



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: No doubt it’s Summer!!

The 100+ degree temperatures are a clear sign that summer is here! It’s time to take it easy. It’s been an active year for the club so far. We had a successful Show and Sale in April followed by a wonderful program in May provided by acclaimed author Mary Irish of Tucson who gave a talk entitled “Agaves, Yuccas, and Related Plants”. We had a great turn out of almost 60 people; some coming from as far away as Austin. Our annual picnic was held at McAllister Park in San Antonio on June 27th and was coordinated by Claude and Eula Townsend. Many thanks to our resident BBQ expert Claude Townsend. By all accounts, it was well-attended. All who were there had a good time with plenty of great food and conversation.



One other key “event” at the May meeting was slating our Executive Committee (Board) for next year. The bylaws indicate we should be “installing” officers at the July meeting (after electing them in April). However, due to some “complications”, **we will elect officers at the July meeting and install officers in August.** The term of office is Sept 1, 2009 through Aug 31, 2010. These are the members who have been nominated so far:

- Barbara Schulze-President
- Claude Townsend-First Vice President, Program Director
- Antonio Garcia-Second Vice President-Membership
- Bill Bauta-Third Vice President-Field Trips
- Chad Booth-Treasurer
- Open-Recording Secretary
- Open-Publicity Secretary
- Doug Coates-Director
- Cal Eichler-Director
- Open-Director

The one critical position we need filled is recording secretary. If anyone is interested in being part of the Executive Committee, please let me know. We will also be able to accept nominations from the floor during the July meeting.

Our program in **July** will be a little different but should be great fun. Ann Black (VP for programs) will be running a **"Plant Exchange"** instead of a traditional speaker program. Please read below to find out the “rules” for this event. There is a limit to the number of plants you should bring (no more than 10) so please take note.

As we near the election and installation of a new executive committee, I want to offer my thanks to the current officers: Lisa and Paul Kibler, Barbara Schulze, Claude Townsend, Sidney Yarbrough, and Ann Black. Your dedication to the club has been outstanding.

Jimmy

July Meeting Notes

The next regular meeting is Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 6:30pm,
At the San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels Ave.

July Program:

Nomination and Election of Officers SACXS PLANT EXCHANGE

Plant Exchange Rules

What to Bring/What not to Bring

- Bring plants in clean dry pots
- Up to 10 total plants per participant
- Plants should be attractive, healthy plants that you would be happy to bring home yourself.
- Plants must be free of scale, mealy bugs and other infestations
- Baby plants must have several sets of adult leaves, and still be sized appropriately for a minimum 4 inch container.
- Please DO NOT bring seeds, cuttings, pots, books, non-plant items,
- Bring boxes/trays to take your new plants home.

Trading

- You will receive one ticket for plants in containers up to 4 inches.
- You will receive two tickets for plants in containers up to 6 inches.
- You will receive three tickets for plants in containers up to 8 inches or one gallon.
- You will receive four tickets for plants in containers up to 12 inches or two gallons
- Tickets will be awarded by our panel of judges.
- Each participant will draw a number out of a hat to determine the order of plant selection.

Plant Size

- Container size 4 inches up to 2 gallons.
- All plants must be sized appropriately for their container.
- Common plants must be full and adult size.
- Plants should be established in their containers (not transplanted within a week of the swap).

Labeling

- Label your plants with common and/or scientific name
- The following plants will NOT be accepted: Aloe vera, *Opuntia engelmannii* (common prickly pear), *Bryophyllum daigremontianum* and other "Mother of Thousands"

Disclaimer: SACXS cannot guarantee the viability of plants

Picnic Pics



Thanks EVERYONE for a Great Time!!

Member Matters

Auction and Refreshment Assignments

First person on each list, please call the others
in your group to remind them, thanks!!

July Refreshments

Townsend, Claude & Eula 210-655-8959
Weaver, Buddy & Evelyn 830-683-3174
Saalbach, Christine 210-493-7011
Booth, Chad 210-349-1239
Lindner, Allen 210-737-0252

July Auction

Blocker, Richard & Carol 210-829-0585
Steffenson, Bjorn & Jane 210-479-3717
Kibler, Paul & Elisa 210-658-7561
Ierien, Robert & Ernestine 830-253-8714
Grissom, Susan 210-691-1396

August Refreshments

Sonya & Pedro Lozano 210-541-9521
Barbara Schulz 830-281-5766
Lucy Golla 210-661-2051
Chad Booth 210-349-1239
Monika Winkler 210-379-7648

August Auction

Jim & Lucy Roberts 830-980-4107
David Dawson 210-336-8621
Jon & Debbie Kirk 830-980-5474
Robert & Ernestine Ierien 830-253-8714
Doug & Debbie Coates 210-659-7279

JULY MYSTERY PLANT

Submitted by
SACXS member: Al Lindner



**WHO AM I? WHAT COLOR IS MY FLOWER?
WHERE AM I FROM?
BRING YOUR CORRECT ANSWERS
TO THE JULY MEETING TO WIN A PLANT.**

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:

- Dave Palzkill, PHD “Clonal Adeniums: Varieties & Propagation”
- Cathryn Hoyt, PhD, Director of the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute
 - Randy Jones “Bonsai Adeniums”
- Brian & Shirley Loflin, Author “Texas Cacti - A Second Field Guide”

One of the main events of the seminar and the major revenue generator for TACSS 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!!!

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Hotel Accommodations

- ✓ Homestead Studio Suites Fort Worth-Medical Center
1601 River Run Fort Worth, TX
76107 817-338-4808
Group rate code #210 for \$69.99 + tax
Must reserve 30 days before 10-3-2009
- ✓ Fairfield Inn By Marriott 817-335-3151
- ✓ Holiday Inn Express 817-698-9595
- ✓ Courtyard By Marriott 817-870-1045

These hotels are within 1-2 miles of the Gardens.
There are other choices along I-30 & I-35.