CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY
Meeting: Sunday, October 29, 1995
2:00 p.m. Webster Auditorium
Board of Directors: 1:00 p.m.
Archer House

Our Past President, Jim Elliott, and Electra Elliott, owners of Arizona Cactus Sales in Chandler, will present a program on Basics of Desert Landscaping, covering topics such as form, texture, color, shade and concentrating on the larger elements in the landscape such as focal point, options in trees, cactus or succulents, and design problems.

Our treasury stands at $2005.38 as of September 22, 1995 as reported by Pat Korach, treasurer. Pat wants to remind us that dues will be coming up soon and should be paid by December.

We had 33 individuals in attendance last month including three visitors. We also have two new members: Stan Jones, 18620 N. 44th Place, Phoenix AZ 85024, 569-0223. Welcome back, Stan. Also Rebecca Senior, 8420 E. Highland, Scottsdale AZ 85251, 949-1140, Welcome, Rebecca.

President, Ken Jantz, reports that the Phoenix Home and Gardens "Desert Bloom", will be April 26, 27, 28, 1996. This is when we have our show so start thinking of your possible entries.

Ken also reports that Emmy Davis, one of our past members, has donated her plants to our society and has her lath house for sale. It is about 9 x 15, panel construction, but will probably need new lath. Ken has details.

We had a letter from Life Member, Frank Hennessey, from Florida: "I am 350 miles away from the two worst storms, Erin and Opal...I have had folding hurricane shutters installed on every opening of my house...I am six miles away from the ocean...too far for water surge...The most that I have suffered is heavy tropical rain...Storm Harry dropped 12" of rain...I watched the water rise on my patio to within 1 1/2" of the sliding glass doors...Took two days for the water to go down. My cactus and succulents (150 of them) are doing fairly good. I am having a few problems, mostly with soil not drying out fast enough causing rot in a few plants...Tell Bud Terrell and Ken Jantz I am trying orchids." Frank sent a catalog with the T-shirt he wore at the Tucson Convention "I'm not Aging, I Just Need Re-potting" because so many asked where he got it. I will have his entire letter and the catalog at the meeting.

The Board of Directors at the September, 1995 meeting voted to make our gift for 1995 to the Desert Botanical Garden in the sum of $500.00 to be used toward shade screen and benches for the new propagation house.

Last month President Ken Jantz wore another hat and presented a program on
using succulents as bonsai. Ken showed slides of gorgeous desert trees and other succulents which had been trained and potted in bonsai containers. He then demonstrated by taking a ranging-looking Bursera and by studying, turning it, thinking about it, pruning and finally repotting it into a handsome pot, creating a beautiful bonsai or penjing.

Our member, Cathy Babcock, who is the horticulturist in charge of Old World succulents at the Desert Botanical Garden, had a very interesting article on Dorothean-thus species in the September-October, 1995 CSSA Newsletter.

A nominating committee of Fran Tolleson, Henry Triesler and Paula Matney has been appointed. Please give consideration to being an officer or member of the board.

November meeting will be on the 19th due to Thanksgiving weekend. Silent Auction so look around for plants to bring.

December 3rd - Doyt Gallaway will host an open garden. Details later.