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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 Letter

Greetings SAXCS Members:

Like it or not, the new year is upon us...2012! It sounds like a futuristic number from a sci-fi novel. Well, at least it's an easy number to say. Have you done your personal 'year in review'? Does it look like a CNN special or an episode of 'cupcake wars' on the Food network? Whatever happened to you during the past year, I sure hope everything works out for the best. Need some 2012 resolutions? Read on...

- 1) Think about some new ideas for our meeting programs and field trips. SACXS could really use them.
- 2) Bring a friend to meetings and recruit a new member.
- 3) Send a newsletter article to Manny our editor.
- 4) Participate in our annual Show & Sale.

Need more ideas? Feel free to ask me or a club officer. I'll see you at the January meeting. Happy 2012.

Ann

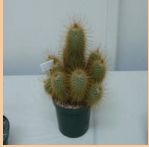


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Our January Program Will Be About the Mammillaria Genus

One of the largest genus of cacti is the Mammillaria genus. Even with the aid of a book it is often hard to identify a Mammillaria. The January program will offer a fun-filled evening of identifying various look-alike Mammillarias as we play 'What's My Name?' Attending members and guests will participate in identifying Mammillarias based on clues given about their characteristics. Don't miss this chance to become more knowledgeable about this huge group of cacti. The host of the program will be Barbara Schulze who loves Mammillarias, especially when they are in bloom.



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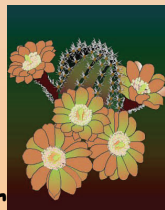
Christmas Party Photos



2012 SACXS Show & Sale News

I know it must seem like our annual Show & Sale is still many months away, but preparations have already begun. Our Show & Sale is the biggest social gathering of succulent collectors in this area, one of the best opportunities to purchase new specimens for your collection, and the most profitable fundraiser for our society. It is also the time of year when we have the highest number of new members join SACXS. The showing of cactus and succulent specimens has been an integral part of our Show & Sale; however, the number of entries has declined each year. The executive board has given the go-ahead for taking our show in a new direction. This year our show will consist solely of educational displays. And why not! One of the main purposes of our society is to educate others about cactus and succulents. I am asking for members to create an educational display for $\frac{1}{2}$ of a table or even a full table. This is your chance to get creative and not worry about selecting and grooming the perfect specimen. You can include photos, printed material, display boards, table coverings such as small rugs or blankets, rocks, plant stands, driftwood, etc. with potted plant specimens that are in nice and clean condition.

Categories can include plant displays by Genus such as Mammillaria, Pacypodium, Euphorbia, Echinocereus, Aloe, Haworthias, etc. Another possible category is a display based on habitat such as Texas succulents, Madagascar succulents, S. American succulents, etc. Displays based on Characteristics might include columnar plants, miniature plants, plants with a caudex, plants with a cephalium, grafted plants, variegated plants, shade-tolerant plants, etc. I will provide a more comprehensive list in the next newsletter, but I want all members to start thinking about an entry. Let me know what you will be bringing or I will have to start contacting members personally. I hope most of you will be excited about this new direction and participate to make it successful.



Barbara Schulze, Show Manager



January 18, 2012



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***IMPORTANT: All assignees will be contacted by e-mail.**

SACXS meets at the San Antonio Garden Center.

Place: San Antonio Botanical Center. 3310 N. New Braunfels
Time: Meeting starts at 7:15 pm . Come early! Social Hour begins at 6:30 pm

It's free and open to the public.

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