

SACXS Facts

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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

*****Adios '08*****

We're starting 2009 with all the promise and excitement that each New Year brings. The shortest day of the season is behind us, warm weather is only a month or so down the road, and the Show and Sale is coming on fast. In particular, this year is special to me as it marks my "half-century" of existence on the planet. My bones and joints may creak, but they still work; otherwise I would not have been able to cram all the plants into the greenhouses in November! Out here in Kendall County we've had a couple of days in the low 20's so far. Even with spring just a few months away, old man winter still has his grip on the Hill Country.



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I really appreciate the strong attendance we had at meetings during 2008. Since September, we have averaged almost 40 club members per meeting. That's fantastic support of the club, and I appreciate all who attend. We have also had some outstanding programs in 2008. **By the way, our speaker for January is Richard Blocker. His topic will be "New Plants from Old; Propagating Cacti and Succulents from Seeds, Grafts and Cuttings."**

Before you know it, April will be here. Planning for the **2009 Spring Show and Sale** has begun. We need to start getting ready for our big event of the year. In fact, I will be looking for help from all of you at the Show. I would like for the Show and Sale to be more of an interactive club event. Let me know your ideas on how we can improve this event and make it more worthwhile for the entire club.

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Please remember our **official website** that is maintained by web-master extraordinaire, Doug Coates. If you have not been to the website, I would encourage you to do so. It is loaded with information specific to the club and succulents. My thanks go to Doug for keeping the site active and current. Visit www.sacxs.org.

Thanks *again* for your ongoing support and participation at club events. See you at the meeting on **Wednesday, January 21st**.

Jimmy

**Wanted: 2005 SACXS fiesta medals. Will pay cash.
Contact Claude 210-655-8959 ctownsend@satx.rr.com**



2009 SACXS

Show & Sale:

News You Can Use

It's the start of a New Year and also time to begin preparing for our society's annual Show in April. There are some new changes to the show rules this year. #1: The minimum number of entries required to eligible for a sweepstakes award has been dropped from 20 to 15. This means we will need more members to enter plants, but this also will allow more members to have a chance to win a Sweepstakes Award. #2: Entry fees will no longer be assessed.

Why should you enter plants in the Show?

- to support our society
- to show off your beautiful plants to the public
- to encourage non-members' interest in the wide variety of cacti and succulents available
- to win plaques, cash awards, and coupons redeemable for free plants from Show vendors



Start now by selecting at least one or two plants that you can enter in the Show. Give these plants a little extra attention until Show time. If you need help preparing your plants for competition or have any questions, please feel free to ask me or other members at our general meetings.

Barbara Schulze
Judging Chairman



Dear SACXS Members:

Don and I are extremely grateful for your prayers, cards, letters, phone calls and visits. He was in the hospital for thirty days. I stayed with him day and night except when I had to run home to pay bills and get clothes. They let me stay with him in ICU. He is home now, and recovering well.

**THANK YOU,
Don and Lucile Lively**

Meeting Notes

Next meeting: 7pm, Wednesday,

January 20, 2009

at the San Antonio Garden Center

3310 N. New Braunfels Ave.



**SACXS member Richard Blocker will present:
“New Plants from Old;
Propagating Cacti and Succulents
from Seeds, Cuttings and Grafts”**



Bring a friend-visitors are welcome!!

The SACXS Bookshelf



The following books will available for checkout at the January meeting. Our librarian is Paul Kibler. We currently have many excellent books and journals on xerophytes and related topics in our library. Our extensive collection is growing every year. Please contact Paul if you have any questions, book donations or suggestions.

“LITHOPS FLOWERING STONES”

“TERATOPIA: The WORLD OF CRESTATE and
VARIAGATED SUCCULENTS.”



Member Matters



January Refreshments

Richard & Carol Blocker 210-829-0585
Larry & Sandy McBee 210-626-3424
Bjorn & Jane Stephenson 210-497-3717
Robert & Ernestine Ierien 830-253-8714
Susan Grissom 210-691-1396

January Auction

Barbara Schulz 830-281-5766
Jim & Lucy Roberts 830-980-4107
Allen Lindner 210-737-0252
Chad Booth 210-349-1239
Jason Collier 210-260-2252

February Refreshments

Cal Eichler 210-828-0833
Doug Coates 210-659-7279
Lucy Golla 210-661-2051
Jon & Debbie Kirk 830-980-5474
Al & Mary Eisenmenger 830-632-5447

February Auction

Bill Bauta 210-497-1362
Gerald & Sidney Yarbrough 210-435-7057
Pedro & Sonya Lozano 210-541-9521
Ernie Akers 210-521-5772 210-738-9200
Paul Kibler 210-658-7561

Mark Your Calendars

January 20, 2009--General SACXS Meeting

February 18, 2009--General SACXS Meeting
“Show Prep., Getting Ready for the April Show and Sale”

March 18, 2009--General SACXS Meeting
“Designing with Succulents”; Speaker: Debra Lee Baldwin

April 23- 25, 2009--SACXS Show and Sale

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

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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Dear Cactus and Succulent Societies,

The Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute (CDRI) is planning our beginning-of-Spring Break event, a Cactus and Succulent Festival. This event is scheduled to take place Friday and Saturday, March 13 & 14. We have several lectures and workshops planned, and there will be cacti and succulents for sale. The reason I am contacting you is to see if any representatives from your clubs are planning to visit west Texas at this time and if so, would you be willing to make yourself available in our Greenhouse to talk with visitors about cacti. Since this is a two-day event, we have a lot of flexibility with time, but we also expect lots of visitors with lots of questions. If you enjoy interacting with people and talking about your hobby, please consider helping us out with this event.

Visiting us at this time will also give you an opportunity to see the Greenhouse renovations, thanks to you and your clubs!

Please let me know, even if it is in the negative, so we can schedule accordingly.

Hope to see you in the spring,

Cordially,

Cynthia McAlister

Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute

Outreach Coordinator

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Mystery Plants of the Month

Plant #1

Submitted by Claude Townsend



Plant #2

Submitted by Al Lindner



More clues and the live mystery plants will be on display at the
SACXS meeting on January 20, 2009.

Please submit your announcements, informative articles,
photos and other items of interest to the
SACXS Facts Newsletter editor: Ann Black
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