

CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY
Cactus and Succulent Show
In Association with Desert Bloom - Phoenix Home & Garden
April 26, 27, 28, 1996
(No formal meeting this month)

Set up of tables Wednesday, April 24, 8 a.m. Entries registration Wednesday, 24th, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Judging Thursday, 25th, 8 a.m. until finished. Awards ceremony, Thursday April 25th, 7 p.m. Open to public April 26, 27, 28. Plant pickup Sunday, April 28, after 5 p.m. Many hands are needed to get this set up and ready to receive plants, register them, and also to supervise our new raffle, answer questions, provide security to the entries and help recruit new members.

We are requested to unload our plants and move our vehicle to facilitate registration and set up. Also there will be a receiving area with shade. Marge Jantz reminds us that there is a nice stand for hanging plants available, something we haven't always had. Also, the people who took most of the trophies last year will not be entering so we will be having new winners this year!

LAST MONTH: President Henry Triesler opened the meeting, welcomed members, guests, and visitors. He also thanked the volunteers who worked at the Maricopa County Extension sale: Jo Davis, Janet Hazlett, Damon Billings, and mentioned Miles Anderson who hand-pulled flats of blooming cactus for our sale, also Debra Korobkin who does such a fine job on publicity and Gard Roper who went to Tucson for the plants and kept things going.

Ken Jantz, our immediate past president, was presented a plaque to thank him for his hard work last year. Ken spoke briefly on our coming Cactus and Succulent Show as a Community resource for showing visitors what beautiful plants can be grown in the desert.

Pat Korach, Treasurer, announced a treasury balance as of March 24th, \$2,864.87, which included \$415.00 from the County Extension sale.

Frances Volz, Librarian, announced we had \$31.00 from our Birthday bank and collected \$17.00 at the meeting.

The program, Learning from Other Members: How to Grow Healthy Plants All Year Long, was presented by Mike Gallagher, Doyt Gallaway, and Cathy Babcock, who gave us hints, tips, and advice on soil mixtures, potting, shade, do-it-yourself labels, watering, dormancy, and good practices by close observation.

An item appeared in the Notes from Boyce Thompson Arboretum that our member HISASHI KOKUBUN had departed for Japan at the end of February and he will be joining the faculty of Chiba University outside of Tokyo while pursuing his doctoral degree in Horticulture. Good luck Hisashi and don't forget your Arizona friends.

More on the upcoming California trip: Our Trip Committee, Electra and Jim Elliott, Marge Jantz, Doyt Gallaway and Gard Roper have arranged a great schedule for us. Gard has had a very good response to his telephone inquiries and reports 25 members have already said they were going and there is a slight chance we may hit our maximum. Be sure your check for \$75.00 per person is sent to the Treasurer (Pat Korach, Box 249, Cave Creek AZ 85331) **BY MAY FIRST!** If we fill up all room, it will be first money in gets to go.

MY SPINAL COLUMN by Henry Triesler

I am pleased to announce that your Board of Directors has unanimously concurred with my suggestion to name Jocelyn and H. B. Wallace and Carolyn O'Malley Honorary Members. These well deserving individuals will join Frank Hennessey and Vera Gamet on a list of friends who have and are making an outstanding contribution to our Society and to the hobby we enjoy.

I would like to, first, thank and, second, congratulate our "California Trip Committee" for putting together, in a matter of weeks, an exciting program of events along with visits to some of the outstanding growers in the LA area. Those of us who were on our "safari" two years ago will attest to the good time we all had. I urge you to make reservations as soon as possible so that arrangements can be finalized. Even if you don't buy a single plant, you'll enjoy the trip.

I again beseech you to get plants ready and enter them in our upcoming show. Remember that the only plants in the show will be those from fellow CACSS members. We will have another successful show only if each of us does his part. Show chairperson, Scott McMahan, 951-1190, has exhibitor passes which will help you get in to volunteer and register. If you have questions or need tags, call Scott.