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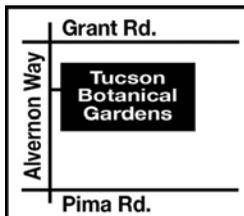
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Next Meeting
Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 pm
Tucson Botanical Gardens
2150 N. Alvernon Way
Tucson, AZ 85718

February Refreshments
*Those with family names beginning with A to F,
please bring your choice of refreshments
to the next meeting.*

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



February 2002

Plant Salvage!

Plant salvage efforts at our new site near Vail find us in a different biome than last summer's Saddlebrooke work. Many ocotillos, sotols, and Datil yuccas replace the usual barrel and hedgehog salvage. There is also some unusual Echinomastus erectocentrus, which may take some skill to successfully transplant.

Mark Sitter, Doug Larsen and Kim Baker from the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum joined us, and many ocotillos are on their way to the Museum grounds.

Contact Lois Ladwig to have your name added to our salvage crew notification list.



"Five Seasons!"

Spend time in the Sonoran
Desert this May!

Special Speakers:

Dave Ferguson, Albuquerque
Botanical Gardens

Jonathan Hanson, author, *Southern
Arizona Nature Almanac*

John Alcock, professor of Zoology at
Arizona State University

Workshop Leaders & Topics

Mark Sitter – Gecko Cactus
*Butterfly Plants for Your Cactus
& Succulent Garden*

Gregg Starr – Starr Nursery
Cultivating Agaves

Karen Mott – B & B Cactus Farm
Basics of Growing Cacti & Succulents

Bob Scarborough – Arizona Sonora Desert Museum
Soils in the Southwest

Vicki Richards – University of Arizona
Designing a Xeriscape Garden

Jon Weeks - Owner, Landscape Cacti, Inc.
Growing Astrophytum and Ariocarpus

Gene Joseph – Plants for the Southwest
Pot Culture of Cacti & Succulents

And much more!

For more info call Dick Wiedhopf (520) 885-6367 or email nempe@aol.com

\$125.00 for all three days!

(Lodging and Food not included)

Pima County Garden Fair

Saturday, March 10, 2002

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 Garden Fairs have given our club the opportunity to provide valuable information to many of the visitors that attend. The Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society has established a very good reputation for providing some great plants at very reasonable prices. Mark Sitter will be giving educational demonstrations as well as other much needed gardening information. You will find a great diversity of drought tolerant plants, including many natives, ready for your spring planting. Drop by and consider giving some of these plants a home.

Jack Ramsey

2002 Meeting Schedule

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

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

April 23 & 24 Flower Show, El Con Mall
May 3, 4 & 5 Sonoran IV, Inn Suites
December 15 Holiday Party

Thursday, February 7, 2002

7:00 pm

Tucson Botanical Gardens
2150 N. Alvernon Way

Gene Joseph

Cultivation & Propagation Tips for Cacti and Other Succulent

Gene will share his professional knowledge and expertise in cultivating a beautiful and healthy collection of Cacti and other Succulents. As owner of "Plants for the Southwest," he has gathered a wealth of knowledge about growing and caring for desert plants from all over the world.

Gene is a graduate of the University of Arizona where he studied Plant Sciences. He worked for two seasons at Red Rock where he pruned pecan trees and he comments on this by saying, "did that really happen?" For seven years he worked at the best job a budding horticulturist could have - Plant Propagator at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Since 1986 Gene has been operating a very successful business and maintaining a large collection of succulents and cacti.

Gene is one of our members who will help everyone understand more about these great plants. This will be an extremely useful presentation that everyone will enjoy. Please join us.

The March meeting program will be announced next month.

Vonn Watkins

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succulent plants from property set for development. Many plants are being saved and these plants need homes. The salvage committee, other club members, and friends have bought many of these plants. We need to find a location to store these salvaged plants until they are sold. Right now they are dispersed at the homes of many members and it is difficult to keep track of what's available. A central location for plant storage would be great. We know that there are liability, security and care issues. We need to solve this. We don't want to hamper the good work that the salvage committee is doing. Any thoughts?

Remember: We are a 501c-(3) tax-exempt non-profit educational organization. Gifts to our Society can be tax exempt if they meet IRS requirements. We are prepared to provide donors with appropriate documentation to meet IRS requirements. Maybe there is some land, a building etc. that you or a friend might want to get tax benefit from. It never hurts to ask.

Don't forget that when you donate plants for a silent auction, raffle, or door prize they could be tax-deductible gifts.

We need your thoughts and ideas. Call, write, or email your Board or Officers. Thank you.

Dick Wiedhopf, President

The attendance plant for the January meeting was *Mammillaria haageana*.



From the President

I would like to share with you three problems that need solutions.

Over the past year, the popularity of our monthly meetings has grown to a point that we have reached the capacity of the Porter House at The Tucson Botanical Gardens. Our January meeting had 82 in attendance. This is uncomfortable for the speaker and the attendees. There are no other venues at TBG that would meet our needs. What is the answer?

TCSS has an excellent library and librarian, Jenny Coniglio. She brings books and journals to every meeting to be checked out, but only a few of you take advantage of this. We have also been fortunate that Jane Evans and Gene Joseph (Plants for the Southwest) have allowed us to store our library at their nursery. We are in a financial position to expand our library collection. What should be the future for our library? Do you, the members, find it useful? Should we invest more money in books and journals? How do we make them more accessible to you? Tough questions need answers.

Under the leadership of Chris Monrad, a group of dedicated individuals (The Salvage Committee) works rain or shine, 110 degrees or 40 degrees, travel all over southern Arizona to salvage cacti and other

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