



DESERT BREEZE

NEWSLETTER OF THE TUCSON CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM

SUCCULENTS OF MPUMALANGA AND KWAZULU-NATAL

PRESENTED BY: JEFF PAVLAT

Jeff attended a world-wide conference on the genus Aloe at Blyde Canyon Resort in Mpumalanga, South Africa. A ten-day plant tour of Eastern South Africa followed the conference. The presentation will be a photo safari of the wonderful succulents that are native to the region. It will include numerous aloes, as well as, *euphorbias*, *crassulas*, *stapeliads*, bulbs, *dracaenas*, a *pachypodium*, and more! Having spent his childhood in the Middle East, Jeff grew up with an appreciation of the desert's beauty and the plants that grow there. However, it was after he started to landscape the hillside around his home in Austin that he developed a fascination for succulents. While searching for suitable garden plants, he discovered the diversity of amazing succulents from around the world. He was soon hooked and building the first of his three greenhouses.

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MEET THE PRESENTER

MEET JEFF – ARTIST, CONSERVATIONIST, AND DESERT ENTHUSIAST



Jeff is the Vice President of Education for the Austin Cactus and Succulent Society and a past society president. He also serves as the Immediate Past President of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. In 2014, he helped found the Zilker Botanical Garden Conservancy to fund and manage the 28-acre garden in Austin. He was Interim Executive Director from 2018 to 2020 and served on the Board of Directors until 2023. Currently, he is the Curator at Zilker Botanical Garden. Prior to working with plants, he received a BFA in Studio Art from the University of Texas with an emphasis on graphic design, photography, and printmaking. He worked as a design and production manager at National Instruments until 2003, when he left to be a stay-at-home dad.



IMPORTANT

Temporary Meeting Site

Our monthly July meeting will be held at the Murphey Gallery at St. Philip's in the Hills Church, 4440 North Campbell. Located at the northeast corner of River and Campbell, it's just a stone's throw from our former meeting space at the Junior League.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, July 3rd at 7:00PM

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 **JULY MEETING** we are asking members whose last names begin with **"A" through "G"** to bring something that would serve 10-12 people.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with deep sadness that I share the passing of two members of The Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society, Ed Bartlett and Dan Bach. Their loss is felt profoundly by all who knew them. Each brought their own unique spirit, kindness, and strength to those around them, and their impact will be remembered for years to come.



Ed was a former Board member and passionate about Pima Prickly Park. In the early days of the park you would find Ed there walking his dogs, photographing what's new at the park or helping plant newly rescued plants. His wife, Linda, our former Treasurer, has donated his collection to benefit TCSS. We send our sincere condolences to the entire Bartlett family.

Let me call your attention to special remembrance article about Dan Bach by Gene Joseph. Those of us who knew Dan have wonderful memories about this very special person. I had the honor to present Dan with the prestigious CSSA Friends Award at the 2009 Convention in Tucson for his contributions to our hobby. I first met Dan in the 70's as I was preparing tours for the 1977 CSSA Convention. The tour was great and the participants were able to buy plants from Bach's nursery (only wholesale) for the first time. This was a business decision that has continued. Dan and I shared the same birthday so I feel a special connection to him.



On behalf on all of TCSS, we send our sincere condolences to the entire Bach & Bartlett Family.

