

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

15 August 2016

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.