



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 & New Braunfels Avenue.
Doors are open at 6: p.m. – Next Meeting**

September 21st

President's Message:

September brings to all of us at SACXS the beginning of another year. Hopefully everyone will be healthy and it will be a good year for our members and SACXS. I would like to encourage each of you to introduce yourself to other members you may not know so that we can all get to know each other a little better. For the benefit of our newer members there is a lot of knowledge about cacti and succulents which our older members are more than willing to share with you.

Marty Ruona is our vice-president in charge of field trips this year. He is trying to line up some really nice opportunities for us. Hopefully he will have some greenhouse tours and possibly other events to tell you about real soon.

Also, if any of you have any announcements, pictures, or articles of interest concerning cacti and succulents please forward them to Norma Tindall so that she can include them in the newsletter. Norma's new e-mail address is nartleo@aol.com and she is always looking for something new or different to print and share with the members.

Furthermore, please remember all members are encouraged to bring raffle plants to the meetings to share with each other. As you all sift through your plants please always keep this in mind. Some of my favorite plants are the ones I have gotten from the auction.

Lastly, I would like to ask everyone to be sure and review the membership directory at our next meeting to be sure all of your information is correct and up to date. A new directory is scheduled to go to print so that it can be distributed before the end of this calendar year. In the event that you are unable to attend the meetings you may send your changes to Joanne Anderson at jojoleen@gvtc.com or call her at 830-438-3347.

Take care, **Don Clark**

P.S. Also send address changes to the Newsletter editor, and a reminder – dues are due
: Norma Tindall

SACXS Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2005

The August meeting was well attended despite summer heat and doldrums. We welcomed two visitors. Joanne Anderson reported that the club bank balance was \$8,737.30. She also gave a status report on the 2006 Show and Sale Resource Book. She announced that the Show Book theme will be "Year of the Aloe", that there will be 1200 copies printed, and that the board had approved an increase in prices for the ads. Joanne asked for members to send her photos of their aloes in bloom. Don reminded members to sign the attendance sheet and the sign-up sheet for meeting refreshments and auction plants. David Esquivel then proceeded with the induction of the new officers for 2005-2006 as follows: *President* Don Clark, *V.P. of Programs* Claude Townsend, *V.P. of Membership* Norma Tindall, *V.P. of Field Trips* Marty Ruona, *Treasurer* Jimmy Black, *Sergeant at Arms* Doris Santee, *Recording Secretary* Ann Black, *Publicity* Lucile Lively, and *Directors* Sydney Yarbrough, Bill Bauta, and Ernie Akers.

The August educational program consisted of four separate presentations on "How to Build a Cactus Garden" by Don Clark, Jimmy Black, Larry Fagarason, Marty Ruona, and Richard Blocker. All presenters received good discussion questions and acclamations. After the plant auction and raffle, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Many thanks to those who brought auction plants, raffle plants, and refreshments!

Respectfully submitted by **Ann Black**, your SACXS Secretary.

Plant Sale
October 1 & 2
Paul & Lisa Kibler
A LOT OF NEW ARRIVALS
30% off potted plants
20% off field plants
20% off all plants Through October
200 Schertz parkway
Schertz, TX. 78154
210-658-7516

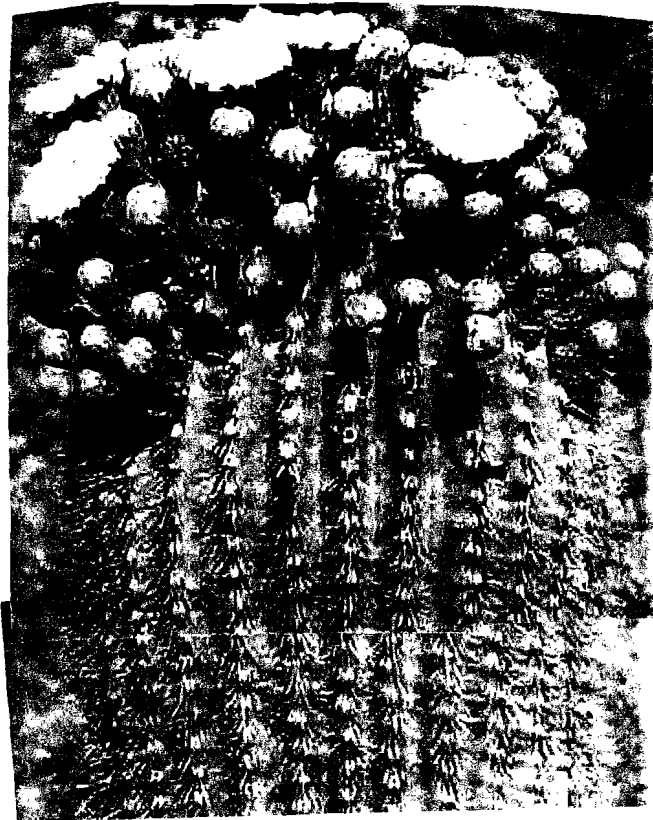
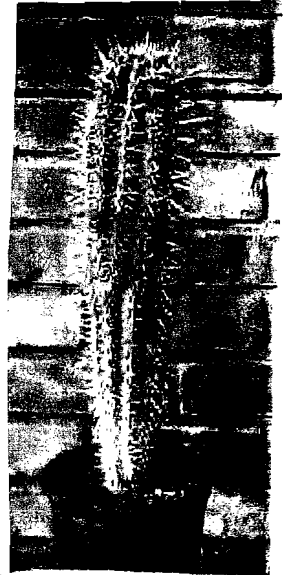
Saguaro is the largest cactus of the United States. This huge plant, often called the giant cactus, may stand as tall as 60 feet and weigh as much as 10 short tons. The saguaro grows only in the foothills and deserts of southern Arizona, southeastern California and northwestern Mexico. It is the state flower of Arizona.

