

# SACXS FACTS

## Newsletter for the San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society

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“The San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society was organized in 1977 to promote the study, propagation, conservation and public awareness of cacti and other succulent plants.”



### President's Message

#### *Greetings Everyone!*

I hope everyone has gotten out to take a drive and look at the wildflowers. This is the best display of wildflowers that I have seen in a long time. The flowers around Pleasanton are especially beautiful. The route I drive to school each day on FM 3006 is dazzling!

Be sure to look in the newsletter for the ballot of proposed officer candidates. The nominating committee announced the roster at the March meeting, and the election will take place at the May general meeting. We will still accept nominations from the floor since that was not done at the March meeting.

An important change that everyone needs to be aware of is that we will have a regular meeting at the Garden Center in June. It was decided to move the picnic from June to October. The location of this year's picnic will be chosen at a later date.

I want to thank Jimmy and Ann Black for providing and selling plants at the Garden Center Plant Sale. Cal Eichler, David Cruq, Dave Cohen and David Dawson also helped out during the sale. I also want to thank Claude Townsend for organizing the field trip to the Kuykendal Ranch. It was attended by several members who saw lots of cactus, succulents, and really cool rocks.

There will be no regular meeting in April. Why? Because it's SHOW TIME! Our annual Show & Sale will take place at the garden center on April 22- 24. Everyone should find time to visit the garden center on one or all of the scheduled days. There will be many vendors selling cactus and succulents. The rare plant auction is always exciting. Bring your own beauties for display on the Show Tables. We will be accepting display plants on Wednesday, April 21 before noon and on Thursday, April 22 at 9:00 am. If you haven't volunteered to help during the show, contact Ann Black and she will find the perfect way for you to help make our show successful. Also, an apprentice auction chairman is still needed! We need someone to work with Paul Kibler and learn how to run the auction. Please contact me or Paul if interested. See you at the SHOW!

*Barbara*

Barbara Schulze, SACXS President  
Visit our website at [www.sacxs.org](http://www.sacxs.org)



***No regular meeting in April due to the April Show and Sale!!***

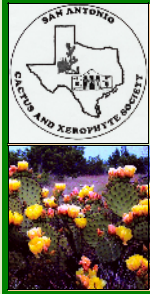
### SACXS BOARD MEMBERS

**President:** Barbara Schulze 830-281-5766    **1st Vice President:** Claude Townsend 210-655-8959  
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# Attention SACXS Members

Don't be root bound! Spring has Sprung and it's time to dig yourself up and come to our annual Show and Sale. There will be lots of friends, fun, and most of all...  
**LOTS OF PLANTS!!**



## SACXS Show Guide

If you've already signed up to work at the Show, please bring your Show Guide badge. Check in at the SACXS club table near the stage. There will be extra Show Guide badges available if you need one. Show booklets, membership applications and other literature will be at the SACXS club table. Please bring empty cardboard boxes or flats. We'll be passing them out to our visitors for their plant purchases. All helpful hands will be greatly appreciated.

Here are some other ways you can help:

Show set up is Wednesday April 21 from 9 am to noon. We need two strong men to help set up tables and two more workers to help vendors carry in plants.

Got good Legs? Can you Clerk? We need runners and clerks for the Rare Plant Auctions on Friday and Saturday.

Be a "Roadie": Help us break the Show down, take out the trash and sweep the floors at **END OF SHOW** on Saturday afternoon.

Need more info? Please contact:  
Ann Black SACXS Show Manager, [annblack@gvtc.com](mailto:annblack@gvtc.com)

## Show Schedule:

Thursday, April 22:  
Plant Sales 9:00am–5:00pm

Friday, April 23:  
Plant Sales 9:00am–5:00pm  
Rare Plant Auction 2:00pm

Saturday, April 24:  
Plant Sales 9:00am–5:00pm  
Rare Plant Auction 2:00pm  
Garden Center Closes at 5:00pm

## See Cacti and Succulents on Display!!

Shop at our three-day plant sale featuring Cactus and Succulent vendors who offer rare or one-of-a-kind plants. There will be a wonderful variety of plants to choose from.

