



# 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.”

**HAPPY SPRINGTIME!!!**

**Don't Miss the April Show and Sale!!!**

**There is no general meeting in April.**

**President's Message:**

**It's Show Time!!**

If you missed the March meeting you missed one of the best attended programs we have had in years. We had a very special evening with noted author Debra Lee Baldwin from San Diego. Debra gave a talk about incorporating succulents into a garden and/or landscape. It was an excellent program.. Debra also signed copies of her book. The club sold 33 copies, and I saw many more wandering around that people brought to be signed. We also had dish garden raffle in place of the usual auction. Between the book sale and the raffle, we raised over \$500 to help defray costs for the evening. Many people contributed to the program's success but I would like to acknowledge Ann Black, Sidney Yarbrough, Barbara Schultz, Maggie Esquivel, Bill Bauta, and Elaine Chiquette for the dish garden creations. Also, thanks to Sidney, Cal Eichler and several others for the wonderful refreshments. By the way, we had 87 people (members and guests) in attendance at the program. That is by far the largest attendance at a SACXS meeting where I have attended. It was a great night.

So now we are headed into the Show & Sale the last full week of April. As you know, this is “the event” that the club puts on to introduce the public to the world of succulents. We are adding a new feature this year-the SACXS “Show Guides”. These are member volunteers who will be available during the event to help answer questions about the plants and the club. A few of you have already signed up, but we can use more help. Please contact me (830-336-2075 or [jblack@amylin.com](mailto:jblack@amylin.com)) if you want to volunteer for any aspect of the S&S. The SACXS Show and Sale is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> at the Garden Center.

Thanks for your support and attendance at the March meeting. We'll see you at the Show and Sale.

**Jimmy**

## **April Show and Sale Volunteers**

**Dear Members:** The following members have signed up to work at the Show and Sale. Please check your time, and assignments. If you cannot make the Show & have a change of plans, please contact Jimmy or Ann Black. There are still several time slots and assignments to be filled. If you'd like to help out, please contact Jimmy or Ann.

### **Wednesday April 22 Show Set-Up**

**9:00AM-Noon-**Jimmy Black; Bob Ierien

**Show Plant Check-in-Wed. afternoon:** Barbara Schulze and Cal Eichler

### **Thursday April 23 Fiesta Medal Sales**

**9:00AM-Noon-**No volunteers signed up yet

**Noon-2:30PM-** Bob Ierien

**2:30-5:00PM-** No volunteers signed up yet

### **Thursday April 23 SACXS Show Guide Table**

**9:00AM-Noon-**No volunteers signed up yet

**Noon-2:30PM-** No volunteers signed up yet

**2:30-5:00PM-** No volunteers signed up yet

### **Friday April 24 Fiesta Medal Sales**

**9:00AM-Noon-**No volunteers signed up yet

**Noon-2:30PM-** No volunteers signed up yet

**2:30-5:00PM-** No volunteers signed up yet

### **Friday April 24 SACXS Show Guide Table**

**9:00AM-Noon-**No volunteers signed up yet

**Noon-2:30PM-** Lucy Zigmond Golla

**2:30-5:00PM-** No volunteers signed up yet

### **Friday April 25 Auction Assistants**

**2:00-3:30PM-** Larry Murphy

**One more volunteer is needed**

### **Saturday April 25 Fiesta Medal Sales**

**9:00AM-Noon-**No volunteers signed up yet

**Noon-2:30PM-** No volunteers signed up yet

**2:30-5:00PM-** No volunteers signed up yet

### **Saturday April 25 SACXS Show Guide Table**

**9:00AM-Noon-**No volunteers signed up yet

**Noon-2:30PM-** Barbara Schulze

**2:30-5:00PM-** No volunteers signed up yet

### **Saturday April 25 Auction Assistants**

**2:00-3:30PM-** Jon Kirk

**One more volunteer is needed**

### **Saturday April 25 Clean-up**

**5:00-6:30PM-**Barbara Schulze, Tony Garcia, Jon Kirk, Cal Eichler



# 2009 SACXS Show & Sale

## Important Information From the Judging Chairman

Members may bring in their Show Plants to the Garden Center on Wednesday April 22 from 12:00 noon until 4:45 PM. All plants must be in the building *before 5:00 PM* when the doors *will be locked*. If no one is there to receive plants, members should place plants in a group on the registrar's table or on any table close to the registrar's table. Members should leave their entry form and cards with their plants. Any members who bring in plants on Thursday must bring them at 9:00 AM so I can begin setting up the show tables. I plan to be at the Garden Center by 4:30 PM on Wednesday April 22 and 9:00 AM on Thursday April 23.

Please note: 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

It's not too late to enter at least one or two plants 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 call me or one of the board members.

**Barbara Schulze**

Judging Chairwoman

# Meeting Notes



The next regular meeting is  
Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 6:30pm  
At the San Antonio Garden Center  
3310 N. New Braunfels Ave.

*Guest Speaker:* Mary Irish

*Topic:* Agaves, Yuccas, and Related Plants

## Member Matters

*Auction and Refreshment Assignments*

### May Refreshments

Black, Jimmy & Ann 830-336-4471  
Dawson, David 210-336-8621  
Garcia, Antonio 210-733-7470  
Drileck, Richard & Elinor 210-698-9759  
Love, Harold & McGarity 210-497-9334

### May Auction

Esquivel, David & Maggie 210-414-0577  
Collier, Jason 210-521-0204  
McBee, Larry & Sandy 210-626-3242  
Murphy, Larry & Pat 210-655-4223  
Nikolatos, John 210-320-4767

### 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

## Time to Serve!!

All of us enjoy attending the monthly SACXS meetings. We enjoy the Christmas party and the picnic and the chance to visit with friends we have made through the club. We learn a lot at the club events such as the Show and Sale and at other opportunities where we talk with people who also enjoy succulents. However, none of these events “just happen”. It takes planning and support of the membership in order for the club to survive, let alone thrive.

Over the last 4-5 weeks I’ve contacted several club members about serving on the nominating committee to select next year’s officers. Our bylaws state I have to do this by April. So far **no one** has been willing to take this on or help. There are five essential offices that must be filled so the club can function; president, treasurer, membership (our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP), programs (our 1<sup>st</sup> VP), and secretary. Most of the current board has been involved on the board in one capacity or another for at least five years; much longer for some. For some of us, additional service is not an option so there must be club members who steps up to lead the club. If we don’t have members step up and accept these board positions, the alternative is to cease to exist as a club. That would be a shame considering the club is over 30 years old.

You don’t need management experience, or any experience, to serve. None of the positions are difficult. Some require more time than others, but I’m sure we can match a position to your individual needs or ability. The only prerequisite is a willingness to take part and help keep the club alive.

If you are able and interested in serving on the board for 2009/2010, please contact me at 830-336-2075 or [jblack@amylin.com](mailto:jblack@amylin.com). Every board position is open, so you just need to be willing to take part. Remember, if you have concerns or questions about the direction of the club or the board, the best way to impart change is from within. So get really involved!

I hope to hear from you.

*Jimmy*