

SACXS FACTS



Newsletter for the San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society

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President's Message

A Very Hot Hello to Everyone,

As I write this message the weatherman is predicting some rain. I've got my fingers crossed. Fortunately I don't have water restrictions, but my water bill is going to be very HIGH! I head for Colorado on June 28 to spend a week with my parents and am hoping for much cooler temperatures.

For those of you who missed the June meeting be prepared for some changes in our society. We elected a new board of officers: President - Ann Black, First Vice President - Lisa Kibler, Second Vice President - Manny Zamora, Third Vice President - Sam Rodgers, Treasurer - Doug Coates, Recording Secretary - Ernie Akers, Publicity Secretary - Eula Townsend, and Directors - Barbara Schulze, Paul Kibler, and Gerald Yarbrough.

Our incoming board has lots of new ideas for rejuvenating our society and will be asking for your input and active support. Our newsletter editor, Ann Black, has resigned so she can focus on other responsibilities before taking office. Manny Zamora has volunteered to take on the newsletter in addition to his membership duties. Way to go, Manny! If you are interested in working on the newsletter and helping out Manny, let me know. I also want to thank our member newsletter contributors. Not only do we get some great information, we also get to know our members better.

Our June program was a great success. Kudos to Claude for coming up with a great idea. 9 of our members brought plants from their collection and briefly talked about their plant(s) to the membership. What a great

way for our members to get their feet wet to speak informally in front of others. It was enjoyable and interesting for everyone.

I really appreciate the way our members are stepping up (and maybe out of their comfort zone) to actively move our society into a positive force for the study, propagation, conservation, and public awareness of cacti and other succulent plants. Let's keep moving forward!

Barbara Schulze, SACXS President

Don' t Miss the July SACXS Meeting! Read on for Important Information!!



SACXS Board Members

President: Barbara Schulze 830-281-5766 **1st Vice President:** Claude Townsend 210-655-8959
2nd Vice President: Tony Garcia 210-733-7470 **3rd Vice President:** Sam Rodgers 210-240-7721
Secretary: Bjorn Steffenson 210-479-3717 **Publicity Secretary:** Eula Townsend 210-655-8959
Treasurer: Doug Coates 210-659-7279
Directors: David Dawson 210-336-8621, Gerald Yarbrough 210-435-7157,
Ernie Akers 210-521-5772

Program Information:

**To Be Announced: Check
back after July 8**

Place: San Antonio Garden Center. 3310 N. New Braunfels

Time: Meeting starts 7:15 pm . Come early at 6:30 for the social hour!

It' s free and open to the public.

For more information: ctownsend@satx.rr.com

July 20 Meeting Assignments

IMPORTANT: First person on each list,
(as indicated by the asterisk) please call the others to
remind them. If

you have any questions, please call the first person on
your list

or call Cal Eichler 210-828-0833.

Refreshments

* **To be announced: Check back after July 8**

Auction Plants

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Please Read: Newsletter Assignments:

These members are requested to provide articles for the August
newsletter:

Larry and Pat Murphy, Albert and Marjorie Molnar, and Dale Neese

Contact Barbara Schulze at barbschul@aol.com if you have any
questions about this assignment. Please send Barbara your
articles by the first of the month. The article can be personal
(information about yourself, our society members, your
experiences growing succulents, or a visit to some location you
think would be of interest to other members). Articles can also
be reprints from other sources such as other newsletters, books,

websites, etc. Be sure to cite the author and source that the article came from. You can also write your own article by compiling information from several sources. Again, be sure to cite authors and sources. If you can include photos as well, that would be great! Please do not be offended if your article is not included in the current newsletter. Some articles will be published in future newsletters.

—Barbara

SACXS Board Meeting Minutes

3-14-11

The meeting was called to order at 6:50. The members present included Barbara Schulze, Claude and Eula Townsend, Doug Coates, Sam Rodgers, Ernie Akers, Gerald and Sydney Yarbrough. The February Board Meeting minutes were read by Barbara Schulze. Doug moved to accept the minutes as read and Gerald seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Doug Coates presented the Treasurer's Report. Claude moved to accept the report and Sam seconded. The treasurer's report was accepted. Items also discussed included the filing of the Federal Tax form (Doug has not filed the form because the address of the member filing the initial form for tax-exempt status cannot be located), the \$1,600 rental fee for the Show & Sale at the Garden Center (Does it come out of club or show fund?), and the dues paid to TACSS (Doug paid for 22 members who had paid their membership dues as of January 1, 2011.)

Tony Garcia was not present to present the membership report. Claude presented the report on upcoming programs. The May program will be on Baja and the June program will be presented by Lilliana Rodriguez who will show new products on the market related to cactus, mainly prickly pear. There was discussion of the March program which will focus on the April Show & Sale. Barbara, Ann Black, and Paul Kibler will discuss volunteer

duties and sign-up members to fill those duties. Also discussed were the Show fliers, the SACXS information flier, the raffle details, and the club table.

Sam and Claude presented information about the field trip to the ranch near Sonora. The roster was almost full with 27 people signed up to attend. Sam said he was taking another group to Eagle Pass again.

Under Old Business, the Fiesta Insurance coverage will not reimburse SACXS for the \$500.00 spent to repair the Garden Center stage. That amount is our deductible. Barbara asked the board members if they liked the reverse order of events at the regular meeting. Most comments were favorable. One member commented that there should be no plant sales during the business meeting. Barbara asked who would be willing to continue to serve on the board for 2011-2012. Sam, Doug, Ernie, Gerald, and Eula said they would continue to serve. Barbara is working with the nominating committee of Claude Townsend, Jim Roberts, and Manny Zamora to fill the open positions. Barbara announced that Cal Eichler will continue to send the refreshment and auction committee assignments to Ann Black.

Under New Business, Barbara announced that SACXS donated \$360.00 to the Garden Center during their annual plant sale. This amount was the result of a donation of \$230.00 worth of cactus and succulents purchased from Paul Kibler and Doug Coates. There were some plants unsold during the Garden Center Sale which will be used as raffle plants during the SACXS Show & Sale. Barbara announced that Cal Eichler will present a bill for services as attendant during monthly meetings to Doug. Claude announced that the Fiesta medal sales have covered the initial cost of producing them. There was discussion of selecting a Master of Arms at each meeting to help control inappropriate behavior. No action has been taken. There was discussion of SACXS representatives to TACSS and CSSA. Ann and Jimmy Black are currently listed as representatives. If they do not wish to continue, Claude and Eula Townsend have volunteered to replace them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Submitted by Barbara Schulze, SACXS President substituting for Bjorn

Steffenson, Recording Secretary

