

Sonoran Conference



The theme for the conference was "Plants for the Sonoran Desert Hobbyist".

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.

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

The Sonoran X Conference was held at the:

Hotel Tucson City Center Inn Suites

475 N. Granada Ave. Tucson AZ 85701.

Dates were Saturday April 19, 2014 (8am -9pm) and Sunday April 20 (8am -3:30pm). There were five guest speakers and four workshops.

See Pages below for Event and Workshop schedules...



Sonoran X Conference 2014 Plant Show

Plant Show Information:

The Plant Show Committee will be accepting plants Friday, April 18 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 *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:

HELEN BARBER
3620 W SAHUARO DIVIDE
TUCSON, AZ 85742-9754
helen@barberit.com

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 X 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.**
8. This is not a judged show and winners are chosen by the public who vote by placing beans in a box by each plant.

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 Cindi Garrison by April 16th at 520-891-7451 or email at cactusrustler@cox.net

Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society

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April 19 & 20, 2014

This Form is for all Registration Activities

Name(first, last):
 Other(first, last):
 Address:

Date: _____

Name 1: _____

Name 2: _____

Indicate Amount at Right		Enter amount
Full Registration* TCSS Member all speakers, 4 workshops**, 2 lunches, Saturday night dinner and all public events.	\$120ea	
Full Registration* CSSA or Affiliate Member all speakers, 4 workshops**, 2 lunches, Saturday night dinner and all public events.	\$140ea	
Full Registration* Other all speakers, 4 workshops**, 2 lunches, Saturday night dinner and all public events.	\$150ea	
Individual Event tickets		
Individual Workshop Tickets** see workshop schedule	\$15ea	
Saturday Lunch & Speaker Ticket Deli Buffet	\$15ea	
Saturday Dinner* & Speaker Ticket TCSS Member	\$10ea	
Saturday Dinner* & Speaker Ticket Guest	\$25ea	
Sunday Lunch & Speaker Ticket Taco Bar	\$15ea	

IMPORTANT

Saturday Night Dinner*
Please choose your entrée(s):
 Please indicate initials after choice

Flank Steak w/Hunter Sauce
 Chicken Marsala
 Salmon w/Citrus Salsa

IMPORTANT

****Workshop Selection(s)**

	Name 1	Name 2
Workshop 1 code	_____	_____
Workshop 2 code	_____	_____
Workshop 3 code	_____	_____
Workshop 4 code	_____	_____

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** in the enclosed self-addressed envelope addressed to: Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society, PO Box 64759, Tucson, AZ 85728-4759.

Visa MasterCard (Circle) Credit Card # _____ - _____ - _____ Exp Date _____

Signature _____

TCSS SONORAN X -- Vendor List 2014

OUTSIDE: (under the large shade structure)

Arid Adaptations, Jeff Moore and Gina Compitello-Moore

Arid Lands Greenhouses, Toni Yocum & Bob Webb

B & B Cactus Farm, Mark & Margaret Sitter

Blue Sky Plants, Mike Ellis

Botanicals in Clay, Sandy Siegel

Desert Sense Destination Forever Ranch, Jan Emming

Dryland Plants, Dave Palzkill

Debra Raeber Pottery, Debra Raeber

EcoGro, Brad Woltman

Jan Bell Pottery, Jan Bell

Peter with Plants, Peter Walkowiak

Plants for the Southwest & Living Stones Nursery, Gene Joseph & Jane Evans

Sticky Situation, Jana Sweets & Kim Joyiens

Starr Nursery, Greg & Carol Starr

Succulentia, Steve Martinez

The CAM Plants, Mark Dimmitt

The Desert Gardener, Julia Pacquing-Cook

OUTSIDE: (next to the large shade structure)

TCSS Rescued Cactus, Joe Frannea

INSIDE:

