



Desert Breeze

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society

January 2005

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Next Meeting

Thursday, January 6, 2005.

Junior League of Tucson

2099 E. River Road

Tucson

January Refreshments

Those with family names beginning with
A to F, 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 6, 2005

7:00 P.M.

Agaves, Yuccas, and other Cool Plants



Janet Rademacher of Mountain States Wholesale Nursery will be doing a presentation on the assortment of agaves, yuccas, nolinias and other accents that are available in the marketplace.

Mountain States Wholesale Nursery was founded in 1969. Over the years their goal has been to seek out and test plants that would add pizzazz to the landscape. Today, the nursery employs over 130 people, and has over 300 acres of plants in production at two nursery locations.

Janet, a University of Arizona graduate, is the Landscape Architect Liaison at Mountain States.



Third Thursday, January 20, 2005

7:00 P.M.

Norm Dennis – Introduction to Cacti and Succulents (Reservations Required)

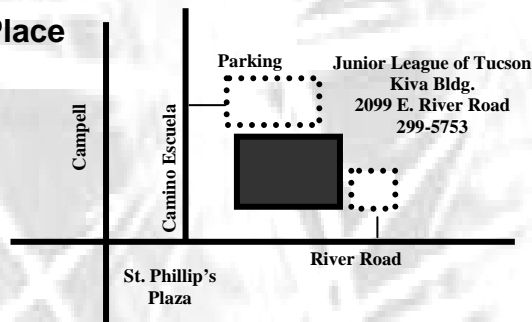
The first of three workshops in our 2005 Spring Workshop Series is designed for the beginning Cactus and Succulent fancier who would like to learn more about these fascinating plants. Reservations and a five dollar fee are required.

Thursday, February 2, 2005

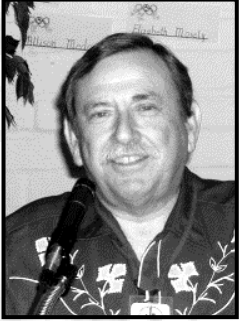
7:00 P.M.

Jane Evans – Winter Growing Succulents

Meeting Place



President's Message



The Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society is a finalist for the **Sonoran Institute Faces of Conservation Award** in the conservation collaboration category. The awards dinner is February 4, 2005 at the Hilton El Conquistador Resort. Tickets are \$100. Please

contact me if you are interested in attending or would like to help purchase a table for ten. This is an important forum to give our rescue program community recognition. Many of our rescue partners will be in attendance.

I congratulate our new officers and board members. Vonn Watkins, Vice President, George Virtes, Secretary, Gail Virtes, Treasurer, and three board members; Norm Dennis, Barry McCormick and Jack Ramsey.

We are kicking off our *Third Thursday Workshops* with some basic information about cacti and succulents. Norm Dennis will be leading this workshop. Norm is a retired teacher; when he puts his love for teaching and cacti and succulents together, it is always great.

We are working on our second Cactus Expo on April 30 & May 1. Barry McCormick is heading that effort and would welcome your suggestions.

Jack Ramsey and Marti Harow are taking charge of the special events committee and are planning a trip to the Wallace Botanical Garden, local nurseries, and gardens. If you have ideas about trips and activities they would be glad to hear from you.

Membership renewal is speeding along. Those who have volunteered for committees will be contacted by the committee chairpersons. Please contact them or me if there is something for which you want to volunteer or if you have ideas or complaints that you want to express. You can e-mail me at: tucsoncactus@comcast.net or write me at our PO Box 64759, Tucson, AZ 85728.

Dick Wiedhopf, President

Holiday Party a Great Success!

How could it not be a success? A hall filled with jolly members, great decorations, and food, food, food! Special Recognition was given to our outgoing board members: Kevin Barber, Valarie Miller and Linda Ryan.



Third Thursdays Workshops

Over the last several months a group of interested members have been working on plans for a series of workshops. Our Spring series will focus on basics. We know there are a lot of new members in our society and these workshops should appeal to members that are new to the world of cacti and succulents. Workshops will be on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Junior League meeting room. These workshops are restricted to members only and limited in the number of participants. There will be a \$5.00 registration fee for each workshop. Please return the sign-up sheet with payment to reserve your space.

January - Introduction to Cacti and Succulents.

Norm Dennis will cover the unique structures found in cacti and other succulents, and relate those structures to the plant's ability to thrive in hostile environments. Basic taxonomy, distribution, evolution and botanical terms will be explained. Participants will have hands-on activities as well as demonstrations. Each participant will receive materials, but should provide their own writing tools. The workshop will last for two hours, with a short break in the middle of the session.

February – Seed and Vegetative Propagation. Vonn Watkins and others.

March -. General Cultural Practices.

Gene Joseph

We want your input and feedback. We will be planning another series in the fall so let us know what you want.

Cactus Rescue Partners



Sixteen thousand cacti rescued!
What an amazing statistic.
Sixteen thousand cacti removed
from the path of Tucson
development, and replanted to fill
otherwise sparse landscapes and
gardens of the
Tucson area. Tucson Cactus and
Succulent Society has been the
catalyst, and provided most of the
labor. But our many Rescue
Partners, over the years, have
been just as essential to our
rescue projects. We have been
recognizing these partners with
our thanks and our Ironwood
Saguaro plaques. It seems
appropriate, upon reaching such a
milestone, to publish a partial list
of those who have been so
essential to our rescue efforts.



A.F. Sterling Homes
A.W. Marrs Development
Abrams Development
Albanese-Brooks Associates
Amphitheater School District
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City Of Tucson Department Of Transportation
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Monterey Homes
Mr. Tree
MSC Consulting
NCH Corporation
Novak Environmental
Pima County Department Of Transportation
Pulte Homes

Richmond American Homes
Rick Engineering
Robson Communities / Saddlebrooke Development
Sage Landscape Architecture & Environmental
Southern Arizona Home Builders Association
Stantec
Sunnyside Unified School District
Swaim Associates
Target General / Core
The Planning Center
TMHS Associates
Town of Oro Valley
Town Of Sahuarita
Tucson Unified School District
Tucson Water
Vail School District
Verrado / DMB Associates, Inc.
Vistoso Partners
Westcor
Wheat Scharf Associates

Chris Monrad

Upcoming Events

February 17, 2005. Third Thursday Workshop: Seed and Vegetative Propagation.
February 26-27, 2005. Fiesta de Las Flores display and show at the Foothills Mall.
March 17, 2005 Third Thursday Workshop: General Cultural Practices.
Sunday, March 20, 2005. Pima County Country Fair Sale.
April 30- May 1, 2005. Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society "Expo" at the Junior League of Tucson.
December 11, 2005 Holiday Party

How We Have Grown!

We begin the new year with a computed membership of 590 members. That is 198 more members than we had a year ago; total increase, not just new members. And that was on the heels of 101 additional members the year before. In June of 2002 we regretfully bid farewell to our meeting place at the Tucson Botanical Garden, which we had badly outgrown. How huge The Junior League of Tucson Kiva Building looked to us at the time.



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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