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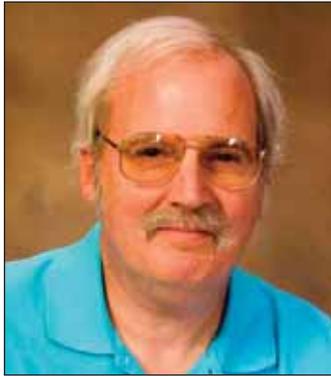
Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

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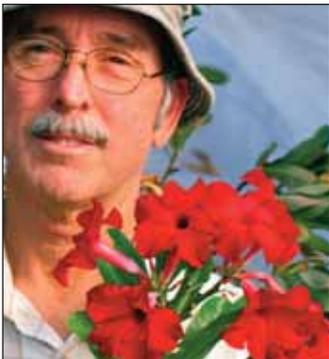
Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 7PM "Adenium: Twenty Years from Obscurity to Rising Star"

Presented by Kevin Barber and Mark Dimmitt

Kevin will begin with a 10-20 minute quick introduction that features a short travelogue that will show Taiwan as a place to grow succulent plants and will display pictures of non adenium succulents as well as do some quick views of adenium nurseries in Taiwan and India.



Mark will be doing the major portion of the program and will present the adenium as the newest ornamental plant to be domesticated, with a history of its development over the last 20 years.



Mark is Director of Natural History at the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum. He received his Ph.D. in biology at the University of California Riverside. He is well known for his hybrids, especially his study of the adenium and various cacti. In 1999, he received the Friend Award from The Cactus and Succulent Society of America for his outstanding

accomplishments with cacti and succulents.

Please be sure to attend our feature presentation to begin the new year! This will be a great program that you should not miss!

Thursday February 5, 2009 7 pm "E Namibia Semper Aliquid Novi - New Plants from an Old Place"

Presented by Tim Harvey

TCSS MONTHLY MEETING FREE PLANT GIVEAWAY

Aloe albida x saundersii

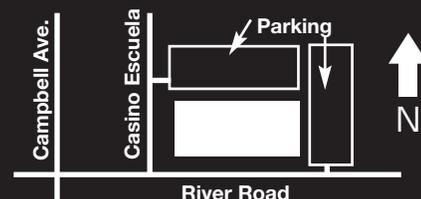
A cross between the two dwarf species of *A. albida* and *A. saundersii*, both grass Aloes. This hybrid offsets freely and is floriferous with pale cream flowers produced in the fall. This cross was done at Arid Lands in the late eighties.

Aloes are succulent plants in the lily family and are native to the old world, specifically Africa, Madagascar and the Arabian peninsula. Many species grow well here in the arid southwest either as potted plants or as specimens in the landscape. They especially thrive under the south side of trees in dappled light that gives them some shade in the summer but more light in the winter when sun angles are lower.

Most aloes are cool season growers. They need bright, filtered light with weekly waterings during the cool season and once every two weeks in summer. These aloes are cold tolerant to the high 20's and are easily protected at temperatures below that with a light piece of frost cloth draped over the plant. Flowering takes place normally from mid winter through spring and can range in colors from yellow to orange or bright red.

Chris Monrad

Meetings are held on the first
Thursday of each month.



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President's Message



Happy New Year. It is my sincere pleasure to serve you again as president, and along with a great team of officers and board members, we will have another great year. The society has grown over the years and in 2008 we reach 1158 total members at 759 households throughout the country. In ten years of our rescue program we have saved over 42,000 cacti and succulents from destruction and made them available to members and the general public. I consider this a great conservation achievement. Every member should take pride in what all of us have accomplished. In 2005 the Cactus and Succulent Society of America awarded us their first Conservation Award. It was presented at the Biennial Convention in Scottsdale, AZ. Vonn Watkins, one of the founders of the Rescue Program, represented us and received the award on behalf of the Tucson Society.

As you know the 2009 convention will begin on April 10 at the La Paloma Resort in Tucson. I hope you have sent in your registration and will attend this great event. There is still plenty of time to register for the convention. We are the host society and have been working quietly in the background planning events and doing the preliminary activities necessary. The venue, program speakers and vendors are set. Now comes the easy part. We are having company and we need to make our guest feel at home. We will be asking all of you to give us a few hours of your time before, during and after the convention to make it a success.

Our first cookbook did not arrive until late December 24th and we apologize for not getting it to you before Christmas. We are in the process of distributing all the pre-orders and more cookbooks will be available at our regular meetings and from other locations. We will let you know when and where you can get a copy. The cookbook is wonderful and filled with interesting recipes and outstanding photos. I know you will enjoy it.

