

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:

What a Show!!



It's May and that means the Show and Sale has come and gone. Overall, we had a very good Show and Sale! The highlight event of the Show on both Friday and Saturday was the rare plant auction. I have to say that if Bill Bauta ever decides to leave the world of pharmaceutical research, he has a real future as an auctioneer. The auction was fun AND exciting on both days. Thanks to all who helped with the auction including Paul Kibler, Larry Murphy, Don Clark, Rudy Brieno, Jon Kirk, and Bill Bauta. Great job guys!!

We had a modest turnout of Show plants entered by club members, but all the plants that were shown were top notch and beautiful. Thanks to everyone who showed plants and congratulations to the Show winners (see the listing below). Also, many thanks and much credit should go to Barbara Schulze and Cal Eichler for their work in getting the show plants ready for judging, clerking for the judges, and making sure every plant was properly represented. Our gratitude also goes to this year's show judges Toni and J.D. Vance, Neal Aylor, Bob Barth, Mike Keeling and Bobby Crabb.

I'd also like to thank Monika Winkler, Bob Ierien and Jim Roberts for their help with setup on Wednesday in advance of the S&S. As always, Claude and Eula Townsend greeted almost everyone who came through the door and sold a ton of Fiesta medals. Other helpers included Sidney and Gerry Yarbrough, Lucy Golla-Zigmond, Jon Kirk, Tony Garcia, Sonja Lozano and Maggie Esquivel. Thanks to Ann Black who prepared the Show Booklet. As always, I'm sure I've left someone out who provided support. If I missed your name, I apologize. Please know that I appreciate each and every one of you who were there for any part of the four day event.

We have another great program set for the May meeting with Mary Irish of Tucson giving a talk entitled "Agaves and Related Plants". She will also be able to sign her book if you have a copy on hand. The club will not be selling books this time. And don't forget the picnic coming up in June. See you at the meeting.

Jimmy

2009 SACXS Show Plant Winners

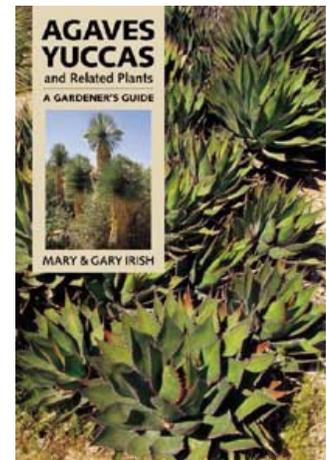
Horticultural Excellence: *Mammillaria lenta* owned by Barbara Schulze
Best Cactus: *Astrophytum ornatum variegata* owned by Jimmy Black
Award of Merit for Cactus: *Copiapoa tenuissima monstrose* owned by Richard Blocker
Award of Merit for Cactus: *Echinocereus reichenbachii crest* owned by Richard Blocker
Best Xerophyte: *Pachypodium rosulatum V. gracilus crest* owned by Barbara Schulze
Award of Merit for Xerophyte: *Euphorbia viguieri v. capuroniana* owned by R. Blocker
Award of Merit for Xerophyte: *Gasteraloe "Green Ice"* owned by Ann Black

First Place Sweepstakes: Ann Black
Second Place Sweepstakes: Barbara Schulze
Third Place Sweepstakes: Richard Blocker



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 and Author: Mary Irish
Topic: Agaves, Yuccas, and Related Plants
Mrs. Irish will be signing books.

Don't forget to bring your copy!!

!!!!Special Press Release from Claude Townsend!!!! Field trip to Cherokee Texas

16 May 2009

Look for rocks, Cactus and driftwood. Meet me in Cherokee at 9:30 am at the blinking yellow traffic light. Cost \$5.00 per person. Things to bring: boxes, small digging tool, small bucket, WATER, food, and don't forget a hat. There is no water or outhouse on except some small trees!!!

You will be required to sign a release of liability.

