NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Sunday, June 25, at the Scottsdale Senior Citizens Center, 7375 E. 2nd Street, Scottsdale. Speaker will be Mike Gilbert on "Succulent Plants of Ethiopia". (We did not get a response from Daphne Pritchard.) Mr. Gilbert is the Herbarium Director of Kew Gardens. The Senior Citizens Center is cool and comfortable, so make plans to attend and bring any guests you wish.

REMEMBER: The August meeting will actually be September 5. Place yet to be determined. Silent Auction 9/24.

NEW MEMBERS: Please welcome the following new members and add them to your roster.

Bud K. Terrell
Sue Hakala

Ilza Hahlo

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE: Debra Korobkin has moved to Yuma for a career opportunity. Your faithful Secretary seems to have misplaced her new address, but it will be reported as soon as available.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: Please bring any flowering or specimen plants you would like to show off.

MAY MEETING: Topics discussed at the Board Meeting:
- Jim Oravetz expounded further on expanding our relationship with the Gardens by participating more in their events. We need to show them that they will benefit from a supporting relationship.
- We are in need of fund raising ideas to complement the Silent Auction. Jim Oravetz is going to look into appointing a fund raising committee. Any member with ideas is encouraged to contact Jim.
- Susan Carter Holmes is still expected to be our featured speaker 9/5.
- The by-laws have been distributed. Any inputs should be fed to Jim Oravetz.
- The June & July meetings will be at the Scottsdale Senior Citizens Center. The Center is all booked up for 9/5, alternate plans will have to be made.
The general meeting was short to give our Speaker time to adequately present his material. No new issues were brought forward. Antoine Ellert was introduced and presented a slide show on the succulents of the Zimbabwe area. Despite a cranky slide projector, the talk was interesting and informative. Antoine also offered to send seeds of some of the more unusual plants to members who desired them. Needless to say, he was greeted by a small stampede at the end of the meeting!

VACATION HAPPENINGS: Ken & Marge Jantz spent 8 days the first of June rafting the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. It was really tough; the outfitter provided cots, sleeping bags, and three squares a day. Dinners included steak, shrimp creole, bbq chicken breasts, pork chops, tacos & burritos, veggies, hot soup, dips. Breakfast was fruit, eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, muffins, coffee and juices. Lunches were cold cuts. The company provided the beer & pop all day and evening. The days were warm, and the nights just cool enough for a good nights sleep. Some cloud cover formed in the afternoons to cut the hot sun. There were interesting short hikes into some of the side canyons. If you think the Canyon in beautiful from the rims, you should see it from this perspective! It is not a trip for everybody, but if one enjoys the out-of-doors, this makes is outstanding vacation. If you wish to get a flavor for what it was like, ask Ken to show you the 24 rolls of slides that he took (also the loan payment book for the film & processing).

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