



SACXS FACTS

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President's Message

What a busy month! I feel like I've been running at 400 mph with my hair on fire. Now, with Labor Day past us, I feel summer pumping the brakes a bit. I've already noticed a change in the weather. Fall is on the horizon and with it the TACSS 2019 Fall Seminar. SACXS is the host club for this year's Seminar. We're expecting a potentially record-breaking attendance if our pre-registration count is accurate. We have planned an educational program with wonderful speakers. Look for fun stuff, good food, friendly people, and the TACSS annual auction with entertaining auctioneers. Get ready SACXS members for shock and awe. Plan to attend!!

Hold on though. Before then, Mandy Bulmer, our program director, has a great speaker planned for September. Mary Irish, a prolific author and educator, is scheduled to present to us. Mary is a very captivating speaker and a world authority on Agaves, Xerophytes, Landscaping. I'm sure you will be enthralled. We also will be choosing plants to send to the TACSS Seminar to compete in the TACCS Grand Champion Cactus and Succulent Competitions.

Finally, the slate of candidates for the SACXS Board of Directors for 2020 will be revealed at the September meeting. There will be an opportunity for nominations to be made from the club to fill open positions, or to compete with the slated nominees. The September meeting will be filled with new information, intrigue, suspense, and more. See you at the meeting!!

Jimmy Black

SACXS Board of Directors

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Barbara Schulze & David Maclure



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Meeting Information



**The September meeting is
scheduled for Wednesday, 9-18-19**

at the San Antonio Garden Center
3342 North New Braunfels
Social time 6:45pm
Meeting Begins at 7:15pm

September Auction Plant Assignments

Please bring a plant or xerophyte-related item
valued at ten dollars or more. Thank You!!

Maggie Gregoire, Charles Grimes
Robert Guernsey, Jay Guerra
Joey Gutierrez

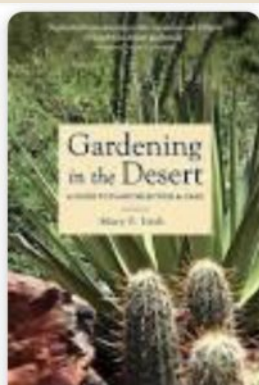
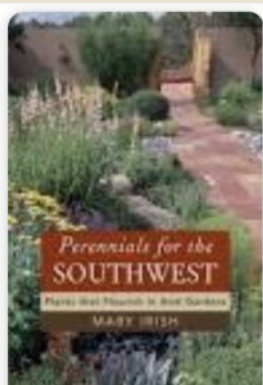
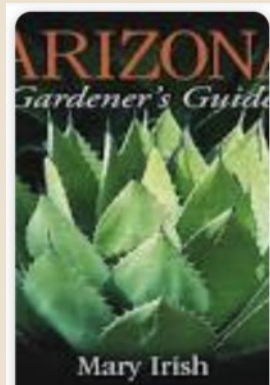
Speaker Bio: MARY IRISH



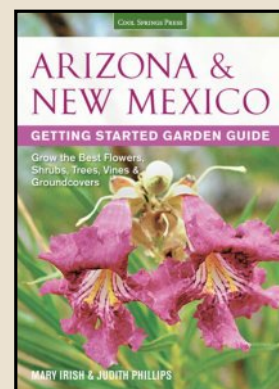
Mary Irish is a garden writer, lecturer and educator. She lived and worked in Arizona for 25 years. She is a native Texan who returned in 2012 and until her retirement in the spring of 2019 worked at the San Antonio Botanical Garden managing the Garden's plant sale program. She and her husband Gary live in Castroville, Texas - a historic town in the South Texas plains.

