We had a great turnout for our January meeting which was a wonderful tour of the DBG’s propagation area. Kathy Rice gave us an overview of the Garden’s seed and rare plant program coupled with a walk through the CPC (Center for Plant Conservation) greenhouse. This was followed by a walk through the cactus & succulent greenhouse where Patrick Quirk showed us the rare collections made by Dr. Ted Anderson in Chile and Peru.

Gard Roper appealed for more involvement and participation from members. We desperately need suggestions and ideas for improving the society and encouraging membership. These can include suggested speakers, topics and activities. One activity in particular that we have slacked off on is the “Open Garden”. This is where a member opens up their yard for viewing by the rest of the members. It is always fun and so interesting to see what others collect and how their yards are set up to house their collections.

This month’s program is a demonstration on putting together a dish garden, presented by Lisa Northrup and Cathy Babcock. Just as a large landscape has design elements that must be adhered to, so does a container full of plants - just a landscape design in miniature.

The Desert Bloom cactus & succulent show is April 23-27. New for the show this spring will be a junior novice division for members under 14 years of age. We encourage all members to enter the show and as usual will need plenty of volunteers to help with the set-up and during the show itself. Jo Davis will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the meeting, so please help if you can. Information for the show and exhibitor entry cards will be available at the meeting also. Members are encouraged to bring in one of their plants for suggestions on preparation for the show.

Also at the February meeting, just in time for show preparation, will be a table-full of Jim Sudal’s exquisite pottery for sale. Bring your money! Although Jim himself can not make it, Jo Davis will act as salesperson. In addition, Jim has donated a signed piece of pottery for our raffle during the Desert Bloom show. Our sincerest thanks to Jim!

Details will be forthcoming at the February meeting about an exciting international speaker who will be giving a presentation in one of the upcoming months.

Also a reminder that the national CSSA convention is in July this year and will be in San Diego. What a great way to combine plants and a vacation in a cool spot.
A correction to last month’s newsletter: Dues for 1997 are $18.00 for a family membership. 1997 membership cards will be mailed out with the March newsletter (sorry for the delay). All dues should be sent to Cathy Babcock, 721 West 12th Street, Tempe, AZ 85281.

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Enclosed is my check for $15.00 (plus $3.00 for associate) for dues for 1997 for CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY. Please print.

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