

Cactus Rescue Crew Back in Full Swing

After several weeks of inactivity the crew is back in full swing with a couple of properties needing rescue. Saddlebrooke is cutting in a new road across some hills lush with ocotillo. The crew showed up in force Sunday,



October 20th to work mainly on rescuing ocotillo, some as tall as sixteen feet. A total of 41 were harvested in about three hours with a little bit of help from a jackhammer for the rocky soil. But there was a lot of hand pick activity, shovel work and sawing of roots to uproot these magnificent plants. A couple more weekends are planned for this site if construction doesn't progress too quickly and get them first. We have a waiting list of sixteen people from prior plant sales for ocotillo.

Another Vail school site located off of Houghton south of the freeway required a fast-reaction rescue effort

described in the President's column this month. We rescued 384 plants plus Tom Barron was able to take some barrels and a few hedgehogs to plant at the State Building in downtown Tucson (plants from State land going to a State Building, great!), thanks Tom. Also, about 60 endangered Pima Pineapple cactus were relocated to a safe location on the property. These are about the size of a baseball and pups are about the size of golf balls.



In the near future we will continue to rescue cacti at Saddlebrooke. There are two areas we can rescue. One is the original area we worked on a year ago (permit renewed) and the other is the new road cut (Catalina Hills Drive) where we rescued ocotillo and a few other plants previously.

Joe Frannea



Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society Holiday Party & Gift Exchange

**December 15, 2002
Junior League Building
2099 River Road
Set-up ---11:00 am
Dinner ---12:00 noon**

The Society will provide the Turkey, Ham, Rolls, Condiments, Tableware and Drinks (coffee, punch, soft drinks). You will provide your favorite recipe (enough for 10+ servings) Hot or Cold Salads, Starches, Vegetables, Desserts (please bring serving dish and serving utensils)

**We have had a great year, let make it special for others.
Please bring canned food or donations to Food Bank**

Gift Exchange

Everyone can participate by cleverly wrapping a plant or plant related gift of at least \$5.00 value. If you bring a gift you get a gift.

There will be election results, awards and door prizes.
We will be requesting an RSVP in our next mailing

