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The TCSS Garden Tour Committee is hoping that we will be able to resume our member garden tours this October. Last year we had planned on trying individual tours on scheduled Saturdays and we would like to return to that format this Fall. If you are interested in sharing your desert landscape with other TCSS members please let us know, and we will arrange and make announcements for a tour just for your home on a Saturday that works for you. You can select any Saturday between October 2021 and May 2022. You will be able to showcase your garden at its best. Please give us at least a 2 month notice so that we can arrange enough time to get the word out in the newsletter. On the day of your “Pop-Up Tour” please plan to have your garden available for members to tour from 10am to 2pm. For questions, more information, or to reserve a Saturday, please contact our committee at gardentours@tucsoncactus.org
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President’s Message
As has been said many times, Tucson has two seasons; HOT and not as hot. This is the HOT season. I have lived here for 60 years and all I can say, it is just HOT. Fortunately, most of our plants are tolerating it. In fact, they are doing well and blooming beautifully. This is the time be good stewards of our desert home.

Go to our web site and check out the Volunteer Menu. This is the reason why we have 1,473 members today and probably more by the time the newsletter is printed. We appreciate your membership, and you have the opportunity and we encourage you to participate in any or all of these activities of the Society. It is and always will be your choice, thank you.

Our June rescue sale was a great success thanks to Crystal Cannon and all her volunteers. Terrific job! All of the hard work by our rescue crews lead by Donna and Robert Ellis and Steve & Barb Watts provided 100’s of wonderful native plants complimented by an interesting assortment of plants propagated by Cathy Robson from the Hoop House at Pima Prickly Park. Of course, appreciated is all members and public who purchased these plants. Thank you! The net profit from the sale supports the education programs (25%), Pima Prickly Park (25%), rescue and other activities through the general fund (50%).

We have been asked to participate in the continued development and maintenance activities at Desert Haven Natural Resource Park. We are in the planning stage and of course would appreciate your input. We are gratified that Pima County Natural Resources Park and the planning stage and of course would appreciate your input.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Dick Wiedhopf, President

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PROJECT UPDATE – The Florilegium of the Joseph Wood Krutch Garden
For anyone who is unfamiliar with the Krutch Garden Florilegium, here’s a brief description of the project.

In 2015, the University of Arizona Campus Arboretum established the Florilegium of the Joseph Wood Krutch Garden to document the scientific and aesthetic value of the Garden’s plant collection. For the past few years, Tanya Quist, Director of the Campus Arboretum, and Margaret Pope, steering committee chair of the Sonoran Desert Florilegium Program, have been working to raise funds for the purchase of artworks for the Krutch Garden Florilegium while also recruiting skilled artists who can produce high quality scientific botanical illustrations. Artworks juried into the Florilegium will be purchased from the artists and held in Special Collections at the U of A Library. Artists will retain the copyright to their works. Special Collections will periodically exhibit the artwork at various venues on campus, and the collection will be available for loan for off-campus exhibits. A more detailed description of the project can be found in the March 2015 Desert Breeze.

At present, the Campus Arboretum will be commissioning some 60 botanical illustrations of plants in the University’s Krutch Garden. Thanks to the generosity of Keith and Brenda Taylor, the fundraising goal for the commissions has nearly been met. The first painting accepted into the Florilegium was Chris Bondante’s Opuntia basilaris, in 2016. In 2021, nine additional works by four artists have been accepted:

Joyce Peters, Aegae lophantha, Calliandra eriophylla, Dicliptera resupinata, Senna covesi

Chris Bondante Larrea tridentata

Pauline Savage Coryphantha vivipara

Karen Gengle Justicia californica, Parryella fitifolia, Echinocereus engelmannii

These works can be viewed on the Campus Arboretum website: https://arboretum.arizona.edu/research/scientific-illustration-lastings-

This same webpage contains a link to a listing of all plant species to be included in the Florilegium. Also on the page is a link to photos and a description of the process of creating these illustrations. Other useful information about the project and the Garden can be found on the Sonoran Desert Florilegium Program’s website. The July 2016 Desert Breeze contained a biographical sketch of Joseph Wood Krutch by Margaret Pope. Also in that issue are links to two very interesting articles: “A Florilegium of the Historic Joseph Wood Krutch Garden at the University of Arizona” by Tanya Quist and Linnea Gentry, and “Student of an Arid Land: Joseph Wood Krutch and the Sonoran Desert” by Linnea Gentry. All three articles have photos of the Krutch Garden and of Joseph Wood Krutch. The link is here:

https://art-botanical.org术tDesertBreeze072016-desert-year.html
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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. 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

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