

Kerr County Cactus & Succulent Society News

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Our December 12 Meeting

Note that date, folks: instead of our regular meeting on the third Tuesday, we're having our annual Christmas dinner on **December 12, at 6:00 pm.**

It's a "Dutch treat" buffet dinner in the Garden Room at **Inn of the Hills**, 1001 Junction Highway, Kerrville.

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year

Refreshments

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

November Bill Gibson
December (*Christmas Party*)

—And in 2010:

January Nancy Hatch
February Evelyn & Buddy Weaver
March Judy & Bob Richie
April (*pot luck at the Bingham's house*)
May Betty Collins & Mary McFaddin
June Natalie Fagarason
July Cheryl & Bill Wildfong
August **need someone!**
September Polly Horany
October **need someone!**
November Carol & John Lenard
December (*Christmas party*)

Coming Events

Jan 5, Kerrville: Native Plant Society of Texas meeting, Riverside Nature Center, 2:00 pm.

Mr. Eric Lautzenheiser will present "Change: One Man's 30+ Year Perspective on Native Plant Awareness in Texas." He will provide a look at the beginnings of the native plant movement in Texas, the refinement of what we mean by "native," the evolution of Texas conservation and restoration efforts, and a new grassland restoration project in Bexar County.

NPSOT meeting, cont'd

Among his other credentials, Eric is nature preserve superintendent for the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation.

This meeting is free and everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. For details, please call 830-257-2185.

For more information about NPSOT visit www.npsot.org/kerrville

Meeting Minutes 17 Nov 2009

The meeting was called to order by our president, Bob Richie at 7:00.

The refreshments were provided this month by Carol and John Lenard.

There were no visitors.

Old business: There will be no regular meeting for the month of December.

New Business: The Christmas Party will be held at the Inn of the Hills. It will be in the Garden Room and will be a buffet at 6:00 P.M. ~~The date has been changed to December the 8th instead of the 12th~~ as previously planned.

Bill Frodyma introduced the speaker, Bill Gibson.

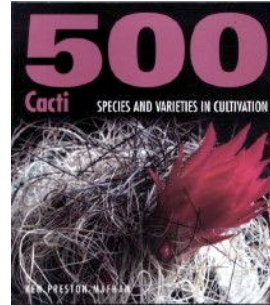
Bill Gibson gave a very informative presentation on the Sansevieria in their native habitat. They are also known as Mother-in-laws Tongue and Snake Plant. They are very prolific and spread rapidly. The best way to care for them is to ignore them and let them do

their thing. They provide a good source of fiber for the animals that graze. There were several good samples of the Sansevieria on the donation table.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary McFadin, Secretary

Book Report



500 Cacti: Species and Varieties in Cultivation
By Ken Preston-Mafham
2007, Grange Books
www.grangebooks.co.uk
528 pages, nearly all with color photos.
ISBN 978-84013-949-5
\$19.77 at amazon.com

This is a handy size book, about 6 inches square. As the title says, it covers 500 cacti (but no other succulents).

It's arranged by Genus (Echinocereus, Opuntia, etc.), and each page includes a beautiful high-resolution color photo, a general description, and a table describing the specie's form, spines, flower, flowering time from seed, and distribution. Nearly all the photos show the plants flowering.

Unfortunately, the book neglects to give the temperature tolerances, but that can be inferred from the distribution (where it's found in the wild). For example, if the distribution only says Mexico, the plant won't like Texas winters.

There are also seven pages of general information about naming cacti, cultivation, purchasing tips, etc.

—Bill & Cheryl

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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