

## 2016 CACSS Calendar

<p><b>January 31, 2016</b>  <b>2:00 pm - 4:00pm</b>  <b>Dorrance Hall</b></p>	<p><b>Raul Puente Martinez, Curator of living Collections at the Desert Botanical Garden (DBG)</b>  <b><i>Program: From the Atacama to the Sonoran Desert: Fred Kattermann Collection at the DBG</i></b>          In March 2014, the DBG received a significant donation of the private cactus collection of Fred Kattermann consisting of 1327 cacti from South America: Argentina, Chile, and Peru belonging to eight genera. All of the plants are of known wild origin and have been fully documented with locality data, coordinates vouchers and numerous photographs of the plants in habitat illustrating stems, flowers, fruits and seeds. This presentation will explain the process and planning required to receive and move the collection from New Jersey to Arizona and how several departments worked together to accomplish this goal. Funding to bring Katterman's Collection was provided by the CACSS. A quick tour of the collection will be given after the meeting.</p>
<p><b>February 28, 2016</b>  <b>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm</b>  <b>Dorrance Hall</b></p>	<p><b>Virginia Hayes, Curator of the Lotusland Living Collection</b>  <b><i>Program: Curator's Tour of Lotusland</i></b>          Curator's tour of Lotusland will take you on a virtual look at selected plants in every corner of Lotusland. Palms, ferns, aloes, cacti, water plants, cycads and more will be on show.</p>
<p><b>March 20, 2016</b>  <b>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm</b>  <b>Dorrance Hall</b></p>	<p><b>Gays Hendricks, CACSS member</b>  <b><i>Program: Using Succulents for a Unique Arizona Garden</i></b>          Succulents are an excellent addition to any xeriscape landscape; they add a unique look with their exotic shapes, color and texture. Whether you are into container gardening or just sprucing up your landscape, this lecture will contain information on these low maintenance and drought tolerant plants.</p>
<p><b>April 8, 9, 10, 2016</b>  <b>Friday and Saturday</b>  <b>9:00 to 5:00</b>  <b>Sunday 9:00 to 4:00</b>    <b>Dorrance Hall and Boppart Courtyard</b></p>	<p><b>Annual CACSS Show and Sale at the Desert Botanical Garden in Dorrance Hall and Boppart Terrace</b></p>
<p><b>June 5, 2016</b>  <b>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm</b>  <b>Dorrance Hall</b></p>	<p><b>Cathy Babcock, CACSS member and Director of Horticulture at Boyce Thompson Arboretum</b>  <b><i>Program: Succulent Weather Patterns</i></b>          Most succulents are fairly easy to grow in the Phoenix area but there are those that can be somewhat cantankerous, especially during the monsoon season. Cathy will talk about the weather patterns in the areas from where your succulents originate. Does our local weather matter to these plants? In some cases, yes. The focus will be on Africa.</p>
<p><b>June 26, 2016</b>  <b>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>David Yetman, Research Social Scientist at U of A and Emmy Award Winner for the TV series "Desert Speaks"</b>  <b><i>Program: Mexico's Valleys of Cuicatlan and Tehuacan: Cactus and Succulent Capital of the World</i></b></p>

<p><b>Dorrance Hall</b></p>	<p>The desert valleys in southern Mexico are home to a host of cacti and succulents, many of them endemic. The Valley of Cuicatlan, which drains northward from Oaxaca, and the Valley of Tehuacan, draining southward from Puebla meet at a botanical, natural, cultural, and archaeological hotspot. I will present some of the sensational plants, vegetation, landscapes, and archaeological treasure from the region.</p>
<p><b>July 31, 2016</b> <b>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm</b> <b>Dorrance Hall</b></p>	<p><b>Speaker: Tristan Davis, CACSS member</b> <b>Program: <i>Growing Cleistocactus in Arizona</i></b> Often frowned upon as messy because of the tendency of some species to grow prostrate or boring because the flower is small, he will cover the spectrum of diversity available and show that the naysayers have it wrong. He will clarify what was, is and will be a Cleistocactus and will demonstrate the incredible variety of colors.</p>
<p><b>August 28, 2016</b> <b>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm</b> <b>Dorrance Hall</b></p>	<p><b>Mark Seigwarth, Executive Director of Boyce Thompson Arboretum</b> <b>Program: <i>Creating a Global Treasure, combining the Collections of Boyce Thompson Arboretum and Wallace Desert Gardens</i></b> Mark's talk will cover not only the challenges in moving 7000 plants 75 miles to their new home, but why this will help Arizona become the center for arid land plant conservation and research.</p>
<p><b>September 25, 2016</b> <b>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm</b> <b>Dorrance Hall</b></p>	<p><b>John Trager, Curator of Desert Collections Huntington Gardens</b> <b>Program: <i>A brief history of ISI</i></b> The ISI (International Succulent Introductions) is the Huntington Botanical Garden's plant introduction program spanning nearly 60 years. This talk looks at the story of the program's origin and some of the many succulents introduced, some of which are still grown today. Come enjoy learning about some of these succulent treasures and get a glimpse of what the future holds.</p>
<p><b>October 9, 2016</b> <b>2:00 pm – 5:00 pm</b> <b>Wildflower Pavilion</b></p>	<p><b>CACSS Silent Auction in the Wildflower Pavilion at the Desert Botanical Garden</b></p>
<p><b>November 20, 2016</b> <b>2:00 pm - 4:00 pm</b> <b>Dorrance Hall</b></p>	<p><b>There are two programs this month. We will begin the first program at 2:00 PM-a change from normal.</b> <b>Speaker 1: Steve Plath, CACSS member and partner in Signature Botanica, Morristown, Arizona</b> <b>Program: <i>Gems Along the Trail</i></b> Working in the desert southwest doing assorted ecological restoration projects for the past 22 years has afforded me many opportunities to see native cacti, other succulent plants and animals in habitat. This program will show some of those marvelous plants, landscapes and animals I've encountered doing the work I'm passionate about. <b>Speakers 2: Dr. Kim McCue &amp; Kristen Kindl</b> <b>Program: <i>Desert Botanical Garden's new Horticulture Center-a transformational site for plants and people</i></b> Project Co-Lead, Kimberlie McCue and Project Manager, Kristen Kindl will share the story of the multi-year process of bringing the concept</p>

of a new Horticulture Center from idea to reality. Beginning with aspirations to build a state-of-the-art facility to care for the Garden's world-class plant collection, educate the public, and to support staff and volunteers, the process of planning, design, deconstruction and construction will be told. Learn how the new greenhouse range will better serve the Garden's plants, how sustainability is incorporated into the architecture, and how the Horticulture Center's Learning Lab and Outdoor Classroom will enhance experiential learning. A short walk to see the Horticulture Center site and buildings under construction will follow the presentation. Phase I will open March 1, 2016.

**December 11, 2016**

**CACSS Annual Holiday Party**

**This is a member only event.**