"NEXT MEETING"

Garden Clubs Fair
Date: Saturday March 21
Time: 8 am to 4 pm
Location: 4341 E. Broadway Rd.

Your Board has voted to participate in this affair to recruit new members, to sell and display plants and demonstrate potting techniques. Contact Larry Fischer at 438-9213 if you can man the table (especially in the afternoon) or donate landscape type plants in one gallon or larger containers. People bringing plants or setting up tables should enter from the southwest side parking lot.

Cactus and Succulent Show at Desert Botanical Garden

March 26-29. This is the third year the Society has conducted this annual show. It should be pointed out that only members from the CACSS and the Tucson affiliate may enter. Here is the schedule:

Plant registration - Thursday, noon to 7:00 pm;
Judging - all day Friday;
Awards Ceremony - Friday at 7 pm - everyone is invited;
Public viewing - Saturday and Sunday, regular Garden hours;
Break-down - Sunday after 5:00 pm.

Enclosed is an "addendum" to the show rules and a sample entry card.

Ken Jantz is in charge of this year's show. If you have questions, call him at 860-2427.

The show will take the place of our regular March meeting. We'll have an outstanding show only if everyone participates!
"LOOKING FORWARD"

April Meeting

Our April meeting will be a field trip to the Wickenburg area travelling in members' cars. Details are included in the enclosed material. It sounds like a day of fun and fellowship. Plan to attend.

May Meeting

Larry Fischer, Propagation Co-Chairman, will discuss methods and techniques on the propagation of cacti and succulents.

The CACSS will also be having a "mini" silent auction. Bring plants, pots, tags, or anything else that is related to our hobby and can be sold to a fellow collector.

Open Garden - Sunday April 5, 2 to 5 pm

Society member Elaine Steichman has graciously invited members to an open garden at her home located at 6839 East Earl Drive in Scottsdale. Contact Elaine at 945-6543 if you can't find your way.

Look forward to another open garden at Larry Fischer's in May. Details later.

IOS Congress (April 5-14, 1992)

The 22nd Congress of the International Organization for Succulent Plant Study will take place at the Desert Botanical Garden and will include technical sessions, lectures, workshops and field trips. We, as members of CSSA, may attend. Many of the sessions appear to be highly technical but if you wish to participate, call Janie Holmes at the DBG, 941-1225. Registration fee is $80 ($100 after March 15) which does not include field trips or closing banquet on April 10.

Two presentations are open to the public:
1. Monday, April 6, 8 pm - a slide lecture by Dr. Merlin Tuttle on the role of bats in the pollination of plants world wide. Takes place at the new Historical Museum in Papago Park. Our Society is co-sponsor;
2. Wednesday, April 8, 7:30 pm - lecture by Dr. Arthur C. Gibson, UCLA Professor of Biology, on "Tracking Genealogy of Columnar Cacti". At ASU's Life Science Building.

Dr. Alfred Lau is visiting from Mexico and plans to attend the IOS Congress. He is looking for a gracious host to provide a place to stay. Contact Jim Elliot at 732-0307 if you can help.

Future Meeting Dates

We customarily meet in the last Sunday of each month but sometimes make changes to avoid conflict. Here are tentative dates for the rest of the year; April 26 (field trip), May 31 (mini-silent auction), June 28, July 26, August 30, September 27 (silent auction), October 25, November 22, and December 13 (Christmas party).

Roster

A roster of current chapter members has been published and was distributed at the last meeting. Copies will be available at future meetings. Updates will be issued as appropriate.

New Members

Welcome to the following new CACSS members:

James Jones;
Susan and Stan Celestian; and
James Robbins.
SPINAL COLUMN by HENRY TRIESLER

At the February, meeting Society members Jim Elliot, Larry Fischer, and Frank Hennessey told us how to prepare our plants for entry in the March show. Penny Chaikin of the Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society in Ohio talked about growing caudiciforms. It is regrettable that she was not aware of the sophistication of our members or their knowledge of succulent plants. We'll try to do a better job of orienting future speakers.

I must say I was disappointed that so few volunteered to serve on the committees I have activated. I viewed this as an opportunity for members to become more actively involved. I do understand that this is not for everyone and I submit that we need everyone regardless of their level of participation. I just ask you to attend our activities, recruit new members, critique our efforts and volunteer your services when you are so inclined.

And the rain continues to fall! I guess we can't get too much precipitation but some of my plants which are exposed to the elements are not too happy. How about yours? But I'm sure we are all grateful that the past winter was as mild as it was and that the elaborate cold protection measures some of us took were all for naught.

As an item of interest, the officers and directors of the CSSA, our parent organization, will conduct a meeting of the Board at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 4 at the Lexington Suites Hotel in Scottsdale.
CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

ADDENDUM TO SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

1992 CACTUS SHOW

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CENTRAL ARIZONA
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Central Arizona Cactus & Succulent Society

SPRING FIELD TRIP to WICKENBURG

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1992

Schedule

9:00-11:30 .. MEET at and TOUR Hassayampa River Preserve
11:30-1:00 .. ENJOY lunch at Preserve picnic area
1:00-3:00 .... BUY plants at Squash Blossom Nursery
TOUR SITES

The HASSAYAMPA RIVER PRESERVE is owned and operated by the Nature Conservancy which is responsible for maintaining nature preserves worldwide. In Wickenburg, the Preserve was once the Brill Ranch, a working cattle ranch and stagecoach station. Purchased by the Nature Conservancy in 1986, the Preserve features a unique riparian area including cottonwood-willow forest, floodplain, pond and marsh habitat and Upland Sonoran desert scrub. Palm Lake is a springfed pond housing endangered fish and attracting migrating birds.

The SQUASH BLOSSOM NURSERY features cacti and succulents: gymnos, parodia, ferocactus, mammillaria, notocactus, aloes, adenium, fouqueria, pachypodiums, euphorbias, etc. Both potted and landscape sized specimen are available. Owner Joe Nemetz is offering a 20% discount to CACSS members on the field trip.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Travel arrangements are private. No bus will be provided. Carpooling is encouraged. If you can provide a ride or if you need a ride, go to your nearest carpooling site below.

MEET at THOMAS MALL at 7 am * in the southeast corner of the Mall parking lot
OR
MEET at METROCENTER at 7:30 * in the Mall parking area adjacent to the Metro Bus stop (this is west of Broadway SW)

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS

Lunch arrangements are "bring your own" food and beverages. However, tailgating and pot luck dishes are encouraged. Coolers are welcome. Seating areas are provided.

TO PARTICIPATE

Your RSVP is requested so that our hosts can make arrangements for the right number of people. Call Elaine Steichman at 945-6543 and inform her:

* of the number of people in your party
* if you anticipate needing or providing a ride and what mall you will be at
* if you plan to bring a pot luck dish

SEE YOU OUT WICKENBURG WAY!