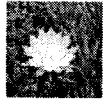
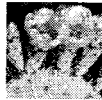


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CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

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President's Message June 2003

This month the speaker will be Gard Roper and he will be talking about Agaves. His presentation will be great so don't miss it! Also, if anyone would like to bring in a plant or two for show and tell, please do so. See you there.



Best Cactus of Show: Joan and Stan Skirvin, *Aztekium ritteri*

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CACSS Library News, June 2003

NEW BOOKS:

- *A Cactus Odyssey, Journeys in the Wilds of Bolivia, Peru, and Argentina* by James D. Mauseth, Roberto Kiesling, and Carlos Ostolaza. Timber Press; (March 2002). Hardcover: 306 pages. This book presents the stories of three avid field biologists who over the course of 15 years frequently traveled together in search of cacti in Bolivia, Peru, and Argentina. The conversational style of this travelogue allows us to share in the authors' excitement as they encounter plants that have rarely, if ever, been written about. Nearly 195 remarkable color photographs accompany the vivid descriptions of unusual cacti growing alongside non-succulent plants, at altitudes of 8000 feet or more and even in rain-forests! A Cactus Odyssey will interest gardeners, travelers, and conservationists from around the world who wish to learn more about these irresistible plants, and it is the hope of the authors that this book will inspire others to undertake their own cactus odyssey.
- *Cacti and Succulents in Habitat* by Ken Preston-Matham. Cassell Academic; (August 1994). Hardcover: 159 pages. Presents photographs of the author's discoveries of around 100 cacti and succulents in their natural habitats in South America, South Africa and South Western USA. Travellers and gardeners alike can learn where the plants can be found and how they can be grown in natural conditions.
- *The Banksia Book* by Alex S. George. Kangaroo Press Pty Ltd; (2nd Edition 1987). Hardcover: 240 pages. This recently donated book describes Banksias which are part of the protea family. Banksias are woody evergreen plants named after Joseph Banks who collected the first specimens in 1770. They are among the best known Australian wildflowers. This is the first book to describe and give comprehensive coverage of all known seventy-five species. It includes fourteen species and eleven varieties named since 1981. The second edition includes two new species and two new varieties. The author describes each species, where it grows, when it flowers, how and when it was discovered and named. There are over 200 colored plates showing flowers, buds, fruit and habit, and drawings of fruit and seeds of all species. Advice is given on how to grow them. The introduction gives a history of their discovery, describes what makes a plant a Banksia, tells how to collect seed, and raise plants in the garden. There are tables to assist choosing Banksias for different situations. If you are interested in growing Banksias they are carried by Jo O'Connell of Australian Native Plants Nursery, 9040 North Ventura Avenue, Ventura California 93001 Tel: (805) 649 3362 Fax: (805) 649 4080 www.australianplants.com. Jo writes, "I believe Paul Chambers of Australian Native Landscapes has grown Banksia ericifolia over in Phoenix for several years. I have two desert forms of Banksia that may work well in Phoenix, Banksia elderiana and B. marginata (I think I have a few here) desert form. Banksia prinotes and B. victoriae and B. ashbyi (if I have any ready) might also be worth trying. If you are able to give B. ericifolia a try I also have B. Giant Candles' a hybrid between B. ericifolia x B. spinulosa".

HOW DO I CHECK OUT CACSS BOOKS?

To see a list of the books we have please see our catalog. Paul Schueneman, the CACSS librarian, can email you a copy of the catalog (see contact information at the end of this article). Or, you can pick up a catalog from him at a CACSS meeting. Or, there's a copy of the catalog on the CACSS website: www.centralarizonacactus.org/liblist.htm. When you would like to check out books or journals, contact Paul at least a couple of days before the CACSS meeting and he will give the books to you there or he will go with you to Webster Auditorium (our books are shelved there) after the meeting and you can browse/check out books.

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The Central Arizona Cactus & Succulent Society wishes to thank the following individuals for judging our Show:

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Special Awards & Trophies

Sweepstakes Trophy for Most Points Overall sponsored by Rod & Lisa Northrup: **Scott McMahon, 193**

Charles E. Mieg Memorial Trophy for Most Blue Ribbons: **Scott McMahon, 42**

Arizona Cactus Sales Trophy for Most Blue Ribbons in Cactus Divisions:
Scott McMahon, 18

Best Cactus of Show: **Joan and Stan Skirvin, *Aztekium ritteri***

Best Succulent of Show: **Joan and Stan Skirvin, *Pseudolithos migiurtinus***

Best Cactus from Section I, Individual Specimens: **Lin Leivian, *Astrophytum asterias***

Best Succulent from Section II, Individual Specimens: **Gard Roper, *Agave zebra***

Best Cactus Collection sponsored by Elaine Chapman in memory of Jack C. Taylor: **Lisa Northrop, *Melocactus***

