



Kerr County Cactus & Succulent Society News

Our October 20 Meeting

Larry Fagarason will do a show-and-tell on landscaping with cacti, succulents, and other native plants.



One of Larry's garden areas.
Photo by Larry Fagarason

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

Oct 23-25, KERRVILLE: Kerr County Fair; Hill Country Youth Exhibit Center, hwy 27 east. Includes horticulture contest for cacti & succulents and three other classes of plants: entries will be accepted Oct 22 from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm; judging at 7:00 pm; no entry fee required; free admission that day; plants must be grown by exhibitor and in possession six weeks prior to the Fair. For details, pick up a booklet at the Chamber of Commerce or Visitor Center, or go online to www.kerrcountyfair.com/

Nov 3, KERRVILLE: Native Plant Society meeting, 2:00 pm; Riverside Nature Center. The program will be a slide presentation by Floyd Waller, Ph.D. entitled "A Survey of Common Texas Grasses." This meeting is free and everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. For details, please call 830-257-2185. Website: www.npsot.org/kerrville

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 [\$135 for RNC members, \$150 for others] 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.

For more info, see their newsletter at www.riversidenaturecenter.org





John Farmer and Bill Gibson telling schoolchildren about the many uses of cacti and succulents, at Living History Day last month.



Above: Bob Richie and Bill Frodyma staffing our Club table at the Riverside Nature Center's "Down by the Riverside" events of August 3. Photo by (Buddy Weaver?) with Frodyma's camera.

Below: there were several activities for kids, too. Photo by Jack Millikan

KCCSS Meeting Minutes September 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Bob Richie.

Refreshments were served by Buddy and Evelyn Weaver.

Visitors: Judy Henry

Old Business: None

New Business: Native Plant Society yard tour - October 6, 2009

Buddy Weaver had a list of members of KCCSC on the front table. He asked that everyone check their name to verify their status of paid or unpaid.

Bill Frodyma needs volunteers to help him find interesting programs for our club meetings.

Bill also asked for volunteers for the table at the Riverside Sale on October 3rd.

Bill had a free CD to anyone wanting one that covers Watersmart Landscapes. After viewing this CD, it is a must have for anyone interested in landscaping. The information is valuable concerning winter hardy plants, fertilization, watering tips, etc.

Bill also mentioned that there was an elderly lady that is selling her entire cactus collection plus many rocks and crystals collected. She is no longer able to take care of them.

Program: Ben Banahan gave a very informative presentation on the Cacti of Starr County on the Texas-Mexico border. Ben built his first greenhouse in 1974,



the same year Mr. Lamb wrote his book on the Colorful Cactus of the Southwest. Mr. Lamb traveled across the United States and was most impressed with the 17 varieties he found in Starr County. Ben decided to see if he could find and identify the 17 different cacti when he got the chance to visit that area in 1976.

Ben found that it is humid area that averaged 28" of rainfall per year. The terrain had flat areas as well as 200 ft. hills. The cactus were humidity tolerant, growing rapidly but living relatively short lives. They propagate yearly. The slide show that followed was impressive and he was able to find most of those Mr. Lamb had identified.

Buddy Weaver held the drawing for the Cactus at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary McFadin, Secretary

Fort Worth Hosts a Great Seminar

by Jeff Pavlat, Austin CSS President

Last weekend, the FWCSS hosted the annual TACSS Fall Seminar at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. It was a beautiful venue and the Fort Worth club put on a great seminar. There were four programs, two on Texas cacti and two on adeniums. They had 11 vendors selling plants, books, and pottery. The fundraising auction had a number of nice plants and appeared to be quite successful. I left with an incredible 18-year-old, branched Euphorbia unispina for a bargain price. On Sunday, the garden tour included the greenhouses of Ross and Karen Floyd and Dennis Barclay. Both collections contain numerous show quality plants and were well worth seeing.

In her program at the TACSS Seminar, CDRI Director, Cathryn Hoyt discussed the history of their cactus collection and greenhouse. They have made a number of recent improvements but, with the success of their propagation program, are needing to build a second greenhouse. They have a frame and a volunteer to build it and are cur-

rently raising \$6,000 to pay for the needed supplies. In light of our very successful year, I would like to suggest the [ACSS] club consider making a donation to help get the project moving.

—Summarized from *Cacto-Files*, 10/09



A water feature in one of the local gardens on the October 6 tour conducted by the Native Plant Society of Texas, Kerrville Chapter.

Do Your Dues!

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. If you haven't paid them yet, 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

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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