



# SACXS FACTS



*A Monthly Publication*

*Dedicated to the admiration, study, and proliferation of cacti and succulents.*

**Our Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month except  
April, June and December,  
At the San Antonio Garden Center at Funston and New Braunfels Avenue,  
Doors are open at 6:30 P.M., reception at 7:00, Meeting/program at 7:30.**

**May 19**

## **Presidents Message**

Hi Everyone! Well, we did it! Another Show and Sale for the record books. As far as I can tell, we exceeded all expectations. We had more show plants, got more new members, raised a lot of money for our Botanical Garden project, and had a lot of fun doing it. It couldn't have happened without YOUR help. It was a TEAM effort from start to finish. I thank EVERYONE that pitched in. There were so many volunteers the work seemed easy. On to next year! If you'd like to be a mover and a shaker next year, get in touch with me- we'll find a job for you.

I'm so happy to announce 28 new members signed up during the Show and we handed out many brochures with our meeting dates on them. We are going to have lots of new faces at our meetings! You might remember a touch of shyness when you were here the first time, so step right up to a visitor or new member and show them how friendly and helpful we can be.

We'll be needing plants and offsets for our raffle table this next meeting, so bring in what you'd like to pass on to others. It would be cool if you would attach a name to them if possible.

At this next meeting we will be voting on next year's officers, so be prepared to vote. We will also be announcing details of the annual June cookout! Looks like it will be LOTS of fun. ANN and JIMMY BLACK will be our hosts. They have a wonderful place with great landscaping and a wetlands pool I'm sure you all would like to see. They also have a pool! The members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts, the meat will be provided. That's it for now- Welcome all new members! See you at the next meeting!

**Ann**

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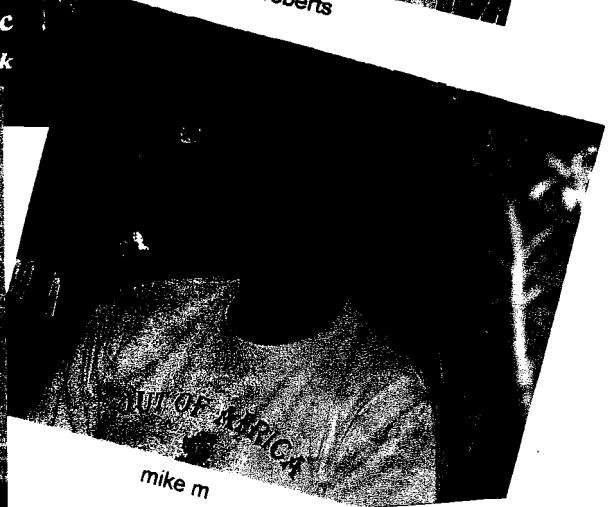
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Then put in my email address [bobcrabb@yahoo.com](mailto:bobcrabb@yahoo.com) to visit the SACXS 2004 album pictures.

The program by Cal Eichler will feature a trip to the succulent garden in the conservatory at the San Antonio Botanical Garden. Cal has worked as a volunteer at the Garden for over 18 years. After a brief introduction we will walk across the parking lot to see and hear about the beautiful cacti and succulents there. We will be back in time for the usual auction and raffle. Bobby

Coming Events:

The Orchid Farm in Sweet Home is going out of business and before we open our doors to the general public we would like to invite the members of the San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society to come and shop for the best plants and widest variety. We have kept a few plants for ourselves but most of our collection is up for sale, even most of our stock plants. Most plants will be offered at 50% OFF regular price. We are going to try to start offering these prices to the public in the next couple of weeks so please come by as soon as possible. We hope to be sold out by the end of May. If you have any questions please email us or call. Thank you.

David Feller  
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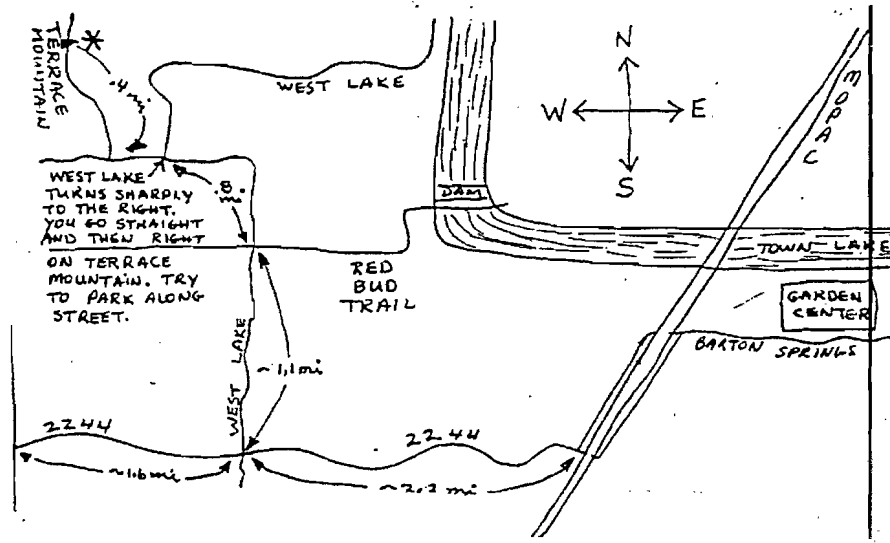
**May 22 > K.T.S.A. Festival of Flowers, Alzafar Shrine Temple, 901 N. Loop 1604**

