

KERR COUNTY CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

The KCCSS meets on the third Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library, 505 Water Street, in Kerrville. Visitors are always welcome.

Membership dues are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. The membership year starts in June.

President	Mike Sykos	830-896-7425	Newsletter*	Bill & Cheryl Wildfong	830-896-8940
Treasurer	Allen Duncan	830-896-5582	Library	Elliot Hatch	830-896-3891
Secretary	Edna Platte	830-257-2185	Historian	Natalie Fagarason	830-792-5421
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* Items for the newsletter are due the FIRST Tuesday of the month. Email them to wildfong@windstream.net (Snail-mail: 342 West Water St., Kerrville TX 78028; fax 928-752-5463)

Our September 16 Meeting

John Farmer will entertain us with his adventures in landscaping his property.



Refreshments

Many thanks to these folks who have volunteered to cater refreshments for our meetings:

January: Buddy & Evelyn Weaver
 February: Natalie Fagarason
 March: Cheryl & Bill Wildfong
 April: Gayle & Wendell Bingham
 May: Mary McFadin & Betty Collins
 June: Bonnie & Bob Taylor
 July: Christine Millar
 August: Mike Sykos

September: Sheila & Hugo Werner

October: Bill Gibson
 November: John & Carol Leonard

Coming Events

Sep 13-14—Houston: Show & Sale, Houston C&SS; Houston Garden Center, Hermann Park; for info contact Richard Stamper at 713-523-2705 or cactus-boy@houston.rr.com; website: www.hcsstex.org/

Sep 20—Fredericksburg: The Fredericksburg Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas is hosting its **2008 Wildscapes Workshop** at the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 1800 N. Llano St. Entitled "From Dirt to Design—Plotting Your Native Garden," the workshop is scheduled from 9 AM to 3 PM, and will include educational programs, a book sale, and raffle. For details call 830-990-0749 or visit: <http://www.npsot.org/Fredericksburg/workshop.html>

Sep 26—Kerrville: 12th annual **Texas Heritage Living History Day**; Robbins-Lewis Pavilion on Schreiner University campus; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to the public and admission is free. More than 50 performers and presenters will be spread throughout the park surrounding the pavilion to both entertain and educate. Events and exhibits will include chuck wagons and cowboy cooking demonstrations, teepees with Native American exhibits and stories, Texas heritage demonstrations, storytellers and oral historians, The Texas Camel Corps, Texas singers and songwriters and many more. www.texasheritagemusic.org/

Oct 4-5—Woodway, TX: TACSS 2008 Fall Seminar, hosted by the Central Texas C&SS; Carleen Bright Arboretum, 9001 Bosque Blvd; educational and informa-

Events, continued

tive lectures, plant sales, and cactus and succulent auction; Sunday, finish the weekend off with several tours of cactus and succulent gardens and a visit to Central Texas cacti in habitat. (*Woodway is a few miles southwest of Waco, about 200 miles northeast of Kerrville*). For more info call 254-399-9204, or email lovekey@wacotx.cx —or visit the KCCSS website, where you can download a flyer and **registration form, which is due by Sept 20**: home.windstream.net/wildfong/KCCSS.html (*The CTCSS website has vanished*).

KCCSS Meeting Minutes August 19

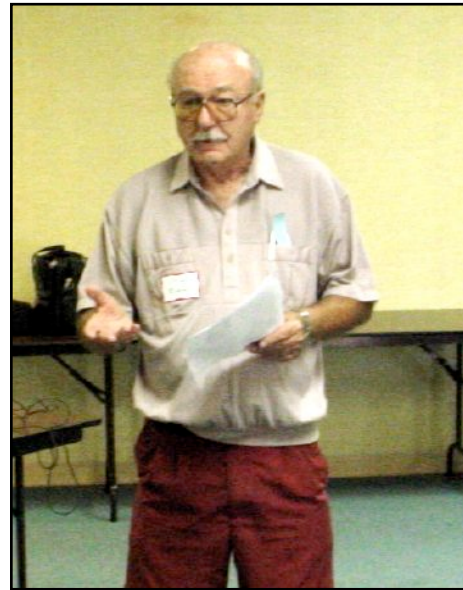
President Mike Sykos opened the meeting welcoming guests and prospective members. He thanked Bill and Cheryl Wildfong for the excellent newsletter.

Larry Fagarason encouraged more members to attend the TACSS meeting to be held in Waco on October 4 and 5. Allen Duncan announced the Cactus and Succulent Society of America biannual meeting to be held in Tucson in 2009 (*April 4-6*).

Wendell Bingham presented a program titled “A Tour of Six Tucson Cactus Nurseries” (*which*) Allen Duncan, Wendell Bingham, Elliot Hatch and Larry Fagarason visited in May.

The plant raffle was conducted by Allen Duncan. Mike Sykos provided refreshments. Thirty-seven people attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Fagarason for Edna Platte



Our new President, Mike Sykos

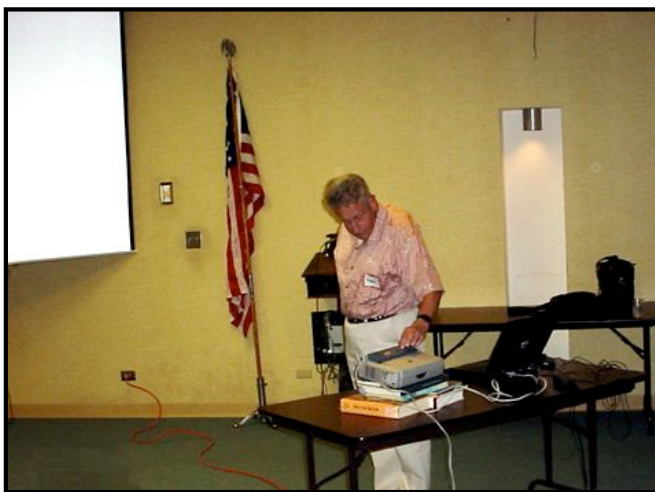
Got Rot?

Rot is frequently met with where the plants are not well drained and the soil becomes soggy. Cut back to clean tissue, dust with sulphur, let dry for a few hours and then lay cutting on new soil with end exposed to the air. The cutting soon sends roots from the underside into the soil and the danger of rot is overcome. [The author] lost several Stapeliads before [he] learned this method.

From “Cereously Speaking,” by John E.C. Rodgers; Cactus and Succulent Journal, Aug 1948.

BOOK RECALL

As discussed at the June meeting, we’re **still** missing some valuable books from our library, which people borrowed but never returned. Check around the house to see whether you have one or two of these books. If you do, **please return them**, so others can enjoy them.



Wendell Bingham setting up his PowerPoint system for our August meeting.

Do Your Dues!

Our fiscal year starts in June. Here’s another reminder to pay your 2008/2009 dues. In spite of runaway inflation, it’s still only \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families.

If you can’t make it to the meeting, please mail a check (made out to KCCSS) to:

Allan Duncan
100 Valley Ridge Dr
Kerrville TX 78028

If you’ve already paid, thanks!