

Preliminary Information
TACSS 2017 Seminar
Houston, TX

The TACSS seminar will take place October 7th and 8th in Houston, TX. It will take place at the West Gray Multipurpose Center. Directions will be included prior to the seminar.

The speakers are as follows:

Dick and Phyllis McEuen – The Plants of Namibia

Richard Stamper – Lithops gracidelineata

Wally Ward – A Case Study of Hybridization in succulent plants

Woody Minnich – The Hidden Treasures of Coahuila, Mexico

Jeff Pavlat – Botanical Garden of Havana, Cuba

The host hotel is the Best Western Plus at 915 West Dallas Street. They have blocked off courtesy rooms at the rate of \$105 plus tax for a King Suite with fold out sofa bed, with an additional \$10 for each additional guest. The 2-bed Queen Suite is \$110 for two people and \$10 for any additional guest. They have a full hot buffet-style breakfast, free parking, wi-fi, bottled water, refrigerator, microwave, and Keurig coffee maker in the rooms. Rooms can be booked until September 1st. Either call or go to www.bestwestern.com, choose Group Reservations, and enter the Group ID of 1V2JD4S3. I think the rate is very good for Houston, and it's very convenient to the site. Directions will be included in the final information sheet.

We will have coffee, juice, and pastries/kolaches for breakfast on Saturday. Lunch will be sandwiches from Panera. Your selections will be made at time of early registration and will cost \$8.99. Soft drinks, tea, and water will be provided.

Our Saturday night dinner will be at El Tiempo Mexican Restaurant at the corner of Westheimer and Taft. The cost is tentatively \$23.99 per person for an all-you-can-eat fajita dinner with two meats, all the trimmings, chips and salsa, chili con queso, beans and rice.

More information will be forthcoming, but this will be enough to get you started. Don't forget about the auction. Those wonderful plants come mostly from members. Also, don't forget to bring your best cactus and succulents from each club. You may have a chance to win best in state!!!

For further information call, text, or email me, josiewatts@mindspring.com, 713-645-9320 (home), or 713-859-1177 (cell).

Hope to see many of you here in H-town.

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