



Desert Breeze

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

April 2023

Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society • In Person and Zoom Program Presentation • Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 7:00pm
Sky Islands Public High School, 6000 East 14th Street, Tucson, Arizona 85711
Digital Cactus and Succulent Photography 2023

Presented by Irwin Lightstone
 Vice President, Cactus and Succulent Society of America



Cereus peruvianus Monstrose

Whether it's by cellphone or a more traditional camera, we take pictures of the plants we love. In his program, Irwin provides tips on how to create images with greater visual impact and personal meaning. At the same time, he will discuss how photography can reinforce the joy, wonder, and appreciation we experience with our hobby.

Pursuing his passion over his profession, Irwin closed his law practice of 29 years to become a full-time photographer. From 2010 through 2013, he was a staff photographer, then head of the photography department of the Wilson History and Research Center in Little Rock Arkansas. Since that time, he has pursued his artistic vision. Specializing in highly detailed, artistic images of cacti and succulents, Irwin's images are widely published and collected. Publications that featured his work include the Cactus and Succulent Journal, Hasseltonia, Sansevieria, To The Point, CactusWorld, and several National Geographic publications. In addition to private workshops and numerous programs for plant societies and photography clubs throughout the country, he's led workshops and programs sponsored by the Dallas Museum of Art, the International Photography Hall of Fame, The Huntington, the North America Association of Nature Photography, and the CSSA. Irwin is the longtime President of the North Texas Cactus and Succulent Society. He is Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. Irwin lives in Dallas with his wife (Robin), one cat, two cars and more than a few plants.

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 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,



Agave potatorum variegata 'Kissho Kan'



Echeveria 'Perle von Nurnberg'
from slabs

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. Excellent 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 great refreshments provided by our member volunteers and also, everyone can get a special free plant offered to you by the TCSS.

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Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 7:00pm
On Growth and Form: ecology and evolution
of columnar cactus
Presented by Alberto Búrquez
Universitat Nacional Autonoma de Mexico



Taciveria 'Tasha'



Euphorbia millotii



Euphorbia millotii



President's Message

I have received a number of reports that there is a criminal element engaged in the theft of cacti and other succulent plants in the Tucson area. Several plants have been reported missing from Pima Prickly Park, members' homes and many neighborhoods with older established specimens.

Some of these plants (cereus for example) have their arms cut off and others are just pulled out of the ground. These are offered for sale especially on line. This is a minor crime facing the community when compared to other issues that law enforcement officers are engaged in. We must take action.

There are several important ways in which we can help. DO NOT PURCHASE CACTI OR SUCCULENT PLANTS FROM UNKNOWN SOURCES. We are fortunate that most local

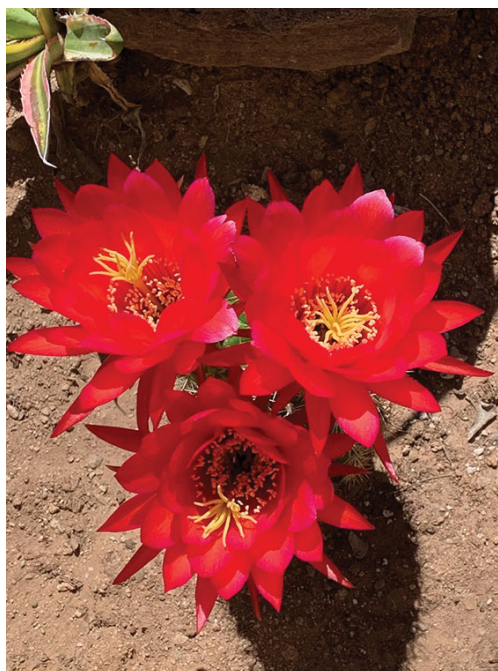
sellers of cacti and succulents are members in good standing of TCSS. They are the best source of plants. If the price is too cheap, be suspicious! If the plant is unrooted or the roots are damaged, be concerned about the source.


We need to be wary of plants sold locally over the internet. We need to encourage friends and neighbors to purchase plants from recognized local growers and sellers. Notify collectors in other communities of this issue. Our Earth Day Sale will afford everyone locally an opportunity to meet and purchase quality plants. I hope to see you there.

We welcome spring and a new growing season.

Enjoy the holidays (Easter and Passover) with family and friends.

Dick Wiedhopf, President





Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

Earth Day Sale

Saturday April 22nd

8:00 - 2:00 PM

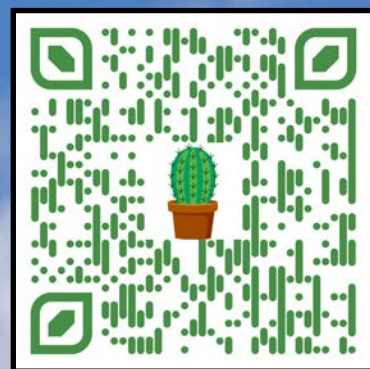
4342 N 4th Ave

(our Amphi sales site)

Open to everyone!

- **20+ Vendors**
(Cactus, pottery, and plant-related items)
- **Rescued cactus/hoop-house plants**
- **Demonstration Workshops**
- **Food Trucks**
and so much more!

**FOR LIST OF VENDORS
AND WORKSHOPS
SCAN FOR MORE INFO ->
OR SEE OUR WEBSITE
TUCSONCACTUS.ORG**



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.

Norm & Linda Dennis
El Jardin Garden Club
Robert Austin
Michael Ruff
Rachel Loubeau
Kate Scott
Jamaica Delmar
Jane & John Russ

Death Notices

Cheryl W. Green, Life member and author of
*Pricklypears: Commonly Found in the United States
and Northern Mexico* has passed away. Our sincere
condolences to her family and friends.

Patricia (Patsy) Hewitt Waterfall passed away March
16, 2023. She was a longtime member and supporter
of TCSS and an award winning landscape architect.
We send our sincere condolences to her family and
friends. The family will celebrate Patsy's life at the
Tucson Botanical Gardens on Sunday, April 16 from
4 to 6pm. All who loved and admired her are welcome
to attend. RSVP to waterfallkanter@gmail.com.

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March science fair at Reid Park



Instructions To Join The TCSS Zoom Meeting on April 6, 2023

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.

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Deadline for newsletter text or photos:
Thursday, April 27 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.**

130,655

Cacti Rescued - Since 1999

669 Rescues - 49,623 Volunteer Hours (updated 01-01-23)

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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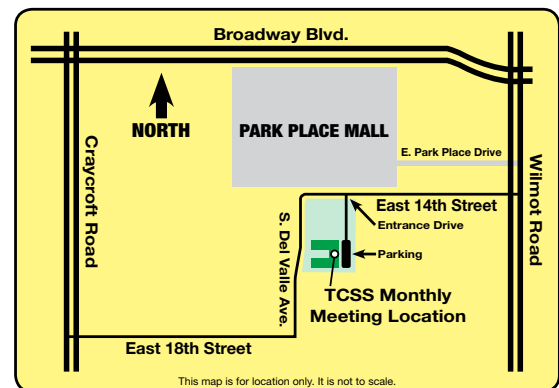
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Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00pm

Teleconference Board Meeting



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TCSS MEETING REFRESHMENTS



Please share and socialize with your fellow members at our monthly
meetings by bringing some type of finger food
for the refreshment table.

For the **APRIL MEETING** we are asking members whose
last names begin with **F through N**
to bring something that would serve 10-12 people.