



DESERT BREEZE

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

October 2021

Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society • In Person and Zoom Program Presentation • Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00pm
Sky Islands Public High School, 6000 East 14th Street, Tucson, Arizona 85711

Destination: Forever Ranch

Presented by Jan Emming

In 1999, Jan Emming moved to a rural 40-acre property near the small town of Yucca, Arizona, which lies in Mohave County in the northwestern portion of the state. His objective was to start a large desert garden full of succulents and various xeric-adapted plants, in an off-grid setting. Jan got involved with the TCSS in 2001 and has been invited to speak to the club several times over the years, including his first presentation on his Destination: Forever Ranch project given that year. Now he returns for a project update roughly 20 years later. Things have changed in that time!

If you have been fully vaccinated for Covid-19 you are welcome to come and join us for this excellent in person presentation (masks will be required by all). This meeting will also be a Zoom program and will be an important educational and informational event you must see. Also, if using Zoom, be sure to log in to win a \$25.00 gift certificate from TCSS or choose a copy of the new 3rd edition of the *Field Guide to Cacti & Other Succulents of Arizona*. Plant give aways will also be happening at the in person meeting as well. When leaving the live in person meeting, everyone can get a free plant offered to you by the TCSS.



At this time, no refreshments will be served at the October meeting

Sky Islands Public High School • 6000 E. 14th St.



President's Message

It is hard to believe that the summer monsoon season is over. As you know this was a great monsoon ranking in the top 3 ever. All of our plants show the effect of all this rain. Most are spectacular and a few drowned and died.

Three months left in 2021 and it is going to be busy and fun. The best

way to learn about what's happening is to check the calendar at the top of the website (tucsoncactus.org). This is a new and expanded version of the calendar managed by Cathy Cabezes. If you have information, question or comments contact her at calendar@tucsoncactus.org.

The September meeting was our first hybrid meeting ever. 70 members were present and 58 were on Zoom. We did have some technical issues and they have been resolved so the October 7 meeting will be great. The Zoom monthly meeting login is always the same. It is easy to do and if you can't come to the meeting in person this is the best way to stay informed. Please join us at Sky Islandsb Public High School if you are vaccinated and are masked throughout the meeting.

October 16, 23 and 30 are long awaited Garden Tours. Information about each tour is on the website under activities and can also be reached through the Calendar. I know you will enjoy each home and how they have landscaped with their cacti, succulents and other desert plants.

October 10, from 8:00am to Noon will be a Halloween Plant Sale. There will be Halloween decorated barrels, mamms and many other plants. This will be fun and another opportunity to acquired great plants at reasonable prices. There will be 2 more rescues before the sale so the potential for additional rescue plants should peak your interest. This sale will be open to the public and masks are required. Check your email or the website for more information.

You will be receiving a questionnaire about the upcoming Holiday Party. Please respond as quickly as possible. Everything is more difficult to plan due to Covid -19 but the Board and Committees are doing a great job to keep this Society active and safe. They deserve a big thank you.

The Good Time Silent Auction held outside under a shade cloth structure is a great example of success. There were great plants at the auction, \$2, \$5, and \$10 plants went quickly and plenty of free stuff. We also had a small rescue plant sale. It was great. We had delicious Ice Cream bars which made the afternoon complete. Thanks to everyone who participated.

The nominations committee is still accepting nominations for the Board of Directors. If you are interested please contact Bill Holcombe at 520-256-2447.

Thanks for your support.

Dick Wiedhopf, President

New Conservation Project for TCSS: Waterman Restoration Site

The Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society has entered into a 10-year cooperative partnership with the Arizona Native Plant Society to supply rescued saguaros to the Waterman Restoration Site northwest of Tucson near the Silver Bell mine, according to Dick Wiedhopf, TCSS president.

The restoration site encompasses 18 acres located south of the mine within the boundaries of Ironwood Forest National Monument. This federally owned property is administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Native Plant Society volunteers have been working to return the site to its original condition since 2010 by restoring natural land contours, engineering water catchment basins, and re-seeding and planting over 100 species of native plants. One of these volunteers, John Scheuring, reports the Society has successfully re-established over 2000 native Palo Verde and Ironwood trees on the site.

All native plants had been completely bladed from the site 30-40 years ago, and buffelgrass had subsequently covered the area, according to Scheuring.

TCSS has agreed to supply small, rescued saguaros on a periodic basis to AZNPS, which will then transport, plant, and care for the saguaros on the site. In turn, AZNPS will recognize TCSS as the saguaro donor partner in the Waterman Restoration Project in public interviews, events, and reports. To date, the cactus rescue crew has donated 20 small saguaros to AZNPS.

Scheuring has also invited TCSS members to visit and tour the site on three occasions this year. Attendees have reported an amazing array of assorted desert wildflowers and shrubs, including fairy dusters, ocotillo, white thorn acacia, wolfberry, and some cacti that have come up from seed, including a Ferocactus acanthodes barrel and the endangered Nichol turk's head.