Sincerely,
Dick Wiedhopf, President

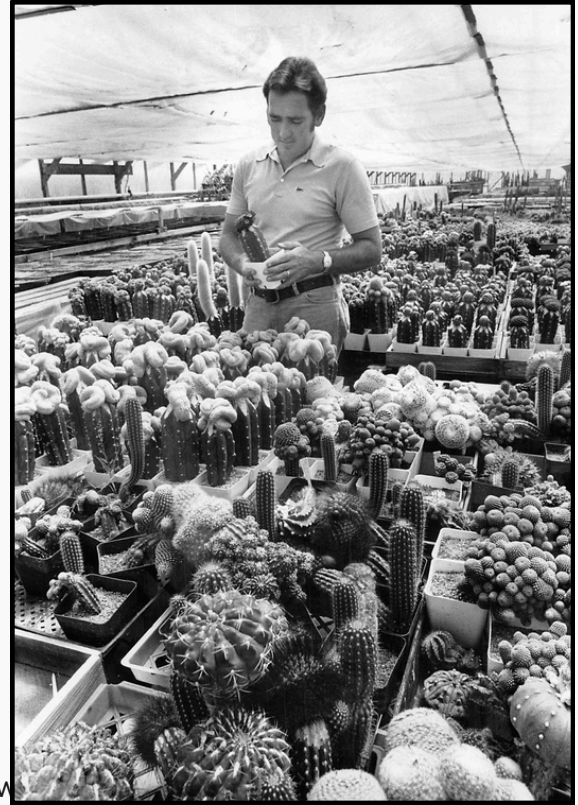
We are ramping up for the 2027 CSSA Convention. In this newsletter, there are details on how to establish a link on your computer desk top so that you will be informed of all the activities for the convention. You don't need to sign up for a committee but you do need to be informed about what, where and how we are proceeding. The first step is to secure a hotel and Visit Tucson is assisting us and CSSA to accomplish this. We will also be focusing in on a theme, logo and slogan. You will hear more about this activity in the very near future. We will ask for your input on tours, speakers, TCSS sales and other activities in coming months. I want you to be a part of this important event.

IN MEMORY

DAN BACH: A MENTOR AND A FRIEND

BY: GENE JOSEPH

When I graduated from the Plant Science program at the U of A, one of my first jobs out of college was working at Bach's Cactus Nursery. Dan and Diane had bought a 10 acre chicken farm on the far outskirts of Tucson, just where you'd expect a chicken ranch to be. One of the first things they did was to replace the chicken house roof for new fiberglass to turn the space into a cactus nursery! Early on in this process, for three days I rototilled chicken manure into the ground beds at Dan and Diane's cactus nursery on North Thornydale. Up and down the rows tilling into the soil the magic ingredient that gave Dans' plants the push to grow big and fast! Well rotted chicken manure! I have to say, I was pretty good on the rototiller by the end of that time when my job there ended. That was when Dan asked me to work for him at the pecan ranch at Red Rock, about 30 miles north. Where, it turned out, he was manager as well as owner of the cactus nursery. I don't know how long this phase lasted in Dan's life, managing both his nursery and the pecan ranch, but after two seasons pruning pecans, I left for a job at the Desert Museum. Seven years later, right after leaving the museum, I started my own cactus nursery. I wasn't the only one who had worked at Bach's and then w



Anderson at Miles to Go nursery, who worked for Dan for over 10 years and Roger Salzgeber, former owner of Pima Valley Greenhouses, who worked at Dan's nursery. Bach's Cactus Nursery was the beginning of putting cactus growing in Tucson on the map. He was a seed grower, extraordinaire! He had customers come from many miles around the country to buy plants, primarily seed flats, by the hundreds.

Not only did Dan mentor many people over the years, but he was one of Rainbow Gardens Bookseller's best customers. He would buy numerous copies of the newest succulent plant books from them, and give them to his employees. It was one of the many things Dan did to inspire his employees to love plants, especially cactus. And in the end, it made them better employees! Dan also used to have various 'toys' to give primarily to kids, but often gave them to so called adults. These 'toys' consisted of things like a circular piece of metal on a chain, that if you mastered the technique, and I never could, you could pull the metal ring off of the chain! (How'd he do that??) He once gave me various pieces of wood that were simply examples of exotic tree wood. Just because! And sliced and polished pieces of petrified wood from palms or cycads (a group of plants he was particularly interested in) and he talked about them like I should know what he was talking about. I tried! Dan also had a strong interest in petrified wood. And that's an understatement! He always had contacts in the Holbrook, Arizona area, near the Petrified Forest National Park. I never weighed how much he had, but I have always thought that he had at least 3/4 of a million pounds! From small pieces (1-200 pounds) to the broken pieces of full sized trees (40 feet of tree broken up into a half dozen shorter pieces). Dan was a major collector of Arizona petrified wood.

