

# Kerr County Cactus & Succulent Society News

## Our August 18 Meeting

**Bobby Crabb** is coming all the way from Boling (near Houston) to present "Cactus Tales from the Net: a High-Tech Adventure."

Don't miss it!



## Refreshments

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

January	Natalie Fagarason
February	Judy Surlles & 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

**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](http://austincss.com)

**Oct 3, Fort Worth: TACSS Fall Seminar,** hosted by the Fort Worth C&SS; Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. A great group of speakers, plant auction, and "Texas State Grand Champion" plant competition. Please bring a plant for the auction that someone will be proud to buy. Admission is free, so a successful auction is needed to meet expenses.

For more info, visit the KCCSS website: <http://home.windstream.net/wildfong/KCCSS.html> and click the link for TACSS seminar info.

If you don't use the Internet, contact Darvin Breaker at 817-283-6867 or Irwin Lightstone at 214-341-8292.

**Nov 14, Kerrville: Nature photography workshop with David Langford,** 9 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.; Riverside Nature Center. We invite you to an exciting full day led by widely respected nature, wildlife and western-image photographer David K. Langford. David will share his vast knowledge of how to get that great shot for your own enjoyment, enhance your skills or gather your own reference to create your chosen art. This day will start at RNC for 3 hours of instruction. After lunch, which is included in your registration fee, we travel by bus to the beautiful Block Creek Natural Area (aprox. 1 hour). At the ranch blinds and other areas are preset for you to practice these techniques in the optimum conditions. Space is limited so if you are interested please call RNC to save your space. 830-257-4837

*[They didn't say whether RNC membership is required]*



Cheryl, dwarfed by a Saguaro at Boyce-Thompson Arboretum near Superior Arizona (February 2005). You can see more at their website: [arboretum.ag.arizona.edu/](http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu/)

# KCCSS Meeting Minutes

## July 21, 2009

The meeting was opened at 7:00 by Vice-President Bill Frodyma. There were no visitors present.

New Business: Reminder of dues to be paid to the Treasurer, Buddy Weaver.

Announcements: Allen Duncan mentioned that he had a number of different kinds of Barrel Cacti for sale at this time.

The Program was presented by Wendell Bingham on The Succulent "Big A's": Agaves and Aloe.

The Agaves have over 250 species and serve as great contrast pieces for any garden. They require less water which is beneficial especially during the current drought.

The Aloe have over 300 species and are great border plants as they are fire resistant. They also have many medicinal uses.

Refreshments were provided by Mike Sykos.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 after the drawing for donated plants.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary McFadin, Secretary

Yes, it's that time again: as it says below, our membership year starts in July, and 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:

Buddy Weaver  
1917 Summit Top Drive  
Kerrville TX 78028

# ← Do Your Dues

**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 (except in December, when we have our Christmas party: time & place varies). 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](mailto:wildfong@windstream.net) (Snail-mail: 342 West Water St., Kerrville TX 78028; fax 928-752-5463)

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# Join the Cactus & Succulent Society of America

Here's a summary of a letter we received recently:

July 18, 2009

Dear Cactus and Succulent Enthusiast:

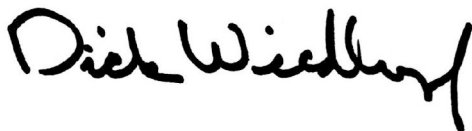
We need your support. Three years ago when we made plans for the CSSA Biennial Convention in Tucson we were concerned that there would not be enough space for all the attendees. There are very few places in Tucson that could meet our needs and we had to settle for an upscale resort that gave us a great price as compared to their regular rate.

As you well know the economy took a major down turn just as we were beginning registration for the convention; the attendance was only 60% of what we planned for. Obviously, this was the major factor that contributed to a \$30,000 total loss for the 2009 convention.

This financial loss on the convention and a 7% decrease in membership to date has all of us concerned for the future of CSSA. We will continue to publish the finest Journal on Cacti and Succulents in the world, but we need your support.

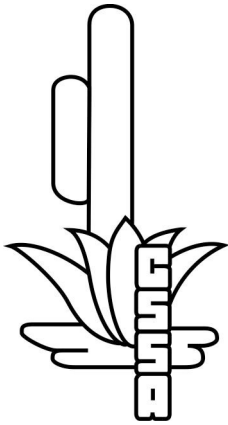
Your membership in CSSA pays for the Editors and publishing of the Journal and our *To The Point* newsletter. It supports our web site, which is undergoing improvement everyday. It contributes to the maintenance of our Research Library at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, conservation activities and research grants, and enables us to plan activities and publish valuable information about cacti and succulent plants of interest to you.

Your membership in CSSA is important to all of us and to everyone who enjoys these plants. Please help by joining the CSSA or renewing your membership for 2009 and beyond. You will of course receive the first 4 [*or however many*] issues of the journal and newsletter, and will receive the balance of the issues for this year as they are published.



Dick Wiedhopf, President

To join the CSSA, use the attached form,  
or sign up online at [www.cssainc.org](http://www.cssainc.org)



*The Cactus and Succulent Society of America Inc. (CSSA) was organized in 1929 to promote better understanding and appreciation of these fascinating plants. CSSA as a national organization encourages and supports more than 80 independent and local groups toward a unified position on environmental awareness.*

*The CSSA Society Journal has been used regularly since the organization was founded. It is an attractive and informative periodical, issued bimonthly, with a balanced presentation of scientific and cultural articles.*

*To join the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, copy this form and fill in the required information. Mail it with your payment payable to CSSA in United States funds to:*

CSSA Membership  
P.O. Box 2615  
Pahrump, NV 89041-2615

Please circle selected rate(s) below:

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