

HISTORY OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETIES (TACSS) FALL SEMINARS

15 October 2017

2017 TACSS Fall Seminar: Hosted by Houston Cactus & Succulent Society—held at **Houston Multi-service Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, Texas 77019, October 7 & 8.**

REGISTRATION FEES & PROGRAM DETAILS

Admission to the seminar is free to TACSS Members.

Friday (October 6):

1:00-7:00pm Vendor Setup

5:00-7:00pm Early Registration.

Saturday (October 7):

7:30am-5:30pm: Plant Sale.

7:30am-8:30am: Registration.

8:45am-12:00pm: Speaker Programs.

12:00pm-1:00pm: Lunch—on your own at a nearby restaurant or available from Panera to be delivered, paid for in advance at a cost of \$10/person, that includes a sandwich, a bag of chips, a pickle, and a cookie. Sandwich choices are: Turkey, Ham and Swiss, and Tuna salad. Mark your choice on registration form. Deadline for lunch reservations is 6 October 2017. Send checks for lunch payable to TACSS to Josie Watts, 7475 Santa Fe Dr., Houston, TX 77061.

1:00pm-3:00pm: Speaker Programs.

3:00pm-3:15pm: Plant Show Awards.

3:45pm-5:00pm: Plant Auction.

5:00pm-6:00pm: TACSS Fall Business Meeting.

5:30pm-6:00pm: Vendor tear down.

6:30pm-9:00pm: Dinner at El Tiempo Cantina, upstairs, 322 Westheimer Rd., Houston, Texas 77006 (at the corner of Westheimer and Taft near the Multi-service Center). It will be an all you can eat Chicken and Beef Fajita Dinner with 2 salsas, tortillas, onions, rice and beans, pico de gallo, guacamole, chili con queso, and cheddar cheese. The price is \$23.99, which can be paid at the seminar. Mark your registration form for this dinner attendance Yes or No.

Sunday (October 8): Open Houses

9:30am: Liliana and Mike Cracraft, 3626 S Braeswood Blvd, Houston, TX 77025.

11:00am: Thomas Cardinal, 6318 Hedge Maple Ct, Humble, TX 77346.

DESIGNATED MOTEL: Best Western Plus at 915 West Dallas, Houston, holding extra single king sized rooms for \$120/night until 18 September 2017.

Other motel: Best Western Plus at 11611 Northwest Fwy, Houston, TX 77092 at a rate of \$109/night, and carpool as several others have already booked there.

SEMINAR LECTURE SPEAKERS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017:

Jeff Pavlat—Botanical Gardens of Havana, Cuba.

Dick & Phyllis McEuen—The Plants of Namibia.

Woody Minnich—The Hidden Treasures of Coahuila, Mexico.

Richard Stamper—Lithops gracidelinata.

Wally Ward—A Case Study of Hybridication in Succulent Plants.

VENDORS

Dave Thomas, Richard Stamper, Woody Minnich, Daryl Revrovich, Jimmy Black, Jeff Pavlat, Mert Paben.

2014 TACSS Fall Seminar: Hosted by *Austin Cactus & Succulent Society*—held at **The Marchesa Hall and Theatre, Austin, Texas, October 4 & 5**. The Marchesa Hall and Theatre, home to the Austin Film Society, is a former movie theater converted into a conference center.

REGISTRATION FEES

Admission to the seminar is free to TACSS Members.

Saturday morning (October 4): Continental breakfast will be provided.

Saturday noon: On your own at a nearby restaurant or you may preorder a \$9 box lunch from Whole Foods Catering that includes your choice of a sandwich with fresh fruit, cookie and a soft drink or bottled water. Sandwich choices are: Smoked Turkey Breast & Provolone, Black Forest Ham & Swiss, Roast Beef & Cheddar or Grilled Veggies & Hummus Wrap. Mark your choice on registration form.

Saturday evening: Banquet at Pappasito's Cantina with your choice of one below:

–\$25/person for fajita dinner—featuring beef and chicken fajitas with rice and beans, served family style, with coffee, iced tea, soda, or water to drink included. Mark your choice on registration form.

–\$18/person for vegetarian fajitas—featuring vegetarian fajitas with coffee, iced tea, soda or water to drink included. Mark your choice on registration form.

–you may purchase additional food items, dessert or alcoholic beverages on your own tab.

DESIGNATED MOTEL

Holiday Inn Austin Midtown, across the street from the Marchesa Hall and Theatre at special rate of \$129/night—reservation deadline of 15 September 2014.

Other motels within five miles of seminar venue:

Comfort Inn – Delmar at \$72/night.

Travelodge – Central at \$90/night.

Econo Lodge at \$96/night.

Ramada – Central at \$111/night.

Days Inn – Crossroads at \$118/night.

Days Inn – South at \$120/night.

La Quinta at \$129/night.

TACSS Executive Director: Mike Rupe—Austin C&SS President: Colon Steele

SEMINAR LECTURE SPEAKERS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2014:

Bob Barth, Texas—Succulent and Simi-succulent Oddities of the Canary Islands.

