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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."

SPECIAL EDITION DON'T MISS THE MARCH MEETING

President's Message: A Special Treat

Our March meeting will be very special as we have invited acclaimed book and magazine author **Debra Lee Baldwin** as our guest speaker. Ms. Baldwin will give a presentation entitled "Using Succulents in Your Home & Garden Landscapes". We are expecting a much larger crowd than normal; in fact all of the clubs associated with the Garden Center have been invited. Ms. Baldwin will be signing her book for club members, and copies will be available for purchase at the meeting. Please note that the meeting social time will start at 6:30 pm (not 7:00pm) to accommodate this extra special event. The general meeting will start at 7:30 as always. Thanks to those of you at last month's meeting who volunteered to help with the plant raffle and to serve as hosts and hostesses. This should be a fun evening.

We had another great program in February with Barbara Schulze and Paul Kibler offering help and insight on how to prepare plants and complete the paperwork needed to show plants at the Show & Sale in April. Barbara provided a hands-on demonstration on how to prepare and stage show plants. She covered the gamut of preparation "to do's" including cleaning, pot selection, planting, top dress, etc. If this does not inspire you to show plants this year, I don't know what would. **The 2009 SACXS Show and Sale is scheduled for April 23rd – 25th at the Garden Center.**

A nominating committee is in the process of being formed, and so you may be contacted soon to serve as an executive officer for 2009/2010. For those of you who want to have a say in how the club is run, this is your chance to get involved. I truly hope that we'll have a new, diverse group of officers for the coming year which will make the club stronger and continue our traditions.

Thanks *again* for your ongoing support and participation at club events. See you at the meeting on the 18th.

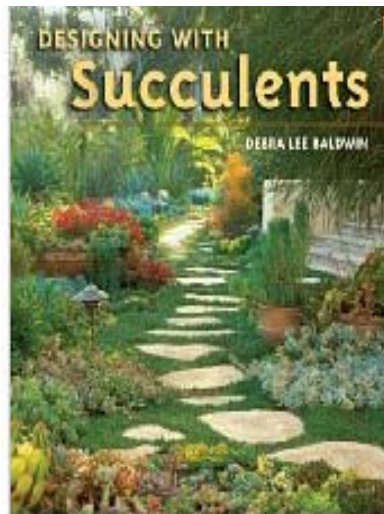
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Please send your photos, announcements and other items of interest to the SACXS Facts Newsletter editor: Ann Black, annblack@gvtc.com

Meeting Notes

**Next meeting:
Wednesday, March 18, at 6:30pm
At the San Antonio Garden Center
3310 N. New Braunfels Ave.**

***Guest Speaker:* Debra Lee Baldwin
Topic: “Using Succulents in Your Home &
Garden Landscapes”**



This is Debra Lee Baldwin’s book which is widely available at bookstores and online at Timber Press, AMAZON.com, and other booksellers. We will be selling her book at the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: The March meeting STARTS EARLY at 6:30 with SOCIAL TIME for BOOK SIGNING, MEET THE AUTHOR, Fiesta Medal sales, Dish Garden PLANT RAFFLE, and refreshments.

We have invited the other Garden Center clubs and expect a larger crowd than usual.

My Thanks *in advance* to all SACXS members who have contributed their personal time and plants. I also am grateful to Cal Eichler and Sydney Yarborough, our Garden Center members who have devoted personal time to ensure the success of this meeting.

--Ann Black, program director

March Meeting Volunteers

Dear Members:

Please check your name, time and assignments below.

If you cannot make the meeting and have a change of plans, please contact Jimmy or Ann Black. If you would like to help out at the meeting, please contact Ann Black or Sydney Yarborough.

Raffle Plant Ticket Sales: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Barbara Schulze
Doug Coates

Book Sales: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Jimmy Black
Bob Ierien

Help Greet and Seat Guests: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Larry Murphy
Lucy Golla

Clean-up: 8:30pm-9:00pm

Ann and Jimmy Black
Cal Eichler
Jason Collier
Marleen Crucq

Mark Your Calendars

The San Antonio Garden Center Annual 2-day Plant Sale—Friday & Saturday, March 13-14, 9am-4pm each day. If you would like to work at the sale or donate plants, please call Ann Black at 830-336-4471 or email annblack@gvtc.com. For general info about the sale and San Antonio Garden Center: (210) 824-9981 or Info@SanAntonioGardenCenter.org.

March 18, 2009—General SACXS Meeting—Open to the Public
“Designing with Succulents”; Speaker: Debra Lee Baldwin

April 23- 25, 2009—SACXS Show and Sale

May 20, 2009—General SACXS Meeting—“Agaves, Yuccas & Related Plants”; Speaker: Mary Irish

June, 2009—SACXS picnic—Location and date to be announced.

Welcome new SACXS members! Please contact me if you are not receiving the newsletter or would like back issues of SACXS FACTS:

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Paul’s Desert is having our 15th Annual Open House on Sunday, March 22, 2009, from 12:00 until dark. There will be a 20% discount on most plants. We will also be discounting prices on our collection of Native American Art. Food will be served, including Lisa’s famous spaghetti dinner, appetizers, and special homemade desserts, so come hungry!!! This is a great opportunity to meet with old friends and make new ones. If you have not been to one of our open house events, we encourage you to do so...you will not be disappointed. We have more inventory now than in the past. We hope to see you! R.S.V.P. requested, but not required. Thank you, Paul & Elisa

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