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**FEbruary Speaker**

**The Cacti of Northern Argentina**

Featuring: **Dr. Guillermo Rivera**  
When: Sunday, February 28th, 2 pm  
Where: Dorrance Hall, Desert Botanical Garden

Born in Argentina and presently living north of Sarasota, Florida, Dr. Rivera owns South America Nature Tours, which specializes in guided tours in Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Bolivia and Peru. Guillermo Rivera holds undergraduate degree in biology, a Masters in marine biology and a PhD in botany.

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Central Arizona Cactus & Succulent Society  
Plant-of-the-Month Selection - a.k.a. Mini Show

Succulents: **Stenocactus** (Echinofossulocactus) and **Turbinicarpus**

Cacti: **Haworthia** and **Sarcoaulon**

Please bring your favorite plants in the genera listed above. In fact, if you have any plant that is looking especially fantastic right now and would like to show it off then bring it in!

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**ON THE COVER**

Finally, some real rain!!! Last Sunday found me hiking around the northern slopes of the Table Top Mountain Wilderness just south of I-8. This was one of my favorite places to hike with relatively little disturbance by off-road vehicle activity and cattle ranching. The plants were fantastic, with beautiful fat saguaros, leafed out ocotillos, beefy Ferocactus emoryi, and an abundance of recently sprouted annuals. I also noted many healthy Mammillaria tetrancistra. Normally, M. tetrancistra can be tricky to find, but their current water-filled plumpness made them easy to spot. The above photo shows a young ocotillo and solitary M. tetrancistra amongst the caliche and desert varnish covered basalt cobbles.

Photo © Laurence Garvie
Workshop – Tuesday, March 9, 7pm

The workshop will be presented by Doug Dawson and will be held at the Farrington Conference Center in the Horticultural Building at the Desert Botanical Garden.

Have you ever wondered why we call one small spherical cactus a *Mammillaria*, yet another one is a *Coryphantha* or a *Gymnocalycium*, etc.? At this workshop we will take 5 or 6 genera of small spherical cacti and learn how to differentiate who’s who. After a short formal presentation and handouts, we will break into small groups and go from one station to another. Each station will have a tray of 6 or 7 cacti and your group will try to decide what genus each specimen belongs to. By the time you make it to the last station will you be able to guess all of the plants on that tray correctly? Come to the workshop and find out!

At the February 28th General CACSS Meeting there will be more information and a sign-up sheet. If you cannot make it to the General Meeting and wish to come to the workshop, please contact Doug Dawson at 480-893-1207 to confirm your space.

Well, I was feeling like maybe spring was getting close, and should I take my 70 adeniums out of their winter storage area like I did last year the 3rd week of February? Prudence prevailed and I decided to hold off. Then we got a couple of more days of good (but not for adeniums yet!) rain, and then as usual following the rains, cold morning temperatures. Now as I write this, I am looking out a window in New York, pondering the left-over snow on the ground and waiting for the next 2-4 inches coming today and tomorrow. I hope I make it back for the meeting on Sunday! Let me tell you, I think we have got it pretty good in the sunny Phoenix area! Speaking of sun, we are planning our California trip and are hoping to schedule it so that we stay one evening and the following morning in the Solano Beach area. A little relaxation is in order too, no? This would require staying at a different hotel each night, but I think it’s worth it. Let me know what you think. We had a terrific turn out for the first meeting of the year (108 members!) and I hope it continues. We have another good presentation scheduled, so I hope to see you there.

See you soon .......... Steve Martinez
Plant Questions???

Many CACSS members have experience with different kinds of succulent plants. I hope they will add their names to the following list (just call or e-mail Bob Torrest). For now the list is simply alphabetical with principal interests. When more members add their information, the list will be cross-referenced by topic.

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