She is the author with Gary Irish of *Agaves, Yuccas and Related Plants* (Timber Press, 2000), *Gardening in the Desert* (University of Arizona Press, 2000), *Arizona Gardener's Guide* (Cool Springs Press, 2003), *Month by Month Gardening in the Desert Southwest* (Cool Springs Press, 2003) with a revised edition entitled *Gardening in the Desert of Arizona* in 2008, *Perennials for the Southwest*, (Timber Press, 2006), *Trees and Shrubs*

for the Southwest (Timber Press, 2008), *A Place All Our Own* (University of Arizona Press, 2012), *Texas Getting Started Garden Guide* (Cool Springs Press, 2013) and with Judith Phillips *Arizona-New Mexico Getting Started Garden Guide* (Cool Springs Press, 2014). Mary has worked as a consultant on projects for the Sunnyland



Administrative Center, Sunnyland Center and Gardens in Rancho Mirage, California, Myriad Botanical Garden in Oklahoma City, downtown plantings for the City of Scottsdale, the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden in Glendale, Arizona, as well for numerous homeowner associations and private gardens. She served as the Director of Public Horticulture at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix for 11 years ending in 1999. She has served on the Board of the Arizona Nursery Association for 10 years, Native Seeds/SEARCH for 3 years and Boyce Thompson Arboretum for 9 years, 6 as the Chair. She has a B.A. from the University of Texas and a M.S. in Geography from Texas A&M.



SPECIAL RAFFLE



There will be a specimen succulent available in a special raffle at the September meeting.

The featured plant is a succulent, *Kalanchoe beharensis* cv. Maltese Cross. It has greenish-brown, fuzzy, wavy leaves. This specimen is approximately 16 in. tall. Staged in an unusual, textured, green ceramic vase. Ticket prices for the special raffle: \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

We are also having a show plant judging. Some of the board members will bring plants for the judging. Paul Kibler and Lucile Lively, certified judges from SACXS, will score the plants using a prepared scorecard. Members are also encouraged to scrutinize the entries and select their choice for best cactus and best succulent. You will be able to find out how your selection compares with the certified judge's selections. The two winning judged plants will be entered as the representative SACXS entries into the TACSS State Grand Champion Contest to be held during the TACSS Seminar at the Garden Center on 10-5-19. The entries from SACXS will complete with entries from all of the TACSS affiliate societies. During the TACCS seminar, you can cast your vote for the State Grand Champion Cactus and State Grand Champion Succulent.

Our October meeting program will focus on selecting, preparing, and staging cactus and succulents for Show entries or just as a focal point of your own private collection. You will receive instruction on presenting your own plants with a critical eye.

Barbara Schulze



TACSS 2019 Fall Seminar Update !!!

The TACSS 2019 Fall Seminar

is rapidly approaching with SACXS as the Host Society. The Seminar is scheduled for October 5th and 6th and will be held at the Garden Center. The theme is "Our Texas Heritage", and our speakers will address topics on Texas native cacti and succulents.

Several notices have already gone out via email and social media. We have been using *Eventbrite* for Seminar registration.. This allows us to have an accurate headcount leading up to the Seminar. Please register ASAP. We encourage everyone to attend to give a good showing of Club support for the Seminar and for TACSS. You can log onto *Eventbrite* at www.eventbrite.com and search for: "The Texas Association of Cactus and Succulent Societies 2019 Fall Seminar". You may also access our *Eventbrite* directly using the direct URL link provided below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-texas-association-of-cactus-and-succulent-societies-fall-seminar-tickets-62119085858?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

A copy of the Seminar Schedule is located on the *Eventbrite* site. Sunday the 6th is devoted to Garden Tours at Paul's Desert and Mandy Bulmer's home.

Attendees are asked to bring an auction plant with a value of ~\$30 or more. When deciding what to bring, please ask yourself, "would I bid on this plant"? The auction is the main revenue generator for TACSS.

We have arranged for the Benjie's Munch Food Truck to cater lunch on the Garden Center premises. Attendees will be able to purchase lunch items. Benjie's Munch is an excellent local restaurant which features comfort food from across the globe. A menu is located on Eventbrite.

TACSS Seminar T-Shirts

T-Shirts will be available for purchase at the seminar.

The T-shirt imprints follow along with the theme

"Our Texas Heritage", and highlight three plants that are native to Texas.



They are \$15 each – payment in cash or check will be accepted. For local members who have already ordered shirts, we are hoping to have them ready to distribute at the September club meeting, or you are welcome to pick them up at the event on October 5th.