



# Desert Breeze

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

December 2022



## Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society Holiday Party, Annual Meeting, Awards & Gift Exchange

**Sunday, December 11, 2022 • Celebrations Party Spot!**

2823 N Stone Ave, Tucson, AZ

(Plenty of paved and dirt lot Parking at Glenn and Stone)

Set-up starts at 12pm • Bring food at 1:30pm • Dinner and Program---2pm till 4pm • Clean-up 4pm till 5pm  
The Society will provide Turkey, Ham, Shrimp, Condiments, Tableware and Drinks (coffee, punch and water)

You will bring your favorite dish to share (enough for 10+ servings)

### Hot or Cold

Salads – Starches – Vegetables – Desserts  
(Please bring serving dish and serving utensils)

This has been another great year; let's make it special for others.

Please bring \$ donations for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona  
TCSS will match up to \$1,500 donated.

### Gift Exchange

Everyone can participate by wrapping a plant or plant related gift of at least \$10.00 value.  
If you bring a gift, you get a gift. We have a fun way of exchanging gifts.

Masks and Social distancing are not required but will be respected.  
Vaccinations and booster shots will make it healthier for everyone.





## President's Message

The end of another interesting year for TCSS has arrived. The membership record of 1904 is impressive but more important is the real challenge to provide the quality and quantity of programs and activities in which every member wants to participate. The team of officers, board members and committee chair has done an outstanding job in providing direction and activities for all members. We are committed to do more in this next year.

I have seen some early results of the election and since the officers are running unopposed, we are going to be re-elected. We are committed to do whatever is necessary to continue with our basic concept of KNOWING, GROWING and SHOWING.

We have put the search for a permanent home on hold. A number of factors have forced us to evaluate the long term financial cost of a facility. The rescue program which is our major financial resource has been affected by the economy and other troubling issues which we hope will be resolved very soon. Even so, we have rescued over 130,600 plants from destruction since the rescue program started in 1999. I am exceedingly proud of that effort.

There are a number of environmental issues that we must take the lead on in the coming years. The climate change concerns that involve our Sonoran Desert home are real. Water, water,

water is going to be one of the issues where we can make difference. Using and growing cacti and succulent plants instead of grass and water thirsty vegetation certainly will help. Also, the way we contour our yard to save as much water as we can from just running off is extremely important and valuable to teach.

We have seen the devastation of fires in recent years and the damage they have done to native plants especially cacti and succulents. We are developing projects such as growing saguaros for the future. I want my grandchildren's grandchildren to be able to enjoy our signature plant. We can do a lot more because we care.

Certainly our hybrid meetings (Zoom and in Person) plus the U Tube video of the presentation gives everyone the opportunity to participate and learn.

The question is always, how can we best serve your interests and how can we best serve our community? Please help us with the answers. Please renew your membership.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy New Year.

Thank you for your support,

Dick Wiedhopf, President



Thank you Joel Fontaine, Eli Cabezas, Nate, and Paul Scott for planting a rescued saguaro for the Emily Meschter Early Learning Center



## 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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**Happy Holidays**  
from your Newsletter Editor

*Sabino Canyon, 2021*



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**Deadline for newsletter text or photos:**

**Thursday, December 22 by 4:00pm**

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**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.**

# 130,530

## Cacti Rescued - Since 1999

658 Rescues - 49,520 Volunteer Hours (updated 08-28-22)

**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](mailto:Site@TucsonCactus.org)**. Attach a photo of the sign if you can. Note, we do not remove plants from residences.

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Celebration Party Spot on Stone Ave.  
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### Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00pm

Teleconference Board Meeting

### Thursday, January 5, 2023

**"What drives illicit succulent trade and how  
should the conservation community respond"**

**Presented by Jared Margulies,  
University of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama**