

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.

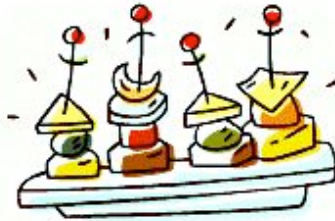
Membership dues are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. The membership year starts in July.

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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 October 21 Meeting

Jeff Pavlat, president of the Austin CSS, will give a presentation on Aloes in cultivation.



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

Oct 6–31—Schertz, TX: Paul's Desert fall sale, with most potted plants at 20% off. Normal greenhouse hours are 10–5pm Mon–Sat. and Sundays 12–5pm. **Calling first** is recommended (210-658-7561). They have a large selection of 6-in. cold hardy cacti, with sale prices of \$8–12.

Their store is also well stocked with Indian art, jewelry and pottery; they are currently selling most Navajo pottery at 40% off! All their jewelry is authentic Navajo handmade or handcrafted. Other items include Zuni fetishes, sand paintings, oil paintings, Mata Ortiz pottery, Jimez pottery and other pottery. They also have large and small polished agate slabs, petrified wood both polished and unpolished, and amethyst and citrine geodes.

Paul's Desert is located at 200 Schertz Pkwy, Schertz, TX. It's east of San Antonio, about 75 miles from Kerrville. You can get a map, online store, and other info at www.paulsdesert.com

Dec 6—Kerrville: KCCSS Christmas Dinner (Dutch Treat); 6:00 pm, Inn of the Hills, 1001 Junction Hwy. Thank you, Bob Taylor, for once again making the arrangements.



Mushrooms!

Our hedgehogs got a little too wet during the July 2002 flood.

Thanks, Y'all!

Many thanks to the guys who manned our Club table at the Riverside Nature Center's "Down by the Riverside" event on October 4—

John Farmer, John Lenard, Lorrin Peterson, Mike Sykos, and Bill Wildfong.

KCCSS Meeting Minutes

The meeting of September 16 was opened by Bob Taylor in the absence of President Mike Sykos.

Members were reminded of the TACSS Seminar to be held October 4 and 5 in Waco and also the CSSA Convention to be held in Tucson in April '09.

Sheila and Hugo Werner provided refreshments.

The program given by John Farmer was a slide presentation of the landscaping procedures and various plants used in creating several cactus gardens at his new home.

The plant raffle was conducted by Treasurer Allen Duncan.

Twenty one members were present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Fagarason for Edna Platte

Native Plant Society

The Kerrville Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the months September through June, at Riverside Nature Center, 150 Francisco Lemos St. in Kerrville. These meetings are free and open to the public. Check out their website:

www.npsot.org/Kerrville/

BOOK RECALL

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.



Edible Sculpture?

Fockea is a genus found in southern and eastern Africa. There are 11 species of *Fockea*, including *Fockea edulis* (above), a favorite of many collectors for its sculptural form and extreme variability. The name means edible and it is eaten by tribal people. *Fockea crispa* is another member with a distinctive caudex and climbing vine. A specimen of *F. crispa* is cited by Gordon Rowley as being the oldest potted plant in the world, as of 1984 (*G. Rowley Caudiciform and Pachycaul Succulents*, Strawberry Press, Mill Valley 1987).

The care of *Fockea edulis* is not difficult. The plants grow a vigorous vine in warm weather and should be provided with a support or else pruned frequently. The plants can take a lot of water in the summer without rotting but they must be actively growing. Dry rest in winter can involve simply cutting back the vines hard and letting the plant sit in a cool place. Growth begins in the Spring and the plant should be protected from full sun until active growth occurs. I keep the caudex in a partly shaded area but allow the vine to grow up into full sun.

—from *SACXS Facts*, 10/08 (by Bill Bauta?)

Do Your Dues!

Our fiscal year starts in July. Here's another reminder to pay your 2008/2009 dues: \$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!

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