I was one of the lucky few who had lunch with Dan and a handful of other luminaries, on a monthly basis until a few years ago. We called it a 'business man's lunch' and I swear we tried to say something about business every time. That business talk was usually me asking Dan a 'how to' question. The rest of the conversation was Dan telling us a joke. Or two. I will never forget him asking 'Have I told you this one? Stop me if you've heard it.' I never stopped him.

There will be a service for Dan on July 12 at 10am with viewing at starting at 9.

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CSSA CONFERENCE 2027

THINKING AHEAD: 2027 CSSA CONVENTION IN TUCSON WHAT WE LEARNED FROM THE 2025 SAN DIEGO CONVENTION

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As announced by TCSS President Dick Wiedhopf in the February 2025 issue of Desert Breeze, the Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) approved our bid to host the 2027 CSSA Convention. For more information about CSSA and its relationship with TCSS, please read the article on page 3 of the November 2024 issue of Desert Breeze. In short, TCSS is an affiliate organization of CSSA. Every two years, CSSA hosts a convention in a different city, hosted by a local affiliate. TCSS last hosted the CSSA Convention in 2009. We are excited to show the national cactus and succulent community how TCSS and Tucson have evolved in the last decade and a half. Planning a convention is a monumental effort in the best of times, and TCSS currently has quite a few irons in the fire. However, as the largest local cactus and succulent society in the world, there is no doubt that we have the resources to host a wonderful convention. We'll soon start an Organizing Committee and set a date. The authors just attended the 2025 CSSA Convention, hosted by the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society, which took place April 23-27. To get you excited (and to convince you to help us with planning!), we wrote this retrospective.

THE BASIC FORMULA

Members of the cactus and succulent community have different preferences. Some are focused on their plant collections, potted or planted in-ground. Others prefer learning about and seeing their favorite species in the wild. Many have a different focus, whether taxonomic or geographic. Each CSSA Convention has the same basic components, aimed at offering experiences to all community members: field trips, lectures, and sales. By integrating these, CSSA Conventions promote a sense of wider community, allowing hundreds of attendees to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

REGISTRATION AND VENUE

As CSSA Conventions are planned far in advance, registration often opens up months before the event. During registration, you can purchase a CSSA Membership (starting at \$20 per year), which is required for attendance, tickets for field trips, and register for individual convention days or the entire event. For the 2025 Convention, early registration for the full convention, including the optional banquet, ran \$395.

The 2025 Convention took place at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley. Rooms at the hotel were available for booking at a lower convention rate, and budget-friendly hotels could be found within a 10-minute drive of the convention hotel. Unfortunately, parking was somewhat pricey at the hotel, with limited nearby street parking. We’re unlikely to experience this issue in Tucson.

While there were several food options within walking distance, many attendees took advantage of the hotel restaurant, which served some excellent, affordable pizzas, or pre-packed lunches available for purchase during lunch breaks. It was easy to run into familiar faces here, as the restaurant was connected to the bar and lobby areas. Some excellent plant conversations ran late into the night in the lobby. The hotel also managed several cash bars outside of the ballroom used for the main convention events.

CHECKING IN

Convention check-in was available every day outside of the ballroom (Fig. 1). When checking in, attendees received badges showing their registration, as well as a “swag bag”. These swag bags included a beautifully-designed convention schedule, map, lists of seeds and books available for purchase, a list of nearby gardens, parks, nurseries, and amenities, a convention pin, water bottle, notebook, pen, sticker, a free pack of seeds, and a survey on the convention experience. A pleasant surprise was the free, rare succulent each registrant received.



Fig. 1: The registration desk with CSSA Business Manager Julie Taber and volunteers from the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society.

FIELD TRIPS

The convention kicked off with an evening meet and greet in the hotel lobby and bar. Many attendees chose to retire early, as field trips departed the hotel between 7:30 and 9 the next morning. Field trips participants returned between 3:30 and 5:20.

The variety of field trips was excellent, including nursery trips, visits to public and private gardens, the San Diego Safari Park, and a trip to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park led by Michelle Cloud-Hughes, who frequently presents to TCSS. Participants were generally happy about the food options provided during the field trips.

