



SACXS FACTS

Newsletter for the San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society

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President's Message: Every End is a New Beginning!

I don't know about any of you, but I am tired of hearing the words - TRIPLE DIGIT TEMPERATURES! This never-ending heat wave and drought is making it difficult for even our xerophytic plants. I know I have had to water my cactus and succulent garden several times during the summer and even my Agaves and Opuntias are turning yellow. Fortunately, I don't have to water them as frequently as my non-succulent plants. Let's all hope for rain and cooler weather in the near future.

I would like to give a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to our outgoing SACXS board members: Jimmy Black, Ann Black, Paul Kibler, Lisa Kibler, and Sydney Yarbrough. I hope that everyone in our club will offer a personal thanks to these members on their hard work for our club. Also, give a BIG THANK YOU to Claude Townsend who is continuing as a board member.

The new board which includes Claude Townsend, Tony Garcia, Bill Bauta, Bjorn Steffenson, Randy Schulze, Chad Booth, Cal Eichler, David Dawson, Doug Coates, and myself will be holding our board meeting at the Garden Center from 6:00-7:00 on our regular meeting night. Any member is welcome to attend and listen as the board discusses business. If you would like to be heard at the board meeting, please contact Barbara Schulze at least a week in advance so that I can put you on the agenda. Here is one opportunity for your voice to be heard.

The new board will be working hard to find ways to revitalize our club and make visitors and new members feel welcome. We will also be expecting all members to become more active in SACXS. There are many opportunities for members to help our club be successful. SO..... ask questions, offer advice, make a new friend, participate in SACXS activities, remind new members about meetings, invite newcomers, give a program, clean-up after the meetings, come to a board meeting, work on a committee, or any other action to improve SACXS!! Also, don't forget that Dues are Due. Let's have a productive and fun-filled year!

Barbara



Meeting Notes



**Next Meeting:
Wednesday, September 16**

**Meeting Program:
“SANSEVIERIAS**

Types, Propagation & Grooming”

**Presented by Bill Gibson
from Kerrville.**

**Bill is an avid collector of common,
uncommon species and unusual
varieties of Sansevierias.**

He will bring plants for show and sale.

**If any one has unusual types of Sanseverias,
please feel free to bring them for show and tell!**



**Social Hour from
6:30pm-7:30pm
Meeting begins at
7:30pm
At the San Antonio
Garden Center**



**3310 N. New
Braunfels
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Member Assignments

September Refreshments

Lindner, Allen 210-737-0252***

Esquivel, David & Maggie 210-414-0577

Sharer, Olga 830-709-5864

Clark, Don & Jeannie 830-230-5454

Golla, Lucy 210-661-2051

***First person or couple on the list, please call the others to remind them and plan what refreshments to bring. Thanks!

September Auction Plants

Akers, Ernie 210-738-9200***

Black, Jimmy & Ann 830-336-4471

Murphy, Larry & Pat 210-655-4223

Yarborough, Gerald & Sidney 210-435-7057

Roberts, Jim & Lucy 830-980-4107

***First person or couple on the list, please call the others to remind them. Thanks!

Dues are Due!!

The new SACXS fiscal year began on September 1st. According to our bylaws, membership dues are \$10 per person and \$15 per family.

The following exception applies to new members only: dues paid on or after July 1st of any given year will be designated as payment of dues through August 31st of the following year.

Notice

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: WE ARE PLANNING A GUIDED TOUR OF THE XEROPHYTE GARDEN AT THE SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDEN on Wednesday, OCTOBER 21, 2009 at the regular meeting time. THIS IS A "MUST SEE" EVENT WHICH WILL SHOW WHAT SOME OF OUR MONEY IS GOING FOR. WE'LL ALSO GET INFO ABOUT FUTURE PLANS FOR THE GARDENS. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO GO ON THE TOUR. AND, PLEASE DON'T FORGET, I AM INTERESTED IN YOUR IDEAS!!

Claude H. Townsend 1stVP, SACXS Program director

Coming Events

Austin Cactus and Succulent Society

Fall Show and Sale

Zilker Botanical Gardens

September 5, 6 and 7

10am to 5pm all three days

Free admission

Houston Cactus and Succulent Society

Fall Show and Sale

Houston Garden Center

September 12 and 7

10am to 5pm both days

Call 713-827-8545 for info

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:

- 1 Dave Palzkill, PHD "Clonal Adeniums: Varieties & Propagation"**
- 2 Cathryn Hoyt, PhD, Director of the CDRI**
- 3 Randy Jones "Bonsai Adeniums"**
- 4 Brian & Shirley Loflin, Author of "Texas Cacti - A Second Field Guide"**

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

SACXS Members: This is YOUR newsletter: please submit notices, plant information, pertinent photos and plant related feature articles to the editor Ann Black:

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