As we look to the future, the opportunity for expanding knowledge to the public about cacti and succulents is one of our important goals. We will need your help in preparing useful guides (pamphlets, handouts, booklets, etc.) on all aspects of growing and caring for cacti and succulents in our area. I would really like to hear from newcomers on what you want and need to know.

Thank you for renewing your membership and understanding the need to raise fees for mailed newsletters. We will continue to provide you with a wide range of activities and opportunities to expand your interest and knowledge of cacti and other succulent plants.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dick Wiedhopf, President

TCSS Cookbooks have arrived

The TCSS Cookbooks have finally arrived, they turned out beautifully. We apologize for not getting them in time for our Holiday party or Christmas day. They will be available at the January and February TCSS monthly meetings and at a couple of other places around Tucson. Please see our web site for this information and there is also ordering information on our web site. Call Joe or Patsy if you do not have web access at (520)575-7126.

2009 Election Results

240 ballots were received by December 1, 2008 to be counted for the election of officers and 4 Board of Directors positions. The results were announced at the Holiday Party and the ballots and results were certified at the December 9, 2008 Board Meeting.

President	Dick Wiedhopf
Vice President	Vonn Watkins
Secretary	Dave Moyer
Treasurer	Joe Frannea

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Ed Bartlett	Mark Dimmitt
Joie Giunta	Bill Salisbury

A Special Month

*by Donna Souders Manager
from the Golden Years Gazette*

A member of the Chamburg Senior Center, has a very special hobby. Marlin Hostettler collects cactus plants. He has been collecting cactus plants for 15 years. Marlin brought in most of his collection to show us and to tell us about. His collection filled his car and trunk full and he even had to take out his back seat to transport them. Marlin belongs to the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society and the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. He now has about 70 plants ranging from 2" to 12" in diameter and may weigh anywhere from 1 to 30 pounds each. Marlin's collection filled two long tables so we had quite a few to look at and ask questions about. When Marlin spots a plant he likes, he told us that he is like a kid in a candy store and he has to have it. Thanks to Marlin we were able to share his passion for his cactus collection and understand why his plants mean so much to him.

Library

The Desert Water Hole by Jeffrey Church and Lewis Wayne Walker
Desert Beauty the story of cacti by Charlotte Jeanes and Joseph Stacey. The books are Nature Adventure Books from the Arizona Highways. Both have been donated. These books are older but still have some interesting information.
Wildlife Gardens by Katharine Anderson is another donated book. The book is about creating and maintaining wildlife gardens in all areas of the US.
Desert Giant The World of the Saguaro Cactus by Barbara Bash A book about the Saguaro and the animals, bird, reptiles and people that use it. Colorful illustrations.

Holiday Party Fun for All...



Over 120 members, family and friends attended the 49th Holiday party. For the last several years we have collected money and food for the Community Food Bank. This year everyone was especially generous and more than \$640 was donated to this important activity.

Members brought their favorite dishes and we were treated to more than 15 delicious salads, 13 different starches, 14 (what can you say) vegetables and 24 wonderful non-fattening desserts (Ho-Ho-Ho). TCSS supplied all the rest including turkey, ham and shrimp, plus holiday punches in 2 flavors, decorations and beautiful succulent wreaths for the tables. Lucky seats got to take home the table wreaths. Patsy & Joe Frannea, Doug Rowsell and whole lot of other volunteers made the event perfect by taking care of the set-up and food. Doug even provided us with a video fireplace to keep us warm and in good spirits.

After lunch there was the official annual meeting of the corporation which announced newly elected officers and

board members. This was followed by the presentation of service awards (see President's Awards in this issue).

The day ended with our annual gift exchange. If you brought a gift, you got a gift but were able to exchange it for another if you thought it was better. Some were and some were not but everyone had a good time and left full and happy.

Thanks for attending.

President's Awards



For the last several years, your Board of Directors has authorized the President to present awards to members for their service to the society. These awards are announced at the annual meeting in conjunction with the Holiday Party. There are two types of awards. The President's Award recognizes outstanding service to the society and the President's Special Service Award recognizes individuals for their outstanding service and special contributions for the success of our society. The awardees are recommended to the President by the Board and committee chairs and the decisions are made by the president. Each recipient receives a special engraved trophy. Individuals can receive each award only once. A list of all award recipients will be placed on the web site.

