



DESERT BREEZE

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

January 2022

Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society • In Person and Zoom Program Presentation • Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 7:00pm
Sky Islands Public High School, 6000 East 14th Street, Tucson, Arizona 85711

Agaves - Species, Hybrids and Cultivars

Presented by Jeff Moore
Solana Succulents, Solana Beach, CA



Agaves - Species, Hybrids and Cultivars takes a deep dive into the world of agaves, both cultivated and in their native habitat. This program is based on the recent book publication by Jeff Moore and co-authored with agave expert Jeremy Spath. Cultivars and hybrids will be shown and discussed as well as the majority of species.

The presentation follows the flow of the book, with most of the powerpoint images from the book itself. The majority of the species are covered,

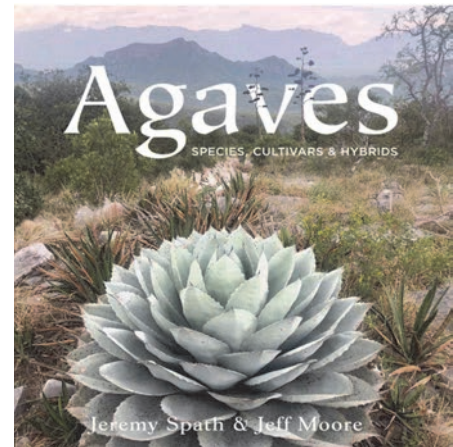
with images both in habitat (when possible) and in cultivation. There is also a chapter on established and new hybrids, as well as the relatively new phenomenon of mangaves. The program will show examples of agaves in the landscape as well as those suitable for container culture, discusses pests/diseases as well as propagation. Although the emphasis is on agaves as ornamentals, Jeff will take a look at the history of agaves as commercial plants, for fiber, food, and of course the genus' most well known byproduct - tequila and mescal. From an ornamental perspective, there are some beautiful detailed images of agave spines and imprinting, as well as some of the more impressive variegated and collector forms.

Most of the images were taken by the authors, but we also have included many beautiful photos from contributors such as Bryan Kemble, Jeff Chemnick, Tony Krock, and other knowledgeable enthusiasts.

Jeff has owned and operated Solana Succulents since 1992. It is a small retail specialty nursery, and carries as much of the rare and unusual as possible, along with more common and colorful succulents. The agave book is my fifth self-published book about succulents. www.solanasucculents.com

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 January meeting



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President's Message

Happy New Year!

Thank you so much for exceeding the \$1500 match to the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. I am so pleased and proud to have sent them checks totaling \$4,785. What a wonderful way to end last year.

Sonoran XIII Conference is set for April 22 and 23. It will be a new format starting with vendor sales on Friday night and the all day Saturday, workshops, show, sale, silent auction and super lunch and dinner with speakers. No Sunday events. Put this on your schedule. Costs have gone up but we will try to make this event as reasonable as possible.

We will be sending out membership cards and badges over the next couple of weeks including tax donation receipts for gifts we have received. Cactus bucks, for those of you involved with the rescue program, will be sent out by mid-January.

In the November of 2021, we received a large donation with the idea to use it as a start for a facility of our own useful for many different activities. You will be getting an email in early January asking you to participate in developing idea for this or telling us no, let's not do this. We really want your input so look for this email.

At the Holiday Party, attended by about 115 members the following awards were presented.

President's Service Award

Joel Fontaine

Rescues, Amphi sales. Pima Prickly Park

Judi Marro

1st Small team leader Pima Prickly Park teaches new volunteers

Penny Miller

Board Member, manages Pollinator garden,

President's Special Service Award

Kris Thompson

Years of dedicated service: Education, Boutique, Welcome table

Karen Keller

14 Years of dedicated service as Newsletter Editor

Cathy Robson

Dedicated Service as PPP Hoop House manager, Treasurer

Crystal Cannon

Rescue Sales, PPP Pima Prickly Park, Board Member, Membership

Results of the 2021 Election were announced.

The officers and Board members elected are **Bill Holcombe**; CSSA Rep: Board Members ending 12/31/2024: **Crystal Cannon, Linda Heisley, Kermie Hodge and Robert Villa.**

At the December 14, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting, Austin Martin was selected to fill the unexpired term of Helen Barber who has left the Board.

Congratulations and Happy New Year,

Dick Wiedhopf, President

**Please Join Us For The Live Meeting
January 6, 2022 at 7:00pm. 6000 East 14th St.**

Instructions To Join The TCSS Zoom Meeting on January 6, 2022

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.

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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Deadline for newsletter text or photos:
Thursday, January 27 by 4:00pm

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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.

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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.

January 22, 2022

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Tuesday, January 11, at 7:00pm

Teleconference Board Meeting

Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 7:00pm

"The Forgotten Botanist: Sara Plummer Lemmon's Life of Science and Art"

Presented by Wynne Brown

Freelance writer/editor/designer

More info coming soon

Cactus and Succulent Society of America To the Point Newsletter

Hi all, I am sending along some good news for all of your club members, the CSSA has decided to distribute our new electronic newsletter to all affiliate club members at no charge. I am including as many of the newsletter editors as I have emails for. Please publish this link and give to your members at meetings. It is also on our CSSA webpage.

As you have your last meetings for the year please update your information on our website. Go to our website and follow the instructions. Download and update the excel file next to your club name, save it and send the updated version to gunnar.eisel@gmail.com.

Happy Holidays as we return to a more normal year in 2022.

Best regards, Judy Goodrode