

## Blooming Barrel Sale a Big Success!

The fourth annual Blooming Barrel sale was a big success despite torrential rains for over three hours. The sale was held Sunday, Aug 14th from 9 am to 3 pm in front of the Jr. League facility on River Road, where we hold our monthly meetings.



A swarm of Cactus Rescue Crew members showed up early and, within thirty minutes, had the sales tent and hundreds of barrels, hedge hogs, and mammillarias displayed for sale. Normally the tent is used for sun cover but on this cloudy day it provided rain cover - and boy was it needed! Sales started slowly about 8:30 and picked up to a steady pace for a couple of hours and then the heavy rains came and persisted for almost three hours, dumping about two inches of that wet stuff. River Road was truly a river from edge to edge for quite a while. Eventually the tent had to be abandoned and we waited out the heavy rain in the Kiva meeting room.



We not only sold several hundred plants, but a dozen pairs of cactus gloves, four TCSS Tee shirts, and some cactus books. We signed up two new members and, as always, shared a lot of planting advice and our brochures with the public. Total sales were just over \$2600. A special thanks to all who helped load up the trailer on Saturday and helped with the sale on Sunday. We had some customers who wanted to shop in spite of the rain so a couple of our crew members accommodated them. A few mastered the skill of holding an umbrella under their chin while carrying a large barrel cactus in their hands. What fun we have!

Joe Frannea

## Opuntia on Steroids!



This newly formed Prickly Pear pad couldn't wait to start producing fruit and things kind-of got mixed up. The large, bright red, fruit is totally integrated into the new pad.

Joe Frannea

[If you have a weird cactus or succulent photo that you would like to share, please email it with a short story to the editor for possible use in our newsletter.]

## Hacienda Del Sol Fall Plant Sale



"The Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society will hold its inaugural Fall Plant Sale at the Hacienda Del Sol Guest Ranch Resort on Sunday, October 2nd, 2005 from

9:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

We will be selling hundreds of rescued native cacti including barrels, hedgehogs and small saguaros (available in limited supply) that have been collected from local development sites and are offered for sale at very reasonable prices in the interest of providing the plants with new homes throughout Southern Arizona.

Several other local specialty nurseries of note will also be in attendance, offering a diverse selection of aesthetic cacti and succulents from the

Americas, Africa, and Madagascar including euphorbias, adeniums, mesembs and pachypodiums.

Please call Chris Monrad of the TCSS at 444-0967 for additional information."

Chris Monrad



## Fall Workshop Series



Thursday, September 15 will be the first session of our Fall Workshop Series. The first workshop is "Cacti -Special Structures, Their Identification, and the Culture of Plants" given

by Norm Dennis from 7:00 until 8:30 pm at the Junior League on River Road. This is an introductory workshop for members interested in learning about acquiring, planting and caring for cacti. It will include an overview of structures peculiar to cacti, their identification, sources for plant materials, how to unpot and repot using artificial soils, and how to plant in native soils, watering, feeding and pest control.

The second workshop, held Thursday, October 20 will be on Cactus and Succulent Seed Propagation presented by Vonn Watkins from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. This workshop will provide an introduction to basic seed culture. There will be a short photo presentation on some basic techniques, propagation results, the various parts of a flower and some techniques for pollination.

The third workshop, held on Thursday, November 17, will be on Grafting Cacti, by Mike Ellis. It will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Attendance at each workshop is limited to twenty-four participants. Complete descriptions and materials needed are described in the reservation form included with your newsletter mailing. Attendance is strictly on a first-come basis and these sessions generally sell out. There is a \$5.00 non-refundable charge for each workshop.

## Good Time Auction



Sunday, September 18 is the Good Time Silent Auction. The event will be from noon to 3:00 pm and is a chance to socialize, make some money for the society, and clear off your benches before you have to button up for winter. Now is a good time to look around and decide what you can donate. Perhaps a division or a propagation is called for, perhaps a larger pot would make the plant look its best in the Fall. Full details are contained in the notice mailed with this newsletter.

## Future Events



Our Tour Events Committee is finalizing the arrangements for the much-awaited trip to the Wallace Desert Gardens. This will be an exclusive event for Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society members, held on Sunday, November 6, 2005. There will be a bus for those who prefer to travel in comfort, but it will also be possible to meet us there. The tour will be followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant and then we will make a stop at the Arizona Cactus Nursery in Chandler on our way home. The last time we took a bus trip and stopped in Chandler we filled the luggage space on the bus with plant purchases.

## Upcoming Schedule

- September 1, 2005 – General meeting, "Succulent Travels through Argentina and Bolivia."
- September 15, 2005 – First session of the Fall Workshop Series.
- September 18, 2005 - Good Time Silent Auction II, 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm. Junior League of Tucson Kiva Bldg. 2099 E. River Road. TCSS members only.
- October 2, 2005 - Cactus & Succulent sale at the Hacienda del Sol
- October 6, 2005 - General Meeting, "A Tour of Namibia."
- October 20, 2005 – Second session of the Fall Workshop Series.
- October 30 (10 am - 4 pm) – Pima County Country Fair at the Lew Sorensen School on Tanque Verde road (east of Houghton). TCSS rescued plants will be sold.
- November 3, 2005 – General Meeting.
- November 6, 2005 Wallace Desert Gardens Trip. Exclusive garden tour, lunch, and visit to Arizona Cactus Nursery. TCSS members only.
- November 17, 2005 – Third session of the Fall Workshop Series.
- December 11, 2005 Holiday Party.