Best Succulent Collection: **Scott McMahon, *Conophytum***

Best Aizoaceae sponsored by Fran Tolleson and Bud Terrell in memory of Vikkie Bone: **Scott McMahon, *Bijlia dilatata***

Best Ariocarpus sponsored by Jo Davis & David Balemi in memory of Donald Holland: **Scott McMahon, *Ariocarpus retusus***

2003 Results- Central Arizona Cactus & Succulent Society Show:

For point totals, ribbons carry point totals of: Blue (1st place) 4; Red (2nd place) 3; Green (3rd place) 2; White (honorable mention) 1. Special trophies count as an extra blue ribbon. Point counts are doubled in seedling sections, tripled in educational section. Exhibitor levels are Novice, Advanced, or Masters.

Exhibit Number and Name	Exhibit Level	Total Blue Ribbons	Blue Ribbons Cactus Division	Red Ribbons	Green Ribbons	White Ribbons	Total Points
1 McMahon	M	42	18	6	3	1	193
2 Cone	N	2		1			11
3 Gornick	N	21	4	4	1		98
5 Winn	N	17	4	1	1		73
6 Karasz	N	5	2	1			23
7 Klingbeils	A	4		4	4		36
8 King	N	8		1			27
9 Triesler	M	2	2	3	5		27
11 Leivian	A	15	14	4	1		74
12 Dawson	N	4	2				16
13 Martin	M	19	4	14	5	1	129
14 Joshlin	N	2					8
15 Helm	N	6	5	1			27
16 Maxwell	N	4	1	2	1		28
17 Skirvins	M	12	5	4	2		64
18 Brownson	N	2					8
19 Swenson/Herington	N	5		3			29
21 Merola	N	2	2	6			21
22 Premeau	N	4		1			19
23 Taylor	N	6	3	2			30
24 Northrop	M	10	7	11	4		79
26 Schlosberg	N	9	6	1	1		41
28 Crawford	N	36	1				144
29 Jim Davis	A	3	1	1	1		17
30 Hintz	M	6	1	1	2		31
32 Orazio	N	1	1				4
33 Steuber	N	2	2				8
35 Gallagher	M	3	1	12	10	3	71
36 Ballen	N	5	2	1			23
37 Life	N	1		2			10
38 Roper	M	3		1	1		17
39 P Schuenemann	N	1	1	2			10
40 B Schuenemann	N	1	1				4
41 Faucon	N	2		9			35
42 Drake	M	3	1	4	2		28

Special Awards & Trophies

Best Euphorbiaceae sponsored by Elaine Chapman in memory of Lewis R. Steichman: **Scott McMahon**, *Euphorbia capsaintmariensis*

Best Ferocactus sponsored by Scott McMahon in memory of his grandfather James A. Beaman: **Leo Martin**, *Ferocactus chrysacanthus*

Best Arizona Native Plant sponsored by the Board of the CACSS: **Lin Leivian**, *Mammillaria grahamii*

Best Crested or Monstrose Plant sponsored by Rod and Lisa Northrup: **Cynthia Crawford**, *Pachypodium succulentum*

Best Seedling: **Richard Maxwell**, *Neobuxbaumia polyopha*

Best Decorative Planter: **Cynthia Crawford**, *Operculicarya decaryi*

Best Specimen Planter: **Cynthia Crawford**, *Dioscorea elephantipes*

Frank & Philomena Hennessy Memorial Trophy for Best Novice Cactus: **Marina Winn**, *Leuchtenbergia principis*

Frank & Philomena Hennessy Memorial Trophy for Best Novice Succulent: **Cynthia Crawford**, *Pachycormus discolor*

Chariman's Special Rosettes for Outstanding Achievement: **Gard Roper** - Vendor Relations, Show Setup

Nick Diomede - Poster and banner graphic design. Nick's business is Agave Design, agavedesign@earthlink.net

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Upcoming Events - CALENDAR

General meetings are at 2:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Board meetings are one hour earlier. Members are welcome to attend board meetings.

- June 29, 2003 CACSS Member Gard Roper - Agave, Dorrance Hall
- July 27, 2003 Pete Petrie: Argentina, Dorrance Hall
- August 24, 2003 CACSS Board Member Doug Dawson - CSSA Tour to Richtersveld & South Africa
- September 28, 2003 CSSA President Duke Benadom - Echinocereus of Mexico, Dorrance Hall
- October 26, 2003 Silent Auction of Member's Plants, Dorrance Hall
- November 23, 2003 Leo Martin - Convention report, Dorrance Hall
- December 7, 2003 Holiday Party 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Webster Auditorium

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE!

The deadline for material submission for the next issue of *Central Spine* is:

July 7, 2003

Please make a note of this!

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