

CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY
Meeting: Sunday, February 25, 1996
Attention: 2:00 P.M. GARDEN OF H. B. & JOCELYN WALLACE

The Wallace Garden is a private ten acre garden of large specimen cactus and succulents in the Carefree area. Members enjoyed a visit two years ago but Mr. Wallace says the visit will be "more interesting this time since the whole collection is in gear". Numerous new species have been added. Please bring walking shoes since there are over two miles of trails and walkways. Please be on time at 2p.m. since H. B. Wallace will provide important introductory information at the start. H. B. said it takes one hour travel time from downtown Phoenix. He will have two men who assist in the botanical development of the garden available to answer questions. Cameras are allowed for plant pictures. (Photos are a way to learn plant identification.) **SMALL CAUTION:** Please respect the plants and make every effort to read a tag in place rather than pulling up the tag to read it. (Hosts have all commented that we are excellent, careful, informed guests on prior visits.)

Car pooling is essential since parking is very limited on the street near the Wallaces'. If at all possible, please call members closest to you and car pool. If you do not car pool from your area, please meet at the small shopping area at 8711 E. Pinnacle Peak Road (between Scottsdale Road and Pima Road) on the south side where there is a Texaco gas station, a General Store, Pizza place, etc. and ask other members to share a ride.

Directions: See Map. **PARK ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE STREET SO YOU WILL NOT BLOCK THE ROAD.**

President Henry Triesler welcomed members and guests, our new and returning board of directors, and officers, and thanked those who had served last year.

Treasurer Pat Korach announced a bank balance of \$2771.72, which included about \$450.00 the Society earned by selling plants last month at the Maricopa County Home and Garden Show. Appreciation was expressed to those who volunteered to work at that show. Jim Elliott conducted a raffle of plants which brought in \$39.00 to the treasury.

A sad note: Barcia Bremer, one of the 1973 Charter Members of our Society, passed away in January.

Librarian Frances Volz thanked Rod and Lisa Northrup as retiring librarians and Jim Robbins for book gifts, and reminded us that the birthday money we donate buys new books we may all borrow. Please clip and add this to your library list, donated by Jim Robbins:

SUCCULENTS: THE ILLUSTRATED DICTIONARY
Maurizio Sajeve & Mariangela Costanzo
(1994, 239 pp.)

MY SPINAL COLUMN IS BACK....

When I relinquished the presidency of this Society to Debra in January, 1993, I never imagined that I would be holding the job again--at least not this soon--but here I am. And with your help and support I'm convinced that we'll have another great year.

Some members may not know that 23 charter members formed our Society 22 1/2 years ago. (Some of us are still involved today.)

I wish to thank the retiring members of the Board who helped to make 1995 successful: Lisa and Rod Northrup, Paula Matney, Fran Tolleson and Jim Elliott.

I welcome new Board members Scott McMahon, Cathy Babcock, Jo Davis and Elaine Chapman, and I ask our retiring President, Ken Jantz, and other incumbents, Gard Roper, Joan Skirvin, Pat Korach, Doyt Gallaway, and Frances Volz to continue to serve with dedication and purpose.

I am sure all of you are aware that dues for the coming year (\$12.00 for regular members and \$2.50 additional for associate members) are now payable. Quite a few current members have not yet paid. I am sure that all that is needed is a reminder. **THIS IS IT!** We cannot continue to send mailings to non-members. In addition, only members whose dues are current will be listed in the new directory. If you have not done so, please send your check to our treasurer right away.

And now a word about our Cactus show scheduled for April 18 to 21. Our last year's effort was a rousing success primarily because of the many fine plants entered by members from newest novice to our more experienced growers. It is obvious that the degree of interest generated by our Show depends on the quantity as well as the quality of the entries.

I urge you all to start getting your plants ready for the show now! It is always harder to tackle the job at the last minute. We need entries from every member.

Our next meeting, on February 25, will be a rare treat for members and prospective members only, a visit to one of the top private cactus gardens in the world. Don't miss it!

Henry C. Triesler
February, 1996