TCSS will clearly have no shortage of possible field trips for the 2027 Convention. Tucson is already renowned for its large number of cactus and succulent nurseries. We're also surrounded by Saguaro National Park, and facilities like Pima Prickly Park, Tucson Botanical Gardens, the Desert Museum, and even Desert Botanical Garden are nearby.

Sales

After the field trip buses returned to the hotel, a welcome reception with snacks and a cash bar took place outside the ballroom. Attendees were able to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to be the first to shop for plants, pottery, seeds, and books. After winners were able to do their shopping, other attendees swarmed the sales area. The plant sales area was located outside (Fig. 2), while other merchandise was available inside in separate sales rooms (Fig. 3).

The diversity of available plants from fifteen vendors was amazing. None were wild-collected, highlighting the conservation-minded turn our community is taking. There were lots of boxes available to carry around new acquisitions. Customers only had to pay once rather than checking out with each vendor individually, making for a smooth experience. While some attendees bought dozens of plants, others found one or a few favorites and purchased beautiful pottery from six vendors to plant them in. Mich is particularly excited about his convention-themed t-shirt, and trying his hand again at South African living stones (likely killing them in the process), which he bought from the famous Steven Hammer of Sphaeroid Institute.

The sales areas stayed open for the rest of the convention. As no one wants to lug around a box full of plants all day, there was a convenient, free "plant hotel". Attendees who flew in from all around the country (and the world, with one Australian attendee!) were able to take advantage of a packing service to ship their new friends back home.



Fig. 2: The plant sales area during a quieter moment.



Fig. 3: A section of the pottery sales area.

PRESENTATIONS

Three days of presentations about cacti and other succulents from around the world followed (Fig. 4). Announcements and presentations started at 8:00 every morning, which we're sure resulted in excellent coffee revenue. However, the diversity of lectures certainly kept everyone awake throughout the packed schedule, and there were plenty of breaks.

The general donation by TCSS was used to sponsor speaker Jeremy Spath, who showed us the amazing diversity of agave in Mexico and even Central America. Other lectures took a geographic approach, including an exploration of the succulents of Socotra by Guillermo Rivera, Ethiopia by Brian Kemble, and Australia by Attila Kapitany. A large number of plants group were discussed, including Stapelianthus in Madagascar (Andry Petignat), Maihueniopsis in Chile (Elisabeth Sarnes), Aloe in the Arabian Peninsula (Tom McCoy), Operculicarya (Joe Stead), and Cylindropuntia (Michelle Cloud-Hughes). Other topics included hybridization (Kelly Griffin) and desert adaptations (Pieter Van Wyk). The keynote address was delivered by Steven Hammer, an expert on Aizoaceae (including living stones such as Lithops and Conophytum).

There were several other less formal events. The CSSA Conservation Committee gave an overview of projects that have been funded and held an open forum to discuss conservation concerns. Representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture presented a tutorial on how to apply for permits to legally import seeds and plants. A meeting of the different affiliate societies of CSSA also took place, where affiliate representatives were able to discuss the direction of CSSA and prospects for improving collaboration between local societies and CSSA as a whole.



Fig. 4: A lecture on Aloe from the Arabian Peninsula by the renowned Tom McCoy, who recently moved back to the United States after spending years in Saudi Arabia.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Each evening wrapped up with a fun community event. On Friday, attendees were able to participate in a silent and live auction of plants, books, and pottery. This was led by a competent, entertaining auctioneer. Both the authors managed to snag a plant during the auction!

The banquet (with amazing chocolate cake!), awards ceremony, and keynote address took place Saturday evening. Community members who are no longer with us were remembered. People who have provided great services to the cactus and succulent community were celebrated. For example, Michelle Cloud-Hughes was named Fellow of CSSA for her tremendous work on chollas.

Closing remarks on Sunday were brief, but included one of the best parts of the convention: the passing of the gavel. This tradition was started by Dick Wiedhopf while he was President of CSSA. At the end of each convention, a symbolic gavel is passed from the current convention-hosting society to the new one. Vonn accepted the gavel, and Mich delivered a short speech to get attendees excited about the 2027 Convention (Fig. 5). We are glad to have the gavel back in the hands of TCSS. Now the hard work begins!



Figure 5, Kelly Griffin, President of the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society and Convention Co- chair closed the 2025 CSSA Convention and presented the gavel to Vonn Watkins in planning for the 2027 Tucson Convention. Mich Pillet on right.

STAY CONNECTED WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONVENTION [HERE](https://CSSA2027.org)

2027 CSSA NATIONAL CONVENTION

The CSSA Convention Is A Biennial Event Featuring Presentations By Experts, Field Trips, And Sales.

Resources

Schedule

Activity Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30

Tasks

Volunteer Assignments

TCSS Will Host Cactus Enthusiasts From Across The US In May Of 2027

We suggest you create a desktop shortcut to save even more time.

Right-click on your desktop, select "New" > "Shortcut," paste the URL <https://CSSA2027.org> into the location box, click "Next," name the shortcut (e.g., "CSSA 2027"), and click "Finish."

THE DESERT IN BLOOM



Peniocereus (Acanthocereus) tepalcatepecanus
Photo By: David Palzkill



Lophocereus schottii (senita)
Photo By: Kris Thompson



Peniocereus spinatus. I obtained this plant at a TCSS raffle several years ago and this is its first bloom.
Photo By: Rowena Matthews



Queen outside the Hoop House
Photo By: David Palzkill



THE DESERT IN BLOOM



This is a picture of Penny Gassan's cactus in bloom
Photo By: Sandra Joubert



A picture of my 'Golden Carrot' Adenium.
Photo By: Sandra Joubert



Echinopsis Hybrid
Photo By: Dick Wiedhopf

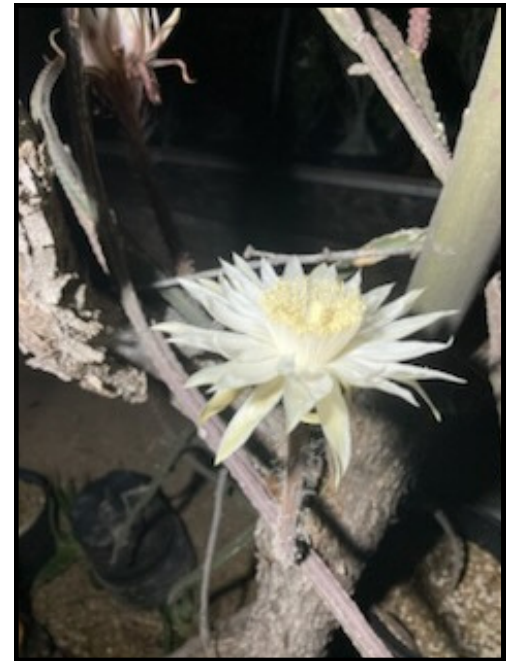
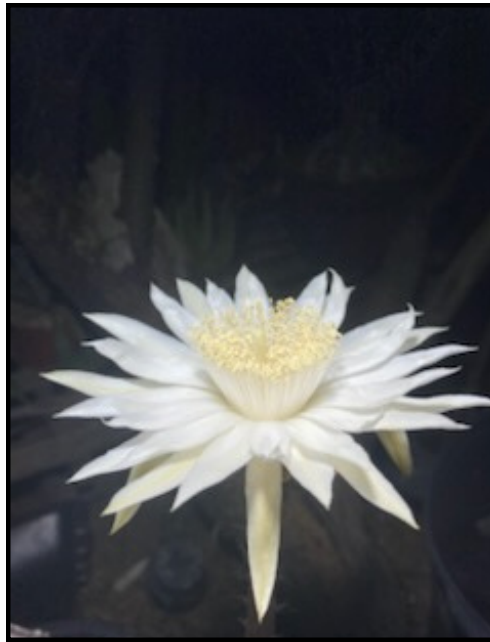