If you have questions about the Waterman site, please contact Thomas Staudt, Conservation Committee Chairman. For any TCSS members interested in volunteering at the restoration site, please reference the Arizona Native Plant Society at: www.aznps.com

Submitted by Donna Ellis
TCSS Cactus Rescue Coordinator

Personal Meeting Note

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SAVE THE DATES OCTOBER'S TRIPLE TREAT

Just in time to enjoy our cooling fall temperatures, we will be having Pop-Up Desert Garden tours in triplicate during this month. Specific descriptions and directions for each tour will be emailed to all members early on the week of the tour. Watch for your Pop-Up Tour email and put these dates on your calendar.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH "Crystal's "Unique Yard of Plants & Treasures"

Over 300 potted plants line the walkway as you enter this treasure trove of found metal art pieces and thriving in ground cactus and succulents. Discover lots of inspiring and creative ways to combine many passions to work together in your landscape. Fun and colorful, Crystal's yard will certainly brighten your day.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD Cyndi's "From Open Range to Desert Oasis"

Be prepared for a "wow" moment at every turn as you tour this lush garden created from what was once a barren lot. The mosaic paths in the front are lined with beds of numerous succulents thriving in their shaded environment. Accents of impressive large specimens of cacti and other species dot the landscape. In the back yard you will find a cooling koi pond, a large landscaped tortoise habitat, and two shade houses full of interesting cactus and succulents.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30TH Christina's "Southwest Style Zen Retreat"

Take time to relax and enjoy wandering through this landscape on paths overflowing with native and desert-adapted flowering plants accented with large Desert Spoon (*Dasyliirion wheeleri*), and many other cacti from TCSS rescues. An impressive Joshua tree and soap-tree yucca greet visitors and water features are part of the design to attract, feed and provide a welcoming habitat for Sonoran desert wildlife.

CRYSTAL'S

Near Orange Grove/Camino de la Tierra



CYNDI'S

Near I-10/Wilmot



CHRISTINA'S

Near Orange Grove/La Canada



Note: If you would like to share your desert garden on a future Pop-Up Tour, copy this link https://tcss.wildapricot.org/resources/pdf_files/Popup_Tour_Application.pdf to access the application form on our website

TCSS Election - Hop on Board!

TCSS leadership is comprised of four officers (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) who serve two-year terms, 12 members who serve on the board for three years and a CSSA rep who serves for two years. The board meets on the second Tuesday evening of the month and offers a host of opportunities for participation in the club's activities.

The TCSS nominating team prepared a slate of two board members and one CSSA rep, whose terms expire at the end of this year, and will present it at the October board meeting. If you, or a member you know, is interested in running for election, please submit the name and the desired position to one of the team members (below) by November 1.

The final slate of nominees will be presented at the November 4 general meeting. At that time, additional nominations will be taken from the floor and via "Zoom." All members will receive a ballot in late November along with their 2022 membership renewal form. The election results will be announced in December.

Thanks for your participation! We look forward to hearing from you!

The nominating team:
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Instructions To Join The TCSS Zoom Meeting on October 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 October 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.



Save The Date • October 10, 2021

The rescue crew has once again been busy busy busy. So we are going to have a Halloween Sale on Sunday, October 10th.

We currently have over 175 barrels to select from plus some mamms. There will also be plants from the Hoop House and everything the rescue crew brings in between now and October 10th.

This sale will take place at our Amphi holding site - 4342 N 4th Avenue (between Wetmore and Limberlost) Tucson, AZ

The sale will be from 8:00 – 12:00 or until we run out of plants

Enter the South gate only

Numbers will be handed out as you come through the gate We will allow 10 people to shop at one time There will be no limits on the barrels

Masks are required for everyone even if you have been vaccinated

This sale is open to the public so pass this along to your family, friends, and neighbors. Also, post on Face Book, Next Door Neighbor, and Instagram.

Questions can be directed to sales@tucsoncactus.org See you on the 10th

Crystal Cannon, TCSS Sales Coordinator

TCSS BOARD

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Deadline for newsletter text or photos:

Thursday, October 22 by 4:00pm

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www.tucsoncactus.org

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For general information and questions related to

TCSS, email TCSS@TucsonCactus.org

or call (520) 256-2447 during business hours.

Everyone is Welcome!

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

112,182

Cacti Rescued - Since 1999

551 Rescues - 42,742 Volunteer Hours (updated 05-28-21)

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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Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 8:00am-12:00pm

Halloween Sale

Amphi holding site - 4342 N 4th Avenue

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00pm

Teleconference Board Meeting

TCSS In Person and Zoom Program Presentation

Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:00pm

In the Arms of Saguaros: Iconography of the Giant Cactus

Presented by William Larry Bird Jr.

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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In Memory Of Bill Salisbury

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In Honor Of Bill Peachy With Thanks

Claire Scheuren

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