Crassula pseudohemisphearica

Photo by Doug Dawson on May 05, 2010 at Augrabies, about 18 miles from the Atlantic Ocean in the Richtersveld area of the Northern Cape, South Africa.
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Steve Martinez’ President’s letter will return in the January, 2011 Central Spine.

Program Information

January 30, 2011 Program
Now, time for something a little bit different! Our speaker for January is going to be Ted Green, one of the world’s foremost authorities on the plants known as Hoyas. He is also an expert on Orchids. The plants Ted will be describing are polar opposites to the plants we collect. They grow in the wettest of environments - tropical jungles - many have the most amazing flowers. To get a preview of these plants, visit his website at www.rare-hoyas.com/Catalog.htm.

February 20, 2011 Program
The CACSS Annual Show and Sale will be just around the corner and everyone should be thinking about the plants they intend to show. Our speaker for February, Michael Buckner, will teach the art of plant presentation. He will show you how to make a plant more attractive, how to highlight its features. Michael and his wife, Joyce, own The Plant Man shop in Old Town San Diego and they have been showing plants in California for years. They will be bringing plants to sell.

Find newsletters online at www.centralarizonacactus.org. Scroll down the list on the left and click on newsletters.

DUES ARE DUE

The 2011 membership dues for the CACSS are $20 for individuals and $25 for households.

The monthly newsletter is emailed to members as part of their dues; the additional charge for post-office delivery is $5.

Please send your dues-checks along with any changes in mailing addresses, phone numbers and email addresses to CACSS, P.O. Box 63572, Phoenix, AZ 85082-3572

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2011 Show and Sale: Update

Doesn’t it seem like the 1st of April is very far in the future? Yet it’s the first public day of our show and sale (no foolin’), an event that must be planned months in advance to handle all the details of set-up and publicity.

Show co-chairs Lois Schneberger and Gard Roper have already held crucial organizational meetings, including one with the Desert Botanical Garden. They have also enlisted volunteers to fill some of our needs. Debora Life will be coordinating the trophies. Wayne Whipple is our register coordinator.

On the publicity front, Lin Leivian, Beth Kirkpatrick and Sue Hakala are working with the media. We are so fortunate that John Sallot of the DBG is going to promote our event in all of their publications, which include their website, Facebook and Twitter, as well as the more traditional print sources such as the DBG’s quarterly calendar. Julie Plath and Doug Dawson have provided pictures that John can use. We have also sent releases to local magazines such as Phoenix Home and Garden as well as to our national cactus society.

Do we need more volunteers? YES, we certainly do, for the set-up of the show on March 30 and 31 as well as April 1, 2 and 3 when the show and sale are open.

At the moment we are trying to hem all the black burlap clothes for our tables, so if there is anyone with a sewing machine that can help in this effort, give Gard Roper a call at 602-996-9745.

Volunteering for the show is a good way to get to know other members of the club and have some fun. Don’t think you have enough expertise to answer all those questions from the public? Don’t worry, we’ll find a place for you to contribute in making our show a success. Remember to set aside those days on your calendar now: March 30 through April 3. Whether you enter a plant in the show or help with logistics, you are needed!

Please contact Lois at lschneberger@cox.net, or phone her at 480-946-8373 for more information.

By Lin Leivian
PLANT QUESTIONS??? WHOM TO CONTACT!!!

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—480-994-3868; robertst9114@msn.com). For now the list is simply alphabetical with principal interests. When more members add their information, the list will be cross-referenced by topic.

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