



# Desert Breeze

Newsletter of the Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society

October 2007

Thursday, October 4, 2007

7:00 P.M.

Cory Martin

## "A Garden of Eden in Our Own Backyard."

Sycamore Canyon is one of the most diverse canyons in Arizona, and it's right here in our own backyard! Join Cory Martin in viewing some of the 640 species of plants, geology and wildlife that occur in this four mile long canyon on the Arizona/Mexico border. This is the fourth installment in the "cool places to see within a days drive from Tucson" series meant to inspire appreciation for our local hot spots of vegetation.



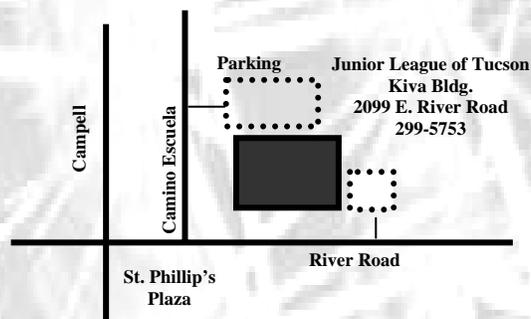
Cory got his start in the plant community at Bach's Cactus Nursery twelve years ago. After four years in wholesale and retail, Cory moved on to The Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. Joining the Botany Department at the ASDM as a horticulturist, he spent seven years caring for many different exhibits including but not limited to the Boojums and the Cactus Garden. Cory has spent the past year and a half as Horticulture Manager for Miraval Resort and Spa managing a crew of six and thirty acres of maintained property. Cory also likes to search out plants in habitat in his free time.

We welcome Cory as our October guest speaker. Don't miss this special journey to a great location along the border of Arizona and Mexico.

Thursday, November 1, 2007

## General Meeting

### Meeting Place



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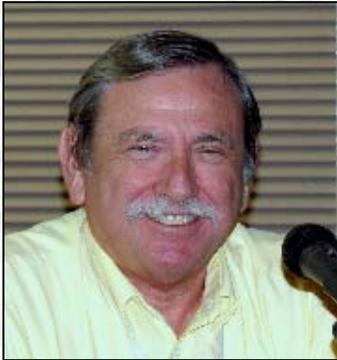
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### October Refreshments

Those with family names beginning with N to S, 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.

President's Message



Here are some of the fall garden activities that you should attend. All of these organizations need our support. Also, check out all of our activities highlighted in this newsletter. This is a very busy season.

**Desert Botanical Gardens-Phoenix**

The Desert Botanical Garden Plant Sale is a one-stop shopping experience featuring the largest variety of arid-adapted plants available in one location. Garden volunteers, horticulturists, and professional landscape designers are all on hand to answer questions, assist in plant selections, and offer advice. Purchase pottery and other delightful garden accessories from specialty retailers and visit the Farmer's Market.

Garden members' preview: Friday October 12 from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Open to the Public: Saturday October 13 from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday October 14 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**Boyce Thompson Arboretum – Superior, AZ Fall Plant Sale**

October 5-21, daily during business hours from 8:00 am. to 5:00 pm.

Our popular annual Fall Plant Sale opens to the public on Saturday, October 6, and Arboretum annual members are invited to shop one day early to enjoy special 20% discounts and the widest selection of plants during our "members only preview day" Friday, October 5. Autumn is the time to plant herbs and also a great season to begin your Spring flower garden; stock up during this annual fundraiser, which helps support education and conservation programs here at the Arboretum. Staff horticulturists and Master Gardener volunteers will be here to offer advice and answer your plant questions.

**Tucson Botanical Gardens**

Saturday, September 29, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Annual fall plant sale featuring a large variety of xeriscape plants, cacti and succulents. Also, look for a wide variety of herbs to compliment your fall planting needs. Docents will be available to answer landscaping questions. Plant sale is free. Cost of gardens admission: Adults \$7, Children 4 –12 \$3, Children 3 and younger Free. Members Only Sale: Friday, September 28, Noon to 6:00 pm.

**Tohono Chul Fall Plant Sale**

October 11, 13&14 - Plant sale (October 11 is members only). Penstemon Pandemonium!

