

Sonoran Conference



Since 1996, every even numbered year, we have held a two-day event called the Sonoran Conference. It has a huge plant (including some native rescued cactus), cactus and succulent books, art and pottery sale. We also put on the best plant show in Southern Arizona, featuring only cacti and succulents from our private member collections. We also have a great silent auction, be the last bidder on a plant and you will get a great deal. All of this is Open to the Public at no charge.

Every odd numbered year we organize a Spring Expo Event in April. Watch the calendar for more information.

The next Sonoran Conference is Sonoran X in April 2014 most likely at the Tucson City Center Inn Suites Hotel again.

The Sonoran IX Conference is over and it was a great success! Below is the information of this past Conference.

See pages below for Event details...



To the Membership

Since 1996, every even numbered year the Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society holds a two-day event called the Sonoran Conference. This was established to thank TCSS members for their super effort to make the 1995 CSSA Convention the largest and most innovative gathering ever. Seventeen years later we are still saying "thank you" to all the members of the society for all that you do.

Sonoran IX is a plant, book art and pottery sale. It is a paid registration conference with speakers and workshops. It is the best plant show in Southern Arizona, featuring only cacti and succulents. It is a great silent auction. It is a special dinner and speaker and lunches and speakers. It is an opportunity for all of us to gather on a week-end and celebrate our efforts, hard work, friendship and our special interests in cacti and other succulent plants.

The Sonoran IX committees have put together a wonderful opportunity to learn and enjoy and to show the general public the wonders of our hobby.

There are several ways you can take part in this weekend activity. Enclosed there is a full registration form so that for one price you can hear 5 great speakers, pick 4 workshops of your choice, 2 wonderful lunches and a special dinner and speaker plus the sales, silent auction and plant show.

You can also pick and choose a few of the activities by using the form for individual meals and workshops.

The Saturday, April 28 dinner is a special feature of the conference. Dinner cost is substantially reduced from the real price of over \$25.00 to \$10.00 for TCSS members only. This is our thank you for all that you do. Remember there is limited seating so return your reservation early. Since this is a plated dinner we must have your choice for entrees.

You are also welcome to just come and enjoy (bring your friends and neighbors) all the public activities which include all sales, plant show and displays and silent auction.

The rules for the plant show are enclosed and hope that you will bring at least one of your favorite plants to share with members and the public. Every plant is special and everyone enjoys voting for their favorite plants.

We always need volunteer help for this conference to set-up and tear down and help out. Please sign up on the web or at the April meeting.

Thank you for your support.

Sonoran IX Committee

Sonoran IX Guest Speaker Information

Sonoran IX Update 4-19-12

Peter Felker - "Opuntia Hybridization and Selection for Choice Fruit Production"

Utilizing the rich genetic diversity and high water use efficiency in Opuntia to create cold-hardy, spineless forage varieties and improved fruit varieties through hybridization. Peter Felker and Ronald Bunch, D'Arrigo Bros. Peter worked along with Ronald Bunch in their search for Opuntia fruit varieties that have excellent qualities for fruit production. For more than 10 years they worked with many plants to come up with those that would produce an excellent, choice, sweet and firm fruit. They arrived with 4 superior selections.

Peter received his B.S. in Agricultural Science at the Univ. Illinois, Urbana and his M.S. at Michigan State University. Ph.D. 1976. His Thesis title was: "Potential utilization of leguminous trees for minimal energy input agriculture and amino acid analysis by gas-liquid chromatography". Post-doctoral, Department of Soil and Environmental Sciences Univ. of California, Riverside.

Peter has an impressive professional history; Assistant Research Scientist, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas A&I University, Kingsville, TX. Research Scientist and Project Leader "Center for Semi-Arid Forest Resources" TAMUK. Responsibilities include economic development of mesquite lumber, flooring, BBQ, cactus for fruits, vegetables and forage through marketing, and working with farm groups. Asesor, Secretary de Produccion y Medio Ambiente, Provincia de Santiago del Estero, Argentina. Senior Research Scientist, Catholic University of Santiago del Estero. Research Scientist, D'Arrigo Bros, Salinas California. Responsible for research on Opuntia, Brassica rapa and Foeniculum vulgare. Partner: Casa de Mesquite (www.casademesquite.com). Production and importation of USDA Organic, Kosher Gluten free "Mesquite flour" from Argentina and Peru. Peter also provided on-site assistance in agroforestry to: Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Venezuela, Haiti, Senegal, Sudan, Kenya, South Africa, Yemen, Pakistan and India for U.S. National Academy of Sciences, U.S. AID, Ford Foundation, Nitrogen Fixing Tree Association, Winrock International, Organization of American States, UNDP, Office of Technology Assessment (U.S. Congress) and Governments of Brazil, Argentina, and Chile