**June 5-6 > Bob Barth's Early Summer Sale open house Sat & Sun 10 AM - 6 PM**

New plants from Arizona & California, some free plants, Landscape plants, price reductions on some plants & quantity discounts

**ORACLE GORGE NURSERY**  
Succulents for the Connoisseur  
Bob Barth, Proprietor  
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**Rain Date: June 12-13 or 19-20, 2004**



**June 11 - 13 > 2004 CSSA Midwest Regional Cactus & Succulent Conference, Ramada Ltd Convention Center/Council Bluffs, Iowa**

**September 4-6 > Austin C & S Society Show & Sale, Zilker Park, Austin**

**October 4 - 31 > Paul's Desert 3rd annual clearance sale nursery > 210-658-7561**

**SACXS BOTANICAL CACTUS GARDEN**

The first scheduled workday five members including me arrived early and anxious to get started. I want to thank Richard Blocker, Ann Dickey, Bobby Crabb and Chris Wiseside (a guest from the March meeting). It is truly amazing what so few willing hands can accomplish in six hours. Thanks again to the **fantastic 4**.

The following Saturday we were blessed with nine members, including me. My sincere thanks to Barbara Schulze, Ray Fletcher, Ernie Akers, Richard and Carol Blocker, Mamie Lew, Bobby Crabb and Ann Dickey for giving up their Saturday to work on this club project. The results are truly amazing and I want them to know how much I appreciate it.

There is still much to be done as we are out of rocks again. If you know of a construction site that will allow us to get rocks or anywhere please let me know and we can get a group to go get them. If you haven't seen the garden since we started clearing the forest you really should visit it. **Lucile, Lively**

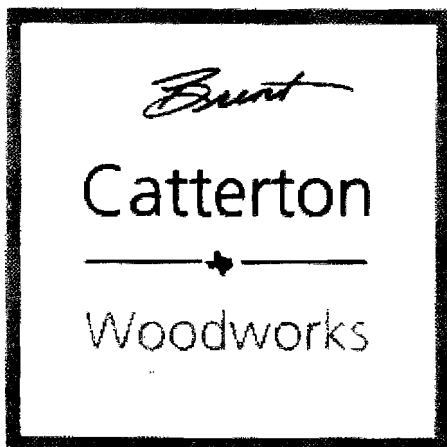
**SHOW NEWS**

In spite of rain and so many cloudy days we had quite a beautiful array of show plants. Thanks to the dedicated members that worked to prepare them to show. It is not an easy task. We had quite a number enter in the Novice Section and that is encouraging. As show chairman I heard nothing but compliments and that is due to everyone working together as a team.

As always, the auction was a success thanks to Marty Ruona our auctioneer. I appreciate and thank all of you for such a great job. I thank the chairmen and their committees for doing an exceptional job. The chairmen are: Scott Busby, Barbara Schulze, Larry Murphy, Joanne Anderson, Anne Dickey, Bobby Crabb, Don Clark, Claude Townsend and Elisa Kibler.

The beautiful wood plaques awarded in 2002 and this year were made and donated by SACXS member and wood artisan Brent Catterton. Brent we thank you for your generosity in sharing your talent with us. For those not acquainted with Brent and Sandy they live in Boerne and I understand he makes beautiful furniture. For your convenience I am copying his business card. Brent, on behalf of SACXS I thank you again for your generosity.

