



# Desert Breeze

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

June 2023

Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society • In Person and Zoom Program Presentation • Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 7:00pm  
**Sky Islands Public High School, 6000 East 14th Street, Tucson, Arizona 85711**

## Landscaping with Large Succulents

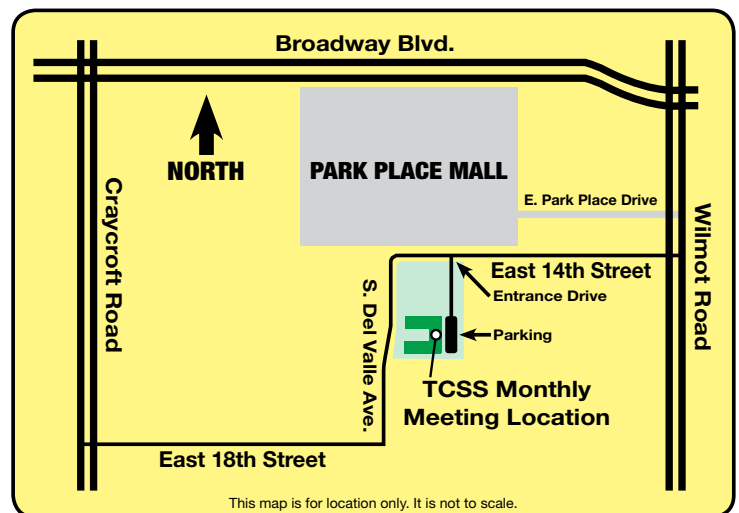
Presented by Jan Emming

Jan's program will feature his experiences with growing ocotillos and other desert adaptive plants. He will also feature the rescue and replanting of yuccas and cacti in some rather hostile areas.

Jan Emming has been a member of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society for 23 years, joining shortly after he moved to Arizona in 1999. That was the year he purchased a large, off-grid 40 acre parcel of land in the scenic and biologically diverse Hualapai Mountains south of Kingman, Arizona, where the Sonoran Desert merges with the Mojave Desert. This ecological conjunction on bringing together both saguaro cacti and Joshua trees, alongside a whole range of other species. Since then he's been working on accumulating a large horticultural collection of plants grown outdoors in the ground, mainly succulents but also other xerically-adapted trees, shrubs, and bulbs. Desert Sense Nursery at Destination: Forever Ranch and Gardens offers tours and plant sales by appointment. Jan assures people that the detour off of the main roads is worthwhile if they happen to be in the area!



If you have been fully vaccinated for Covid-19 you are welcome to come and join us for this excellent in person presentation (masks are 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. 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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## 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 **June MEETING** we are asking members whose last names begin with **A through L** to bring something that would serve 10-12 people.

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**Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 7:00pm**  
**Program Title to Come**  
**Presented by Michiel Pillet**

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### President's Message

May has been a wonderful blooming month for all of us. I am sure that the warm winter and rains have contributed to this spectacular event. As we know, June is hot and dry so we better be prepared to provide more care to our plants. I have seen so many fantastic cactus boom photos on our facebook pages and really appreciate all of you that have contributed pictures.

I know many of you will be leaving for the summer or are going on extensive vacations so be safe and we will see you in the fall at our Good Time Silent Auction on September 23, 2023. If you're staying the course and hope you will join us for a possible Saguaro Harvest event on June 24 at Pima Prickly Park. Plans are tentative but we would like to give you an opportunity to harvest a few ripe fruit and then learn about the process of extracting the juice, collecting seeds and turning the juice into syrup. Watch your emails for more information.

August is the time when our local barrel, *Ferocactus wislizenii* is in bloom. We hope to have our annual Blooming Barrels Sale. Of course, it depends on rescues and other available plant material.

Do you have 2 hours a week that you could do watering at Pima Prickly Park? That's all we need is 20 to 30 members who are willing to insure the survival of the 1,000s of plants at the Park. Volunteer at [park@tucsoncactus.org](mailto:park@tucsoncactus.org). We will set you up with an area, times and access to hoses and water. It can't be easier than that.

We support and fund an intern program with the Pima County Native Plant Nursery. There are two interns this summer who spend 8 (20 hour) weeks with the nursery and the park. They spend 4 hours with us on Thursdays. Stop by and say hello to Kaylee and Joseph. This is the 5th year of our program and it's been a huge success.

Thank you for your support.

Dick Wiedhopf, President

## Instructions To Join The TCSS Zoom Meeting on June 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

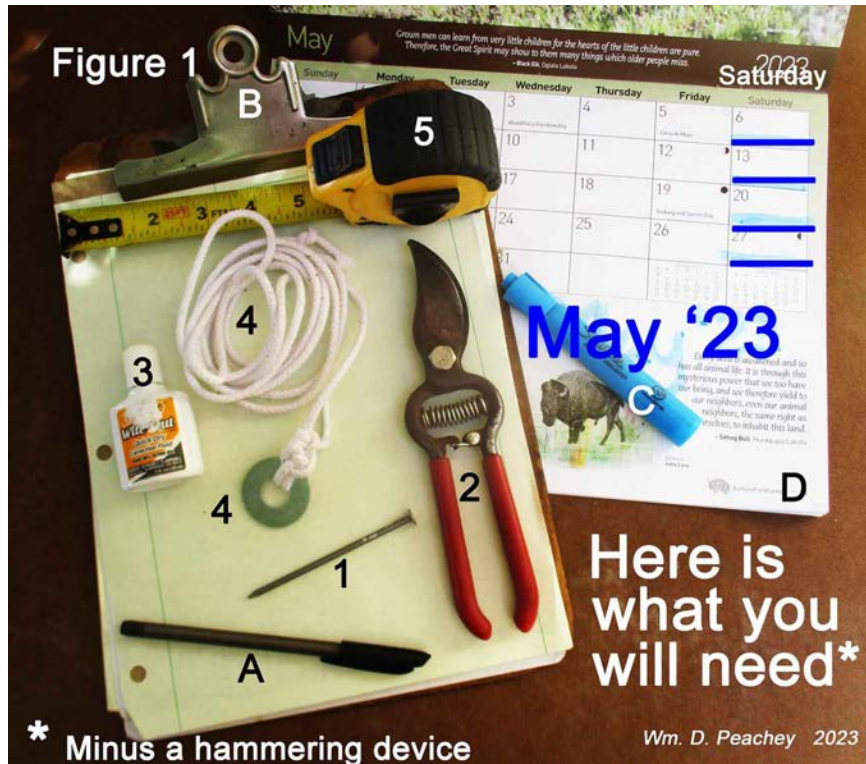
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You can also find a link to it by going to our August Meeting notice information on the web.