Dave Ferguson - "Prickly Pears Commonly Found in the United States and Northern Mexico"

The title of the program is the focus of the new book release by Cheryl Green and David Ferguson. This conference will feature the first presentation and of this excellent book on the Opuntia.

Dave is Curator at the Rio Grande Botanic Garden in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and (among other things) he is largely the one responsible for all the "wild and woolly" native style landscapes at the garden, which include most of the cacti and succulents, as well as other southwestern native plants and has been at the garden since 1995. He also worked at Mesa Gardens with Steve Brack for almost 12 years, and worked for the USDA, APHIS in Denver before that.

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Jon Rebman - "The Diversity of Baja California with an Emphasis on the Opuntioids"

After many years exploring and identifying the diversity of plant species in Baja California, Jon has identified many of the cacti and other succulents and also will emphasize the opuntioids present in that region. Jon has recently published his new edition of the "Baja California Plant Field Guide" and it will be available at the conference.

Jon Rebman is the Curator of Botany at the San Diego Natural History Museum. He received his Ph.D. from Arizona State University researching on the systematics of the chollas of Baja California. His work with the Opuntioideae, is still a primary focus. Jon has been very active in examining the biodiversity of the flora of Baja California and developing a checklist of the plants of the peninsula and neighboring islands. He is also the lead botanist on the San Diego County Plant Atlas Project. San Diego County is the most botanically diverse county in the contiguous United States and it has been identified as an international 'hotspot' of biodiversity. "This project seeks to inventory the plants of San Diego County. The natural world that I seek out in the desert regions of Baja California and southern California provides me with scientific adventure, excitement towards botany, respect for nature, and overall feelings of peace and purpose."

Raul Puente - "Spiny Giants: Arborescent Prickly Pears of Mexico and Guatemala"

This program will show some of the tallest prickly pears in Mexico and Guatemala with a discussion on the distribution, evolution, environmental adaptation and uses. Although not as big and massive as some of the famous Galapagos prickly pears, you can find some arborescent species of prickly pears inhabiting arid, tropical deciduous forest and even tropical rainforest, were they are an important element in the ecology of this habitats as well as having economic importance. We will also review some landscape uses and notes on cultivation.

Curator of Living Collections and Research Botanist at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, Arizona. Raul Puente-Martinez divides his time at the Desert Botanical Garden as the Curator of Living Collections and as a Research Botanist.

Sonoran IX Guest Speaker Information *(Continued)*

He is responsible for curatorial aspects such as plant acquisition, maintaining the database and mapping of the Garden's Living Collection. His main research interest is the systematics of the genus *Opuntia* (prickly pears) in northern Mexico, particularly in the states of San Luis Potosi, Coahuila and Sonora. He is also working on a taxonomic revision of the genus *Nopalea*, a unique group of tropical prickly pears from Mexico and Central America which are pollinated by hummingbirds. Raul's studies are based on fieldwork as well as morphology, chromosome numbers and pollen morphology, among other techniques. As a collaborator for the Vascular Plants of Arizona project, he has written various family treatments as well as produced a number of plant illustrations.

Lucas Majure - "The Opuntias in the Eastern United States"

Lucas will display some of his work on a monograph for the group of *Opuntias* in the eastern United States. This program will certainly talk about those taxa from the eastern US and would also cover a bit about the phylogeny and what we have discovered through our work regarding biogeographic patterns, hybridization, and polyploid formation.