**Lucile Lively, Show Chairman**



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**May Birthdays**

**Doris Uhl - 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Doug Coates - 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Neal Aylor - 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**David Feller Jr - 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Elaine Lansing - 30<sup>th</sup>**

**May Anniversaries**

**5<sup>th</sup> - Neal & Vivian Aylor**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Doug & Debra Coates ~~5/17/04~~**

**Welcome 28 New Members !!! Jesus & Diana Almaguer, Sally & Rob Brown, Don Chandler, John Di Stefano, Sean Dreher, Elinor Drileck, Elizabeth Dunn, Tom Foster, Dennis Gallagher, John & Norma Hinojosa, Mark Husfeld, Maria Infante, Berry & Deborah Johnson, Jerry & Christine Kamenzind, Francis Kollington, Sandy McCoig, Agnes McLean, Ruben Reyes, Darrell Scott, Dan Selick, Amy Stipe, Yolanda Villagran, and Chris Wisecup,**

**And welcome back Rudy Brieno !!!**

**SACXS SHOW WINNERS**

**Horticultural Excellence: Richard Blocker – Mammillaria plumosa**  
**Best Cactus: Barbara Schulze – Astrophytum myriostigma**  
**Award of Merit for Cactus: Richard Blocker –**

*Copipoa tenuissima monstrose*  
*Gymnocalycium mihanovichi variegata*

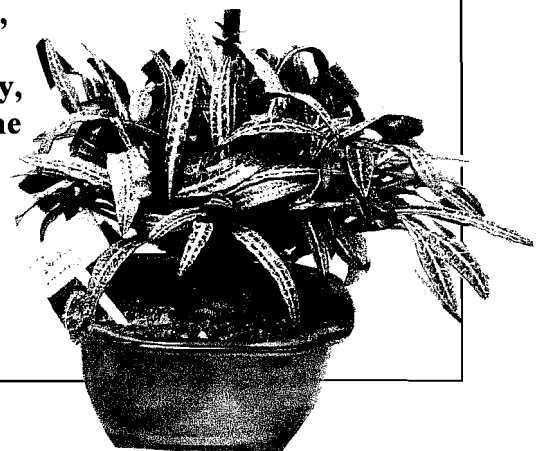
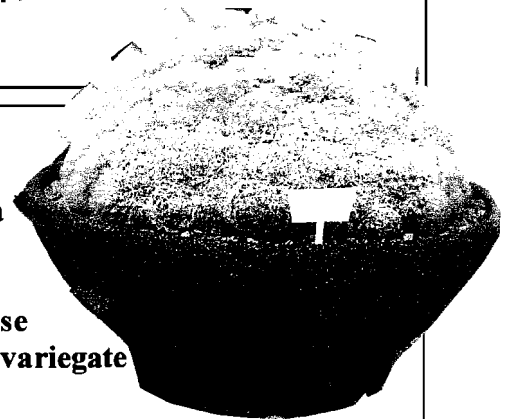
**Best Xerophyte: Barbara Schulze – Euphorbia francoisii**  
**Award of Merit for Zerophytes: Richard Blocker –**

*Euphorbia persistens*  
*Fockea edulis*

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Sweepstakes: Barbara Schulze**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Sweepstakes: Richard Blocker**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Sweepstakes: Larry Murphy**  
**Entrant's Choice: David Feller, Jr. – Adenium obesum**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place Novice Award – Don Lively & Cheryl Wildfong**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Novice Award – David Feller, Sr. and David Feller, Jr.**

**Message from the judging Chairman: Thank you to all members of the judging team who made everything run smoothly. The judges were: Bob Barth, Leroy Kellog, Neal Aylor, Mike Keeling, Toni Vance, and J.D. Vance. I appreciate their time and effort during the judging phase of the Show. Out-of-town judges, Leroy, Neal, and Mike graciously donated their compensation back to the show fund. I also had great help from clerks, Luci Golla, Cal Eichler, Bobby Crabb and Don Clark. We couldn't have done it without you!**

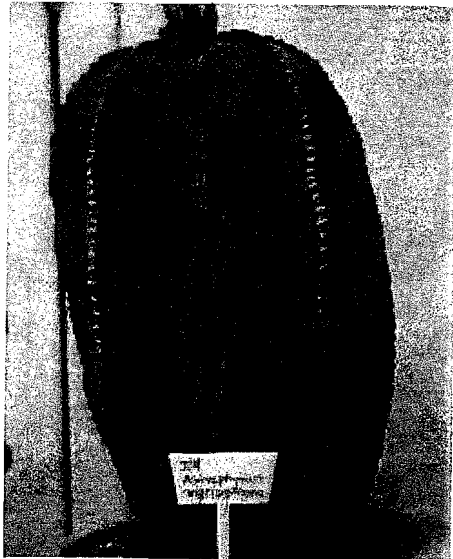
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**from ”Live & Learn & Pass it On”**

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