



SACXS FACTS
Newsletter for the San Antonio Cactus and
Xerophyte Society

The San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society was organized in 1977. Its mission is to promote the study, propagation and public awareness of cacti and other succulent plants.

Cactus and Succulent Swap Meet

Wednesday, March 15th, 2017

At the regular meeting in March, we will have a swap meet. That means you bring a plant (cactus/succulent) and go home with a different plant of approximately equal value.

We will have two categories: a plant with a value of \$10 - \$14 or a plant with a value of \$15 and up. The \$15 and up category plants should be staged nicely. Marty Ruona, our program director, will place your plant in one of these categories by giving you a colored ticket. Once we are ready to begin, we will split into two groups according to ticket color. Then, the corresponding tickets will be drawn one at a time and when your number is drawn, you may select any available plant within your group. Stealing (swapping from someone who has already selected a plant) is acceptable. An individual plant may be stolen only twice, then it is out of circulation. When everyone has had a chance to swap, the person who went first has one more chance to swap. Then it is game over – you take home the plant you now have.

We hope you will enjoy this game and the plant you end up with even if it wasn't your first choice. If you do not wish to participate or did not bring a plant for swapping, please sit back and enjoy the antics of the swappers!



Just a reminder that the 2017 membership dues were due in January. If you have not already paid them, please remember to bring your check or cash to the meeting in March. Family membership is \$30.00 and

single is \$20.00. If you cannot make it to the meeting this month, please send your check, *payable to SACXS*, to Grace Fry, PO Box 780823, San Antonio, TX 78278.

Thank you!

Grace Fry
Membership Director

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Refreshment Assignments for

February

Glenn and Ann Jones

Paul and Elisa Kibler

Robert Klebe

Alice Knight

Kevin and Deborah Knippa

Refreshments

Each person will be contacted by our Refreshments Coordinator. If you are unable to attend the meeting and bring refreshments, please consider donating \$5 or more so something can be purchased as a substitute.

Refreshments only happen when people volunteer and share the responsibility. Thank you for helping!

Auction Plants

Typically, members donate a plant or plants worth at least \$5. If unable to bring a plant to the meeting, please consider making a \$5 cash donation. Our auction proceeds go toward covering the building rental for our meetings.

Auction Plant Assignments

for February

Linda Lopez de Roman

Diane Lunow

Yolanda Medina

Wil Morrison

Larry and Pat Murphy

Attention Field trip to Cherokee, TX A one-day hunt on a private ranch Saturday, March 25th

Cost: \$5.00

Meet at 9:00AM at the yellow light in Cherokee on Highway 16 north of Llano TX. We'll sign in and go in a group to the ranch. Insurance is required.

What to bring:

Water, anything you want to eat, bucket, small digging tools. Wear closed toed shoes or boots. Note: **There are NO FACILITIES on the ranch** so be prepared to use the nearest bush or cactus for privacy.



What you should find:

Rocks, fossils including fossilized coral, cacti 5+ species, interesting wood. You may also meet rattlesnakes, scorpions, spiders, and cattle.

For more information contact Claude Townsend at 210-655-8959 or ctownsend@satx.rr.com

Claude suggests that this is NOT a good trip to bring little children on.

Guess What Happens in Just Seven Weeks!

Our annual Show and Sale! While that sounds like a really long time, it isn't. It will be here before we know it. Things are shaping up for an outstanding Show and Sale again this year. But much remains to be done to insure success. The old saying about the devil being in the details is true. I can vouch for that.

Remember; please, that we'll need your little plants for our raffle. The plants you've been caring for since our October Pot-a-thon will hopefully have grown nicely through the winter and be ready to go to new homes during our Show and Sale. We'll happily accept any other plants you want to donate for the raffle as well. We ask only that they be clean, healthy, and attractive. These plants represent SACXS to the lucky raffle winners so we want them to look their best. I have quite a few small plants in my greenhouse that I need to pick dead leaves out of and neaten up a bit and top dress before the Show and Sale. We'll let you know when you can drop your plants at the Garden Center or how we can make arrangements to get them to the show if you can't bring them. Barbara Schulze or I will be happy to pick them up ahead of time if necessary.

If you're one of our Silent Auction heroes and plan to donate an item or items, THANK YOU in advance. The Silent Auction is very popular with our visitors. If you have any non-plant donations, you can bring them to the March meeting. If you have plants and/or dish gardens to donate, we'd ask you to bring them to the Garden Center in the same time frame as the raffle plants (To be Announced). So far we have dish gardens (some very cool ones), artist-made pots, succulent themed puzzles, cactus socks and bandana, cactus and succulent adult coloring book, and other fun surprises. We need your help to make it successful.

The mission of our club is to educate the public about cacti and xerophytes. Our Show and Sale does that in many ways, but the most significant way is through the educational displays made by our members. We'll be asking you again at our March meeting to PLEASE step up and create a display. A display needn't be a big, fancy production to be effective. It can be as simple as single plant with some information on a card. Maybe you have a favorite plant that you enjoy. Consider bringing it with a little bit of information about it including why you like it so much. I'm hoping to do a display about getting back a favorite plant that was flattened in last year's hail storm.

Remember, we'll be using the Guide-by-Cell technology to add interest to our Show and Sale and the educational displays. We plan to make short recorded messages containing additional information about a display that visitors can dial in and hear. If you need help or ideas, Barbara Schulze or I would be happy to give you a hand.