Cochemiea Setispina
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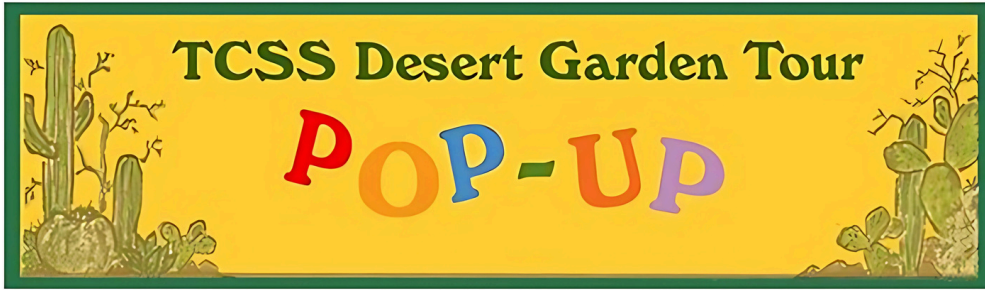


THE DESERT IN BLOOM

QUEENS: ALL PHOTOS BY DOUG ROWSELL



GARDEN TOURS



If you would like to share what you've created in your desert garden with TCSS members please consider being on a TCSS Desert Garden Pop-Up Tour. These tours are usually held on Saturday mornings for about 4 hours. Our Garden Tour Committee will help arrange all of the planning and publicity so that members can take a leisurely tour of your landscape. The tour date is up to you, but we do need at least 4 weeks lead time in order to take photos and get all of the details into our monthly newsletter.

If you would like to consider having your garden on tour, please fill out the application on our website by clicking on this link [popup_tour_application.pdf](#)

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?
PLEASE CONTACT:



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K-12 EDUCATION

The K-12 Education Outreach: We brought our education program to Camp Hope in June. Forty campers enjoyed learning about the Sonoran Desert.

During the first week of July, we'll be at Marshall Elementary School's summer camp. SARSEF invited us to participate in their summer camps at Tohono Chul Park during the third and fourth weeks of the month.

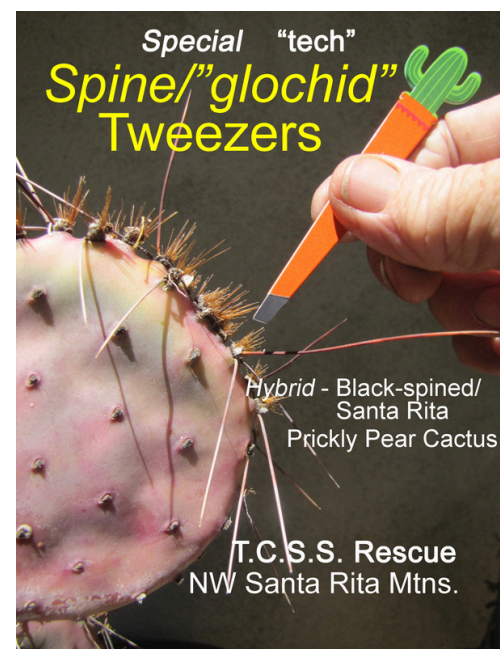


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NATIVE & URBAN RESCUES

URBAN RESCUE

Urban Rescue has been less busy since the weather has heated up. We had a few calls for barrel cacti (*ferocactus wislizeni*) which we rescued and added to the sales items at Amphi. You can see the photos of the largest one we rescued recently. The homeowners are new to the area and have an 18-month old child, so this barrel in their backyard was given a new home. This was a 4-person lift into the truck.



We also had a fun rescue of Organ Pipe (*stenocereus thurberi*) stems that needed to be trimmed. Where it is growing it gets too close to a sidewalk around the homeowner's swimming pool and pushes against the back wall. We carefully trimmed up the plant and removed the stems that were causing problems, using several layers of carpet and the sled. Some of the stems were taken to Pima Prickly Park to be rooted and the rest were given to the crew. The homeowners were very grateful for our help since they love this cactus in their landscape.