**Desert Survivors-Fall Sale**

Members Presale, September 29th, Saturday, 8am-5pm (20% off of all plants for members)

General Public Sale, October 6th & 7th, Saturday (8:00 am-5:00 pm) & Sunday (10:00 am-5:00 pm) (10% off all plants, with 20% off for members)

Featured Plants: *Amorpha fruticosa* (Indigo bush), *Cathestecum erectum* (False Gramma Grass), *Albizia sinaloensis* (Sinaloa silk tree) - these will be beautiful 15 gallon specimens available in small numbers, and one other really cool plant to be named later.

Thank you for all your support.

*Dick Wiedhopf, President*

**Pima County Country Fair Sale**



Sunday, October 21, 2007 at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park, 3482 E. River Road, River Road at Alvernon. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

This sale, featuring rescue plants, is presented by the TCSS cactus rescue program. A portion of the proceeds go to the School grant program. Club members wishing to sell surplus plants at the sale please contact Jack Ramsey at 888-6137. The plants must be identified with plant name and seller's name and price. Please, no cuttings or unpotted plants. Any questions call Jack Ramsey.

*Jack Ramsey*

## “Goodbye to the Heat” Good Time Party



The Second Good Time Party was another successful event for 2007.

There were more plants than ever available at the \$2 and free tables.

174 items were donated, ten of which were used in the live auction. The total amount collected was \$2367. Expenses of \$540 left \$1825 for the research fund.



The ice cream was very popular, and the toppings were delicious. I want to thank very much all who pitched in and got things done. And thanks to those who donated the items that were auctioned, sold, and given away.

Thank you and thank you, again and again.

*Jack Ramsey*

## Garden Tour

Those of you who missed the garden tour on September 23 sure missed a garden to die for. Doug and Dael's garden ranks among the best in Arizona and maybe the world. Their collection of

plants had everyone in awe – they couldn't believe it. Agave's Aloe's, many species of Cereus, Echinocactus, Echinopsis, Mammillarias, Opuntias, Euphorbias, Yuccas, to name a few were neatly and artistically

placed among the rocks and boulders. Small and large pots were everywhere with specimens of all



kinds of plants. The pathways down into the wash were loaded with plants, native and non-native. The water features were made to look as if they had always been there and the pool tied it all together. The attention paid to this garden makes it what it is. Doug and Dael, thank you for letting TCSS visit your garden and letting Helen and me take part in the tour.

*Jack Ramsey*

## Library Update

*Pachyforms II Bonsai Succulents* by Phillippe de Vosjoli, Rudy Lime

This book covers everything needed to grow a bonsai form of pachyforms, from choosing plants, pots, training and care of the various species. It is loaded with pictures of plants mostly in pots with a few growing naturally.

Harrison Yocum has given the library a copy of his autobiography. If you ever spent a few minutes talking with Harrison, you know what a fascinating man he is. This booklet covers his life from birth to the time of his presidency in TCSS.

*Joie Giunta*

## Sycamore Canyon Field Trip

The field trip to Sycamore Canyon with Cory Martin in October is full. If you didn't sign up, but would like to go, you can leave your name and phone number at the library table during the break. If there are any cancellations, you will be notified on a first come basis.

*Joie Giunta*

## Return trip to Wallace Gardens Carefree, Arizona

**Sunday, November 4, 2007**

There are seats available on the bus so get your reservations in as soon as possible! Your reservation form was in your September Desert Breeze, or is available on the Club's web page.

*Jack Ramsey*



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**Cacti Rescued**  
184 Rescues Accomplished

## TCSS Rescue Cacti for Sale

Lots & lots to choose from.....

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



Photos by John Durham and Barry McCormick. Logo Artwork by Vonn Watkins

### Upcoming Schedule

- October 4, Thursday -- General Meeting: Cory Martin.
- October 9, Tuesday 7:00 pm – Board Meeting
- October 21, Sunday – Pima County Country Fair Sale
- November 4, Sunday –Wallace Gardens Tour
- December 9, Sunday – Annual Holiday Party



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