

CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Meeting: Sunday, June 29, 1997

2:00 P.M. WEBSTER AUDITORIUM

BOARD MEETING 1:00 P.M. ARCHER HOUSE

Our speaker for June is Wendy Hodgson. She is the curator of the herbarium and has worked at the Desert Botanical Garden for over twenty years in the Research Department as the staff botanist. Her presentation is entitled "Agaves and Sonoran Desert Cultures". Wendy has just discovered a new agave species in the Grand Canyon and was also heavily involved in the rediscovery in 1988 of *Agave delamateri*. Wendy did the lithographs in the original publication of Dr. Gentry's book Agaves of Continental North America.

FYI: Dr. Gentry's book is going into a second publication. A special price is available through Mary Odette Books, a mail-order catalog out of Tucson for \$100.00. Gard Roper will have order information available at the June meeting.

Last month's silent auction was a grand success with a lot a good plants. The club netted about \$452 - thanks to all of you who spent money and bought plants! I went home with a few of the plants myself - now I have to learn how to pronounce their names.

We would like to reinstate the "My Favorite Plant" part of our meetings. It's fun, it's interesting to see what turns other members on, and it really helps new members and novices. Bring in your favorite cactus or succulent with a little information regarding same and why you like it so well. If you don't know much about it and want to know, there's bound to be someone at the meeting that can provide that information.

Upcoming programs:

July 27th: CSSA slide show of Madagascar

August 24th: Cesar Mazier will present a program on Saguaros

**October: The club is planning a bus trip to some Tucson nurseries to (what else) buy plants. There are 47 seats on the bus so mark your calendars. More information in upcoming newsletters.

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Sincerely,

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