

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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Our November 18 Meeting

Allen Duncan will enlighten us about the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society's Cactus Rescue Crew, which saves cacti and other native plants that would otherwise be destroyed during the development of Arizona real estate.



Refreshments

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

January thru October: Buddy & Evelyn Weaver, Natalie Fagarason, Cheryl & Bill Wildfong, Gayle & Wendell Bingham, Mary McFadin & Betty Collins, Bonnie & Bob Taylor, Christine Millar, Mike Sykos, Sheila & Hugo Werner, and Bill Gibson

November: John & Carol Leonard

At the November meeting we'll pass around a signup sheet for next year.

Please think about which months you'd like to volunteer for, and pick one at the meeting.

Next Month

In place of our December meeting, we'll have our annual Christmas dinner at Inn of the Hills, 1001 Junction Highway, Kerrville, on Saturday, **December 6**, at 6:00 pm. It will be Dutch Treat.



Mark your calendar now! Our next newsletter won't be published until after the dinner.

Thank you **Bob Taylor** for making the arrangements!

Coming Events

Nov 19—San Antonio: San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society (SACXS) monthly meeting. The program, by Doug Coates, will be an overview of **greenhouses and cold frames** and associated equipment, with a slide show and material examples. Social time starts at 6:30 PM; Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. They meet in the S.A. Garden Center, at the corner of New Braunfels and Funston.

Website: sacxs.org

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.

KCCSS Meeting Minutes

October 21 KCCSS Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened by President Mike Sykos.

The minutes and treasurer's reports were reviewed.

Visitors were introduced.

Allen Duncan announced that dues are past due.

The KCCSS Christmas Dinner will be Saturday December 6, 6:00pm at In of the Hills. It will be Dutch treat. Robert Taylor is making the arrangements.

It was announced that a number of the library books are missing. Whoever has these books, PLEASE RETURN THEM!

Allen Duncan announced that he soon receive some Arizona Big Barrel Cactus that he wants to sell.

Larry Fagarason introduced the speaker. Jeff Pavlat who is president of the Austin Cactus and Succulent Society. He talked about cultivation of aloes especially those in his garden.

Refreshments were provided by Bill Gibson.

Twenty-two people attended the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Edna Platte, Secretary

TACSS Seminar Review

By Jeff Pavlat

I spent last weekend, along with several of you, at the TACSS Seminar in Woodway, near Waco. I have to say that I really enjoyed myself. The CTCSS did an outstanding job of organizing their first seminar.

The Carleen Bright Arboretum provided a beautiful venue. It features two large cactus and succulent beds which are beautifully maintained by the Waco club. They should be proud of their work.

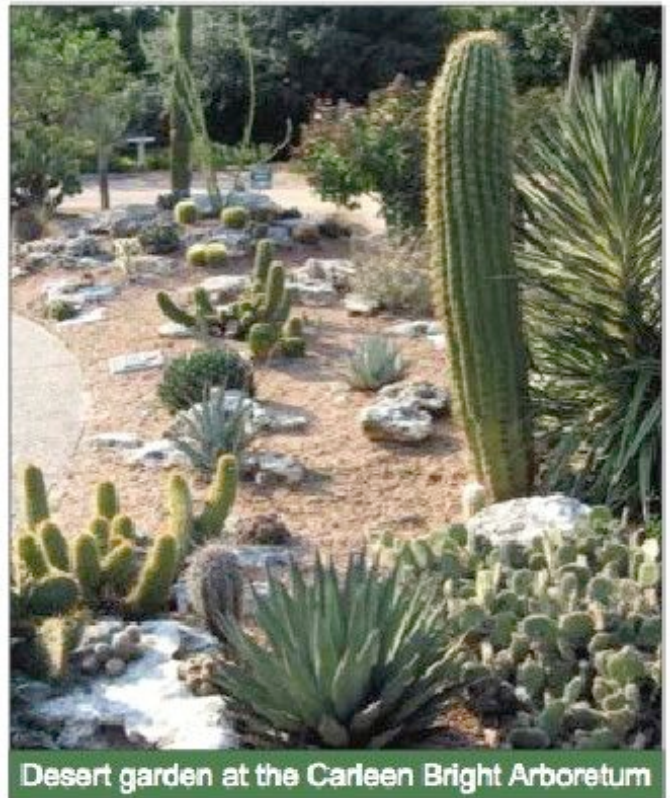
The weekend started out early Friday evening with plant sales

and grilled hot dogs and hamburgers courtesy of CTCSS. It was great to talk to people I don't often get to see, as well as have time to shop for plants a day early. There never seems to be enough time for both on the Saturday of the seminar.

There was a great line-up of informative presentations on Saturday. The speakers were Woody Minnich, Elton Roberts, Dr. Beth Barr and Dr. Ken Keil with Ernie Petru. The fund-raising auction featured a great selection of plants and was a success. The banquet of local barbeque was also very good.

I really enjoyed Sunday's garden tours. First, we visited Robbie Barber's garden. He has created a beautiful space which allows you to wander through and enjoy both the plants and some of his sculpture. The second stop was Dr. Ken Keil's garden. In a relatively small area he has managed to display a fine collection of cacti and succulents. His large *T. terscheckii* is one of the most beautiful specimens I've seen. The last stop was Steven Lovecky's ranch. He has three greenhouses full of great plants, including [a] cardon which has gotten just a little too tall [and protrudes through the roof]. In all, it was a great weekend!

—Excerpts from Jeff's President's Message in *The Cactus Files* (Austin CSS), Oct 08; the photo is also from that issue.



Desert garden at the Carleen Bright Arboretum

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 haven't paid yet please do so at the next meeting, or mail a check (made out to KCCSS) to: Allan Duncan, 100 Valley Ridge Dr, Kerrville TX 78028

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