

CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Meeting: Sunday, March 24, 1996

2:00 p.m. Webster Auditorium

Board of Directors: 1:00 p.m.

Archer House

Our program for March is *Preparing for the Cactus and Succulent Show by Growing Prize Winning Plants All Year Long*. Speakers and their topics are:

Mike Gallagher--Growing vigorous plants as a winning factor.

Jim Robbins--Growing rare and endangered species such as Robbinsorum.

Doyt Gallaway--Care and protective techniques as factors in plant health.

Cathy Babcock--Special methods with winter and summer growers.

With well over 100 members, our Society has extensive expertise and probably more applicable and useful information and plant knowledge can be gained from our members than from "outside experts". This presentation brings this inside knowledge in to a lively question and answer format. If you have a question, bring it to the March meeting. Entering plants in the APRIL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SHOW will give you a chance to sharpen your skills in growing and presenting plants. Our goal isn't perfection, but participation by many members, especially new members who can learn and enjoy this new plant experience. Our 1995 Show was a big success and we want to equal or exceed last years Show.

We had a cool, breezy day for our visit in February to the garden of Jocelyn and H. B. Wallace. Mr. Wallace gave us a brief talk, answered some questions and turned us loose to see what was new in this immaculate garden, how things had grown up in two years, and to wander about discovering plants in bloom or showing new growth. I saw several acacias, cassias, and yellow blooming eucalyptus which were among other plants new to me, things I will look for at the desert nurseries. We thank the Wallaces for their warm hospitality (and hot coffee.)

Our treasurer, Pat Korach, reports our treasury balance as of February 29, 1996 as \$2,864.87.

Librarian, Frances Volz, reports another gift from member Jim Robbins for which we thank him.

**CACTI: THE ILLUSTRATED DICTIONARY**

Rod and Ken Preston Mafham

(1991, 223 pp.)

This is an excellent source for 'globular' cactus. It currently lists for \$50.00 and a paper back edition for \$19.95 is available at the Desert Botanical Garden's gift shop.

Our new Directory will be issued next month. Please let us know if your address and telephone numbers are NOT correct. We would like to have everyone listed in our directory, but will be able to list only those who have paid their dues before April 1st, 1996. If you have not paid, please join us again this year and send your check, \$12.00 for member, \$2.50 for associate at the same address, to our treasurer:

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The Cactus & Succulent show dates are April 24, ~~25~~, 26, 1996. More information later.