Lucas received a MS degree in 2007 under the direction of Gary N. Ervin at Mississippi State University, where he studied the ecology, physiology, and systematics of an interesting group of stem succulents, the *Opuntias* (i.e., prickly pear cacti or *nopales*). Lucas started work at the University of Florida with Doug and Pam Soltis and Walter Judd in fall of 2007 where he chose to work out the evolutionary relationships of *Opuntia* s.s. and the systematics of a small subclade of the group. He has also taken the opportunity to enjoy the "wilds" of beautiful Florida. Lucas is also interested in floristics, phytogeography, and plant conservation, which all go hand-in-hand. He has worked mainly in the southeastern United States documenting plants in local areas, which have been poorly studied historically. Understanding the current distributions of taxa and assemblages of taxa is key in illuminating regional and thus global biodiversity. Floristic research also allows for the discovery of new species, even in well-studied areas such as the United States, and for the understanding of changes in local biodiversity in response to climate change and anthropogenic disturbance, forces which are influential in virtually all ecosystems. Plant communities are constantly evolving in response to these pressures, so floristics research is a great way to document such changes, especially when coupled with fossil evidence (e.g., regional fossil floras).

Sonoran IX Workshop Leader Information

The workshops may feature slide presentations, demonstrations, hands on participation and plants or other materials to help give everyone excellent detailed information. The title of each program really does reflect what you should expect from this exceptional list of the best professionals for Sonoran IX. We truly hope you will also receive a wealth of knowledge by your participation in the workshop experience.

Scott Calhoun - "Cactus and Succulent Garden Design and Implimentation"

Calhoun's passion for including cactus in home landscapes resulted in his latest book, *The Gardener's Guide to Cactus: The 100 Best Paddles, Barrels, Columns, and Globes*.

Scott Calhoun is the author of six gardening books that address the unique aspects of gardening in the arid Southwest. His first book, *Yard Full of Sun*, was awarded the 2006 American Horticultural Society Book Award; his second title, *Chasing Wildflowers*, won the Garden Writers Association 2008 Silver Book Award. Scott writes a monthly garden column for *Sunset* magazine and has written for nearly every national gardening magazine. He runs *Zona Gardens*, a design studio, writes, lectures across the United States. When he is at home, he can be found working in his garden, hiking, or reading a good book. Find out more about Scott at www.zonagardens.com.

Norm Dennis - "Cactus and Succulent Seed Planting Techniques"

Growing up in Southern California before the deserts were changed into the present landscape, Norm Dennis has been interested in cacti for over 50 years, having started off as a young boy in Southern California collecting and growing cacti. After majoring in Botany at Humboldt State University he served in the Air Force, and then entered teaching as a career. Upon retiring as a Biology teacher, he and his wife moved to Cactus Heaven, aka Tucson, Arizona. In the past few years, he has built a collection of cacti in both pots and in the landscape. Norm currently works part time in one of the local cactus and succulent nurseries as his retirement job, and grows cacti from seed to supplement his collection.

During the course of his thirty year teaching career, he often used *Lithops* as research subjects for high school students. He has a collection of several hundred plants, combining his interest in cacti with his skills in digital photography. Norm says that living in Tucson has been a great boon to growing cacti. The climate is wonderful, there are top notch commercial nurseries, and the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society offers opportunities to learn and share with other cactophiles. In addition to growing cacti and succulents, Norm has an interest in gathering seed from native plants and growing them on to shrubs and trees in order to increase the availability of more appropriate woody plants for our desert landscapes.

Sonoran IX Workshop Leader Information (Continued)

Mark Dimmitt - "Growing Non-Cactaceous Succulents: Potting, Watering, Feeding, Pruning, and Reviving"

Mark Dimmitt, Ph.D. formally majored in zoology throughout his college career, but also studied botany and ecology extensively. After earning his Ph.D. in Biology from the University of California at Riverside, he spent four years as a vertebrate ecologist in the California Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management. He moved to Tucson in 1979 to become Curator of Botany at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and in 1997 he became the Director of Natural History. This position allowed him to conduct field research and share oversight of the scientific aspects of the museum's operations. Mark has published numerous popular articles on horticulture and several articles on desert ecology (he is an avid plant hybridizer). He is also the creator of the 'Desert Museum' hybrid palo verde. He is well known for his hybrids, especially his study of the adenium and various cacti. In 1999, he received the Friend Award from The Cactus and Succulent Society of America for his outstanding accomplishments with cacti and succulents. He has also co-authored a special Adenium book, "Adenium: Sculptural Elegance, Floral Extravagance".

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Jim Hastings - "Cooking with the Natives (plants), These are Not Your Mama's Nopalitos"

Jim Hastings - "The Gringo Gourmet" is a two term past president of the CSSA Affiliate, El Paso Cactus and Rock Club and currently is serving a second term on the board of the El Paso Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico. He is retired from the position of Associate Director of the Office of Border Health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso.

