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## 2021 HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY & POLLYANNA

**SATURDAY, DEC 11, 2021**

**11AM - 3PM**

**@ THE AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL  
MUSEUM**

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## OTHER NEWS

Looks like cactus are helping to fight global warming!  
[blog/2021-10/carbon-sequestration-and-sonoran-desert-cacti](https://www.sdcss.net/blog/2021-10/carbon-sequestration-and-sonoran-desert-cacti)

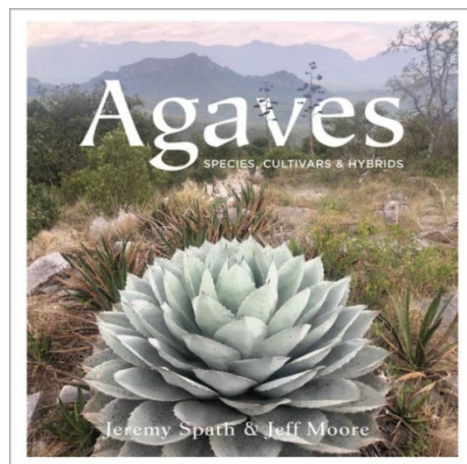
Interested in *Pilosocereus pachycladus*?  
Check out the San Diego's club newsletter .. [www.sdcss.net](http://www.sdcss.net)

The British Society has a YouTube channel  
[www.youtube.com/channel/UCktFm8NOeBIZJnvVPaT6WwQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCktFm8NOeBIZJnvVPaT6WwQ)

new book: **Agaves: species, cultivars & hybrids**  
by Jeremy Spath & Jeff Moore

Spath & Moore researched the many uses of agave. In addition to the production of the well known alcoholic beverage tequila, agave fibers known as 'sisal' were used to weave clothing. Parts of the plant were eaten while stalks and stems were used to fence in livestock as well as build houses.

Currently, dried agave flower stalks are being used to make environmentally friendly surfboards. Gary Linden, who has a surfboard business in Oceanside, CA is experimenting with dried agave flower stalks. The stalks replace the foam interior of his boards. Who would have thought!



... across the country in Tucson ...

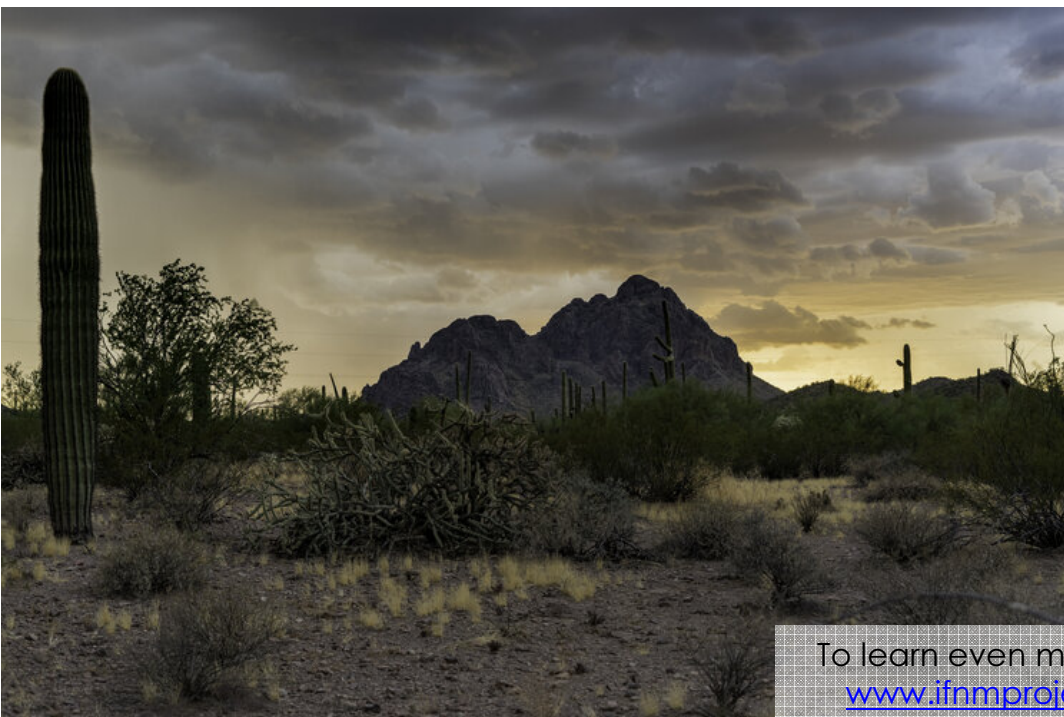
## **New Conservation Project for TCSS: Waterman Restoration Site**

The Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society (TCSS) has entered into a 10-year cooperative partnership with the Arizona Native Plant Society to supply rescued saguaros to the Waterman Restoration Site northwest of Tucson near the Silver Bell mine, according to Dick Wiedhopf, TCSS president.

The restoration site encompasses 18 acres located south of the mine within the boundaries of Ironwood Forest National Monument. This federally owned property is administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Native Plant Society volunteers have been working to return the site to its original condition since 2010 by restoring natural land contours, engineering water catchment basins, and re-seeding and planting over 100 species of native plants. One of these volunteers, John Scheuring, reports the Society has successfully re-established over 2000 native Palo Verde and Ironwood trees on the site. All native plants had been completely bladed from the site 30-40 years ago, and buff elgrass had subsequently covered the area, according to Scheuring.

TCSS has agreed to supply small, rescued saguaros on a periodic basis to AZNPS, which will then transport, plant, and care for the saguaros on the site. In turn, AZNPS will recognize TCSS as the saguaro donor partner in the Waterman Restoration Project in public interviews, events, and reports. To date, the cactus rescue crew has donated 20 small saguaros to AZNPS. Scheuring has also invited TCSS members to visit and tour the site on three occasions this year. Attendees have reported an amazing array of assorted desert wildflowers and shrubs, including fairy dusters, ocotillo, white thorn acacia, wolfberry, and some cacti that have come up from seed, including a *Ferocactus acanthodes* barrel and the endangered *Nichol's* head.

*Submitted by Donna Ellis, TCSS Cactus Rescue Coordinator*



To learn even more go to the website  
[www.ifnmproject.com/new-page](http://www.ifnmproject.com/new-page)



## Member show & tell ..

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