Another thing we'll be doing at our March meeting is asking you to volunteer to help out during the Show and Sale. We have lots of different jobs that need doing throughout the three days of our Show. In this newsletter, you'll find a list of the jobs we need help with and the "shift" times they're needed. Please look over the list and figure out what you'd like to help with.

Beside the fact that it's fun to hang out at the Show and Sale and see all the wonderful plants, there are a couple of added bonuses. The first is that lunch is provided for our volunteers. Second is that as a thank you for our volunteers, my husband and I host a Hypertufa pot making party at our home on Sunday, May 7. We've done this for several years and I think we all have fun making pots, having snacks, and visiting with each other. The club provides the hypertufa makings and Larry and I take care of the snacks and soft drinks. All you need bring is yourself and something to use as molds for your hypertufa pots. I think there will be a hypertufa educational display at the Show and Sale that might give you some ideas. We'll provide information about the party to all our volunteers at the Show.

Remember, Barbara Schulze is continuing to add information to the Guide-by-Cell mobile website we introduced you to at the January meeting. To access it from your mobile phone, type 56512 in the address field and sacxs in the message field. The text message you get back will have a link to the mobile website. If you have questions, contact Barbara Schulze or me.

Thanks to all of you who help make our Show and Sale a success year after year. Let's make this year the best yet!

Linda Draper
SACXS 2017 Show and Sale Co-Chair

Upcoming 2017 SACXS Events

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| 03-15 | Monthly Meeting | Swap Meet and Barbara's Show & Sale update
Garden Center - 6:30 arrive & mingle, 7:00 monthly program |
| 03-17 & 18 | | Plant Sale - SA Garden Center's Annual Plant Sale |
| 03-18 | Field Trip

Selma TX | Keller Materials - a premier landscape supply business...soils, rock, and stone.
Meet at 10:00 am at 9388 Corporate Dr, Selma, TX 78154 |
| 03-25 | Field Trip

Cherokee, TX | Cherokee Texas Cactus Hunt - SACXS is invited up to central TX on a Ranch.
Meet 9:00 am at the main intersection in Cherokee TX & we will caravan to the ranch. Bring digging tools and a way to haul your finds....and don't forget a hat for shade. |
| April 21 - 23 | Field Trip

Sonora TX | 4M Ranch - We once again are going to visit this wonderful ranch.
Friday thru Sunday an all-inclusive West TX experience |
| April 27, 28, 29 | | SACXS 38th Annual Show & Sale
At the Garden Center 9:00 to 5:00 daily.....with succulent plants auctions on Friday & Saturday at 2:00 |
| 05-07 | Special Meeting | Hypertufa Pottery Making a SACXS show volunteer and new member thank you off site at the home of Linda & Larry Draper
Bring your plant molds and SACXS will supply the hypertufa pottery mixture. |
| 05-17 | Monthly Meeting | Dish Gardens bring your container & plants (purchase plants at the April Show & Sale) Will be held at the home of Eva and Marty
SACXS will provide soils and top dressings. Tour the landscape with |

many cacti and succulents.

151 Huxley Drive, San Antonio, TX 78218 (210)863-5657

06-21 Monthly Meeting

Paul & Lisa Kibler - *Plant Purchasing Travels Arizona and California*

At the Garden Center 6:30 arrive & mingle, 7:00 monthly program

Be sure to mark your calendars!



Group shot from our visit to Living Desert Ranch.

Raffles We sell raffle tickets on plants, seeds, cuttings, etc., in each meeting that our members bring in and donate. It's fun to add to your collection this way at a low cost and help support your club at the

same time. Please bring something to share!

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SACXS 2017 April Show & Sale Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

As an active member of SACXS, I volunteer for checked assignments. ✓

1. Publicity: distributing advertisement fliers/yard signs to local businesses _____
2. Table Set-Up & Cover Tables: Wed., 4-26 from 10:00 am-11:00 pm _____
3. **Greeters at Club Table: Thursday, 4-27 from 9:00 am-11:30 am _____**
11:30-2:00 pm _____
2:00-5:00 pm _____
Friday, 4-28 from 9:00 am-11:30 am _____
11:30-2:00 pm _____
2:00-5:00 pm _____
Saturday, 4-29 from 9:00 am-11:30 am _____
11:30-2:00 pm _____
2:00-5:00 pm _____
4. **Auction Helper: show plants to bidders & organize plants by bidder**
Friday, 4-28 _____ or Saturday, 4-29 _____ 2:00-3:30 pm daily
5. **Clean-Up: take down & stow tables, sweep floors, and take out trash**
Saturday, 4-29 from 4:30-6:30 _____
6. **Kitchen helpers to prepare food for working members & vendors**
Thurs., 4-27 _____, Fri., 4-28 _____, Sat. 4-29 _____, 11:00-1:00 daily
7. **Bring an Educational Display: Wed. 4-26 from 11:00 am - 5:30 pm or**
Thurs. 4-27 between 8:30 - 9:00 am _____
8. Donate raffle plants: Wed., 4-26 or Thurs., 4-27 _____ 10:00 am-5:00 pm
9. Donate silent auction/auction plants: Bring to March meeting (3-15) or make other arrangements with Show Chairmen - Barbara Schulze or Linda Draper)

Member's name, phone number, and e-mail address: _____

Thank you for your participation: Return to Barbara Schulze or Linda Draper, Show Chairmen
e-mail barbaralschulze@yahoo.com or draperl@prodigy.net.