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Deadline for newsletter text or photos:
Thursday, November 24 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.

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

November, 2022

Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:00pm

By Bike & by Boot: Landscape Design Lessons

from Saguaro National Park

Presented by Scott Calhoun,
Zona Gardens - zonagardens.com

Tuesday, November 8, at 7:00pm

Teleconference Board Meeting



First Light



Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

November 2022

Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society • In Person and Zoom Program Presentation • Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 7:00pm

Sky Islands Public High School, 6000 East 14th Street, Tucson, Arizona 85711

By Bike & by Boot: Landscape Design Lessons from Saguaro National Park

Presented by Scott Calhoun, Zona Gardens - zonagardens.com



For over 25 years, desert
landscape designer and
author Scott Calhoun has
visited Saguaro National
Park at least once a week.
Calhoun has been in the
park in every season--after
monsoon storms when
grama grasses made the
landscape look like Ireland
with cactus—and during
winter storms when the
landscape was white and the
barrel cactus were capped
with snow. Even after all
these years circumnavigating
the same course, his

loops haven't become routine; the Park never fails to kindle
astonishment. Join Scott as he shares images and stories of
the plant combinations and lessons he has learned in the park.

Scott Calhoun loves wildflowers, spiny plants, tacos, and
rocks. He spends as much time as possible deep in the
Mexican backcountry searching for new plants and eating
local specialties. He has gardened in the American Southwest

for over 20 years and is the author and photographer of six
books about the region. Scott's work has been featured in
The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. He writes
a monthly column for Sunset magazine and freelances for
numerous publications. Scott runs Zona Gardens, a design
studio based in Tucson, Arizona. He designs, writes, and
lectures throughout the United States.

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 highly encouraged but not
required). 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, please enjoy excellent refreshments
provided by our member volunteers and also, everyone can
get a free plant offered to you by the TCSS.

TCSS Holiday Party
Sunday, December 11 2022
More information to follow
in the December Newsletter

Back to the Future

Your Board of Directors has authorized a return to regular
meeting activities. Masks and Social distancing are not
required but will be respected. Vaccinations and booster
shots will make it healthier for everyone.

The meeting agenda will change slightly. We will still need
set-up and take down of chairs and tables. Also members
can exchange plants prior to the start of the meeting on the
entrance patio

The Agenda • Welcome • Updates & Announcements
Program Speaker & Questions • Raffles and Door Prizes
Adjourn • Refreshments
Free plants as you leave.

We Ask That Members With Last Name F-J
Bring Food To Share



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



President’s Message

The election of President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer plus four (4) Board of Directors will be taking place this month. A nominations committee was elected to provide nominees for all of these positions. At the November meeting, nominations from the floor for any of these positions will be accepted with the express permission of the nominee. The nomination process will close and a ballot and bios of the nominee will be prepared for mailing in November. In this mailing will also be an invitation to the Holiday Party/Annual Meeting of the Corporation and information about your membership renewal. This will be your opportunity to correct or add information about your membership. The membership end date is clearly marked on the form. You can also request replacement badge(s).

This is also a great opportunity to support specific program of the Society with your end of the year donations. The Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society is designated as a 501(c)3, educational organization, where the full amount of your gift maybe tax-deductible. Our Tax ID# is: 86-0372531.

We are considering three new projects: A seed growing facility, Growing Saguaros for the future and creating a labyrinth in NW area at Pima Prickly Park. Stay tuned for details.

Elections are important! Please vote.

Thank you for your support,

Dick Wiedhopf, President

Instructions To Join The TCSS Zoom Meeting on November 3, 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 August Meeting notice information on the web.

K-12 Education Outreach

On October 29, we hosted a table at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum (SATM) during their Halloween event for hundreds of children. In addition to learning about cactus and succulent (and receiving Halloween treats), the kids created fun art projects.

November has us scheduled on the 18th at the Northwest campus of Pima Community College for the 2022 AZ STEM Adventure. This event is held annually for 4th – 8th graders. As of this date, over 700 students have registered.

The following day, we’ll be at the Presidio San Agustin for their Family Funday. There’s something for all generations at this educational and interesting event.

On November 29, we’ll participate in Erickson Elementary School’s Math and Science night. The students and teachers were so pleased with the event last year and are really excited about this year’s family night.

Be sure to mark Saturday, December 17 from 10-3 on your calendar, too, for the SATM’s Holiday Express celebration with Santa. Hundreds of Tucson’s children attend this annual event, and the TCSS will be there with interesting activities for them.

Contact education@tucsoncactus.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer at our events.

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.

Charlotte S Gemigniani
Nancy Mumpton



In November we are going southwest of town for the opportunity to see the special collections of two of our members. They are located near each other so we have put them on the same tour. We hope you’ll be able to take advantage of this chance to see the unique cactus and succulents that they have acquired and propagated.

This tour will be our last for 2022. If you are interested in having your personal Desert Garden on tour in 2023, please visit the

garden tour section of our website Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society - Pop-Up Garden Tours (wildapricot.org) and scroll down to find the application and contact information.

Many thanks to all of the generous members who shared their wonderful gardens this past year. We look forward to discovering more in the new year.



WILD BILL’S and PRICKLY PROSPECTS’ SPECIMEN TOUR
Saturday, November 12th - 9am-1pm

Head west out Ajo Way for a special tour of two unique properties. “Wild Bill” has spent 22 years collecting cacti and succulents. He enjoys displaying them both in- ground and in raised beds along with collections of garden art, artifacts, rocks and boulders. Of special interest is his collection of five boojums. He says his property reminds him of Southwest Indian ruins. “Wild Bill” and Odey will be happy to show you around.



(Wild Bill’s is just a bit south of Ajo and Sunset and Prickly Prospects is about 10 minutes further west off of Bopp Road)



PRICKLY PROSPECTS NURSERY

Michiel Pillet is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at The University of Arizona and a member of the IUCN Species Survival Commission Cactus and Succulent Plants Specialist Group. Dedicated to cactus conservation, he studies the impact of climate change on cacti. He became interested in cacti as a teenager growing up in Belgium, where he had a small cactus collection. When Michiel moved to Tucson in 2016, this quickly got out of hand.



Huernia 'Spiny Norman'

Last year, he opened a conservation-focused cactus nursery, Prickly Prospects, which focuses on ethical propagation of the most endangered species. He is involved in conservation projects with botanical gardens across the world. He believes strongly in the importance of holistic conservation management including both research in the field, as well as safe-guarding the future of cacti by cultivating them. Michiel is opening his greenhouse on this tour for your opportunity to see his vast collection of special propagated plants.

A true collectors’ paradise. Many will be for sale.



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