

Dan Mahr – Brief Bio

Dan Mahr grew up in southern California where he developed an interest in the natural world at an early age. He had an outdoor cactus garden by the age of 11 and has been growing cacti and other succulents continuously since – over 60 years. He and his wife Susan are both entomologists and lived in Wisconsin for 40 years, on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin – Madison. They have now returned to southern California. Dan has been a member of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America for 45 years and was on the Board of Directors for 15 years, serving as CSSA president in 2005-2006. Dan founded the CSSA Fields Trips Program in 1998 and served as its director for 20 years, organizing field trips for CSSA members to cactus and succulent habitats throughout the world. He has personally seen succulents growing in their native habitats in 25 countries in Europe, Africa, Latin America, Australia, and various island countries. His personal interest in succulents has varied through the years; currently he has a mixed assortment of cacti and other succulent plant families, but specializes in succulent trees and hybrid adeniums.