



DESERT BREEZE

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

December 2011

Sunday, December 4, 2011 • 3-5pm

Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society Holiday Party and Gift Exchange

Junior League Facility, 2099 East River Road

Setup: 1pm - 3pm • Dinner: 3pm - 5pm

The Society will provide Turkey, Ham, Shrimp, Condiments, tableware and Drinks (coffee, punch and water). You will provide your favorite recipe (enough for 10 or more servings) Hot or Cold Salads - Starches - Vegetables - Desserts (please bring serving dish and serving utensils). For the last decade or so we have been collecting money and/or food for the Community Food Bank. This year the need is even greater, so let's make it special for others. Please bring donations (for a cash donation that is preferred, they can get 10 times the food) for the Tucson Community Food Bank.

Gift Exchange:

Everyone can participate by wrapping (cleverly) a plant or plant related gift of at least \$10.00 value. If you bring a gift you get a gift and the fun is in the way we will distribute them.

Meeting:

Additionally there will be a short Annual Meeting, Election Results, Awards and Table prizes. Please RSVP on the "goldenrod" notice you have already received in the mail.

Thursday, January 5, 2012

"The ADOT Saguaro Rescue Project"

Presented by Judy Mielke

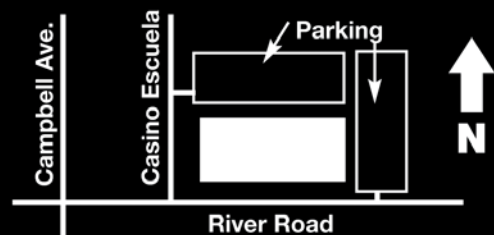
Judy is the Senior Landscape Architect at Logan Simpson Design in Tempe, Arizona.

She is also the author of a great book, "Native Plants for Southwestern Landscapes".

From the Editor

Due to New Year falling over the weekend, newsletter articles need to be handed in no later than Monday, December 26.

**Meetings are held on the first
Thursday of each month.**



**Junior League of Tucson, Kiva Bldg.
2099 E. River Road**





President's Message

What do you want to do? What do you want to know? What do you want to take part in? What do you want to see and hear at meetings? What new project should be started? What changes would make our monthly meeting better? What else?

I am always listening for new answers and want to hear from you. This Society has a lot on its plate. We really try to engage in numerous activities so that there is something for everyone's interest. Vonn Watkins, our VP and program chairman has arranged 100s of presentations and is always interested in new speakers and program ideas.



In this upcoming year our focus will include a substantial effort for Sonoran IX. The Sonoran Conference is a mixture of speakers, workshops, a cactus and succulent plant show, vendor sales, silent auction, lunches, dinners and much more. The date is April 28 & 29 with set-up on April 27. Your input and help is always needed and there will be planning meetings on all the aspects in early January. The information will be in the January newsletter.

Pima Prickly Park will consume a great deal of our effort. Although, this is a long term project, we need to make substantial progress each year. The projects we hope to start next year are improvements to Saguarohege, an Agave garden, the entrance WOW garden and an Opuntia test garden. All of these projects are long term. Ten year from now we will be very proud

of our efforts and glad we started them early. There are limited funds and so fund development will be very important as will grant writing. If these topics are your specialty please help us.

I hope many of you are growing plants for the Garden and soon we will be able to receive these plant from you and take care of them on site. There will be an opportunity to work with many plants in our new growing facility at the Garden. We should have it up and running in January.

In January we will have a library site at the Junior League building to house our lending collection and make it much easier for our librarian Joie Guinta. As you know she has had to bring suitcases of our books to every meeting. We are all looking forward to this project being completed.

Our rescue program is well over 50,000 rescued plants and is the backbone of our positive activities to save many Sonoran Desert plants. The program continues to grow in spite of the down turn in the economy. Our reputation is well known for performing rescues in a safe, legal and effective manner. Thanks to all of you who participate and maintain our excellence is this area.

You can take part in many other activities of the society. We will have our regular monthly meetings, spring and fall round table discussions, Sarsef and Funfest activities, September Good Time Silent Auction, Board and Committee meetings and more. Hope to hear from many of you.

Thank you.

Richard Wiedhopf, President

Ferocactus of the Month

by Chris Monrad

Ferocactus latispinus is native to San Luis Potosí, Mexico and is well known for its vivid purple blossoms and ability to flower at a fairly small size. Typical blooming period locally is from late October through December, it is a key species to own if you want to have a Ferocactus in bloom every month of the year. It is suitable for container growth or in the ground, generally hardy into the mid-20's with no rib damage.



Photo courtesy of www.wellgrowhorti.com

Prickly Park:

Planting of the Hummingbird Garden with help from "Our friends at the Tucson Audubon Society"

Photos by Ed Bartlett



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Everyone is Welcome!

Bring your friends, join in the fun, and meet the cactus and succulent community. the meeting. Your generous sharing will be greatly appreciated and enjoyed!

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Cacti Rescued 280 Rescues Accomplished

Please see our Website Calendar for the next rescued cactus sale. They are scheduled at various times during the year based on our inventory.

TCSS Club Members receive a 10% discount



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Tuesday, December 6, 2011 7:00pm

Pima Prickly Park meeting at the U of A College of Pharmacy

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Board meeting and the U of A College of Pharmacy

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