



Desert Breeze

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society

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Thursday, June 6

7:00 pm

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Next Meeting

Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 pm

Junior League of Tucson

2099 E. River Road

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June Refreshments

Those with family names beginning with
T to Z, 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.

The Cuyo: Home of the Sand People

During Boyce Thompson's November 2000 Argentina Expedition, Director Dr. William Feldman, Desert Legume Program Research Specialist Matt Johnson, and Pete Petrie took nearly 1000 photos, largely cactus and succulents. Pete's talk will focus on the "Cuyo", the seven-province desert area of northwestern

Argentina. Pete will begin with an overview of the cultural history of the region, and compare and contrast the Monte and Chaco regions of Argentina with the Sonoran Desert of Arizona and Sonora.

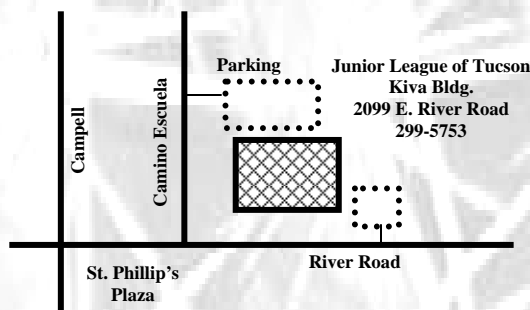
November in Argentina corresponds to May in Arizona, so many of these photos are of cactus in bloom. The purpose of the expedition was to gather data for the development of a Cuyo exhibit at the Arboretum, which is scheduled to open later this year.



Rare Echinopsis leucotricha crest,
San Juan, Argentina (M. Johnson).

Pete is a TCSS member, a fourth-generation Arizonan, and a 1977 graduate of ASU. He did graduate work in Mexican and southwest U. S. history, was a landscaping contractor for fifteen years in Mesa, started at Boyce Thompson Arboretum in 1991, and currently is a Horticultural Specialist in cactus and succulents.

New Meeting Place



President's Message

Just one more **THANK YOU** to everyone who made Sonoran IV so terrific. I hope you will be a part of Sonoran V in 2004. Please let me know any comments you have about Sonoran IV or ideas for Sonoran V. We need your input.

New ideas and activities are what make this Society function. Your Board of Directors has authorized the use of recent donations to establish grants to Amphi, Vail and TUSD school districts. These are the districts which have worked with us on the rescue of plants. Our vision is to award grants for a project dealing with aspects of cacti, succulents and related subjects. We will keep this grant program going by using a portion of the income from the sale of rescued plants.

We will announce the first committee meeting shortly. If you would like to participate in the development of this program, please contact me.

Don't forget that the meeting place has changed to the Junior League Facility. Unfortunately, we have outgrown the space at TBG. The Board will evaluate this meeting space and any other suggestions until we can find a more permanent home.

The **Weird Plant sale** will be coming up on Saturday Morning, June 15. We will be selling rescued plants. We will need volunteers to: cashier, carry plants out, provide information, and sell. We will need you from times ranging from 7 am to 2 pm. Please contact me or sign up at the meeting.

Dick Wiedhopf, President

2002 Meeting 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.

June 6 General Meeting, J. M. Petrie

December 15 Holiday Party



Members of the SONORAN IV Committee thank the following people for their help in making the conference, plant show, plant sales, silent auction and raffle a success:

Joyce Abbot-Park	Barbara Harow	Carol Otteson
Kevin Barber	Marty Harow	Helen Ramsey
Debbie Boyink	Evelyn Hubbell	Joan Raphael
Joe Campbell	Peter Hubbell	Linda Ryan
Laurel Cooper	Doris King	Margaret Sitter
Jerry Daharsh	Joe King	Sandra Thompson
Dolly de la Pointe	Bobette Levy	Avivia Tirosh
George Dodd	Jean Lewis	Gail Virtes
Jane Evans	Sheila McGinnis	George Virtes
Patsy Frannea	Val Miller	Helga Zwickl
Julie Girden	Chris Monrad	

If we have forgotten anyone we apologize but please know the help of each and everyone of you who volunteered was greatly appreciated. Special thanks go to Dan Birt for bringing in display plants and the Saguaro Exhibit and to Barry McCormick for keeping everyone informed about SONORAN IV through the newsletter and web site updates.

One of the goals of SONORAN IV was to get more of the general public to participate in the Plant Sales, Plant Show and Raffle. That goal was accomplished largely through the effort of our publicity person, Sheila McGinnis. Another special thank you to Chris Monrad who arranged for extra lighting in the sales area and to the following vendors who participated in the plant sales:

Jim Ascencio	Plantas del Sol
Arid Lands Greenhouses	Starr Nursery
Art Pacheco	