Mary Irish, Texas—Agaves for Small Gardens.

Jim Mauseth, Texas—Madagascar Part 1. Madagascar Part II (an after dinner lecture Saturday evening).

Woody Minnich, New Mexico—Highlights of South America.

GREENHOUSE/NURSERY/GARDEN TOURS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014:

Bob Barth's Oracle Gorge Nursery

Jeff Pavlat's Garden & Greenhouses

VENDORS

Cactus Data Plants (Woody Minnich), **J&J Cactus & Succulents** (Joyce Hochtritt), **Oracle Gorge Nursery** (Bob Barth), **Paul's Desert** (Paul & Lisa Kibler), **East Austin Succulents** (Eric Pedley), **Rick Van Dyke Pottery Studio**, **Wildwood** (Joan Griffith), **Photography** by Roy Mata.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Saturday: (i) Plant Sales all day. (ii) Registration, early morning. (iii) Lecture speakers 9am-3:15pm. (iv) Awards & Recognition and Rare plant auction after lecture speakers. (v) TACSS Business Meeting late afternoon, (vi) Dinner Banquet at Pappasito's Cantina evening with Mike Massara lecture on Madagascar Part II after dinner.

2. Sunday: Garden/Greenhouse Tours 9am-1pm at Bob Barth's and Jeff Pavlat's Gardens and Greenhouses.

3. TACSS Affiliate Societies: Austin C&SS, Central Texas C&SS, Coastal Bend C&SS, Fort Worth C&SS, Houston C&SS, Kerr County C&SS, North Texas C&SS, San Antonio C&XS.

2007 TACSS Fall Seminar: Hosted by *Austin Cactus & Succulent Society*—held at **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin Texas, October 6 & 7**. The Center's gardens has a display of native plants of Texas, in particular those of the Central Texas Hill Country.

REGISTRATION FEES

Admission to the seminar is free to TACSS members.

Saturday morning (October 6): Continental breakfast will be provided.

Saturday noon: On your own at a nearby restaurant or you may preorder a \$9 box lunch in advance that includes your choice of a sandwich with chips, soft drink or bottled water and a cookie/ person. Sandwich choices are: Smoked Turkey Breast & Swiss on Multi-Grain Bread or Honey Cured Ham & Cheddar on a Hoagie Bun or Vegetarian Sandwich on Multi-Grain Bread. Mark your choice on registration form.

Saturday evening: Banquet at Satay of fine South Asian cuisine—meal cost to you generally ranges between \$10 and \$25/person at time you attend the banquet. Include \$10/person with registration form to reserve a seat(s).

HOTEL ROOMS—Within **five** miles of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center seminar:

1. Holiday Inn Express rates from \$109/night.

2. La Quinta Inn rates from \$129/night.

Other hotel room options within **ten** miles of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center seminar:

3. Comfort Suites rates from \$99.95/night.

4. Marriott Austin South Airport rates from \$119/night.

5. Springhill Suites by Marriott rates from \$99/night.

6. Omni Austin with rates from \$119/night.

7. Homewood Suites by Hilton rates from \$109/night.

8. Red Roof Inn rates from \$60/night.

9. Candlewood Suites rates from \$86/night.

TACSS President: Mike Rupe—Austin C&SS President: Jeff Pavlat

SEMINAR LECTURE SPEAKERS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007:

Bob Barth, Texas—Aloe polyphylla in Habitat.

Jim Mauseth, Texas—The Strange Biology of Cacti Parasitized by Mistletoe.

Woody Minnich, New Mexico—The Highlands of Bolivia.

Bob Smoley, Florida—Cacti & Succulent Greenhouses Around the World.

GARDEN/GREENHOUSE TOURS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2007:

Bob Barth's Garden & Greenhouses

Jeff Pavlat's Garden & Greenhouses

VENDORS

Bob Smoley's Gardenworld (Bob Smoley), **Cactus Data Plants** (Woody Minnich), **J&J Cactus & Succulents** (Joyce Batemann-Hochtritt), **Jen & Gloria's Desert Plants** (Michael Navolio & Richard Stamper), **Oracle Gorge Nursery** (Bob Barth), **Wildwood** (Joan Griffith).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Saturday: (i) Plant Sales all day. (ii) Registration, early morning. (iii) Lecture speakers 9am-2:45pm. (iv) Rare plant auction after lecture speakers. (v) TACSS Business Meeting late afternoon, (vi) Dinner Banquet at Satay evening.

2. Sunday: Garden/Greenhouse Tours 9am-1pm at Bob Barth's and Jeff Pavlat's Gardens and Greenhouses.

3. In addition to the rare plant auction as our main source of income for funding the seminar, sponsors were **Hole in One Handyman** (Gary Niven) \$250, **FWCSS** \$100, **The Great Outdoors Garden Center** \$100.

4. TACSS Affiliate Societies: Austin C&SS, Central Texas C&SS, Coastal Bend C&SS, Fort Worth C&SS, Houston C&SS, Kerr County C&SS, North Texas C&SS, San Antonio C&XS.