



Kerr County Cactus & Succulent Society NEWS

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 March 17 Meeting

Claude Townsend will show and tell us all about one of his favorite plants, the Desert Rose (*Adenium obesum*). Be there!



Refreshments

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

January	Natalie Fagarason
February	Judy Surlis & 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

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 of March 9, 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 18, KERRVILLE, TX: Earth Day 2009; Co-sponsored by the Native Plant Society of Texas- Kerrville Chapter, & the Riverside Nature Center. 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Native Plant Sale; free lectures on rain-water harvesting and water and soil conservation; kids activities; nature tour; refreshments; lunch. Various organizations, including the KCCSS, will have displays, and folks to answer your questions. For details go to home.windstream.net/wildfong/KCCSS.html

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

Sheila Carrigan Werner

Our dear friend and fellow member Sheila Werner died peacefully at their home in Kerrville on March 2, after a long fight with Alzheimer's Disease.

Sheila was born on May 26, 1931, in Glasgow, Scotland. At the time of World War 2 she joined the Women's Royal Air Force. While stationed in Huntingdonshire, she met Paul Hugo Werner of the United States Air Force. They soon married in California, on Nov. 17, 1951.

Sheila led an active life, showing Afghan hounds, and making and selling both jewelry and collectible miniature furniture. After retirement, she and Hugo lived for 10 years in England. They came to Kerrville on July 28, 1998, and soon became active members of the KCCSS, helping out at our shows and at our annual Earth Day table at the riverside Nature Center. Sheila was our club secretary for nearly three years, until she retired a few months ago because of her health.

As she had requested, there was no funeral or memorial service. We extend our deepest sympathy to Hugo.

KCCSS Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2009

The meeting was opened by President Mike Sykos.

Visitors were introduced.

A sign-up sheet for the KCCSS table at the Earth Day Celebration and Native Plant Sale at Riverside Nature Sale on April 18 was distributed.

Wendall Bingham announced March 16 SACXS meeting featuring the book and author USING SUCCULENTS IN YOUR HOME AND GARDEN LANDSCAPES by Debra Lee Baldwin. The meeting will begin at 7:30 at the San Antonio Garden Center. See www.sacxs.org for more information.

Irwin Lightstone president of the North Texas Cactus and Succulent Society discussed cactus and succulent photography and displayed his amazing close-up photography. He discussed:

- Lens used with a tube for close-ups
- Image stabilization
- Jpeg vs. raw shooting (which allows more corrections with color, exposure etc.)

- Articulate screen (the screen bends slightly)
- Effective photography with higher speed in lower light
- Camera with 12 to 15 megapixels (about \$500.00) but "clean" image more important than mega pixels.
- Screen quality including use in bright sun light
- Photo Shop is recommended.

Refreshments were provided by Judy Surles and Cheryl Drumheller.

Thirty-four people attended the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Edna Platte Secretary

Points to Ponder

My gardener said I had too many ferns, and I should take them out and plant anemones. I refused because I thought "With fronds like these who needs anemones?"



Anemone narcissiflora

Have you heard about the West Texan who died and Saint Peter turned him out and sent him to hell? He said, OK, anything will be an improvement over Pecos." But we can't include Big Bend park after last night's picture show [at the February KCCSS meeting]; it is spectacular, especially if you like prickly plants who don't use much water.

—Lorin Peterson

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.