

April
1997

CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

THERE WILL BE NO BOARD MEETING OR GENERAL MEETING DUE TO THE DESERT BLOOM SHOW

The Garden Club Fair was held at the county extension service on March 15th. The society had a booth full of plants to sell and sales went very well. Gard, Ken Jones and Jo Davis worked the entire day selling plants and answering questions.

On March 23rd about 20 members gathered at Arizona Cactus Sales in Chandler. We were greeted by Jim, Electra, Lisa and Ty. We had the opportunity to tour the nursery, ask questions, drool and purchase plants. A few of us were even able to purchase some of Jim and Electra's own collections. On behalf of Arizona Cactus Sales, 10% of our purchases went to the society. After everyone paid for their plants, we all went to Serrano's for Mexican food. The meal was excellent and all of us were able to converse with each other at the tables. A big thank-you to the Elliott's for allowing us to tour the nursery.

Scott McMahon brought along the show entry cards and exhibitor passes for those members who are entering a plant in the show or are volunteering to work the show for Desert Bloom. **DON'T FORGET:** Desert Bloom and the Cactus & Succulent Show will be the program for April - Friday through Sunday, April 25 - 27th. We still need volunteers - if you can help, please call Jo Davis at 839-3792. There is also still time to enter a plant in the show - call Scott McMahon at 951-1190.

REMEMBER: Charles Glass of CANTE A.C. in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico, will be speaking at Desert Bloom on Sunday, April 27th at He is an American, living and researching in Mexico. Charles Glass is a prolific writer and contributor to botanical journals around the world. He has led many exploratory trips in Mexico and is credited with the discovery of many new species of cacti and succulents. Mr. Glass is a dedicated fighter for the conservation of rare cacti. Be sure not to miss out on information about his recent discoveries and conservation activities.

1997 C.A.C.S.S. Show Schedule

Wednesday, April 23rd:	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.: Set up tables 10:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Drop off plants and registration
Thursday, April 24th:	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Judging 7:00 p.m. : Awards ceremony. You are encouraged to attend
Friday, April 25th:	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.: Desert Bloom show
Saturday, April 26th:	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.: Desert Bloom show

Sunday, April 27th:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Desert Bloom show
*** Charles Glass speaks
4:00 p.m.: Tear down exhibits, pick up plants

New for 1997:

Junior Novice Division: Members under 14 years

Sponsored by Elaine Chapman - Best Cactus, Junior
Novice; Best Succulent, Junior Novice; and Most
Points, Junior Novice

Sponsored by Scott McMahon - Trophy for Best
Ferocactus

Sponsored by Jo Davis and David Belemi - Trophy for
Best Ariocarpus

See you all at Desert Bloom!

Jo Davis
Secretary

Library Talk

BRING BACK THOSE BOOKS. All outstanding books are due at the June meeting for semi-annual inventory control.

MONEY MATTERS. Your 1997 contributions total \$77.10 (\$51.60 from the Birthday Box in Jan. and Feb. and \$25.50 from the Silent Auction). **Birthday Box** will be circulated at the June meeting for March, April, May and June and for those with memory lapses the earlier months.

ON ORDER. *Euphorbia Journal, Volumes 9 and 10* and *C.S.S.A. - 10 Year Index. Volumes 9 and 10* will complete our set (we have the other 8) and the **Index** will offer exciting search possibilities in the Cactus & Succulent Society of America Journals from 1979-1988. Total cost of the above is \$120.85.

AVAILABLE AT JUNE MEETING: Heavyweights. Large tomes (illustrated encyclopedias and dictionaries, including *Caudiciform & Pachycaul Succulents*).

Frances M. Volz, Librarian