

Total sales brought in \$2,465, about \$1000 more than last year. After expenses we netted \$1,958 which will be earmarked for our research fund.. We also sold two new memberships



The big success of the day was the large attendance – having fun is the real point of our activities.. Many generous club members donated some very nice plants that are now owned by other very happy club members. And, if you didn't get you fill of ice cream and toppings, it was your fault!

Joe Frannea & Barry McCormick

TCSS Field trip with Matt Johnson

On Sunday, October 29, we will have an all day field trip driving tour over the Reddington Pass Road. The trip is limited to 24 people; the cost is \$5.00 per person. There is limited parking and carpooling is encouraged.



This is close and accessible. We would pass through several plant communities including Sonoran Desert, grassland, oak woodland, and an interesting ecotone where the Sonoran and Chihuahuan deserts meet over on the San Pedro side. The road is unpaved but usually well maintained so a 2WD vehicle with reasonable clearance can make it. The total distance on the unpaved portion would be about 40 miles round-trip. We would make several stops along the way to look at plants. In addition to many of the local species found in and around Tucson, we would see



Coryphantha (Escobaria) vivipara, Echinocereus bonkeriae, E. fendleri, E. rigidissimus, Echinomastus erectocentrus, Mammillaria macdougalii, Agave chrysantha, and Agave schottii. It is also quite a scenic drive. The first 10 miles of the road are rather heavily used by ORVers. Further on, traffic is quite light on most weekend days.

We will meet at MacDonald's in the Safeway shopping center on the northeast corner of Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy. at 8:30 a.m. Carpooling will be arranged there to keep the number of vehicles to a minimum. We plan to be back between 5 and 6 p.m. Bring a lunch, water, sunscreen, hat, etc. for a day in the hills. There is only one restroom facility on the route and no services. We will make short walks out from the vehicles so no real hiking, but a couple of the stops are on rather steep rocky slopes.

This is sure to be an interesting, informative and fun trip. Interested parties should contact Joie Giunta by phone at 907-7950 or email at joietgo@yahoo.com.

Reservations can also be made at the library table at the meeting.

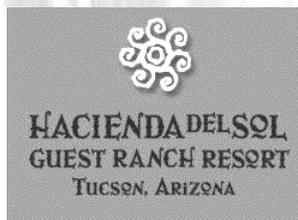
Joie Giunta

Simply Gorgeous!

As the monsoon slips away, mention must be made of the wonderful season we have had. Lush desert, ocotillo looking soft and fuzzy, a wonderland of growth wherever you look. How often do we see the Catalinas green in the distance. The Rillito and Santa Cruz have been scoured; Sabino and Madera Canyons reworked. After a winter when the rains failed, how lucky to get such a monsoon.

Barry McCormick

TCSS Fall Plant Sales



The Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society will hold its annual Fall Plant Sale at the Hacienda Del Sol Guest Ranch Resort on Sunday, October 8, 2005 from 9:00 AM until

3:00 PM. In addition to Rescue Sales, Arid Lands Greenhouses, B & B Cactus Farm, Blue Oasis Nursery, and Living Stones Nursery and Plants from the Southwest will be selling plants.



The Pima County Fall Country Fair will be held on Sunday, October 22, from 9 am to 4 pm. at the Lew Sorensen Center, 11100 E. Tanque Verde Rd.

You will find a great diversity of drought tolerant plants, including many natives, ready for your garden. Drop by and consider giving some of these plants a home.

Jack Ramsey

Cactus Rescue Profits at Work!



Twenty-five percent of all TCSS cactus rescue sales profits are earmarked for Educational Outreach. A part of this initiative which was launched in 2002 is the School Grant Program. K through 12 teachers (the TCSS Board just expanded it to teachers anywhere in Arizona, not just Southern Arizona) can apply for grants up to \$400 to purchase materials for classroom or school projects pertaining to cactus and succulents. We just awarded two additional grants this past month bringing our totals to thirteen grants amounting to \$4,282.

One of the projects just approved was submitted by Ella Gomez from Menlo Park Elementary in TUSD. Her "Cactus Diaries" Project will purchase library books and videos to allow students (K to 5th grade) to prepare cactus diaries so that they can explore the characteristics of cacti. Students will research Latin names of cacti, environmental conditions, life span, adult size, growth, shape, color, flowers and fruit connection with animals and contributions the cacti can make to the environment. Hopefully, the students will also gain an appreciation and understanding of how plants survive extreme conditions.

The other project approved this past month was submitted by Dr. Howard Shore from the El Hogar De la Paz alternative school in the Amphi District. His "El Hogar Greenhouse" Project will require the purchase of textbooks (Turning a Greenhouse Into Profit), starter plants and general gardening supplies. Students who will participate in this project are on suspension and must perform community service to earn their way back into the

regular school system. They will learn and develop horticultural skills by stocking a greenhouse with small plants and seedlings (particularly cacti) and eventually sell the plants to continue the funding of this greenhouse program and support a children's services program in the community.

Please pass on information about our School Grant Program to any teachers that you know. Direct them to our web site (TucsonCactus.org) School Grants page for more information and application forms. We have money begging for good project requests.

Joe Frannea

Cactus Rescue



TCSS Members can participate on our cactus rescues, which are normally held early on Saturday or Sunday mornings. Notices are emailed to all Rescue Crew Members on Thursdays. If you want to be on the notification

list please send an email to

CactusRescue@TucsonCactus.org

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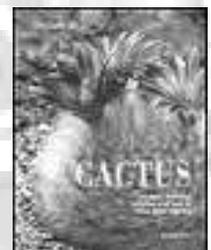
Library Update



"The New Cactus Lexicon" is in the library. It consists of two volumes. The first has 4-6 photographs on each of the 512 pages, covering cactus from A through Y. The second volume is a

"Catalogue of Taxa", giving an identification of the cacti. These books are mainly for identification and not for the person looking for cultivation care.

"Cactus" by Elisabeth Manke is good for anyone looking for cultivation care. This book has great pictures to help identify your cactus and gives the origin, habit, care and propagation along with some tips.



For succulent lovers there is "Garden Succulents" by Terry Hewitt. Not all the species covered are shown in photos. The text gives a description of the plant, hardiness and propagation.

Joie Giunta