The saguaro has a column-like trunk that measures from 1 to 2 ½ feet in Diameter. The plant also has a few large, upturned branches. Groove and ribs (ridges) run lengthwise along both the trunk and branches. Little rain falls in the region where the saguaro grows. The plant soaks up and stores much water after the rare showers that do occur. The grooves and ribs expand and contract, much like an accordion, depending on the amount of stored water.

Pad-like structures called areoles grow along the ribs. Each areole has from 15 To 25 long spines. The branches of the saguaro grow from certain areoles on the trunk. During May and June, the areoles near the tip of the trunk and branches produce waxy, greenish-white flowers. These funnel shaped flowers measure 3 or 4 inches long and bloom at night.

Bats, birds, and insects gather nectar from saguaro blossoms and during the process, spread pollen from flower to flower. The pollinated flowers may then produce purplish-red pulp filled with black seeds. Many desert creatures eat the ripe fruit. The Indians of the region also eat the raw fruit or use it to make preserves and syrups.

Scientific name: Carnegiea gigantea.



Saguaro flowers



Cactus wren on top of a saguaro

<http://www.aolsvc.worldbook.aol.com>



Bobby Crab & Don Lively – 2nd <> Michael Rupe 3rd <> Randy Schulze 10th
Bill Rupe & Margarita Feller 12th <> Anthony Bauta 13th <> Pat Harvey 17th
Lorraine Polonis & Luci Golla – 21st <> Mike Keeling 28th



Happy Anniversary James & Lucy Roberts – 30th

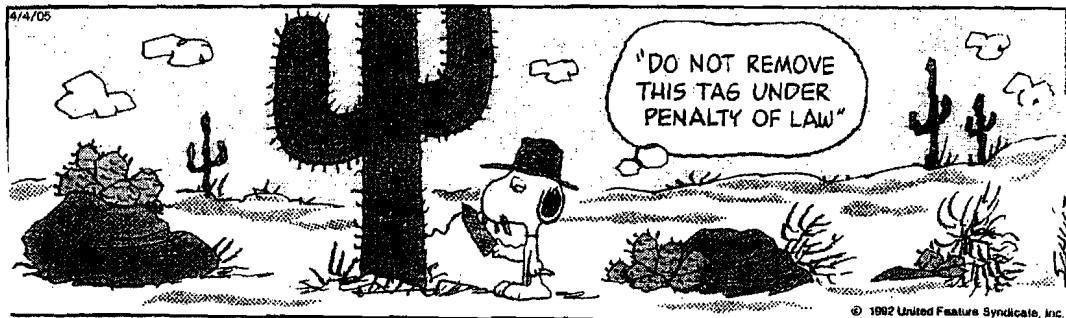
Last Chance to Pay Dues

Annual dues are due: \$10.00 per year for an individual
15.00 for a family membership

Please pay at the September meeting or send dues to:

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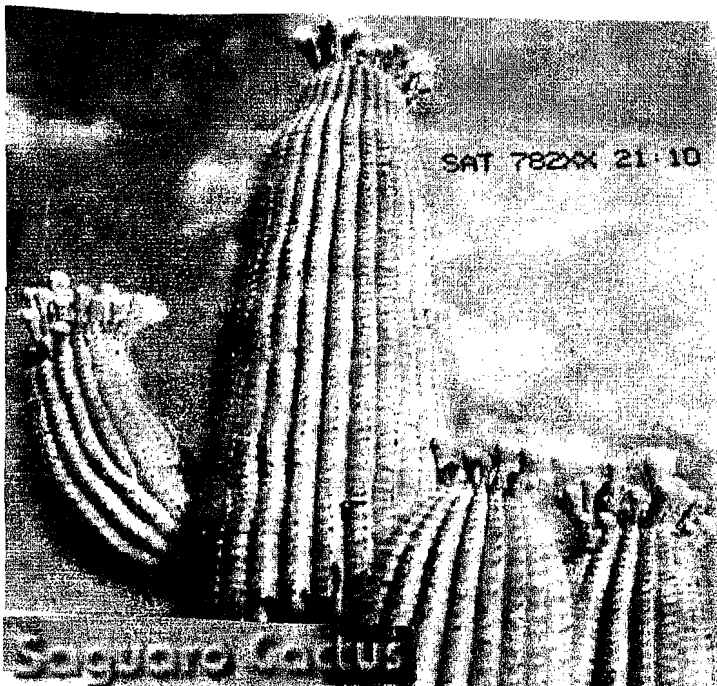
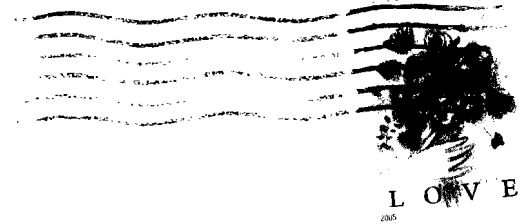
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“Greener pastures often have higher fences.”

from Words To Live By

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