



Desert Breeze

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society

October 2003

Thursday, October 2, 2003

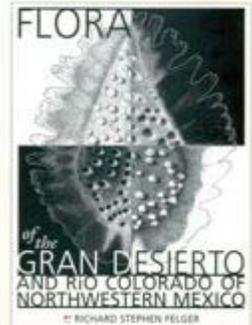
7:00 pm

**Richard Felger
Drylands Institute**

"South American and Sonoran Desert Connection "

Richard Felger will discuss the South American deserts and the Sonoran Desert connection. Why the differences and why the similarities.

Richard Felger has studied natural history in arid regions worldwide and is the founder and executive director of Drylands Institute in Tucson. He is co-author, with Mary Beck Moser, of *People of the Desert and Sea: Ethnobotany of the Seri Indians*, (U of A Press). Recent books include *Flora of the Gran Desierto and Río Colorado of northwestern Mexico*, (U of A Press), *Cactaceas de Sonora, México* with Rafaela Paredes and Tom Van Devender, (Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum), and *Trees of Sonora, Mexico* with Matt Johnson and Michael Wilson, (Oxford University Press). Forthcoming books include: *Biodiversity, Ecosystems, and Conservation in northern Mexico*, co-edited with Jean-Luc Cartron and Gerardo Ceballos, (Oxford University Press) and a much-expanded edition of *Dry Borders* co-edited with Bill Broyles, (University of Utah Press).



Richard will have some of his books available for sale at discount prices and will be ready to sign them.

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Thursday, October 2 at 7:00 pm

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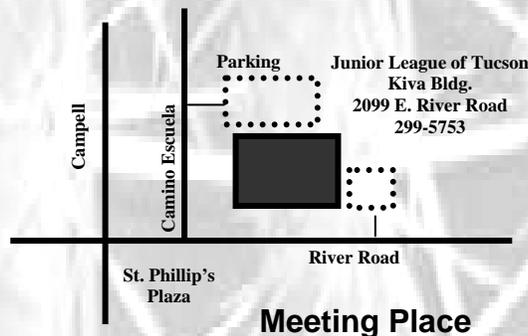
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February Refreshments

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.



President's Message



This is one of the busiest times of the year for Cacti and Succulent enthusiasts. A list of all the plant sales in October is on our web site (Tucsoncactus.org). If you don't have access to the web be sure to visit both the Tucson Botanical Gardens and Tohono Chul on October

4 and 5. Boyce Thompson Arboretum October 10-27, Desert Botanical Gardens October 17, 18 and 19 and the Pima County Country Fair on October 19 (we are there). If you want to sell at our both on the 19th, you must contact Jack Ramsey for details.

Nominations for Officers and Board Members will be announced at our November meeting and nomination from the floor we be accepted with the approval of the nominee at that meeting. If you are interested in any position please contact me for details and further information.

Sonoran V is moving forward very quickly. We are delighted to announce that Jon Rebman from the San Diego Natural History Museum has committed to speak. Some members were fortunate to hear him at the St Louis CSSA Convention and knew that he would be someone that all of you would enjoy. We have also received a commitment from Rainbow Garden Bookshop that they will be a vendor at the conference. This will be the first time since 1995 that they will be selling in Tucson. This will be a great opportunity for everyone in Southern Arizona and all our friends in the Phoenix area to acquire the latest books and more. We are also making plans for an Art Show on May 2 as part of the conference.

The conference will be limited to 100 participants and members of the TCSS will have an opportunity to reserve a spot prior to the general announcement to the public. You will receive a special mailing in the next month or so. There is also a special registration fee and payment plan for members. Remember the dates: April 30, May 1 and May 2.

In addition to our school grants program, the Board has approved the use of some of the gift money we are receiving for research grants. The process for these grants is being developed now.

Thank you all for your support and enthusiasm.

Dick Wiedhopf, President

Pima County Country Fair

Saturday, October 19, 2003

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 Country Fairs have given our club the opportunity to provide valuable information to many of the visitors that attend, and to sell salvaged and member plants to the public. The Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society has established a very good reputation for providing some great plants at very reasonable prices. You will find a great diversity of drought tolerant plants, including many natives, ready for your garden. Jan Emming of Destination Forever Ranch will again be selling with us. Drop by and consider giving some of these plants a home.

Jack Ramsey



Tucson Botanical Garden Sale



Fall Plant Sale: At this huge plant extravaganza, find a great diversity of drought tolerant plants, including many natives, available for Tucson's prime planting time. October 4 and 5, 2003.

Tohono Chul Park Sale



During The October 4 and 5 Fall Plant Sale, the Greenhouses nearly doubles its inventory to offer you a variety of arid plants, trees, shrubs and wildflowers at special prices.

Sonoran V "The Baja"

The Sonoran conference is a biennial event put on by the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society solely for the entertainment and education of – us! It is our conference, where we bring together the speakers, workshops, and sales and displays that we want to see. It is not associated with the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, or any other group. It is a great opportunity to immerse ourselves for a weekend in the world of cacti and succulents. It is our local Tucson event.

Building on our great success at hosting the most successful Cactus and Succulent Society of America conference ever held, the conference format was conceived by Margaret Pope, Mary Odette, Linda Burbach and Dick Wiedhopf. The first conference was held in 1996 at the Foothills Mall and utilized empty store fronts. It was great fun and the value of speakers united by a theme, associated with workshops for all level of expertise, a show, silent auction and sales proved



to be a great concept. We decided to hold the conference on even years, since in the alternate years we had the Cactus and Succulent Society of America convention to attend.

