Meeting - Sunday 2pm, February 22, 1998
Webster Auditorium - Desert Botanical Gardens
Board of Directors - 1pm, Archer House

Just a reminder -- dues for 1998 are now over-due. The fee is $15 per member and $3 additional per associate member. Please send a check to Regina Rodgers at 8744 W. Tierra Buena Ln., Peoria, AZ 85382. Make checks payable to CACSS and include your name(s), address, and phone number so that we can keep our directory up to date. Payment will also be accepted at the meeting.

February's meeting will be a demonstration of tips for preparing your plants for the annual show coming up in April. Several members will give clues on making your entries attractive to the judges. There will also be a raffle of plants at this meeting. Scott will have entry cards and rules for the show available at this meeting. This will be the last meeting at Webster Auditorium before the annual show, so be sure to get your registration cards from him.

Jim Sudal will once more have some of his beautiful pots for sale at this meeting. Even though he will not be present, Jo Davis will be handling the sale for him. Each of these pots is one of a kind and to be treasured forever.

Last month Dr. James Mauseth gave an inspiring talk on the Cacti of South America. He made the presentation interesting for both the well informed and the novice. He covered the adaptations plants have made to survive in the more arid environment as the continents have shifted away from each other over time. His presentation kept the crowd of about 50 members captivated.

The Treasurer, Regina Rodgers, reported a balance of $3268.12.

The Librarian, Karen Kraycov, reported a balance of $204.10 in the "kitty" from the birthday box. Below is her wish list of books which could be added to our library. Comments and/or additions to the wish list are welcomed.

A History of Succulent Plants, Strawberry Press, Gordon Rowley, $110
Gasterias of South Africa, E. Van Jaarsveld -- Mary Odette, $39.95
The Genus Haworthia, Charles Scott, 150 pp m/o, $52
The Cultivation of the Merembryantheraceae, G. Schwantes, 88 pp m/o, $30
Flowering Stones & Mid-Day Flowers, G. Schwantes, 420 pp m/o, $120
The Mammillaria Handbook, Robert Craig, 400 pp m/o, $45
We have received a thank-you note from Pat Korach for our donation to DBG in memory of Sam. It tells of Sam’s strong feelings about what the club offers socially as well as educationally. We will miss Sam. We look forward to having Pat rejoin us at our functions in the near future.

On March 22 we will again tour the H. B. Wallace gardens. We enjoyed our visit there in 1996, and we are anxious to see the changes that have occurred since then. Plan to car-pool to this meeting, as parking is very limited. More details and a map will be included in the March newsletter.

In April we will again have our annual plant show at DBG. This year it will be at the Webster Auditorium and the number of entries per person will be limited. Registration will be on Thursday, April 16, followed by the judging and awards ceremony on Friday, April 17. The show will be on Saturday and Sunday, April 18th and 19th. This is our biggest event of the year, and we will need lots of volunteers for setting up, monitoring and meeting the public, displaying the plants, and the ever-popular tearing down and clean-up. Please think seriously about giving a few hours of your time to help at this big event. We need to have the perpetual trophies returned to us in time to have them awarded in April. Since the March meeting is away, the trophies should be brought to the February meeting. We will also be accepting any other trophies and/or ribbons that former winners may wish to recycle. If you have collected more trophies and ribbons than you care to dust, recycling them will help you and also save the club some money.

Jumping ahead—in July (10, 11, 12) we are planning a trip to the San Francisco Bay area. It will include a visit to the exotic Euphorbia collection of Dr. Herman Schwartz, a visit to at least one nursery, and possibly a visit to a place that sells pottery. In addition, visits to the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Cannery Row are planned. The number of participants will be limited to 40 so that we will all fit in one bus for the tours. The estimated cost of the trip is about $300. More details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

Please welcome new members and add them to your directory:

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Phoenix, Az 85040  

Paul & Beverly Schueneman  
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Phoenix, AZ 85044

In addition, make the following changes to your directory:

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Paradise Valley, AZ 85253  
(602) 957-4045  

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Phoenix, AZ 85007-1925  
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Pat Korach  85331  
Deanna Jones, Secretary