



DESERT BREEZE

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

January 2021

Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society • Zoom Program
Presentation • Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 7:00pm

Euphorbias I: Trees, Medusoids, and Globose Species

Presented by Robert Webb and Toni Yocum

Bob Webb and Toni Yocum have travelled extensively in Arabia and East and Southern Africa, and despite having other plant objectives have seen a large number of Euphorbia in habitat. In addition, Arid Lands Greenhouses, which they owns, has one of the world's largest collections of Euphorbias in cultivation. This talk explores several groups of Euphorbia: trees, medusoids, mound formers, and globose species. The emphasis will be on growing these plants in cultivation while learning a few things about them from habitat.

Bob and Toni are owners of Arid Lands Greenhouses.
3560 W. Bilby Rd., Tucson, AZ 85746
aridlandsgreenhouses.com

Please join this Zoom program and enjoy a very special educational and informational program on the genus Euphorbia. You will really enjoy this excellent program.



Special Awards presented at the Annual Meeting

President's Service Award

Barbara Watts
Rescues, Amphi sales

Maria Voris
Production of the field guide

President's Special Service Award

Dave Palzkill
**Years of dedicated service at rescues,
conferences, Pima Prickly Park, education**

Rob Romero
**Years of dedicated service at conferences, speaking,
sales and training**

Thank you all for your Service



New Email Delivery System

TCSS is moving to a new Email Delivery System, Web Site and associated Member Management System which is being hosted by a Company called Wild Apricot. We have already started using their Email Delivery System to improve the speed and reliability of sending out TCSS Member Emails. We just tested the delivery of Emails to the Cactus Rescue Crew notification list. If you did not get an email on December 31st regarding the new Rescue Crew Email list and you are a TCSS Member and want to be on this list, please send me an email requesting such. We have also switched over to the new Email list for all the Membership Emails. The Newsletter now online email notification was sent using the new email system. If you did not receive an email, want an Email address changed or one added, please send me an email stating such.

We are implementing the Member Management System over the next three months as your renewals are mailed in and as new memberships are received by mail or online. We plan to switch over to the new web site in March. Please email all Email address corrections or questions to me at web@tucsoncactus.org, Thanks, Joe Frannea



President's Message

It's a New Year. I appreciate the opportunity to lead TCSS forward. I have been in a leadership role for a very long time but it is the support and great work of the officers and Board and all of the members that are responsible for our success.

2020 membership hit an all-time high of 1,427 which continues our claim to be

the largest local Cactus and Succulent Society in the world. At this time more than 900 members have joined or renewed. A 2nd reminder is being sent out this week. We apologize for any duplication.

The Community Food Bank always needs our help. You supported our efforts by doubling our match proposal and the societies donation was over \$3,000. Thank you. At the same time you also supported the publication of the 3rd Edition of the "Field Guide to Cacti and other Succulents of Arizona" with donations over \$7,000 and end of the year support for many of our activities with gifts totaling almost \$8,000. You are incredible!

For more than 20 years, our Vice President, Vonn Watkins has been obtaining great programs for our monthly meetings. Thank you. Monthly ZOOM meetings are fun and easy to attend. We have sent you the log-in: <https://bit.ly/tcssmm> and it is the same every month. The neat thing about this technology is you don't have to leave home to attend a monthly meeting. If you attend the Zoom meeting you can sign up for our raffle prize drawing at no cost. Information will be explained at the meeting. There will be \$25.00 gift certificates won by attendees. They will be sent to you

by regular mail and you can redeem them at any of the nurseries listed, both here and in the Phoenix/Chandler area. They are good till December 31, 2021. They cannot be redeemed for cash.

Rescues and Plant Sales continue to fulfill our conservation responsibilities but under strict adherence to Covid-19 guidelines. We have established these guidelines to ensure the health and safety of all participants. Thanks to the efforts of Donna Ellis and Steve Watts, our rescue coordinators, our rescue program continues to save thousands of plants from destruction and provide material for Sales, led by Crystal Cannon. These special sales are offered to members only with assigned appointment times to insure compliance to our Covid-19 guidelines. Check your emails for a special Ocotillo sale coming soon.

Pima Prickly Park has proved to be a real benefit during this pandemic since we can be outdoors, mask wearing and social distancing while enjoying our hobby. It has been almost 9.5 years since we signed the agreement to develop and manage this effort. We always need more help and special plants. Linda Heisley (park@tucsoncactus.org) is coordinating the efforts. Please contact her to see how you can be involved.

Your questions, comments and concerns are very important to me. Please do not hesitate to contact me (president@tucsoncactus.org).

Thank you for your continuing support.

Dick Wiedhopf, President

Instructions To Join The TCSS Zoom Meeting on January 7, 2021

If you have a laptop or other device where you can enter a web site address enter
<https://bit.ly/tcssmm>

Copy this into your browser address line or just click on it.

If this does not work and for all other types of devices see our Zoom Meeting Instructions page on our web site. It is

https://www.tucsoncactus.org/pdf_files/Zoom-Instructions.pdf

You can also find a link to it by going to our December Meeting notice information on the web.

If you can not get connected at the last minute, you can email us at
HELP@TucsonCactus.org and someone will get right back to you.

Acknowledgement Of Contributions

The Names Below Represent The Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society Members And Friends Whose Donations Helped Make This Year A Success. We Extend Our Sincere Thanks For Your Support.



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For general information and questions related to

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Everyone is Welcome!

**Bring your friends, join in the fun and meet
the cactus and succulent community.**

107,025

Cacti Rescued - Since 1999

516 Rescues - 39,643 Volunteer Hours (updated 01-01-21)

Please see our Website Calendar for the next rescued cactus sale. They are scheduled at various times during the year based on our inventory.

TCSS Club Members receive a 10% discount

We need your "Eyes and Ears" to help us find new Cactus Rescue sites. Please email us as much information as you can from new project signs or from other sources to **Site@TucsonCactus.org**. Attach a photo of the sign if you can. Note, we do not remove plants from residences.

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Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00pm

Teleconference Board Meeting

Sky Islands Public High School Needs Our Help

This is our home since 2016 where we have been involved in a wonderful cooperative effort that has benefited both the High School and the Society. Covid-19 has affected both of us in so many ways.

It is important that the High School continue to serve its student body and our association with them.

It is fortunate that contributions to the school meet the requirements of the AZ Tax Credit provisions. You can receive an income tax benefit as well as the school. Please check out the details at <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits/public-school-tax-credit>.

Please consider a donation between now and April 15, 2021.
Thank You