Growing up, he learned to eat nopales (prickly pear cactus) one or twice a year as part of a Lenten menu in El Paso restaurants. After discovering a prickly pear cookbook in a gift shop, he had a cactus epiphany and decided that there were many things that could be done with nopales in non-traditional ways. Jim prepares Gringo Gourmet appetizers, entrees and a variety of side dishes using nopales for the Cactus and Rock Club, Native Plant Society, TransPecos Master Naturalists and other organizations annually. A hobby chef, he also does vegetable cooking demos for the El Paso Master Gardeners at the Ardovino's Farmers Market in the summer. He studies cooking with a private chef. "I like to eat, therefore, I like to cook," says Jim. "Native people knew a good thing and now we're learning to appreciate this desert specialty in new ways."

Gene Joseph - "Rocks, Pots and Plants; Decoratively Potted Succulents and Cacti"

Gene has a degree in Plant Sciences from the University of Arizona and graduated in 1985. He was plant propagator at the Desert Museum, where he focused his energies on Sonoran Desert plants. Gene says "I knew where I was by what I was growing and if it was Sonoran, I was at work." "If it was not, I was at home." Gene's collection at home forced him to quit the Desert Museum and move to Jane's flower shop where he continued to maintain his collection under the guise of being in business.

Today Gene Joseph and Jane Evans own Living Stones Nursery & Plants for the Southwest, located at 50 E. Blacklidge, Tucson, Arizona 85705. They specialize in succulent plants and cacti from around the world, but also grow some of the interesting and uncommon desert shrubs, wildflowers and trees, mainly from our region here in the southwest.

Sonoran IX Workshop Leader Information *(Continued)*

Barry McCormick - "Finding the Greenhouse in Your Yard"

Barry McCormick has been a member of TCSS for about ten years, and has seen it grow from a small group just beginning to outgrow the Botanical Garden to the present 1000 person organization. He served on the Board for two terms and, as editor of the newsletter for that time, has seen the newsletter evolve from a two-sided legal page to a substantial volume. His ideas have been instrumental in the creation of the spring Expo, the traveling lending library, and improvements in the setup and display of our plant shows. He has often participated in Cactus Rescues and other group functions. Barry is an avid greenhouse fan and has grown orchids, cactus and other succulents and much more at his home in Tucson.

Greg Starr - "Growing Agaves in Containers"

Greg's new book "Agaves: Living Sculptures for Landscapes and Containers", will be on sale at this conference. There will be a very limited number of copies available but you will get to see and review this excellent publication during the conference.

Greg graduated from the University of Arizona in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture. After working in the landscape industry he went back to the University to study Botany and further his education in horticulture. Greg worked for Warren Jones (co-author of *Plants for Dry Climates* and *Landscape Plants for Dry Regions*) and Dr. Charles Mason at the University of Arizona herbarium. Greg made his first foray into the world of collecting in 1979 when he traveled with Warren and Bill Kinneson to Texas. He emerged from the University in 1985 with a Master of Science in Horticulture with a special emphasis on botanical horticulture. He opened Starr Nursery in the summer of 1985, and has specialized in low water use plants for landscaping in southern Arizona. Greg has made many botanical forays to Mexico in order to study the plants for their potential landscape use throughout the southwestern United States. He has also traveled to South Africa in search of potential landscape plants for southern Arizona. Greg has written several horticultural articles for the journal *Desert Plants*. Topics have covered various groups of plants as well as botanizing in South Africa. He has also described a new species of Agave, a subspecies and two new species of *Hesperaloe*, and revised the genus *Hesperaloe* in a monograph published in the journal *Madroño*.

Greg spends most of his days tending to Starr Nursery, specializing in Agaves and related plants as well as other succulents and new introductions of perennials, flowering shrubs, and small trees from arid and semi-arid regions around the world. He and his four legged pal Nikki spend many hours in the nursery potting up Agaves and other cool plants, chasing rabbits, and napping on the soil pile. He is also teaching the Plant Materials classes at The Art Center Design College in Tucson for their brand spanking new program of Landscape Architecture.

Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society

Sonoran IX Conference

April 28 & 29, 2012

This Form is for a Full Registration Only

Use other Form(s) to select only individual workshops and meals

Name(s): _____ / _____
Address _____ Date: _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____ / _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____ / _____ / _____

You must select Workshops and Dinner choices on the back of this form

Full Registration fee includes 4 workshops, all speaker events, Saturday dinner, Saturday and Sunday lunch, on-site plant show and sale, art, book sales, silent auction and more.

TCSS Members \$120.00/person \$ _____

CSSA or Affiliate Cactus Society Member \$140 \$ _____

Other: \$150.00 \$ _____

Purchase additional guest meal tickets which include speaker:

Saturday, April 28, Guest Lunch ticket @ \$15.00 each # _____ \$ _____

Saturday Evening Guest Dinner ticket TCSS member @ \$10.00 each # _____ \$ _____

Saturday Evening Guest Dinner ticket non TCSS member @ \$25.00 each # _____ \$ _____

Sunday, April 29 Guest Lunch ticket @ \$15.00 each # _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Payments can be made by **Visa** or **MasterCard** if you include your credit card info below or check to **TCSS**. You can also Register and Pay online at tucsoncactus.org using **PayPal, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express Credit Cards**. **PLEASE RETURN ENTIRE FORM** addressed to:

Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society, PO Box 64759, Tucson, AZ 85728-4759.

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Hotel Room Reservations

Hotel Tucson City Center Conference Suite Resort

475 N. Granada Ave.

Tucson, Arizona 85701

520-622-3000 Fax 520-623-8922

www.innsuites.com

Make your room reservation **directly with the Hotel**. Rooms w/1 King or with/2beds \$69.00, suites add10.00 and Jacuzzi add \$20.00 plus taxes. Please indicate that the reservations are for the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society, Sonoran IX Conference.

Sonoran IX Workshops

Circle choice in session column

Date	Time	SESSION	ROOMS	NAME	TITLE
04/28/12	10:45AM-12:15PM	1	Buckley	Mark Dimmitt	Growing Non-Cactaceous Succulents: Potting, Watering, Feeding, Pruning, and Reviving.
04/28/12	10:45AM-12:15PM	1	El Conquistador	Barry McCormick	Finding the Greenhouse in Your Yard
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04/28/12	10:45AM-12:15PM	1	St. Augustine	Greg Starr	Growing Agaves in Containers
04/28/12	2:30-4:00PM	2	Buckley	Jim Hastings	Cooking With the Natives (plants): Great Nopalito Cooking Techniques
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04/29/12	10:20-11:50AM	3	Buckley	Jim Hastings	Cooking With the Natives (plants): Great Nopalito Cooking Techniques
04/29/12	10:20-11:50AM	3	El Dorado	Norm Dennis	Cactus and Succulent Seed Planting Techniques
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04/29/12	12:00-1:30PM	4	Buckley	Mark Dimmitt	Growing Non-Cactaceous Succulents: Potting, Watering, Feeding, Pruning, and Reviving.
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Dinner Choices

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Hunters Style Flank Steak; Marinated choice flank steak grilled to perfection and served with a rich Hunters sauce. (Hunters sauce; fresh tomatoes, mushrooms, onion, garlic, herbs, reduced red wine and a rich brown sauce).

Southwest Chicken; Chicken breast floured and seared with southwest spices, topped with sautéed peppers, onions and garlic. Served with cilantro lime sauce. (can be made gluten free)

Pasta Primavera; Fresh vegetables sautéed with herbs, garlic, olive oil and white wine, tossed with penne pasta and parmesan cheese. (vegetarian)

Saturday Lunch is a deli buffet

Sunday Lunch is a Mexican food buffet

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Sonoran IX Conference Event Schedule

