

# Desert Breeze

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## Next Meeting

Sunday October 2

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for details

THEN.....

We have a display at  
the Orchid Society of  
Southern Arizona's  
Show on Sat and Sun  
November 1 and 2  
at the  
MarketPlace USA  
at Irvington  
and Palo Verde  
Tucson  
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## President's Message

**W**OW! That was the best Silent Auction our society has ever had, raising nearly \$2000 gross. In fact, over the last 2 years, Julie Turko, chairperson, and her wonderful group of volunteers and contributors have helped us raise almost \$3,000. *Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!* This year is quickly coming to a close and we must start looking to next year. How are **you** going to contribute more to the activities of the society? Certainly, running for office is a great way you can take a more active role. The Nominations Committee would love to hear from you. Their names and numbers are listed below. Please give them a call.

Sara Perper                    743-3162  
Mary Church                 624-7976  
Al Coritz                        682-8333

Now is a great time to acquire some new plants. I am sure that our members

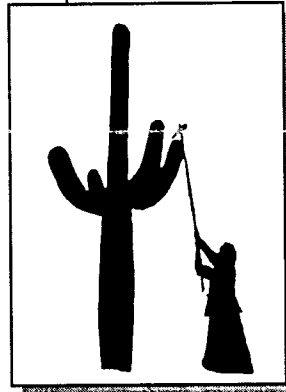
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**TCSS Display - Nov 1 & 2  
at the Orchid Society of  
Southern Arizona's Show.  
MarketPlace USA (INDOOR SWAPMEET)  
3750 East Irvington Road  
Tucson**

Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Lots of free parking so you have no excuse in not taking part! Other Societies who are expected to be participating are the Tucson Garden Club, The African



Violet Society, The Rose Society and the Iris Society, so when you get a break from helping, there will be lots of other interesting things to see. And there are several food kiosks in the MarketPlace including Mexican and Philippino food. Air conditioned for your comfort, too. Come and meet growers

of plants other than cacti and succulents. And maybe, we'll get more new members. More details of what is planned will be available at our October 2 meeting, but help will be needed from lots of members to handle this event.



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**Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society**  
Founded 1960

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and friends who own nurseries would like you to drop by and make a few purchases. It's a great way to say thanks for their support during the last year.

Our holiday party is coming up on Sunday, December 14, 1997 at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. This is one holiday party you don't want to miss. You and your families are welcome and we are planning for a great time.

Thank you for all your support.

*Dick Wiedhopf*  
President

**Our Sincere Condolences to our members —  
Helen Housman on the loss of her husband Martin;  
and to Robbin Baza on the passing of his father.**  
We were glad to see both Helen and Robbin at our September meetings.

**Members' Corner**



**Welcome New Member**

**Joyce Abbot-Park** 648-2913  
18025 S. Placita del Florero, Sahuarita AZ 85629  
(Family membership with Angelo LaScala)

Please make a note of new members  
and the following changes in your TCSS Roster:

**Members' change of addresses:**

**Cristina Wigert**  
1311-B E. Allen Rd, Tucson AZ 85719-1457

**Angelo F. LaScala** 648-2913  
18025 S. Placita del Florero, Sahuarita AZ 85629

**Please add to our 1997 Roster:**

**Dan Birt**, add his business, **Dan's Desert Plants**

**Bev White and Bob White**, add their business,  
**B & B Cactus Farm**



## TCSS Web Page

<http://www.desertcactus.com/tcss/>

Congratulations and our thanks to **Lois Ladwig** a fairly new member to the TCSS who has set up our home page on the world wide web.

It is bringing in complimentary comments from all over the world - Spain, Australia to name but a couple of countries. Even parts of the **Desert Breeze** are now available electronically, on-line.

The article written by Gene Joseph on the Archie Deutschman Mammillaria Collection raised much interest, and we had a request to reprint it in a cactus society's journal in Australia.



**Happy Birthday** to the Saguaro National Park which became established from the former Saguaro National Monument three years ago - on October 14, 1994. May the Saguaros remain happy.

### Paul C. Hutchison

On September 6, Paul Hutchison died at the Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, California.

Longstanding cactophiles will remember Paul for his contribution to the succulent world, even though he had been botanically inactive in recent years due to ill health. In the 1950s and 1960s he published numerous articles in the *Cactus & Succulent Journal* on *Haworthias*, *cacti*, *Adromischus* and *Crassulas*.