For more info call Claude 210-655-8959 or ctownsend@satx.rr.com

**IF IT RAINS IN SAN SABA CO. ON THE 15th,
THE TRIP WILL BE POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE.**



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

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

Presidential Appeal:

The Time is Now!!

Last month I included an appeal in the newsletter to Club members to step up and take a position on the SACXS Executive Board. Almost every board position is open for the 2009/2010 club year (fiscal year). I've only had one person approach me and state they would be willing to serve if needed. We all enjoy the benefits of being part of this club: monthly meetings, SACXS picnic, the Christmas party, etc. But none of these events "just happen". It takes planning and support of the membership in order for the club to survive, let alone thrive. The just completed Show and Sale proves to me that we have dedicated members who are willing to take part. Now we need that dedication to carry over to the board.

There are five essential offices that must be filled so the club can function; president, treasurer, membership (our 2nd VP), programs (our 1st 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. What I need from you is a direct willingness to take part and serve in a specific board function. 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 have to have management experience, or any experience, to serve. None of the positions are hard. Some require more time than others but I'm sure we can match a position to your individual needs or ability. You just have to have a willingness to take part and help keep the club alive.

We will address the board vacancies at the May meeting. If we don't have any candidates to fill the key positions on the board, our July meeting will be devoted to what it will take to close the club down.

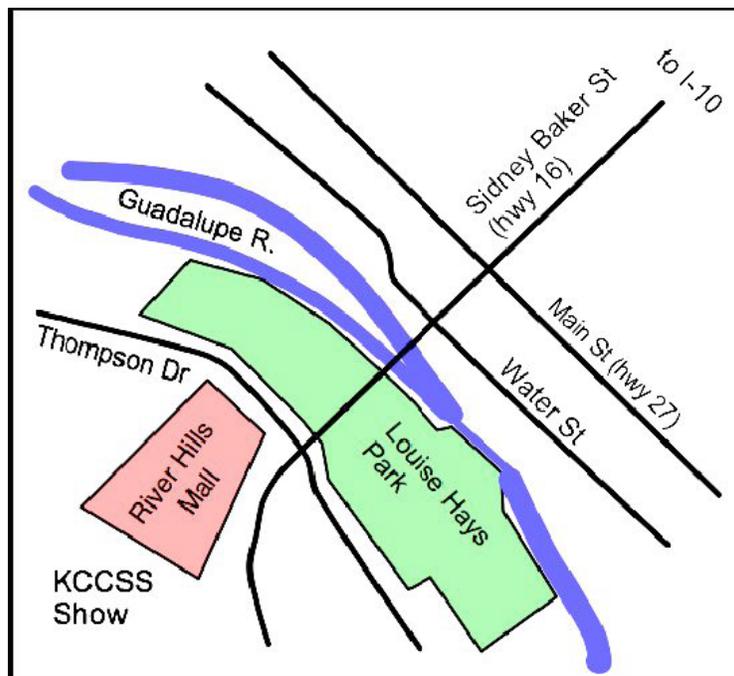
If you are able and interested in serving on the board for 2009/2010, please contact me at 830-336-2075 or jblack@amylin.com. Every board position is open, so you have a lot of opportunities to serve. And, if there are those of you who question the direction of the club or the board, the best way to impart change is from within. So get really involved!

I hope to hear from you.

Jimmy

You are invited to the:
***Kerr County Cactus and Succulent Society Annual
Show and Sale***

**Friday, May 8 and Saturday May 9,
9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the
River Hills Mall in Kerrville,
located on Hwy 16 just south of the river.
See a wide variety cacti and succulents,
and get a gift for Mother's Day.**



**Mark Your Calendars...The 2009 SACXS Picnic is coming soon!
Claude Townsend is in charge of planning
and will announce full details at the May meeting.
Date: *June 27, 2009*
Location: *McAllister Park. Pavilion #3*
Time: *to be announced at the May Meeting***