Next Meeting: Sunday, December 15, 1996, 12:00 p.m.
Webster Auditorium, Desert Botanical Garden
No Board of Directors Meeting.

Holiday Party. Please bring enough casserole, salad, dessert, appetizers, munchies whatever you wish, to share. Beverages and meat platters will be supplied by the Society. Bring your own plates and eating utensils. If you wish to check on what might be needed before you bake your delicious casserole or cake, please call Jo Davis (839-3792).

TIME: Come at 12:00 p.m. for appetizers and socializing. Our new members are especially urged to come so we can get acquainted. This is our only meeting devoted to mingling and talking. We will sit down to eat at ONE.

Election: The following have been nominated for office. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Be sure the person you nominate would accept running for office.

President: Gard Roper
Vice President: Scott McMahon
Treasurer: Cathy Babcock
Secretary: Jo Davis

Board of Directors: Frances Volz
           Ken Jones
           Linda Miller
(The above are new members who will serve for two years. The following board members have one year more to serve:

           Doyt Gallaway
           Debra Korobkin

Non-elective Offices:

Past President: Henry Triesler, Jr.
Librarian: Frances Volz
Affiliate Director: Joan Skirvin

If any member would be willing to serve on the Board of Directors, please see President Henry Triesler before the election so he can enter your name before the voting.

Treasurer, Pat Korach, reports bank balance at the end of October of $2764.34. We made $586.75 on the silent auction.
Important: Dues are Due! If you pay before January 1, 1997, the old rate of $12.00 (associate add $2.50) applies. After Jan. 1, 1997, the dues will be $15.00 (associate add $3.00). PLEASE send in your dues at once to save yourself some money and so your new Secretary can get out the Directory earlier in the year.

Librarian: Frances Volz requests that all books on loan be returned in December for inventory purposes. She reported that our new book on aloes is very popular.

We were all saddened to learn of the death of our friend and Society member, Clarice Lavoi. In her memory the new book by Rudolf Schulz and Attila Kapitany, COPIAPOA IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT will be added to our library.

November's speaker, Dr. Ted Anderson, had made previous trips to Central and South America. The 1996 trip was in part to re-collect some plants which had been mis-sent to Chicago in winter and which subsequently died, and to explore a different area not previously covered. He was able to add 54 plants of 42 species, of which 17 are new to the D.B.G.'s collection. Many of the slides showed copiapoa and the harsh desert they inhabit. Dr. Anderson's slides and talk gave us a fascinating glimpse of some of the remote areas in Chile and Peru.

1997 SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS:

January 19--We will get to see D.B.G.'s new greenhouses and see some of the plants Dr. Anderson collected in Chile and Peru, and tour the seed bank facilities.


March 23--Visit to Arizona Cactus Sales, owned by Society members Jim and Electra Elliott. A great place to see (and buy) outdoor cacti.

April 25, 26, 27--Cactus Show. Be thinking about which plants you will enter.

May 18--Silent Auction. Our semi-annual money-maker. Now is the time to propagate and grow from seeds interesting plants to share in our Silent Auction.

The following are tentative dates, subject to change:

June 29
July 27
August 24
September 28
October 26
November 23
December 14

Please add to your directory the following new members: