

# SACXS FACTS

Newsletter for the San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society

## The Times They Are a Changing!

Dear SACXS Members:

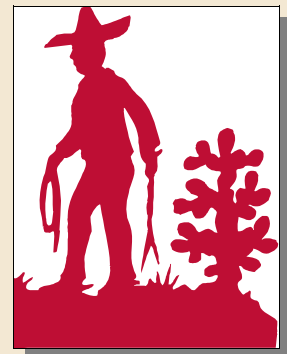
This is my last President's Message before the new Executive Committee (Board of Directors) takes over in September. The August meeting will conclude my second year as president and fourth year as treasurer. I have to admit, it's been an interesting experience and a fun ride. I offer my thanks to this year's board members who provided wonderful support and direction throughout the year. "Thank you" to Paul and Lisa Kibler, Claude Townsend, Sidney Yarbrough, Barbara Schulze, and my wife Ann. It was truly a Team Effort this year.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the last regular meeting due to my travel schedule. I know that we were able to elect a full slate of candidates. In fact, I understand we even had real election for one position; the first time ever since I have been a member of the club. Congratulations to Barbara Schulze (President), Claude Townsend (1<sup>st</sup> VP-Programs), Antonio Garcia (2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Membership), Bill Bauta (3<sup>rd</sup> VP- Field Trips), Chad Booth (Treasurer), Bjorn Steffenson (Recording Secretary), Randy Schulze (Publicity Secretary), and Doug Coates, Cal Eichler and David Dawson (Directors). We have elected a wonderful board for next year. Their term of office begin September 1, 2009.

I encourage everyone to attend the August meeting. We will retire the old Executive Committee and inaugurate the new board members. Also, we have Bobby Crabb, SACXS member, as our guest speaker. Bobby will be giving a program titled : "Teratopia: Strange and Unusual Succulents of the World".

Again, thanks to everyone for your support of the last two years. It's been my privilege to serve as your president.

*Jimmy*



## Meeting Notes

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 19**  
**Installation of Officers**  
**for the 2009-2010 Executive Committee**

**August Meeting Program:**



**Teratopia:**  
**Strange and Unusual**  
**Succulents of the World**

**Presented by Bobby Crabb**

**Bring one  
of your own  
crested or  
monstrose  
plants  
for show  
and tell.**



**Meet  
“Fred” and  
some other  
weirdos of  
the  
xerophyte  
world.**

**Social Hour from 6:30pm-7:30pm**  
**Meeting begins at 7:30pm**  
**At the San Antonio Garden Center**  
**3310 N. New Braunfels Ave**

# Member Assignments

## August Refreshments

**Sonya and Pedro Lozano 210-541-9521**  
**Randy and Barbara Schulz 830-281-5766**  
**Lucy Golla-Zigmond 210-661-2051**  
**Bill Bauta 210-497-1352**  
**Monika Winkler 210-379-7648**

First person or couple on the list, please call the others to remind them and plan what refreshments to bring. Thanks!

## August Auction Plants

**Jim and Lucy Roberts 830-980-4107**  
**David Dawson 210-336-8621**  
**Jon and Debbie Kirk 830-980-5474**  
**Cal Eichler 210-828-0833**  
**Doug and Debbie Coates 210-659-7279**

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## Book Review

"Cotyledon and Tylocodon"  
 By Ernst van Jaarsveld and  
 Daryl Koutnik. Illustrations  
 by Elise Bodley. Umdaus  
 Press, 2004; South Africa.



Both genera can be poisonous, but also have some medicinal uses. The photos, maps, and illustrations are a work of art. The text is easy to read. There is extensive information on plant descriptions, synonyms, distribution and ecology, cultivation and discovery. These plants are widely grown in S. Africa. After reading this book, you will feel compelled to add some to your collection.

This is a full color, beautifully illustrated study of two related genera: *Cotyledon* and *Tylocodon* which are members of the *Crassulaceae*. *Tylocodon* is an anagram of *Cotyledon*. *Tylocodons* were originally classified within the genus *Cotyledon*. This book was helpful in explaining some of these plants strange growth habits. Strange for N. Americans, that is. For South Africans, they make perfect sense. *Tylocodons* are actually deciduous and in many cases, are trees and caudiciforms.

This book is available for checkout from the SACXS library.

## Notices

TO ALL MEMBERS: I AM THE SACXS FIESTA COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE. IF YOU HAVE SOME THING RELATED TO

SACXS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE FIESTA COMISSION, PLEASE FREE TO SEND IT TO ME VIA EMAIL: ctownsend@satx.rr.com. SNAPSHOTS OF CLUB ACTIVITIES, PHOTOS OF PLANTS, PICTURES OF PAST SHOW AUCTIONS, SHOW PLANTS, AND VENDORS ARE ALL FAIR GAME AND APPROPRIATE TO BE USED IN PUBLICITY. Thanks, Claude



Welcome new SACXS members!

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## Coming Events

### Austin Cactus and Succulent Society

Fall Show and Sale  
Zilker Botanical Gardens  
September 5, 6 and 7  
10am to 5pm all three days  
Free admission

### Houston Cactus and Succulent Society

Fall Show and Sale  
Houston Garden Center  
September 12 and 7  
10am to 5pm both days  
Call 713-827-8545 for info

### TACSS 2009 FALL SEMINAR

Hosted by the Fort Worth Cactus & Succulent Society  
Saturday, October 3rd at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens  
3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard 817-871-7686

#### Featuring the following Speakers:

- 1 Dave Palzkill, PHD "Clonal Adeniums: Varieties & Propagation"
- 2 Cathryn Hoyt, PhD, Director of the CDRI
- 3 Randy Jones "Bonsai Adeniums"
- 4 Brian & Shirley Loflin, Author "Texas Cacti - A Second Field Guide"

One of the main events of the seminar and the major revenue generator for TACCS is the plant auction. In fact, without the auction, TACSS would not be able to put on the seminar without charging admission. It is a small price to pay for free admission. The plant auction is usually very competitive and should be fierce. Please bring a plant for auction that you would be proud to buy.

Affiliate societies, please remember to bring your Club's favorite plants or show plant winners: one Cactus & one Succulent to enter in the "Texas State Grand Champion competition".

*We hope to see you in Fort Worth on October 3, 2009!!!*

SACXS Members: This is YOUR newsletter: please submit notices, plant information, pertinent photos and plant related feature articles to the editor Ann Black:

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