Jupiter's Dream, Juliana Desmond

Sungrown Soaps, David Smith

TCSS Cactus & Succulent Used & New Books

Tucson Decorative Painters Guild, Barbara Kile

Workshop Schedule by Time

Date	Time	SESSION	CODE	ROOMS	NAME	TITLE
Saturday, April 19, 2014	10:30AM-12:00PM	Session 1	A-1	Buckley	Jim Hastings	New things to try with cactus in the kitchen, by the Gringo Gourmet
Saturday, April 19, 2014	10:30AM-12:00PM	Session 1	B-1	El Conquistador	Andy Siekkinen	Growing and Propagating Hechtias and Other Succulent Bormeliads
Saturday, April 19, 2014	10:30AM-12:00PM	Session 1	C-1	El Dorado	Dave Palzkill	Adenium Propagation and Cultivation
Saturday, April 19, 2014	10:30AM-12:00PM	Session 1	D-1	St. Augustine	Scott Calhoun	Spines, Steel and Clay: Making Container Gardens
Saturday, April 19, 2014	2:15-3:45PM	Session 2	A-2	Buckley	Dennis Cathcart	Understanding and Cultivating Dyckias
Saturday, April 19, 2014	2:15-3:45PM	Session 2	B-2	El Conquistador	Peter Walkowiak	Staging Your Plants for a Beautiful Display
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	MacArthur				
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Day and Time	Event	Location
Friday, April 18		
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 19		
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 - 10:15 am	Guest Speaker - Peter Breslin: "Echinocereus for the Sonoran Hobbyist"	Copper Room
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Workshops Session 1	Assigned Rooms*
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch and Guest Speaker - Mark Dimmitt: "Adenium Diversity: Select and grow the right plant"	Copper Room
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Workshops Session 2	Assigned Rooms*
5:30 pm	Silent Auction Ends - Bid winners plant collection 5:30 to 6:00 PM	Front Lobby
5:30 pm	Cash Bar	
6:15 pm - 9:00 pm	Dinner and Guest Speaker - Dennis Cathcart: "The Beautiful and Mysterious Dyckia"	Copper Room
Sunday, April 20		
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
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Guest Speaker - Andy Siekkinen: "Hechtia - The Ignored Genus of Succulent Bromeliads"	Copper Room
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Workshops Session 3	Assigned Rooms*
11:45 am - 1:15 pm	Workshops Session 4	Assigned Rooms*
1:15 pm - 3:15 pm	Lunch and Guest Speaker - Mark Sitter: "Serious Trichocereus"	Copper Room
3:30 PM	All Conference Events End	All Areas
*Assigned Workshop Rooms: Buckley, El Conquistador, El Dorado and St Augustine - See Sonoran X Workshop Schedule		



Pre-Registration Information

Since 1996, on 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 that made the 1995 CSSA Convention the largest and most innovative gathering ever. Nineteen years later we are still saying "thank you" to all the members of the society for all that you do.

To attend the Sonoran X Conference a registration fee is required that covers four workshops, two lunches, five speakers and a special Saturday night dinner. Dinner reservations are also available for members who wish to only attend the dinner. In addition to the Conference activities, there are activities that are free and open to the public. These activities include plant, book, art, and pottery sales; the best plant show in southern Arizona featuring only cacti and succulents; and a silent auction. 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.

Our theme for Sonoran X is "Plants for the Sonoran Desert Hobbyist" featuring Adeniums, Dyckia, Hechtias, Trichocereus hybrids, and Echinocereus. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, enjoy and show the general public the wonders of our hobby.

There are a limited number of seats for each workshop, so this is your early opportunity to reserve your selection position. The full registration materials will be sent out in mid-March and you will be able to select your workshops and dinner preference for the Saturday night April 19, 2014. The Saturday 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 who have not registered for the Conference. This is our thank you for all that you do. Remember there is limited seating so return your pre-reservation early.

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 February, March or April meetings.

Thank you for your support.

Sonoran IX Committee

Pre-Registration is \$50.00

(Fully refundable if requested by Sunday March 30, 2014)

Send to: TCSS Sonoran X Conference
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