April 27, 28 & 29, 2012

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Day and Time	Event	Location
Friday, April 27		
8:00 am to 8:00 pm	Set-up Registration	Front Lobby
	Set-up All Signage	All Areas
	Set-up Book Sales, Art Sales, Art displays	Gold Room
	Set-up Plant and Pottery Sales	Outdoor Sales Area
	Set-up Plant Show	Silver Room
	Set-up Speakers and Meals	Copper Room
	Set-up Silent Auction and Plant Raffle	Front Lobby
	Set-up Workshops	Assigned Rooms*
	Set-up Displays	Silver Room
6:00 PM	Dinner for Volunteers	Hospitality Room
Saturday, April 28		
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration	Front Lobby
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Books, Plants, Pottery and All Other Sales	Gold Room and Outdoor Sales Area
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Plant Show	Silver Room
8:00 am - 5:45 pm	Silent Auction Bidding	Front Lobby
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Guest Speaker - Lucas Majure - "The Opuntias in the Eastern United States"	Copper Room
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Workshops Session 1	Assigned Rooms*
12:15 pm - 2:15 pm	Lunch and Guest Speaker - Cheryl Green & David Ferguson - "Pricklypears Commonly Found in the United States and Northern Mexico"	Copper Room
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Workshops Session 2	Assigned Rooms*
5:45 pm	Silent Auction Ends - Bid winners plant collection 5:45 to 6:15 PM	Front Lobby
6:15 pm - 9:00 pm	Dinner and Guest Speaker - Jon Rebman - "The Diversity of Baja California with an Emphasis on the Opuntoids"	Copper Room
Sunday, April 29		
8:00 am - 12:00 noon	Registration	Front Lobby
8:00 am - 1:30 pm	Books, Plants, Pottery and All Other Sales	Gold Room and Outdoor Sales Area
8:00 am - 3:30 pm	Plant Show	Silver Room
9:00 am - 10:15 am	Guest Speaker - Peter Felker - "Opuntia Hybridization and Selection for Choice Fruit Production"	Copper Room
10:20 am - 11:50 am	Workshops Session 3	Assigned Rooms*
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Workshops Session 4	Assigned Rooms*
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Lunch and Guest Speaker - Raul Puente - "Spiny Giants: Arborescent Prickly Pears of Mexico and Guatemala"	Copper Room
3:30 PM	All Conference Events End	All Areas

*Assigned Workshop Rooms: Buckley, El Conquistador, El Dorado, MacArthur and St Augustine

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Use other Form to select Full Registration

A limited number of Single workshop tickets are available for purchase at \$15.00 each on a first come first served basis. Tickets for "Lunch and a Speaker" are available both days at \$15.00 each. All meal seating is limited to 200.

DATE _____	#	Total Amount
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Additional registration forms and information is available on our web site at: www.Tucsoncactus.org
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Dinner Choices

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Hunters Style Flank Steak; Marinated choice flank steak grilled to perfection and served with a rich Hunters sauce. (Hunters sauce; fresh tomatoes, mushrooms, onion, garlic, herbs, reduced red wine and a rich brown sauce).

Southwest Chicken; Chicken breast floured and seared with southwest spices, topped with sautéed peppers, onions and garlic. Served with cilantro lime sauce. (can be made gluten free)

Pasta Primavera; Fresh vegetables sautéed with herbs, garlic, olive oil and white wine, tossed with penne pasta and parmesan cheese. (vegetarian)

Saturday Lunch is a deli buffet

Sunday Lunch is a Mexican food buffet

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Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society Plant Show

Plant Show Information:

The Plant Show Committee will be accepting plants Friday, April 27 from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Show Rules:

1. You must own the plant for at least six months before the show date.
2. Plants purchased from nurseries, propagated from seed or cuttings and *Legally* collected in the wild may be entered.
3. Basically, the entry should look attractive.
4. There is no limit as to the size of the plant.
5. You may bring as many plants as you wish.
6. It would be helpful if you would email or send your proposed list of show plants to:
Barry McCormick (Jbarrymcc@earthlink.net)
4045 CAMINO DE LUPO
TUCSON, AZ 85718-3131

The Show Committee will determine if a plant is allowed as an entry according to the criteria listed. The decision of the Show Committee is final.

General Guidelines:

1. If possible, avoid watering your entries for at least two days before the entry date to prevent dampness on tables.
2. Containers should be clean and unbroken, and free from salt accumulation and stains. A top dressing is recommended but not required.
3. To facilitate setup, please get your plants to the show as early in the day as possible on Friday, April 27th.
4. Only Cacti and Succulents will be accepted for entry in the show. There are no specified plant categories.
5. All entries will be voted on by TCSS members and the public.
6. You do not have to be registered for Sonoran IX to enter your plants. Ideally each TCSS member should enter at least one or more plants to the show.
7. **Any well-grown plant that is special to you is a candidate for the show. The plant does not have to be rare or unusual.**

If you need help transporting your plant show entries or if you have any questions, need additional information or would like to volunteer to help at the show please contact Cindy Garrison by April 26th at 520-664-0616 or email at cactusrustler@cox.net

