
February 1992

CENTRAL ARIZONA
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

"NEXT MEETING"

Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 P.M. in the Webster Auditorium

Penny Chaikin of the Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society in Ohio will be our guest speaker this month. Penny's presentation will include discussions about growing caudiciforms and the challenges of raising them in cold climates. Caudiciform fans will not want to miss this one.

In addition, several knowledgeable Society members will provide information and demonstrate techniques for preparing plants for the Cactus and Succulent Show in March. Topics will include plant and pot selection, dressing, and cleaning. Bring your plants if you need help in identifying them.

"LAST MONTH"

Kent Newland, President of the Phoenix Chapter of the Arizona Native Plant Society, was our guest speaker in January. His discussion and slide presentation of his travels through Mexico were outstanding and appreciated. He made us much more aware of the endangerment and possible disappearance of the Mexican ecosystem. Thanks Kent. Some of you may not know that Kent is a past president of our Society.

"LOOKING FORWARD"

March Meeting

Our annual Cactus and Succulent Show will be held in March at the Webster Auditorium. The schedule of events is as follows:

Plant registration - Thursday, March 26, noon to 6:00 pm;
Judging - Friday, March 27;
Public viewing - Saturday and Sunday, March 28 & 29;
Break-down - Sunday, March 29, 5:00 pm.

Chairman Jim Oravetz is still requesting volunteers to help with setting-up, tearing-down, assisting judges, and clerking. If you are interested in helping, call Jim at 780-0414. Anyone wishing to sponsor a trophy should also contact Jim.

This is our show. Start getting your plants ready now! New members are reminded that a Novice Class is available for "first timers".

April Meeting

A field trip to Wickenburg is planned.

IOS Congress (April 5-10, 1992)

On Monday, April 6, our Society will sponsor a lecture and slide presentation by Dr. Merlin Tuttle, world renowned authority on the role of bats in the pollination of plants. The talk will be held at the new Historical Museum and is open to the public. Plan to attend. Details later.

Garden Clubs Fair (Saturday March 21 at 4341 E. Broadway Rd.)

Your Board has voted to participate in this affair to recruit new members, to sell and display plants and demonstrate potting techniques. Larry Fischer is in charge. If you can donate landscape type plants in one gallon or larger containers, please call Larry at 438-9213.

Members, if you have any information you would like in the Society's Newsletter, please contact Cheryl Solberg, 936-7293, or mail it to: CACSS Newsletter, Cheryl Solberg, Secretary, 8725 W. Roanoke Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85037. Newsletters will be sent out one week prior to the meeting, so please let me know early.

SPINAL COLUMN by HENRY TRIESLER

Your new slate of officers and directors took office at the last meeting...some old faces and some new ones.

I thank those leaving the Board for a job well done - Jim Elliott, Marge Jantz and Mike Gallagher.

I congratulate the new members - Edra Drake, Frank Hennessey and Cheryl Solberg.

I express my appreciation for the past efforts of those taking on new positions - Ken Jantz, Debra Korobkin and Glenda Temple.

I am grateful to all the incumbents who have agreed to continue as members of the 1992 Board. Thanks!

Here are some of my goals for the coming year - nothing earth-shaking or very different but a reinforcement of some of the things that I think will help to make the year enjoyable:

1. I firmly believe that our monthly meetings must be interesting and meaningful to all our members. If we put on a good show, everyone will want to attend. A portion of every meeting will be devoted to the care of plants - how we can become better growers and propagators (sometimes, of course, the whole program will be on this facet of our hobby);
2. I would like to see everyone become involved in our activities to the extent they wish. To that end, I am activating some new committees and would hope that each of you will actively participate on one or more. Dottie O'Rourke is heading a Hospitality Committee and could use some help;
3. I am convinced that there are hundreds of cactus and succulent "aficionados" in our metropolitan area who don't know we exist. Let's tell them! I am forming a Membership Committee with Marge Jantz as chairperson. New members provide the life-blood to keep us viable and growing;
4. The routine business of the Society will be conducted at the monthly Board meetings with reports to the members. All major decisions will, of course, be referred to the full membership for vote. I remind you that all Board meetings are open to any member who wishes to attend and I encourage you to do so.

5. Lastly, we will continue to support the Desert Botanical Garden and the Cactus and Succulent Society of America as time and resources permit.

I am honored to serve you as your President this year and I ask for your cooperation, support, and participation. Working together, we can make 1992 the best year ever.

IF YOU DO NOT PAY YOUR 1992 DUES PRIOR TO THE MAILING DATE OF THE MARCH NEWSLETTER, THIS CURRENT ISSUE WILL BE THE LAST ONE YOU WILL GET! SEND YOUR CHECK TO TREASURER ELAINE STEICHMAN. DUES ARE \$12 PER MEMBER AND \$2.50 FOR EACH ASSOCIATE MEMBER.
