

**CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
AUGUST 1994 NEWSLETTER**

**Last Month**

Thanks to Rudy Lime for an interesting seminar on the bonsai of caudiciforms. Rudy potted and trimmed and shapes several members' plants (a few gasps were heard during the "trimming"), and showed us some interesting slides of traditional and non-traditional bonsai. It is Rudy's position that those of us living where our plants can put on a lot of growth each year have the potential for interesting bonsai very quickly if we use plants like bursera. We hope Rudy will speak to us again.

**This Month**

CACSS member Gard Roper will speak to us! His topic is "The genus *Agave*: a live plant demonstration concentrating on select smaller agaves for collectors, special growing requirements of the genus *Agave* and the agave's unique environmental niche in North America and Arizona." A few introductory strategies on how to identify agaves will be presented. An understanding of the genus agave includes a background on Dr. Howard S. Gentry, DBG's first resident Ph.D. botanist (1972-1987), who lived at the DBG at Archer House until his retirement. The focus of the presentation is to increase interest and success with the genus agave. A generous sample of agaves and agave offsets will be available, including some rare and hard to find species. Bring a box to the meeting for your free selection. 8/28 2pm Webster Auditorium



**Other Stuff**

Please welcome the following new members, and add their names to your roster:

Michael and Jacqueline Finley  
16645 S. 38th Way  
Phoenix, AZ 85044

Ruben Valenzuela  
1712 S. Ventura Drive  
Tempe, AZ 85281

Lord's Farm--Carefree Kennels, Inc.  
412 W. Carefree Hwy  
Phoenix, AZ 85027

Welcome to the CACSS!

Happy Birthday to Elaine Steichman, whose birthday was at the end of July.

Important numbers: Jim and Electra 732-0307; Laurine 831-2477; Ken and Marge 860-2427; Joan 948-2515

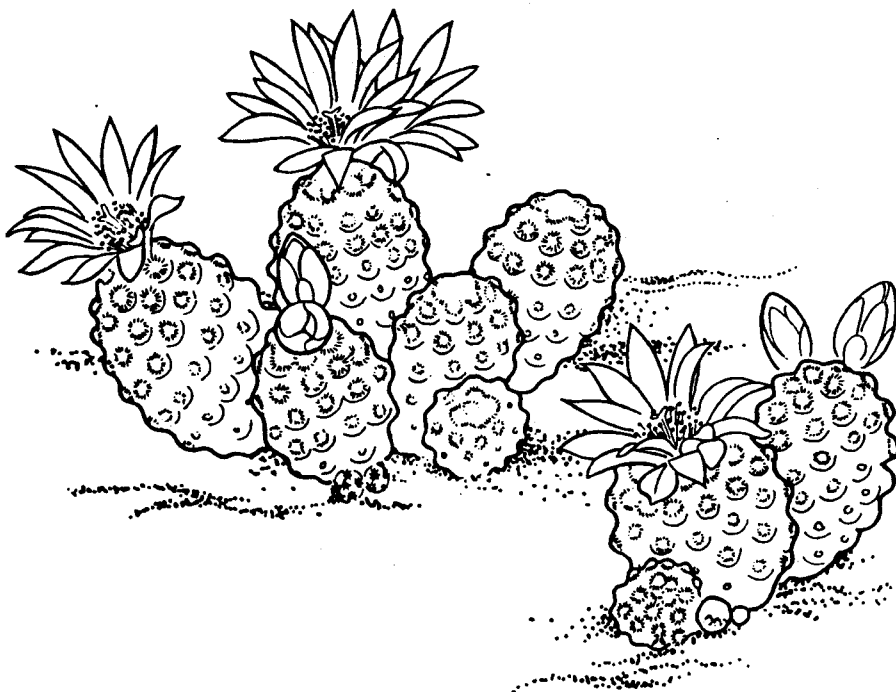
In appreciation -

It was with mixed emotions that I learned of the impending departure of the Garden's Director, Dr. Bob Bruenig. I have to be delighted that he has found a new undertaking that will continue to challenge his management and professional skills. His decision to seek new challenges rather than grow stale in a safer, more familiar position is to be admired. HOWEVER, I will personally miss his immense contributions to the Garden and his continuing support to our Society.

Year after year Bob Bruenig has been here (seemingly around the clock!) for each and every occasion of this group and the many other organizations that use the Garden. He had time to help rewrite the Arizona Native Plant Law and serve with me on the Arizona Technical Advisory Board that advised the Department of Agriculture on plants that needed special protection. When lobbying was needed, he lobbied.

We are all aware of the many changes in the Garden during his tenure and are excited by the framework that has been built for the future. The list of improvements is very long and nearly amounts to a rebuilding of the entire infrastructure of the Garden. While this physical rebuilding was going on, Dr. Bruenig has rather quickly picked up an impressive knowledge of the plants and their requirements. He has invested heavily in improving the living collection and has supported on-going research by the Garden's staff.

Impressive as this list of accomplishments is, it is by no means complete. All of this has been accomplished in a very low key style giving much of the credit to others. So effective is this style that many of us actually believe a thought that originated with Dr. Bruenig was our own. The true measure of his impact may take years to realize as so much of what he has envisioned becomes fact. What I know right now is that the Garden is much better for his efforts and we will miss him. Thank you, Bob. Jim Elliott





**HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS**  
**ELEVENTH SUCCULENT PLANTS SYMPOSIUM**  
Saturday, September 10, 1994

**Program:**

*DISCOVERY AND EXPLORATION IN THE WILD AND CULTIVATION*

- *Discovery Through Artistic Rendition*  
**Dorothy Byer**, Vista, CA
- *Where Have All the Collections Gone?*  
**James P. Folsom**, Director, Huntington Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA
- *Sphaero Worship, In the Field and Under Glass*  
**Steven Hammer**, Mesa Gardens, Belen, NM
- *Haworthias: They Don't All Look Alike*  
**Bob Kent**, Poway, CA
- *Tales of Huntington Expeditions*  
**Myron Kimmach**, Huntington Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA
- *Forty Years of Plant Hunting: Thrills and Discoveries*  
**John Lavranos**, Johannesburg, South Africa
- *Ex Africa Semper Aliquid Novi: Succulent Plant Discoveries in East Africa*  
**Len Newton**, Nairobi, Kenya
- *As the Asclepiad Turns*  
**Darrel Plowes**, N'Djanena, Chad

**Other Events:**

- Succulent Plant Sales
- Silent Auction of Rare & Unusual Succulents
- Tours of the Desert Garden and Conservatory
- Dinner Saturday Evening

**Time:**

Continental breakfast and registration start at 8:00 AM. Programs from 8:45 AM until 6:00 PM will include speaker presentations, silent auction, garden and conservatory tours, refreshments & lunch. Optional dinner with prizes.

**Registration:**

Symposium	\$60
Saturday Dinner	\$20

To register: Mail your name, address and check payable to Huntington Library to:

**Succulent Symposium, Huntington Botanical Gardens**  
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108  
(818) 405-2162, FAX (818) 405-2260

Registration deadline is August 30, 1994.  
We cannot guarantee meals for late registrants.

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