



DESERT BREEZE

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

June 2022

Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society • In Person and Zoom Program Presentation • Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 7:00pm
Sky Islands Public High School, 6000 East 14th Street, Tucson, Arizona 85711

Art in the Garden

Presented by Margaret Joplin



First off...disclaimer: I am not an expert on Art in Gardens! I am a landscape architect and an art enthusiast who loves to combine these worlds.

In 1973 I left Oklahoma City to enter Prescott College at age 18. I loaded my VW and hit the road. After the first year, I felt directionless and did not want to return. I just wanted to stay in Prescott. The next good idea I came up with was

to enter Yavapai College part-time taking random art classes. My father told me to get a job if I was to stay.

I found a job at a new retail garden center, The Greenery Nursery. The owners were Ken Asplund and Ted Rose. I was their first employee starting as labor progressing to manager. Ken opened the world of plants to me; he was a natural teacher. Ted taught me the business end.

After 5 years at the nursery, I was 25 years old and questioned my direction. I wanted to stay in a plant field and found Landscape Architecture. For me, it had everything: design, plants, art, community, natural environments. In 1981, I moved to Tucson to enter the undergraduate program at the UA. I completed the 5-year program in 4 years with my random Yavapai College classes. I had the honor of 4 semesters with Warren Jones. I loved my studies. My senior project was "Urban Plazas in Arid Climates." I thought I would get my registration and then move to a large urban center, working in a large firm.

After graduation, I worked in land development firms to accrue work experience and take my registration exams. During that time, I attended a workshop presented by the Tucson/Pima Arts Council on Art in Transportation. Artist, Vicki Scuri, used tire treads in concrete form-liners to transform an unwanted new parking garage in a neighborhood and artist, Stan Edminster, transformed old bridges in Baltimore by painting them to match their context. That day changed my life, it was the moment I knew what I wanted to do: incorporate art into design. That was the beginning.

By 1990 I had my registration and established Design Collaborations. The name, Design Collaborations, was selected

to represent my core design philosophy. I believe that excellent design is produced through collaboration and participation, and I strive to carry that to all the different types of work I do. Over time there have been many iterations of my firm with public art always being a component.

In 2012, I got a public art project with cast glass, having never done it. That is when my husband, Michael, with glass experience, joined me to create this vision. It is now we/ours.

Today, Design Collaborations is an innovative design firm creating hand-made glass works, public art and landscape architecture located in Tucson, Arizona. I am so glad I never left! Please look at our website www.designcollaborations.com to see the range of our work.

With all that being said, my presentation explores: definitions of art and gardens; what came first: art or garden; how I got here; types of art in gardens, what I have seen, what I have learned and what I thought I understood, and finally my/our work.

I will bring a hanging piece of glass on 1/4" wire rope as a raffle gift.

If you have been fully vaccinated for Covid-19 you are welcome to come and join us for this excellent in person presentation (for your protection, 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 take place at the in person meeting but that portion of the program, because of the recording, will not appear on Zoom. When leaving the live in person meeting, everyone can get a free plant offered to you by the TCSS.

Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 7:00pm
All "Bugs" are not True Bugs
Presented by Bill Peachey

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



President's Message

Steve Watts, Rob Romero and I gave an hour long presentation to the Cactus and Succulent Society of America's Conservation Committee, about the 23 year old rescue program history and the procedures and special requirements for Queen of the Night rescue. The committee represented worldwide members concerned about

conservation issues. Several members were old friends of TCSS. There is considerable interest and respect for what we have accomplished. I was very happy with the interest expressed in how our process could be used in other states and countries. There is a tremendous need in the cactus and succulent world to save native plants.

Of course, in many areas the essentials of life are of greater importance than the plants we love. Laws and conventions make it difficult for us to help in the preservation of those plants especially in the face of so much land being cleared for agriculture.

We are grateful to David Yetman that we can help with a relatively small piece of property in southern Sonora which is a special site for a great population of Organ Pipe cacti. This

is really important to the indigenous people who live there as profits from our rescue program support the maintenance and protection of this special resource.

Unfortunately, no matter what we have accomplished, people are still stealing native cacti especially Saguaros for profit. Just this past week the authorities stopped a suspicious truck with two large Saguaros and found that the tags were outdated and wrong on these plants. The suspect was arrested and the plants were taken to the Pima County Native Plant Nursery. I hope they throw the book at him.

All of our 1750+ members need to be familiar with Arizona Native Plant Laws and be able to tell their friends and neighbors about the requirements.

I applaud our rescue crew coordinators for their steadfastness. They insure that all of our rescued plants are legally and appropriately tagged and those transported have the legally required paperwork. We never want to be in the position of being subject to a violation of the laws concerning cacti, succulents and other native plants.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dick Wiedhopf, President

Instructions To Join The TCSS Zoom Meeting on June 2, 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://tcss.wildapricot.org/resources/pdf_files/ZoomInstructions.pdf

You can also find a link to it by going to our March 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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Please Note

The City of Tucson has revised its mask mandate for city buildings. Starting Monday, March 7, masks will no longer be required to enter city facilities. However, leaders say masks are still encouraged when it's not possible to maintain a six-foot distance from others. According to the city, the change comes due to the declining number of cases and guidance from the Pima County Health Department. Let's incorporate this philosophy into all of our activities, meetings, sales, prickly park and rescues. "Masks are encourages especially when a six-foot distance is not possible to maintain"

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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

617 Rescues - 47,369 Volunteer Hours (updated 01-01-22)

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**. Attach a photo of the sign if you can. Note, we do not remove plants from residences.

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Tuesday, June 14, at 7:00pm

Teleconference Board Meeting



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