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The Houston Cactus and Succulent Society (HCSS) was organized in 1963 to promote the study, propagation, and conservation of cacti and other succulents. Membership is open to anyone having an active interest in succulent plants.

Monthly membership meetings are held at the Houston Garden Center in Hermann Park. The meetings for January through October are held the fourth Wednesday of each month; the November meeting is the third Wednesday. These meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are welcome free of charge.

The date and place for the December meeting to install new officers varies and is announced at the membership meeting and in the HCSS publications.

MEMBERSHIP: Please return a copy of this form, with your remittance, to:

Houston Cactus and Succulent Society (or HCSS)  
Richard Stamper  
1904 Whitney  
Houston, TX 77006

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Membership categories (check one): Family (\$25.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$20.00) \_\_\_\_\_

\* Membership information is for internal HCSS use only. No information will be sold or given to others.

## MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HCSS

### MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS INCLUDE:

- \* Guest speaker or educational program with exhibits, slides, and/or demonstrations.
- \* Cactus and succulent of the month presentations by members.
- \* Board and committee reports.
- \* Plant analyzation.
- \* Introduction of new members and guests.
- \* Drawing for a door prize.
- \* Plant exchange raffle.
- \* Social (refreshments).

### SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDE:

- \* Plant Show and Sale - Public presentation to promote interest in HCSS and generate club revenues.
- \* Field Trip - Visit to a nursery or area where plants can be viewed in their native habitat.
- \* Annual Meeting - Social event to install new Society officers. Usually held in December.

PUBLICATIONS: HCSS members receive a bimonthly newsletter, KAKTOS KOMMENTS, and a Members Notebook which is updated yearly.

AFFILIATIONS: HCSS is an affiliate of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc. (CSSA) and the Texas Association of Cactus and Succulent Societies (TACSS). We are also a member of the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute (CDRI).

## ABOUT THE PLANTS

Succulent plants, including our native American cacti, are true survivors. While many are rough and tough enough to live under harsh conditions, others are fragile, hanging on to life where almost all other plants have been unable to survive. Succulents range in size from no larger than a joint of one's finger to massive tree-like monsters weighing many tons.

Some of these plants bear breathtakingly beautiful flowers, some as large as a dinner plate, and there is an amazing variety of shape, texture, and color. The overall visual appearance is an exercise in aesthetics.

Representing many different groups or families, cacti and other succulents occupy native habitats in all but the polar regions of our planet, and their cultivation presents a challenge to the most skilled horticulturists.

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