This year's President's Special Service Award goes to:

Chris Monrad: Chris is one of the four founders of the Rescue Program and has been a leader of this activity for its entire 10 plus years. He is an active member of the Board of Directors promoting the conservation and research efforts of the society. Chris has redis-

covered the yellow spine, yellow flower "variety" of our native barrel, *Ferocactus wislizeni* and has headed the controlled reproduction and propagation so as to produce large quantities of this rare form for those attending the CSSA Convention.

This year's winners of the President's Award are:

Karen Keller: Editor of the Desert Breeze for the past year and a member of the Board of Directors. Karen was also recognized for all her work in designing and publishing our first cookbook.

Ed & Linda Bartlett: Service on the Board plus their efforts in making Sonoran VII, cactus sales, and rescue program a great success.

Noe Mayotte: Service as Community Relations for the rescue program and especially for discussion about our efforts with community and government leaders. Special effort with ASARCO Mining for a very special and successful rescue of saguaros and other cacti.

Marty Harow: Long time service on the Board, greeter to all at meetings, volunteer service at Sonoran conferences and has coordinated bus service for all recent outings.

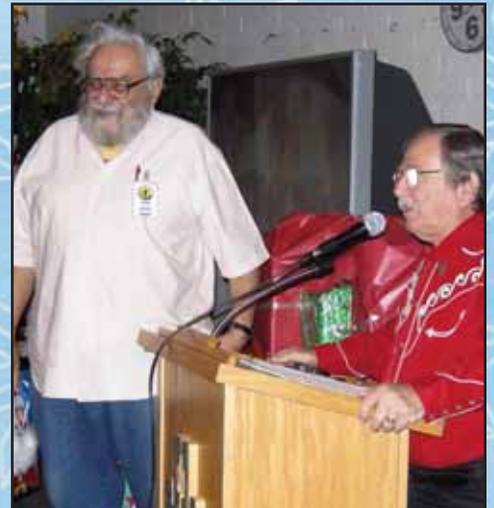
Doug Rowsell: Layout, design and set-up of events to get use of minimum space such as Sonoran VII sales tent area, holiday party and sales at our 4th Ave. site. Responsible for arranging the recovering of the shade structures at 4th Ave. He is an active member of the rescue crew.

This group of people and the past recipients are the reason for the success of our society.

Thank you. *Dick Wiedhopf, President*



Nancy Reid and Peter Hubbell stepped down from the board and were recognized for their excellent achievements over the years.



TCSS at Funfest



On November 5,6 &7 TCSS participated in the Math, Science and Technology FunFest (MSTFF) for the first time this year. This was the 6th annual MSTFF held at the TCC for 4th through 8th grade students in the Tucson area. The MSTFF, which this year included 60 booths and exhibits, is a three day event with approximately 2200 students attending each day. The intent of MSTFF is to give the kids a hands-on exposure to math, science and technology topics in a small workshop type environment. The TCSS booth was titled "Let's Make a Cactus Model" We gave the students a short tutorial on the anatomy of a generic cactus pointing out the function of the major elements – roots, stem, water storage, skin, spines and flower/fruit. We then helped them make a model incorporating

all of these elements. During the three days we had over 1000 students visit our booth and build a cactus. Feedback from students, teachers and event organizers was all very complementary. Special thanks go to Joe and Patsy Frannea for their tireless efforts in both preparing materials for the models and for working in the booth over the three days. Thanks also to Gayle Swarbrick for help in preparing model materials. Our success in this event would not have been possible without the efforts of the following volunteers who worked the very busy booth over the three days: Molly Harris, Ron Sprague, Catherine Mexal, Sandra Kunzman, Linda Radloff, Linda Heisley, Noe Mayotte, Joie Giunta, Dave Palzkill, Cyndi Garrison, and Dale & Augie Johnson. We are also tentatively planning on participating in MSTFF in November 2009.

John Swarbrick

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January Refreshments

Those with family names beginning with A to F please bring your choice of refreshment to the meeting.

Everyone is Welcome!

Bring your friends, join in the fun,
and meet the cactus and
succulent community.

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Cacti Rescued
208 Rescues Accomplished

TCSS Rescue Cacti for Sale

Barrels - from 2" to 14" diameter (about \$1 per inch)

Hedgehogs - from 1 to 20 heads (about \$1 per head)

TCSS Club Members receive a 10% discount

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7:00 pm

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Tuesday, January 13, 2009

7:00 pm

Board meeting at the U of A College of Pharmacy



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