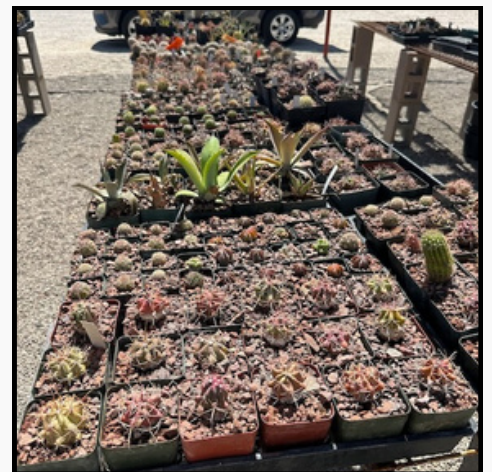
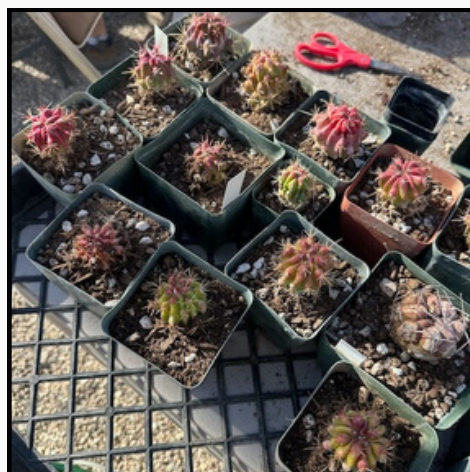
URBAN RESCUE



If you are interested in participating in the rescue programs, either Native or Urban Rescue, watch for our [Activities](#) since they are posted when opportunities come up.

THE POTTING PARTY

"The Potting Party" held on June 14th was a great success! We potted over 300 small plants into new soil and pots. Joel Fontaine managed the logistics and all of the supplies we needed and even brought snacks! We had 22 volunteers and we were able to learn the best techniques from our club experts. Watch for future events like this because we can always use help and it's a great way to get to know other members. Thanks to all who came out!"

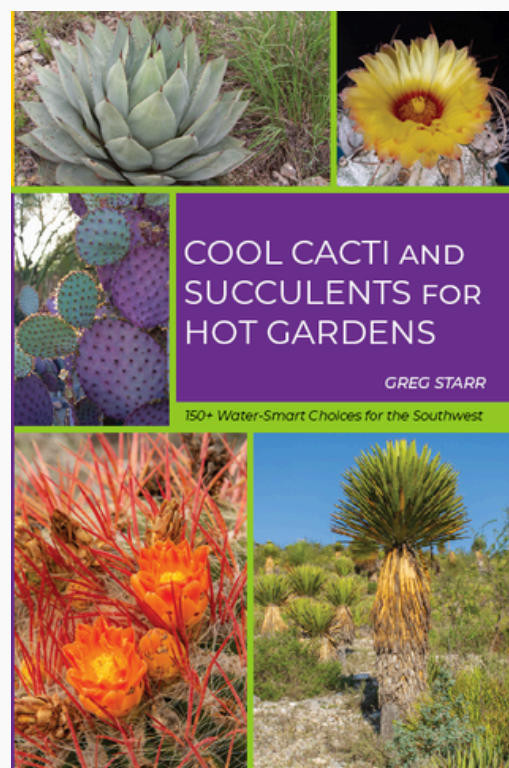


BOOK REVIEW

COOL CACTI & SUCCULENTS FOR HOT GARDENS

BY GREGG STARR

A REVIEW BY SCOTT CALHOUN



Over the course of my 25-year career as a desert landscape designer in Tucson, I've used Starr's publications from the time they were just color copies in plastic sheets in three ring binders that he sold for \$1 per sheet with the straightforward title "Just Plants." I found them uncommonly accurate and detailed. This new title is no exception. Greg's new book is not parceled together from other books on the topic—but rather heavily informed by Starr's 40 years of experience growing cacti and succulents in Tucson as well as extensive field study. In the spirit of full disclosure, I should say that I was Greg Starr's cross-border companion on several botanical expeditions into Mexico. On these trips, we would log thousands of miles in Starr's white Toyota pickup in remote mountain ranges and canyons in Baja California, Nuevo León, Tamaulipas, Coahuila, Puebla, and Oaxaca. We were in search of unusual agave and cacti species. Greg's excitement at discovering an unusual species on a limestone slope was contagious. He taught me the value of close observation, and of noting and documenting the plant communities surrounding our target plants. My contribution on these trips was mostly culinary, slowing Greg down enough to enjoy a goat taco and beer before hunting down the next plant in a distant mountain range. In *Cool Cacti and Succulents for Hot Gardens* Starr's passion for

