

Fort Worth Cactus and Succulent Society History

The first meeting of people interested in cactus and succulents in Fort Worth took place at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens on November 18, 1971. The meeting was called as a result of an inquiry by Mrs. Eddie A. Cargil who wrote to Ed Brice, columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, asking if there was such a club or society active in Fort Worth. The answer was “no” but the reaction from other readers was so favorable that Mrs. Cargil agreed to help organize a club.

The By-Laws were drawn up by a committee composed of Darvin Breaker (Chair), Helen Rightmire, Jackie Beck, Barabara Nelson, Essie Lee Ellis, and Ernestine Williams. The completed By-Laws were adopted on October 1, 1979, and amended October 1982, April 1984, February 1995, March 2007, and November 2012.