Don't miss rare plant auctions featuring plants donated by vendors and club members. Some of the plants are unique varieties, and afford the collector the opportunity to acquire some interesting and valuable specimens.

SACXS Fiesta Medals will be available for purchase all three show days.

SACXS Board Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2010

Meeting called to order at 6:18 PM in the Garden Center.

Members present: Barbara Schulze, Claude Townsend, Chad Booth, Sidney Yarbrough, Cal Eichler, Doug Coates, David Dawson, Tony Garcia, and Bjorn Steffensen.

Others present: Paul Kibler, Ann Black, Don Clark

Approval of Minutes: Bjorn read the minutes from the January 20, 2010 meeting which were approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Chad Booth reported that expenses since the last meeting were \$538.98, the incomes \$78.00, the checking account balance \$112.24, the saving account balance \$8,000.81, yielding an overall closing balance of \$8,113.69. In addition, the show account has \$4,000.

Tony Garcia has organized the membership list. 31 members have paid dues and 9 are life members. Tony will send a postcard to members who have not paid their dues.

Claude announced a field trip on March 6 to the Kuykendal Ranch in Cherokee. The March meeting will have as speaker, Buddy Weaver, who is a member of SACXS and the Kerr County CSS. He will speak on his impressions from trips to Africa and show slides of plants, scenery, and nature. Claude now has three fiesta volunteers who will help sell the fiesta 2010 medals.

Old Business:

The board discussed the goals of the Telephone Committee. Proposed functions will be: 1) call members who miss 3 meetings, 2) call members who are ill, 3) call to help coordinate work parties, and 4) call to follow up after sending cards to members.

Due to a lack of articles for the Newsletter and to assist the Editor, the Board discussed how to get more articles. It was proposed to make it a requirement of members to write short pieces - no decision was made but it remains an option.

Don Clark handed out the account statements for the show account from 2007-2009. Items discussed included profits and expenses. The Board thanked Don for appearing before the Board and expressed satisfaction with his presentation and the status of the account. The account statements will continue to be presented annually to the Board.

Civic project - Bill Bauta and Cal Eichler will visit a home for autistic children. The home is very interested in help with spineless plants for their garden. Bill and Cal will report back to the club for needs.

Barbara was reviewing possible dates for a work party at the Garden Center. Due to overlap with the March field trip, the only option was 2/27 or later in the spring. Barbara will gauge the availability of members for the event.

Garden Center Plant Sale 3-12-13

Planning regarding the club participation was discussed. Cal offered to oversee plants but needed help setting up and manning tables. No final decision was reached.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

**Bjorn Steffensen, SACXS Recording Secretary**

## Important Events-Mark Your Calendars!

### ***April 10-11***

Austin Cactus & Succulent Society Spring Show and Sale;  
Austin Area Garden Center, Zilker Botanical Garden;  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm;  
[www.austincss.com](http://www.austincss.com)

### ***April 17-18***

Walk Across Texas; San Antonio Botanical Center;  
8 am - 2 pm; [www.sabot.org](http://www.sabot.org)

### ***April 22-24***

San Antonio Cactus & Xerophyte Society Show and Sale; S.  
A. Garden Center; 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

### ***May 7-8***

Kerrville Annual Show and Sale; Kerr County CSS;  
River Hills Mall in Kerrville

### ***May 29***

Festival of Flowers

## Slate of Proposed Officer Candidates for 2010-2011

President - Barbara Schulze

First Vice President - Claude Townsend

Second Vice President - Tony Garcia

Third Vice President - Bill Bauta

Treasurer - Doug Coates

Recording Secretary - Bjorn Steffenson

Publicity Secretary - Eula Townsend

Directors - David Dawson, Gerald Yarbrough, and ?

*Additional nominations will be accepted at the next club meeting*