

## CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Meeting: Sunday, March 23, 1997

2:00 P.M. Arizona Cactus Sales

**\*\*Note change of location: 1619 S. Arizona Ave, Chandler, 963-1061**

There will be **NO** board meeting.

The upcoming meeting will be at the above location where we will be treated to a tour of the nursery and the chance to increase our cactus and succulent collections. If you haven't been to Jim and Electra's business, it is a must. This is your chance to see their set-up and ask questions - a chance to learn more about the plants you have or don't have but need. Once the tour is over, we can all go out to eat. Please let Electra know ahead of time so reservations can be made for everyone.

The February meeting was very informative with Lisa Northrup and Cathy Babcock demonstrating the art of dish gardening with cacti and succulents. As they assembled their creations, each discussed the plants being used, how to place them in the proper container size and how to care for them. Interest is added by using rocks you might have collected, cactus skeletons or even small branches from shrubs such as creosote. After this demonstration, Scott McMahon and Linda Miller brought in some of their specimen plants to show us how to prepare our own plants for the upcoming show at Desert Bloom. Tips were given on how to select the proper container, how to clean up salt-stained pots, how to transplant your trophy-apparent and how to dress the pot when you're finished. **We urge everyone to go ahead and take the plunge: Enter at least one plant - it's fun and exciting!**

Debra Korobkin suggested that those who have exhibited before should mentor a novice member for the Desert Bloom show. Mentors can help prepare plants for the show and can answer any questions on entering the show. If you need someone to mentor you, please contact Debra or see one of the officers at the March meeting.

As a special treat, Charles Glass will be speaking at Desert Bloom on Sunday, April 27th. He is an international speaker and is past editor of the Cactus & Succulent Journal. He has led many plant expeditions in Mexico and will have many wonderful stories for us.

An open garden was held at Linda Miller's house on March 9th. Members were shown how to repot their plants. We also repotted plants for the Garden Club Fair at the Cooperative Extension Service and for the silent auction in May. We had a great turnout, good food and a lot of fun - Thanks, Linda, for a very good time and for allowing us to tour your garden and house.

The Garden Club Fair is Saturday, March 15th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Maricopa County Extension Service, 4341 E. Broadway Rd., Phoenix (south side of street). Come by for all kinds of plant bargains and advice. Our society will have a booth there along with every plant club in the Valley.

A reminder that the Desert Bloom cactus & succulent show is April 23-27. Following is the show schedule:

1997 C.A.C.S.S Show Schedule

Wednesday, April 23rd: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.: Set up tables  
10:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Drop off plants and registration

Thursday, April 24th: 8:00 a.m - 4:00: Judging  
7:00 p.m.- Awards ceremony: **You are encouraged to attend**

Friday, April 25th: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.: Desert Bloom show  
Saturday, April 26th: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.: Desert Bloom show

Sunday, April 27th: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Desert Bloom show  
\*\*Charles Glass speaks: time & location to be announced  
4:00 p.m.: Tear down exhibits, pick up plants

New for 1997:

Junior Novice Division: Members under 14 years

Sponsored by Elaine Chapman - Best Cactus, Junior Novice; Best Succulent, Junior Novice; and Most Points, Junior Novice

Sponsored by Scott McMahon - Trophy for Best Ferocactus

See you March 23, at Arizona Cactus Sales!

Jo Davis  
Secretary