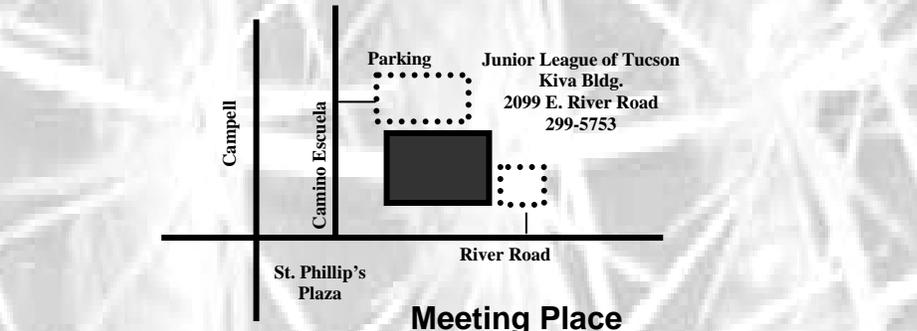
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November Refreshments

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.



President's Message



This is one of the busiest times of the year for Cacti and Succulent enthusiasts. A list of all the plant sales in October is on our web site (Tucsoncactus.org). If you don't have internet access, consider visiting the Tucson Botanical Gardens and Tohono Chul on October 4

and 5, Boyce Thompson Arboretum October 10-27, Desert Botanical Gardens October 17, 18 and 19 and the Pima County Country Fair on October 19 (we are there). If you want to sell at our booth on the 19th, please contact Jack Ramsey for details.

Nominations for Officers and Board Members will be announced at our November meeting and nomination from the floor will be accepted with the approval of the nominee. If you are interested in any position please contact me for details and further information.

Sonoran V is moving forward very quickly. We are delighted to announce that Jon Rebman from the San Diego Natural History Museum has committed to speak. Some members were fortunate to hear him at the St Louis CSSA Convention and knew that he would be someone that all of you would enjoy. We have also received a commitment from Rainbow Garden Bookshop that they will be a vendor at the conference. This will be the first time since 1995 that they will be selling in Tucson. This will be a great opportunity for everyone in Southern Arizona and all our friends from the Phoenix area to acquire the latest books and more. We are also making plans for an Art Show on May 2 as part of the conference.

The conference will be limited to 100 participants and members of the TCSS will have an opportunity to reserve a spot prior to the public announcement. You will receive a special mailing in the next month or so. There is also a special registration fee and

payment plan for members. Remember the dates: April 30, May 1 and May 2.

In addition to our school grants program, the Board has approved the use of some of the gift money we are receiving for research grants. The process for these grants is being developed now.

Thank you all for your support and enthusiasm.

Dick Wiedhopf, President

Annual Holiday Party Sunday, December 14, 2003

12:00 noon

Pima County Country Fair

Saturday, October 19, 2003

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Lew Sorensen Center

11100 E. Tanque Verde Rd.

(East on Tanque Verde on the right hand side)



The Pima County Spring and Fall Country Fairs have given our club the opportunity to provide valuable information to many of the visitors that attend, and to sell salvaged and member plants to the public. The Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society has established a very good reputation for providing some great plants at very reasonable prices. You will find a great diversity of drought tolerant plants, including many natives, ready for your garden. Jan Emming of Destination Forever Ranch will again be selling with us. Drop by and consider giving some of these plants a home.

Jack Ramsey

Sonoran V "The Baja"

The Sonoran conference is a biennial event put on by the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society solely for the entertainment and education of – us! It is our conference, and we bring together the speakers, workshops, sales, and displays that we want to see. It is a great opportunity to immerse ourselves for a weekend in the world of cacti and succulents. It is our local Tucson event.

Building on our great success at hosting the most successful Cactus and Succulent Society of America conference ever held, the conference format was conceived by Margaret Pope, Mary Odette, Linda Burbach and Dick Wiedhopf. The first conference was held in 1996 at the Foothills Mall and utilized empty store fronts. It was great fun and the value of speakers united by a theme, associated with workshops for all level of expertise, a show, silent auction and sales proved to be a great concept. We decided to hold the conference on even years, since in the alternate years we had the Cactus and Succulent Society of America convention to attend.

Although new features and refinements have been made to each succeeding conference, the original format has been largely maintained. The concept is to keep the conference small (no more than 100 registrants) so that workshops can be interactive and questions easily dealt with within the allotted time.

This is a great opportunity to learn and share information. We do allow visitors to attend the conference, but only after we have assured ourselves that all of our own members who want to attend have had a chance to. The unprecedented growth of our society in the last two years may mean that not all interested members can attend. We may have to adjust the format in future years; if we know the demand is too great early enough we may be able to make adjustments this year.

Please make your reservations early so we can see how things are shaping up. Some of the features of the conference are:

The Friday, April 30 event will be in place of our regular May meeting. The speaker will be presenting the kickoff lecture for the conference.

Dinner for all members will be paid for by the Society.

Lectures and workshops are scheduled on Saturday and Sunday. Several simultaneous events allow the participants to tailor their day to their particular interests. Workshops are repeated so that workshop groups can be kept small. In addition to the lectures and workshops, the show and sales areas will be open to the public. The public portion of the event will be similar to this year's Spring Expo, although it will be held at the Inn Suites Hotel.

We are adding an emphasis on foods made from cacti to the Saturday banquet, and hosting a cacti and succulent art show on Sunday.

This is our event, and it is designed to interest all of us, from the beginner to the most advanced hobbyist. Mark April 30 to May 2, 2004 on your calendar, and don't miss your spot in this event.

2003 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.

November 6 General Meeting
December 14 Annual Holiday Party



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



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