

Jimmy Black, PharmD

Jimmy developed his love of cactus when he helped his mom work with succulents at the age of 12. He built his first dish garden at that age. Since then he has, along with his wife Ann, established an out-of-control hobby focused on the propagation and care of succulents from all over the world. Jimmy has a particular affection for cactus of the Southwest and specifically the Chihuahuan desert. He and his wife have been members of the San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society since 2003. He is also a member of the Austin, Albuquerque, and Central Oklahoma Societies as well as an Associate Member of TACSS and a member of CSSA. Jimmy has given scores of talks on various aspects of succulents.

Jimmy worked in healthcare up until his retirement in January of 2019. He completed his undergraduate degree in Pharmacy (BS) at The University of Texas at Austin and became a licensed (Registered) pharmacist. He then completed his doctorate training at the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio in 1985 and his clinical residency in Adult Medicine at Breckenridge Hospital in Austin in 1986. His 33 year work career focused on the Medical Affairs aspect of Research and Development within the pharmaceutical industry. He had the privilege of working on 13 individual compounds that ultimately gained FDA approval and were introduced in the United States including atorvastatin (Lipitor), citalopram (Celexa), gabapentin (Neurontin), and exenatide (Byetta). He has over 40 peer reviewed publications and has spoken nationally and internationally on topics specific to the compounds on which he worked.