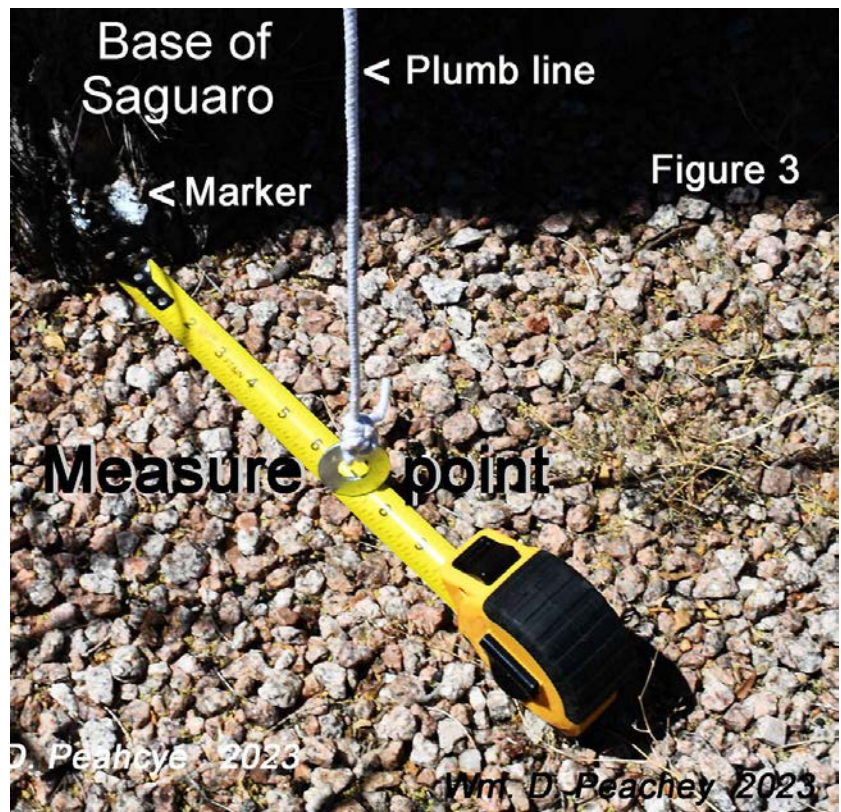
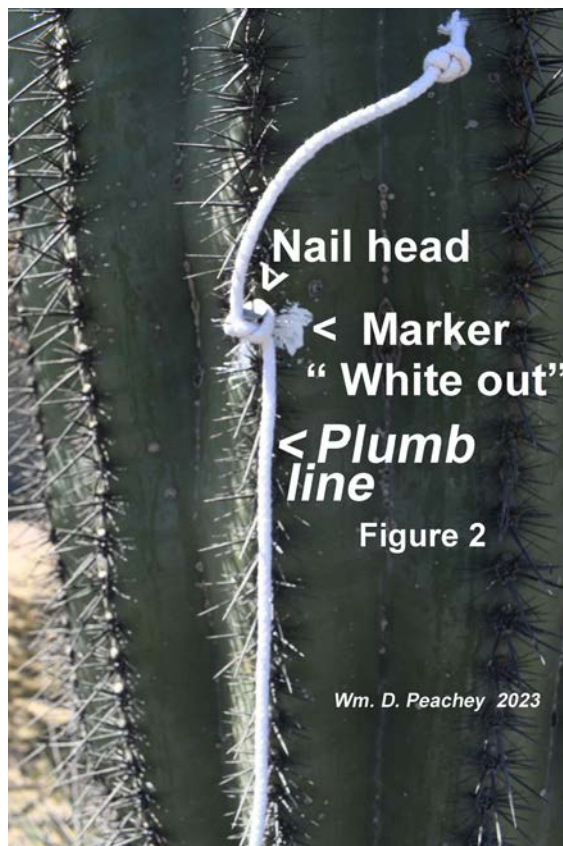


**Saguarodero Bill says:  
“Monitor your Leaning Saguaro!”  
.....and, HERE is how to do it!**



- 1 an, at least, 3 inch-long, headed, nail
- 2 garden clippers
- 3 “White out”/ liquid paper/ correction fluid
- 4 an approx. 7 foot line tied onto a “weighty” pointer
- 5 a tape measure

- A a writing instrument
- B a record of measurements & their dates
- C a bright-colored marker-pen
- D a calendar



Sorry about the GLOOMY ending BUT, there is no way to “sugar-coat” leaning saguaros & how they are going to end up!!!



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**Deadline for newsletter text or photos:**

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

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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

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

**Please see our under Activities 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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Teleconference Board Meeting

## 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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