SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Plant Micropropagation
Featuring: Tim Harvey
Tissue Culture - Many of us have heard the term but have no idea how it works. Our speaker for September, Tim Harvey, will explain it to us. His talk is entitled, Plant Micropropagation, and he promised it would not be too technical.

Tim lives in Southern California but is British by birth. He has grown cactus and succulent plants since he was 10 years old. In the early days, he grew only cacti but now has expanded into other succulent genera. He has traveled extensively in South Africa and Namibia and has visited Madagascar. Now he concentrates on pachycaul trees, aloes, winter-growing bulbs and hybrids of all types.

If he is not at home, he is likely to be volunteering at the Huntington Botanical Gardens. He grows lots of plants and probably will bring some interesting specimens to sell.
It's officially autumn, at least by the calendar. Even though we still have a few 100 degree days occasionally you can tell there's a change in the air. I’m looking forward to the slightly cooler temperatures, particularly since the monsoons never really arrived for us this year here in Morristown (our last significant rain was the end of June). The saguaros around our property are lean and the creosote bushes are brown. Maybe some early “winter” rains will relieve their thirst.

With fall comes a couple of exciting things for the CACSS. First, in October is our annual silent auction extravaganza. This is in lieu of a regular General Meeting and is typically held in the Wildflower Pavilion at the DBG. Many club members donate special plants and other goodies and is the “grand” version of our monthly silent auctions. Anyone is welcome to donate as many or as few items as they would like (it’s a great way to thin out some of those “multiples” that you have of one type of plant and make room for something new). So look over your collections or other cactus and succulent related items and see if there's anything you think might be fun to donate. And even if you don’t have anything to share please plan on coming to the event to find something new and unique to take home. As with all our silent auctions you might be surprised by what you can find for below market cost! Look for further details in the October issue of The Central Spine.

Of course the next “exciting” item that comes up each fall is the nominations of the CACSS Officers and Board of Directors. Hopefully if you’ve been asked to serve on the Board by our Nominations Committee you’ve given it serious consideration and accepted the nomination. If you haven’t been asked you are certainly welcome to contact either Ingrid Swenson or Steve Martinez and request to be nominated. And then there's always the opportunity to run for a position, even if someone's been nominated, and make it a true election at our December meeting. Anyway, for those who’ve decided to join in the operations aspect of the club, thank you!

See you at the meeting! - Steve Plath

TRAFFIC ALERT
Galvin Parkway Construction
A New Intersection for the Desert Botanical Garden

During construction, drivers may access the Garden by entering Galvin Parkway ONLY from the north at McDowell Road. The actual driving route to the Garden's parking lot may change periodically, so all visitors are encouraged to consult the Garden's web site (WWW.DBG.ORG) for updates during this time.

A Fun Event - The Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society "Good Time Silent Auction"

I took a leisurely drive down to Tucson this morning (September 20th) for the TCSS 'Good Time Silent Auction'. I arrived at the Junior League Building just in time to claim one of the last parking spots. The action had already started when I arrived. The $3.00 and $5.00 plant tables were being shopped. There were many kinds of cacti and succulents donated by cactus nurseries and individuals. Then the mob scene started when the 'free plant section' opened. There was a large variety of plants, from 5 gal nicely grown myrtilllocactus and opuntias to bare root sanseveria, aloes, agaves, portulacaria afra, several different euphorbias and more! It only took about 5 minutes to clear the entire area of plants! Then everyone settled down to some serious socializing with ice cream and cookies. The crowning touch is always the prickley pear sorbet or prickley pear syrup made by Patsy Framea. Then on to the Silent Auction which lasted from 1:30pm to about 4:30pm. I don't believe I saw anyone walk away empty handed. Plants ranged in price from $1.00 for a small potted echinopsis to well over $100.00 for some of Mark Dimmit's amazing adeniums. I think the phrase 'a good time was had by all' was appropriate to sum up the afternoon.

But if you missed this, never fear because our very own Annual Silent Auction is coming soon. I can't say that it will be the same format but this I know, it will be fun! Save the date - October 25th! See the newsletter for details... Celeste

SALE - CACTI, AGAVES, ALOES
SATURDAY SEPT. 26 (and maybe Oct 3) - 9AM to 5PM
Cacti in pots (1 to 5 gallon) and cuttings to large sizes including multi-arm Myrtillocacti, several varieties of Stenocereus, Cereus, Senitas, etc.
Call (before Saturday) to see if we have what you are looking for and to have plants ready for you when you come by.

The Northeast corner of 64th Street at Luke (1 mile north of Camelback Road) 480-994-3868

VERY LOW PRICES

BOB TORREST
PLANT QUESTIONS???

Many CACSS members have experience with different kinds of succulent plants. I hope they will add their names to the following list (just call or e-mail Bob Torrest). For now the list is simply alphabetical with principal interests. When more members add their information, the list will be cross-referenced by topic.

DOUG DAWSON
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Specializations include Flora of Namibia, Growing from Seed, Lithops, other Mesembs, and Melocactus.

MIKE GALLAGHER
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Specializations include Aloes, Haworthias, Columnar Cacti, and Turbinicarpus.

STEVE PLAGH
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Specializations include Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Cyphostemma, Echinocereus, Fouquieria, Thelocactus, General Propagation, and Desert Revegetation.

CYNTHIA ROBINSON
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Specializations include Flora of Madagascar, Growing from Seed, Caudiciform & Pachycaul Succulents, Aloes, Apocynaceae, Burseraceae, Euphorbiaceae, Fouquieriaceae, and Succulent Bonsai.

BOB TORREST
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Specializations include Desert Landscaping, Unusual (including Rare Fruit) Trees and Shrubs, Aloes, Agaves, Columnar Cacti, Trichocereus, and Opuntia.

WHOM TO CONTACT!!!

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