He led several expeditions to Chile and Peru and made notably large collections of herbarium specimens, now in the herbaria of many institutions. Paul was botanist at the Botanic Garden of the University of California, Berkeley, before leaving botany to begin a nursery (*Tropic World*) in Escondido, California.

In a future issue of the *Cactus & Succulent Journal*, the President of the CSSA, Larry Mitich, will be writing a biography of Paul.

*The above information about Paul Hutchison came from Myron Kinnach, Editor of the CSSA Journal.*

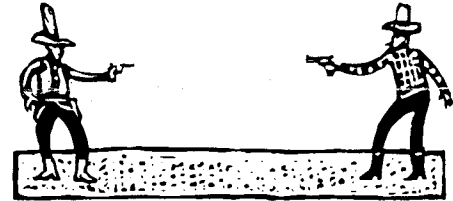
## Our Nominating Committee is at work again!

**Sara Perper, Mary Church and Al Coritz are our Nominating Committee this year.**

They have the (maybe) unenviable job of finding members who will be happy to stand for election to fill the positions of the TCSS officers and board for the coming year.

Maybe you have already had a call from them? If not, and you think you might like to join the Board of Directors, or take another position in the Society, please contact Sara on 743-3162; Mary on 624-7976; or Al on 682-8333, and have a chat with them about it.

Maybe, just maybe, there will be competition for some positions and we end up having a....



Next year, 1998, looks to be an exciting year with our *Stuck-on-Tucson II* coming in the Fall. Remember - the more one can be involved in a group, the more pleasure one gets out of it.



## Next Board Meeting

October 23

### Time and Place:

7 P.M. College of Pharmacy  
Check front door for room location



### Message from Bob Ressler

Bob responded to our web page. He says  
"If any [TCSS] members are interested in trading seeds or cuttings or plants of any tall types cactus let me know."

Bob's e-mail address is <Brcacti@aol.com>  
Tel: (209) 599-6810 and address:  
1454 Johanna Dr, Ripon, CA 95366



### Nurseries owned or managed by our TCSS members

We recommend that if you plan to visit them you call first, as they are not all open every day.

#### MILES' TO GO

Miles Anderson, 6125 N. Noel Lane, Tucson AZ 85743  
Tel: 520 682-7272  
e-mail: miles2G@aol.com

#### DAN'S DESERT PLANTS

Dan Birt - Tel: 520 325-4967  
Plants at Mesquite Valley Growers, Tel: 520 721-8600  
8005 E. Speedway, Tucson AZ 85710

#### PLANTS OF THE SOUTHWEST LIVING STONES NURSERY

Gene Joseph and Jane Evans  
2936 N. Stone Ave, Tucson AZ 85705  
Tel: 520 628-8773 Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sat

#### PLANTAS DEL SOL

John and Dorothy Pasek,  
6175 N. Noel Lane, Tucson AZ 85743  
Tel: 520 682-8883

#### ARID LANDS GREENHOUSES

Julie Turko, 3560 W. Bilby Rd, Tucson AZ 85746  
Tel: 520 883-9404 not Sundays  
e-mail: aridruc@azstarnet.com

#### LANDSCAPE CACTI

Jon Weeks, 7711 W. Bopp Rd, Tucson AZ 85735-9511  
Tel: 520 883-0020

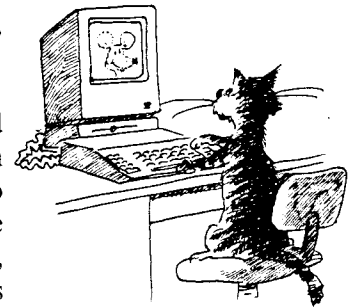
#### B & B CACTUS FARM

Bob and Bev White, 11550 E. Speedway, Tucson AZ 85748  
Tel: 520 721-4687


*We believe this to be the complete list of nurseries owned and/or managed by local TCSS members, but we offer apologies if any have been omitted. Please let us know if you have not been included, so we can list you in next month's Desert Breeze.*

