



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 June 16 Meeting

Ann Black will give hands-on demonstrations of how to properly pot plants, and how to create dish gardens.

Ann and husband Jimmy are members of both KCCSS and SACXS. They live in Boerne, and have been raising and selling cacti and succulents for many years. Jimmy is currently both president and treasurer of SACXS, and Ann is their first vice president (*viz.* programs director) and newsletter editor.

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

June 20—Kerrville: “Rainwater Harvesting” 10:00-11:30 am, Riverside Nature Center; adults \$6.00, \$3.00 for members. < www.riversidenaturecenter.org/>

September 5, 6 & 7—Austin: ACSS Fall Show & Sale; 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Austin Area Garden Center at Zilker Botanical Garden, 2220 Barton Springs Rd, just south of Town Lake and east of MoPac (loop 1). < austincss.com>

Our Brochure

You snail-mail subscribers will find a copy of our KCCSS brochure in with your newsletter. Please pass it on to someone who may be interested in our club.

For those who get your newsletter from our website, you can download a color copy of the brochure at the URL shown at the bottom of this newsletter. We'll also have black-and-white copies at the monthly meetings.

We're still missing some books from our library. *Please* check around the house for a book or two you may have borrowed and forgot to return.

KCCSS Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2009

The meeting was opened by President Mike Sykos.

A visitor, Marilyn Talbot, was introduced.

Larry Fagarason thanked everyone who helped with the Cactus Show and Sale at River Hills Mall on May 8 and 9.

Nominees for officers of KCCSS for next year were announced by Larry Fagarason and elected by acclamation. Larry thanked everyone who accepted the nomination. [They will take office in July.] They are:

- President..... Bob Richie
- Vice President-Programs... Bill Frodyma
- Secretary..... Mary McFadin
- Treasurer Buddy Weaver

Wendell Bingham presented the program, Landscape Design with Cactus and Succulents, which featured the developing landscaping in his new home in The Summit.

The annual KCCSS Show and Sale will be at the River Hills Mall on Friday and Saturday May 8 and 9 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Everyone's help is requested. We can sell Mother's Day presents.

Refreshments were provided by Betty Collins and Mary McFaden.

Thirty-four people attended the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Edna Platte Secretary

New Field Guide To be Published

Texas A&M University is about to publish a new book, **Texas Cacti: A Field Guide**, by Brian and Shirley Loflin. The Loflins, authors of **Grasses of the Texas Hill Country**, are independent naturalists, photographers and writers. They teach seminars and workshops and have led nature and photography tours throughout the world.

Their new book will be available from Texas A&M University Press in September by calling 800-826-8911 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., CST). TAMU is also upgrading their current website at www.tamupress.com, where customers will also be able to place orders. We'll have more details in next month's KCCSS newsletter.



Here are the *Mammillarias* your editor collected on last month's field trip to the Kuykendall Ranch near Cherokee. Most collectors place those taller ones in a separate genus, *Escobaria*. As Del Weniger discusses in **Cacti of Texas and Neighboring States**, there are conflicting professional opinions on how to name the wide variety of cacti commonly called *Mammillaria*.

Do Your Dues!

Yes, it's that time again: our membership year starts in July. Dues are still only \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. Please bring them to the next meeting, or mail a check (payable to KCCSS) to our new treasurer:

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