

CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Meeting - Sunday 2:00 p.m.

JUNE 30, 1996 WEBSTER AUDITORIUM

Board of Directors 1:00 p.m., Archer House

Program: Our speaker, Woody Minnich, owns Cactus Data Plants, one of the nurseries in the upcoming trip to California. His topic is Cactus of Northeastern Mexico as well as coverage of the Hidalgo region of Central Mexico. He has made over 80 plant exploration trips to Mexico since 1971. Woody is driving in from California and bringing a sample of his plants which will be for sale.

Our May meeting was the Silent Auction. It seemed to me we may have had fewer plants and participants than usual, but never-the-less our Treasurer, Pat Korach, reports we made \$337.75!

Pat also reported that we had 136 paid members and associates. Our balance in the checking account before the silent auction was \$2,469.99. The expenses of renting the tables, purchasing ribbons, trophies, dishgardens for the raffle, etc., for our Cactus and Succulent Show with the Desert Bloom event at the Desert Botanical Garden, were covered by the raffle of the dishgardens made by Lisa Northrup. Unless something not reported yet shows up, Pat says we made \$640.05 after expenses!

Please mark your calendar with these meeting dates for the rest of the year: July 28, August 25, September 29, October 27, November 17; December date will be announced when confirmed.

Debra Korobkin has found two of our members to take over Publicity; Susan Jostes and Sara Kirchheimer. Thanks to Debra for her good work in the past and thanks to Susan and Sara for taking on the office.

Frances M. Volz, our Librarian says: "These BOOKS are meant for walkin'!"

Cacti of California (short and timely)

Cactus and Succulent Journal, July-Aug, 1995 (52 pages on growing mesembs, 32 of which detail and picture individual genera.)

Euphorbia, Volume I (48 page text plus 78 pages of a photo collection of succulent euphorbiaceae)

The Punctured Thumb (fun to read, excellent intro for beginners)

SALE: Gus Hermann, long-time CACSS member and one of the original Cactomaniacs, is having a "stock-reduction SALE". Gus is moving this summer to Florence Gardens and has to liquidate most of his collection of cactus, succulents, fossils, and rocks. Not everything is for sale, but hundreds and hundreds of plants will not be moved.

Gus will be available the entire week of 23 June through 30 June if you are inter-

ested in adding to your collection (or to your knowledge as he has botanized throughout the Southwest and in Mexico!) Gus lives at 2221 North 29th Street, Phoenix. Take 32nd Street to Oak (mid-way between McDowell and Thomas), go west on Oak to 29th Street. At 29th Street turn south (left) and Gus's house will be under the largest Aleppo Pines on the block. Call ahead if you wish to, at 392-0926, but he is outside most of the time and has plans to be home all week.

After July 1st, you can still make an appointment to purchase some of his collection through Sherry Hermann at 838-0304. There is an answering machine during the day and Sherry will be home after 4 p.m.

Hearing loss has robbed Gus of his ability to sort out voices in a group so he has had to stop coming to our meetings. On a one-to-one basis he does fine and we all have a lot to learn from him. Visit if you can and add to your collections. Old friends and new are welcome--you won't be able to tell the difference after five minutes. Gus is a good grower and a great person. Help him find homes for several decades worth of collecting. (Contributed by Jim Elliott)

FOR THOSE GOING ON THE JULY 5TH THRU 7TH TRIP TO CALIFORNIA, your flight times are as follows:

SW Airlines #1403 departs Phoenix 6:30 a.m. July 5, 1996. Arrives LAX 7:50 a.m.

SW Airlines #1635 departs LAX 7:30 p.m. July 7, 1996. Arrives Phoenix 8:40 p.m.

You **MUST** be at the airport one hour prior to departure. Be prepared to show photo I.D. When you arrive at SW Airlines on 5 July, check your bags at the curb. Tell the Skycap you are with **CACSS GROUP 1, he will not have your name or a ticket and he will not know who the "cactus club" is, he will just have the abbreviated name.** He will be able to check your bags there with no waiting. He will also tell you what gate you will be departing from. Please go there directly. At that time you will be given your ticket. Look for Jim or Electra Elliott.

You are allowed three (3) bags to go underneath in cargo, that is 3 per person, and 2 to go in the passenger compartment to be stowed either overhead or under the seat. From previous experiences hard suitcases are best, and bring newspaper, tape and scissors with you.

Your itinerary will be given to you on the plane. Our first day over there will be the most hectic. You should be prepared to take food and drink with you. Non-perishables, crackers, apples, chips, oranges, water, soda, pretzels, anything you need to suffice until 6 or 7 p.m. when we get to the hotel.

Thanks to all the people who helped put this great trip together: Gard Roper, Doyt and Rosemary Gallaway, Pat and Sam Korach, Ken and Marge Jantz. (And though they are too modest to thank themselves, Jim and Electra Elliott.)

President Henry Triesler reported receiving a nice "Thank you" letter from Carolyn O'Malley, Director of the Desert Botanical Garden, for her Honorary Membership in our Society.

He also thanked Jim Elliott for putting together a comprehensive book on "How to Run a Cactus Show".

Thanks also to Glenda Temple who brought in many plant freebies at the June meeting. Everyone who wanted one had a plant to take home.

A change has been made for our September meeting which will be September 15. Dr. Alfred Lau, explorer and discoverer of many new cactus taxons will be our speaker. Time and place will be announced later.

Those of us who went to California July 5, 6, and 7 came home exhausted, most of us buying more than we intended and probably wishing we hadn't passed up a certain plant here or there. Everyone seemed to have a good time and our thanks go again to the hard workers who put this trip together. Even when we couldn't get our hands on plants as at Cycad Gardens, being able to visit this unusual property was eye-opening, educational and awesome!

A letter from our honorary member in Florida, Frank Hennessey: "People keep moving into Florida, just like Arizona, so we have received new area codes all over the state. Until Dec. 31st the old and new will work...I have finally gotten a computer and am learning to use it...In early September I start a basic course...hoping to speed up progress...My plants are doing well...and I now have 23 orchids...My health holds up fairly good for my age (84)."

It's always good to hear from Frank. He's going to a C & S conference in Boston in August, and will be at the National Convention in San Diego next year.

Please change Honorary Member Frank Hennessey's phone area code to 561-286-4938 and correct his zip code to 34990-4785.

The speaker last month, Woody Minnich of Cactus Data Plants, presented a slide program of a trip to Mexico he made in 1991 with seven men from Australia. The preceding several years had copious rainfall and Woody was able to capture on film many plants blooming and lush. It looked like a fun trip and the slides were enjoyed by us all. This program wetted our appetite for our trip to Cactus Data Plants.

We wish to welcome new members this month and please add their names and addresses to your 1996 Directory. Please pick up your new directory at the July meeting if you didn't get it in June.