President, Ken Jantz, will be speaking on the art of bonsai and penjing, and why there is a distaste for this art when using succulents. His topic title is WHEN IS BONSAI NOT A BONSAI. Ken will also be giving a demonstration.

It was noted with pleasure that Carolyn O'Malley has been appointed Director of the Desert Botanical Garden. We appreciate her cooperation and support.

Our treasurer, Pat Korach, reported a balance as of July 31, 1995, of $2,103.42 and reports we have three new members:

Annalisa Palacios, Stephen Odewahn, associate 505 W. Baseline Rd, #2140, Tempe AZ 85283, Phone 820-2107

T. George Galinsky P. O. Box 8785, Scottsdale, AZ 85251, Phone 423-8402

Kate and Leroy Ellison 6121 N. 51st Place, Paradise Valley AZ 85253, Phone 850-2331

Our speakers last month, Dorothy and John Pasek, showed slides of their trips to the Sea of Cortez in December-January, 1990-1991, and January, 1992. They experienced weather typical of our winter, clouds and rain, so many of their slides were on the dark side. However, the views of the islands, sunrises and sunsets, plus cacti and other succulent plants in habitat were beautiful.

The Society has recently received a gift of many succulent plants from the estate of Mildred Conrad. Mildred had given her beloved succulent plants to her friend, Mary Stoll, asking that she care for them. It soon became apparent to Mary Stoll that she would be unable to do this and asked Mary Irish of Desert Botanical Garden for advice. Mary Irish recommended our Society, and Ken Jantz and Elaine Chapman picked up the plants. Our Board of Directors has decided these plants will be used as new member gift plants and door prizes. Many of us have plants in our collections which belonged to members no longer with us and these are reminders of friends who enjoyed our hobby.

Growing hint of the month from Electra Elliott: The lower sun in the Fall can cause sunburn on the south and west sides. You may have to use a piece of shade cloth for a few weeks.

Looking ahead: October--Jim and Electra Elliott "Landscaping in Cactus".