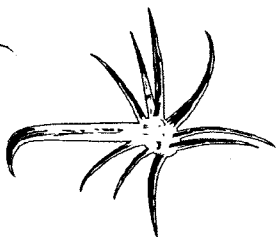


# CENTRAL SPINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS & SUCCULENT



## President's Letter

January 2005

It's a New Year and I am sure it is going to be a great one for the Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society . I certainly hope that you will be renewing your membership in the CACSS. Each and every member of the Society is an important part of this dynamic organization. I urge you to continue to participate in some or all of our many activities.

Thank you for your vote of confidence in me by electing me as your President for another year. It is an honor to serve this group. As I have said many times before, if there is anything you think needs to be fixed, if you have a suggestion to make things better, if there is a program you would like to see started, please let me know. Nothing is more disheartening than to "hear it through the grapevine" that someone or group is dissatisfied or angry about something I or the Board has done.

2005 is going to be a busy year. I expect the Rescue Project to be in full swing. We hope to be returning to the Verrado site soon and are looking for additional rescue opportunities.

In March, we will be helping the Desert Botanical Gardens with their semi-annual Plant Sale. If you have never volunteered for this, you owe it to yourself to give it a try. It's a lot of fun. In April, we will be staging our annual CACSS Show and Sale. This is our premier event. We get to showcase our plants and educate the public about the cacti and succulents we love. This year is going to be special. The Show will be held inside Dorrence Hall and the Sale will be held outside in front of Dorrence on the Bopart Terrace. I hope you will plan to both enter plants in the Show and volunteer on one or more of the days of the event, April 22-24.

In August, the Cactus and Succulent Society of America will be holding its 31st biennial convention in Phoenix. Several hundred plant lovers from all over the US and from foreign countries will attend. The programs will be interesting and educational. The opportunity to meet fellow cacti and succulent growers unparalleled. You need to be there, August 5-10

Of course, every month we will have guest speakers to enlighten us about some aspect of our hobby. In addition, there will additional events throughout the year - perhaps a buying trip, open gardens, special workshops, and many silent auctions. Lee

## Editor's Note

Just a quick note about your new editor of the Central Spine. To begin with, thanks for your patience as this first edition has been a bit slow in coming. My learning curve has been quite a bit slower than I had planned. I am looking forward to maintaining the quality of this newsletter that Nick Diomede had been producing over the last several years and to personally thank him for his help in the initial stages of this undertaking. I probably would have gotten this done sooner if I had relied on him more, but I wanted to figure things out for myself for better or worse.

To the important things. I can be reached by email at [galynkj@cox.net](mailto:galynkj@cox.net). As Lee and Leo have both learned the hard way, I don't necessarily check my email daily but I will get to it eventually. Traditional mailing address is 1607 W Temple St in Chandler AZ, 85224-2649. I hope that you will be patient with me as I get up to speed. This first edition was the tallest of the hurdles and things should get better. My goal will be to have this in the mail 1 to 2 weeks before the meeting. Thanks Galyn Jensen

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# *Calendar*

## **January 30 meeting**

Kelly Griffen recently traveled to South Africa with Brian Kemble. He has many habitat photos of Aloes, Lachenalias, Proteas and others.

As the propagator for a large California nursery, "Rancho Soledad" (phone 858-756-3717), Kelly can identify select favorite aloes and hard aloes from this large genus.

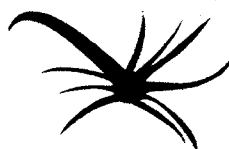
## **February 27 meeting**

Woody Minnich's topic is the Cactus and Succulents of Brazil. This presentation is based on Woody's 107<sup>th</sup> trip to South America. Very few American's have done this much field work in either Mexico or South America.

## **Special Plants sale opportunity Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>!**

Lee and Fran Tolleson just moved to Tucson to be near their daughter and grandchildren. One and a half truck loads of their favorite plants and pots will be on sale Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. In the 1980's, Fran won more grand point totals at our April Show than all other club members combined. One of her strategies to win was to specialize in miniature size plants. Clones selected by Fran are very high quality and these clones will now be available to all at this month's silent auction

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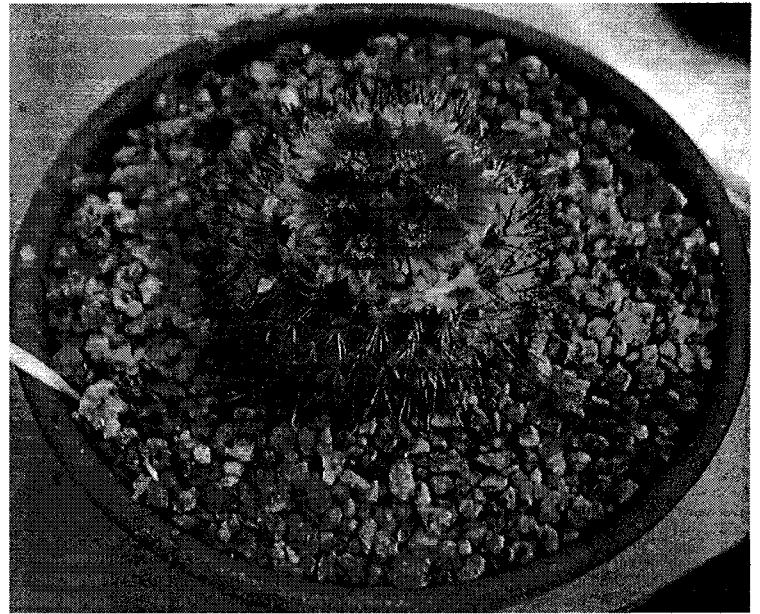
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DAVIS

Interested in one of the name badges you see other members wearing? You can have one of your very own! Talk to Jo Davis at the meeting or send her a check for \$7.50 made out to "Jo Davis" to her home address:

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Coming soon!!!



I will be looking for resources of quality pictures of identified cactus to accompany future articles. Please let me know if you have a large collection of pictures and I will compile a list of who to contact.

Thanks Galyn  
*Testing...Testing*

Coming soon!!!

This email was received by Leo Martin. If anyone  
Can help out, please contact Paul directly.

I am building the Philadelphia Cactus & Succulent Society's exhibit for the Philadelphia Flower Show. The oldest and largest indoor flower show in the U.S., this year's event will be held March 5-13.

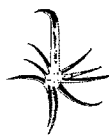
The theme of this year's show is "America the Beautiful." I would therefore like to decorate the walls behind our display with photos of cacti in habitat. If any of your members have photos of a cactus-laden desert landscape that can be blown-up to 20 X 24 (or larger) please have them contact me as soon as possible.

I'm hoping to get to the Convention, and perhaps even the Four Corners trip. It sounds like a great trip.

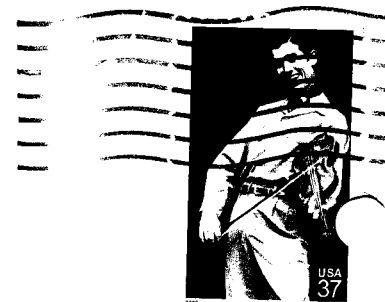
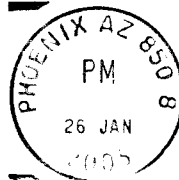
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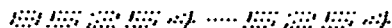
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To volunteer to help on a Cactus Rescue - Lee Brownson [lsbrownson@cox.net](mailto:lsbrownson@cox.net)

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