

## Sonoran XI 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.

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

The Sonoran XI Conference was held on Friday through Sunday, April 15, 16, and 17, 2016 at the:

Hotel Tucson City Center Inn Suites  
475 N. Granada Ave. Tucson AZ 85701.



See below pages for Event and Workshop Schedules.....



To Cactus and Succulent Enthusiasts:

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. Twenty years later we are still saying “thank you” to all the members of the society for all that you do.

Sonoran XI 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 XI 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 16 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.

We 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. Rules for the plant show are on our website.

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 XI Committee

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## Plant Show & Silent Auction

### Plant Show Information:

The Plant Show Committee will be accepting plants Friday, April 15 from 8:00 am – 6:00 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 April 11 to:

**TCSS Sonoran XI Show**  
**PO Box 64759**  
**Tucson, AZ 85728-4759**  
Email: [info@tucsoncactus.org](mailto:info@tucsoncactus.org)

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.

**NOTE: 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 TCSS by April 16th at 520-256-2447 or email to: [info@tucsoncactus.org](mailto:info@tucsoncactus.org)**

## Silent Auction

Ends Saturday April 16, 2016 at 5:30pm

Donations of interesting plants, pots, art and related materials are encouraged and welcomed. Please bring your donations on Friday April 15 or before Noon on Saturday, April 16. See the note below for consigned donations.

Bring your donation to the Front Lobby of the Hotel where volunteers and tables will be set-up. For more information contact us at the above address, phone or email.

Thank you.

Note: Some items are consigned to the auction in which case the consignee receives the minimum bid and TCSS receives the amount above the minimum. These items will have a starting bid of at least \$20.00. Framed art prints are not consigned but may have a starting bid greater than \$20.00.



# Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society

## Sonoran XI Conference

April 15, 16, & 17

This Form is for all Registration Activities

Name _____		
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip+4 _____

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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

	<b>TOTAL</b>	
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### 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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Sonoran XI Program Schedule

Friday, April 15, 2016 (Set-up and Special Plant Sale) • Saturday and Sunday, April 16 & 17, 2016  
 Hotel Tucson City Center • 475 N. Granada Avenue, Tucson, Arizona

Day and Time	Event	Location
<b>Friday, April 15</b>		
8:00 am to 5:00 pm	<b>Set-up Registration</b>	Front Lobby
	<b>Set-up All Signage</b>	All Areas
	<b>Set-up Book Sales, Art Sales, Art displays</b>	Gold Room
	<b>Set-up Plant and Pottery Sales</b>	Outdoor Sales Area
	<b>Set-up Plant Show</b>	Silver Room
	<b>Set-up Speakers and Meals</b>	Copper Room
	<b>Set-up Silent Auction and Plant Raffle</b>	Front Lobby
	<b>Set-up Workshops</b>	Assigned Rooms*
	<b>Set-up Displays</b>	Silver Room
6:00 pm - 7:15 pm	<b>Plant Sales Open - 15% Discount for Members and Registrants</b>	Outdoor Sales Area
<b>Saturday, April 16</b>		
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>	Front Lobby
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	<b>Books, Plants, Pottery and All Other Sales</b>	Gold Room and Outdoor Sales Area
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	<b>Plant Show</b>	Silver Room
8:00 am - 5:45 pm	<b>Silent Auction Bidding</b>	Front Lobby
9:00 am - 10:15 am	<b>Guest Speaker - Rob Romero: "Those Extraordinary Plants from the Chihuahuan Desert"</b>	Copper Room
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Workshops Session 1</b>	Assigned Rooms*
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	<b>Lunch and Guest Speaker - Chuck Hanson: "Madagascan Succulents and the Arid Orchid Safari"</b>	Copper Room
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	<b>Workshops Session 2</b>	Assigned Rooms*
5:30 pm	<b>Silent Auction Ends - Bid winners plant collection 5:30 to 6:00 PM</b>	Front Lobby
5:30 pm	<b>Cash Bar</b>	
6:15 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>Dinner and Guest Speaker - Petey Mesquitey: "Wild Plants, Wild Animals and Wild Places to Be"</b> Stories and songs from the borderlands	Copper Room
<b>Sunday, April 17</b>		
8:00 am - 12:00 noon	<b>Registration</b>	Front Lobby
8:00 am - 1:30 pm	<b>Books, Plants, Pottery and All Other Sales</b>	Gold Room and Outdoor Sales Area
8:00 am - 3:30 pm	<b>Plant Show</b>	Silver Room
8:30 am - 9:45 am	<b>Guest Speaker - "Program To Be Determined"</b>	Copper Room
10:00 am - 11:30 am	<b>Workshops Session 3</b>	Assigned Rooms*
11:45 am - 1:15 pm	<b>Workshops Session 4</b>	Assigned Rooms*
1:15 pm - 3:15 pm	<b>Lunch and Guest Speaker - Bob Webb: "Arid and Semi Arid South African Succulents"</b>	Copper Room
3:30 PM	<b>All Conference Events End</b>	All Areas

\*Assigned Workshop Rooms: Buckley, El Conquistador, Mission, Pershing and St Augustine - See Sonoran XI Workshop Schedule

