

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
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Our February 17 Meeting

Our speaker will be **Irwin Lightstone**, who makes awesome macro (extreme close-up) photos of cacti and other plants. He is president of the North Texas Cactus and Succulent Society, past president of the Texas Association of Cactus and Succulent Societies, a Vice President of the Fort Worth Cactus and Succulent Society, and past president of the Ungar Photography Club.

You can learn more about Irwin and see his photos at www.radiantimagesphotography.net

Refreshments

Our thanks to these kind folks have volunteered to cater our refreshments in 2009:

January	Natalie Fagarason
February	Judy Surles & Cheryl Drumheller
March	Bill & Cheryl Wildfong
April	Rose Marie Turner
May	Mary McFadin & Betty Collins
June	Bonnie & Bob Taylor
July	Mike Sykos
August	Norma Lozano
September	Buddy & Evelyn Weaver
October	Wendell & Gayle Bingham
November	Bill Gibson

Coming Events

Feb 18, KERRVILLE, TX: Brown Bag Lunch and Learn “Home Energy Conservation.” Riverside Nature Center; 12 noon - 1:00pm. Presented by Bob Keeler, KPUB. Save energy and money, from simple steps you can take to cut energy use to increasing energy efficiency through out your home. You can help the environment and your pocket book. www.riversidenaturecenter.org

March 18, SAN ANTONIO, TX: Special SACXS meeting: award-winning garden photojournalist and author Debra Lee Baldwin will give a presentation on “Using Succulents in Your Home & Garden Landscapes.” Social time and Book signing at 6:30pm. Presentation begins at 7:30 PM. For details go the KCCSS website: home.windstream.net/wildfong/KCCSS.html

April 4-5, AUSTIN, TX: ACSS Spring Show & Sale; Austin Area Garden Center at Zilker Botanical Garden; 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [As we go to press, the show info on their website, austincss.com, has not been updated].

April 10-15, TUCSON, AZ: CSSA Convention; world renowned speakers, rare and unusual plants, pots, artwork and books will be available for purchase and there will be an assortment of interesting trips to local gardens and habitat. For *much* more info, visit www.2009.tucsoncactus.org

April 23-25, SAN ANTONIO: SACXS Annual Show & Sale, 8:00 am till 5:00 PM. This is a State Juried Show. Plant Auction on Friday and Saturday at 2PM. Located at the San Antonio Garden Center on N. New Braunfels and Funston St. Open to the public. Website: sacxs.org

May 8-9, Kerrville, TX: KCCSS Annual Show and Sale, 9 AM- 5 PM. Get a gift for Mother’s Day! River Hills Mall, on hwy 16 just south of the river. Open to the public. home.windstream.net/wildfong/KCCSS.html

KCCSS Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2009

The meeting was opened by President Mike Sykos.

The minutes and treasurer's reports were reviewed.

Four Visitors were introduced.

Earth Day celebration will be at Riverside Nature Center on Saturday, April 18. KACSS will have an information table at this event. Volunteers for the table will be needed.

Edna Platte announced that **donations of native or cold hardy cactus are needed for the Earth Day plant sale.** Guidelines for donated plants were distributed.

Allen Duncan announced that dues are past due.

Bill Gibson, Kevin Hartley and Mark Skyabacz talked about plants, geology, hiking and camping in Big Bend National Park during December.

Refreshments were provided by Larry and Natalie Fagarason.

Twenty-nine people attended the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

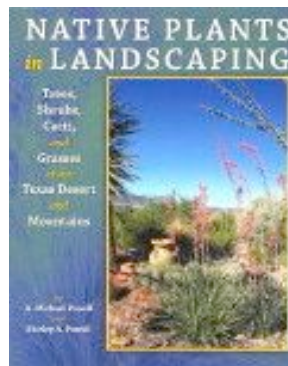
—Respectfully submitted, Edna Platte Secretary



Conophytum fulleri, from South Africa
Photo by Bill Wildfong

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.



Book Report

Native Plants in Landscaping:

Trees, Shrubs, Cacti,
and Grasses of the
Texas Desert and
Mountains

By Michael Powell & Shirley Powell

Native Plants in Landscaping is a book dedicated to the cold-hardy and arid-adapted native plants of the Trans-Pecos region of Texas. Taking us beyond the yuccas, ceniza [*sic.*], Texas mountain laurels, and salvias that are familiar to most native plant enthusiasts, *Native Plants* introduces hundreds of essentially unknown plants with horticultural potential. The book contains hundreds of black and white photographs, garden plans, propagation tips, and horticultural information.

Based on decades of research and observation by CDRI Board member Mike Powell and his wife, Shirley Powell, the book is a welcome addition to the literature on native plant landscaping using the beautiful plants of the northern Chihuahuan Desert region.

Native Plants in Landscaping can be purchased from the Leapin' Lizards Nature Shop [at the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute's visitor center near Fort Davis, TX] for \$18.95 (plus \$6.56 tax and shipping). Call 432-364-2499 to order your copy. [It's also available from amazon.com and other online bookstores; but ordering it from Leapin' Lizards adds a little to the CDRI's operating funds]

—From The Chihuahuan Desert Discovery newsletter,
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Another Call For Dues!

Some folks **still** haven't paid their July 2008→June 2009 dues yet. KCCSS membership is still only \$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
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