Although new features and refinements have been made to each succeeding conference, the original format has been largely maintained. The concept is to keep the conference small (no more than 100 registrants) so that workshops can be interactive and questions easily dealt with within the allotted time.

This is a great opportunity to learn and share information. We do allow visitors to attend the conference, but only after we have assured ourselves that all of our own members who want

to attend have had a chance to. It will be interesting to see if the unprecedented growth of our society in the last two years means we have to turn some



members away. We may have to adjust the format in future years; if the demand is too great this year we may have to make adjustments as we go.

So make your reservations early so we can see how things are shaping up. Some of the features of the conference are:

The Friday, April 30 event will be in place of our regular May meeting. The speaker will be presenting the kickoff lecture for the conference. Dinner will be paid for by the Society for all members.

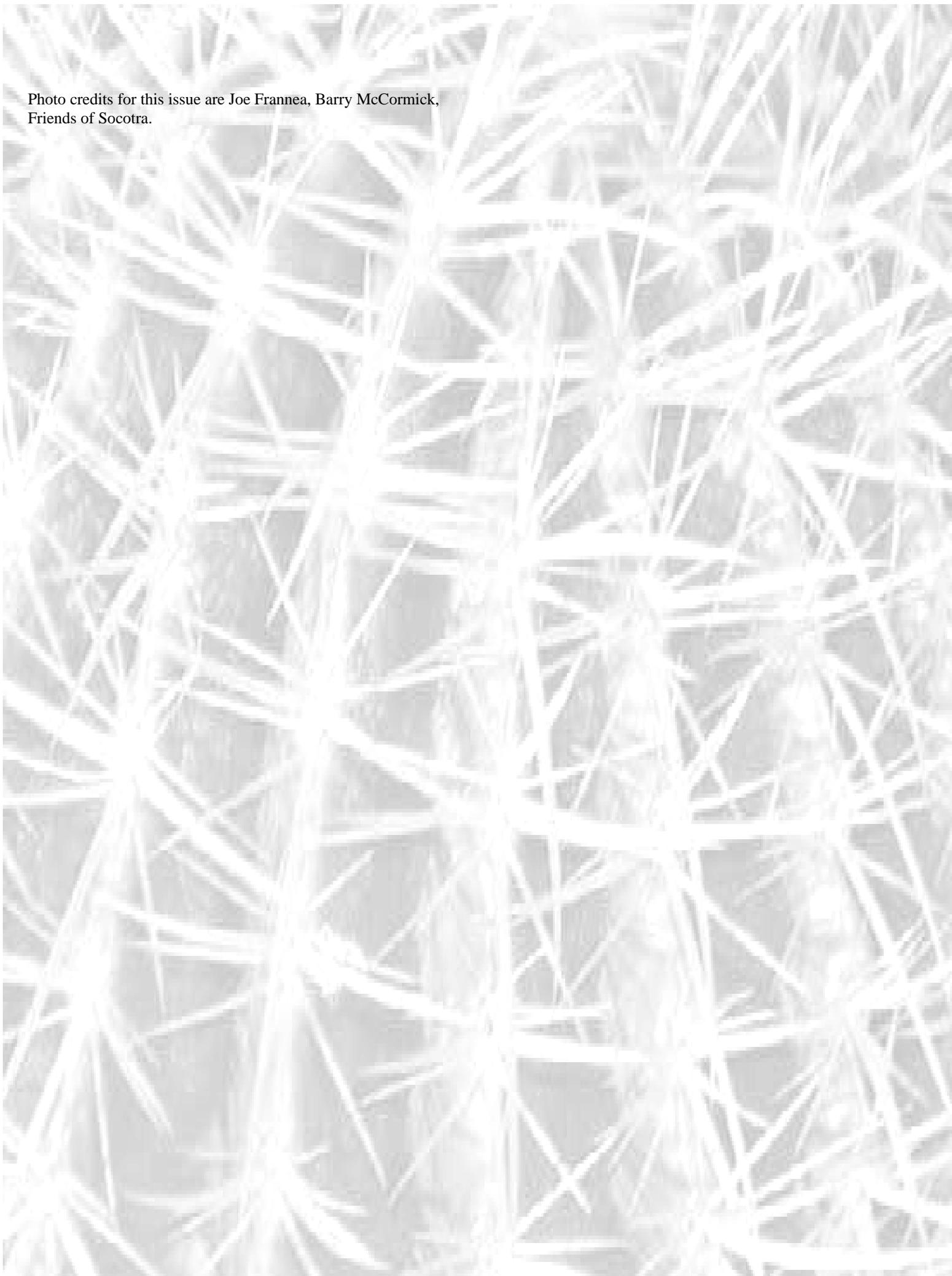
Lectures and workshops are scheduled on Saturday and Sunday. Several simultaneous events allow the participants to tailor their day to their particular interests. Workshops are repeated so that workshop groups can be kept small. In addition to the lectures and workshops, the show and sales areas will be open to the public. The public portion of the event will be similar to this year's Spring Expo, although it will be held at the Inn Suites Hotel.

We are adding an emphasis on foods made from cacti to the Saturday banquet, and hosting a cacti and succulent art show on Sunday.

This is our event, and it is designed for all of us from the interested beginner to the most advanced hobbyist. So mark down April 30 to May 2, 2004 on your calendar, and don't miss your spot in this great event.

Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society member Denny Ladwig died suddenly on September 22. Our sincere sympathy and concern go to Lois and all their family. Burial took place in Wisconsin.

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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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