### Our visit to Gene Joseph and Jane Evans' to see the Archie Deutschman Mammillarias.

Masses of mamms, lots of 'volunteers' in the pots, particularly euphorbias — a delight for us all to see. Even some mesembs had grown by themselves in pots of mamms - goes to prove how easy it can be for young plants to thrive, even amongst the pebbles of the paths. Gene lets the self-sown plants grow on to a reasonable size then pots them on. About 80% of the mammillarias which Gene grows were from Archie Deutschman in 1988. Some modification in watering and potting mix were needed as Archie's mix was 'tighter' than Gene's and held more water. Gene recommends that mammillarias have filtered light all day long. His adeniums and pachypodiums and other more tender succulents were in full sun, but will need some cold protection in winter. Gene finds that Euphorbia obesa is cold tolerant in Tucson, and that many other euphorbias can take temperatures down to 25 deg F. He waters all his plants by hand - a 1 1/2 hour chance to inspect his plants. He showed us Echinocereus viridiflorus var. nova which was found by Alan Zimmerman in Texas. Its flower is 1 1/2 inches in diameter and is green, similar to that of E. viridiflorus, and has yet to be named officially. It is a close relative of the native 'hedgehogs'. It was interesting to learn about how Gene protects some of his more tender plants during the winter.



*Thank you, Gene and Jane, for letting us see your plants. We appreciated it.*



Join  
US..

..for a devil  
of a good  
time!

TCSS Dues

of \$15.00 (\$20.00 per family)  
should be sent to  
Membership Secretary,  
Maury Clapp  
P.O. Box 91560  
Tucson AZ 85752-1560

(Dues run from Jan 1 to Dec 31)

# ming events



## TCSS Program for the next few months

Meetings are at 7 P.M. at the Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson 85712 unless stated otherwise. Non-members Welcome!

**Thursday Oct 2** Speaker - *Kent Newland*  
"Meet the Mammillarias"

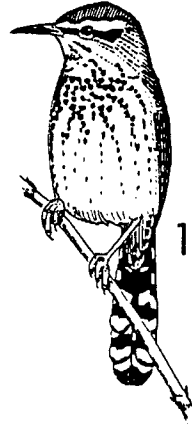
**Kent Newland**, a water Resources Specialist for the City of Phoenix, has grown Mammillarias for 25 years and has botanized in the field looking for mammillarias in the Southwestern U.S., Sonora, Baja California and Central Mexico. On October 2 at the TCSS monthly meeting he will present MEET THE MAMMILLARIAS. Mammillarias, pincushion cacti with around 250 species, are some of the easiest and diverse globular cacti to grow. This presentation will focus on the botany, classification, distribution, horticulture, propagation and selection of mammillarias for the hobbyist.

Kent Newland has been a Botanist for the City of Phoenix Water Conservation Office in charge of xeriscape education programs for the past 11 years. He received his B.S. in Botany from New Mexico State University. Previous to his present position he was a horticulturist for the Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum for 15 years. He has also served as Chairman of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Conservation Committee and President of the Phoenix Chapter of the Arizona Native Plant Society. He is a member of the International Organization of the Succulent Plant Societies and of the Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society. At our mini-conference in October 1996 at

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## ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE

*is for the birds*



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

12:00 NOON - 4:00 PM

**MEMBERS ONLY PRESALE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

*\* Featuring plants that attract birds \**

**Nursery re-opens for the season**

The TBG Nursery will resume its regular hours, Tuesday-Saturday 9 AM-NOON, beginning Tuesday, October 7

**TUCSON BOTANICAL GARDENS**

2150 N. Alvernon Way \* Tucson, Arizona 85712  
(520) 326-9686



the Foothills Mall, Kent presented the talk, OVERVIEW OF THE CACTI AND SUCCULENTS OF THE SONORAN DESERT, and a workshop on AGAVES FOR ARIZONA GARDENS. Both were interesting, informative and well received. This talk promises to be equally so.

**Sat Nov 1, 10-9, and Sun Nov 2, 10-6**

TCSS Display at the Show put on by the Orchid Society of Southern Arizona at MarketPlace USA, 3750 E. Irvington Rd, Tucson (Irvington/Palo Verde)

**Thursday Nov 6** Steve McLaughlin will be speaking on research into Hesperaloe plant fiber.

**Sunday Dec 14** Christmas Luncheon Party at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. Noon to 5 p.m.

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**NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, October 2, at 7 P.M. in the Porter Room at the  
Tucson Botanical Gardens  
2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712**

**“Meet The Mammillarias”  
with Kent Newland**

**After seeing the Archie Deutschman collection of mammillarias  
this talk should be of extra special interest to you.**

**Refreshments by those with family names beginning with A - D**