finding the plants in situ comes through in the field notes sections included with each entry. For example, in the *Agave ocahui* entry Starr says: "In May of 2007, I went to the famous Palm Canyon 17 miles southwest of Magdalena de Kino to see these plants in bloom, and they were spectacular. My friends and I saw the bright yellow flames of flowers reaching high above the rosettes." Such intimate reflections are rare in plant guides and add narrative spice to the entries. Another uncommon feature of this guide is the "Landscape Application" sections that list numerous companion planting suggestions for each species. These are not limited to other cacti and succulents and include annuals and perennials, as well as desert shrubs and sub-shrubs. These suggestions are often cribbed from actual wild plant combinations that Starr observed in his fieldwork. The companion planting suggestions speak to Starr's experiences as a horticulturist and gardener—his idea of a proper desert garden is not restricted to cacti and succulents and includes forbs, bulbs, and woody plants. Cost is often a factor when deciding how many species to include in a reference book, and Starr limits *Cool Cacti and Succulents for Hot Gardens* to 150. However, each species is given a generous two-page layout with 2-4 color photos per plant. Starr has generally selected plants that are available in the trade, but there are many lesser-known gems sprinkled in—and these are well worth hunting down. For example, he includes 6 species of underappreciated *Thelocactus* and the striking and uncommon Linear-leaf yucca (*Yucca linearifolia*).

In short, I wholeheartedly recommend Greg Starr's *Cool Cacti and Succulents for Hot Gardens*.

RESEARCH STUDY-INVITE

To the attention of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

My name is Dr. Nerea Marteache, and I am a faculty researcher at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB). I am conducting a research study exploring the motivations, purchasing habits, and experiences—both positive and negative—of individuals who collect cacti and succulents.

Thank you very much in advance for any assistance you can provide. Please let me know if you have any questions.

All the best,

Nerea Marteache

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY ON PLANT COLLECTING AND FRAUD VICTIMIZATION

Calling All Cactus and Succulent Collectors!

Dr. Nerea Marteache, a faculty researcher at California State University, San Bernardino, is conducting a research study focused on the motivations, purchasing habits, and personal experiences of cactus and succulent collectors—and she needs your input!

If you're 18 or older, you're invited to take part in a one-time, anonymous online survey that takes just 10–15 minutes to complete. The survey can be completed at your convenience.

To access the survey, please use this link: https://csusb.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d5dGxTaWO5epWHI

Your insights—both positive and negative—are incredibly valuable and will contribute to a better understanding of the collecting community.

For questions or more information, feel free to contact Dr. Marteache at nmarte@csusb.edu.

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Echinopsis Hybrid
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JULY

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm	4	5
6	7	8 Board Meeting 7:00pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM INFORMATION

LOCATION



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- If you are not feeling well, **PLEASE** stay home and join us on Zoom.
- Plant Giveaways (only in person, not shown on Zoom).
- Refreshments provided by TCSS Volunteers
- Free Plants offered by TCSS

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BOARD MEETING

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MEETING LOCATION

Temporary Meeting Site

Our monthly July meeting will be held at the Murphey Gallery at St. Philip's in the Hills Church, 4440 North Campbell. Located at the northeast corner of River and Campbell, it's just a stone's throw from our former meeting space at the Junior League.

The property can be accessed from westbound River Road by turning onto Camino Escuela or the next driveway before the light at Campbell. Watch for St. Philip's signs.

Going north on Campbell, take an immediate right onto the property after you go through the intersection and the road narrows.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, July 3rd at 7:00PM



Reminder →

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 **JULY MEETING** we are asking members whose last names begin with **"A" through "G"** to bring something that would serve 10-12 people.