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CENTRAL ARIZONA

CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be November 26, 1989 in Webster Auditorium. We will be touring the Herbarium at the Gardens for the monthly program. NOTE: The Board meeting will be at 1 p.m. in ARCHER HOUSE; general meeting will start at 2 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: The December meeting and Christmas Party will be December 10, 1989 in Webster Hall. Specific time (1 p.m. or 2 p.m.) to be announced. The cost of the catered meal is \$10 per person. We have to guarantee 50 people for the price, and must make a deposit by the first of December, so please get your reservations in at the November meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, please send reservations to Ken Jantz, 9721 E. Desert Cove Ave., Scottsdale, Az. 85260. A meal cannot be guaranteed to those who attend without reservations as the caterer will prepare for the number of people we specify. We will also vote on the slate of officers for the year 1990.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RESULTS: The nominating committee has made the following recommendation for the 1990 slate of officers:

President	Jim Dravetz
Vice President	Jim Elliott
Secretary	Ken Jantz
Treasurer	Lew Steichman
Affiliate Director	Marvin Williams
Directors	Henry Triesler
	Larry Fischer
	Electra Elliott
Nominated from floor:	Glenda Temple
(Note: there is no ceiling on the number of people that can be elected as a Director).	
Librarian	Joan Skirvin
Historian	Joan Skirvin
Editor	Vera Gamet
Publicity	Dottie O'Rourke

ADDRESS CHANGE: Prexie Jim Dravetz has moved to a suburb of Black Canyon City, his new address is 1231 E. Sequoia Dr., Phoenix, 85024. His number (toll charge for most of us) is 780-0414.

NEW MEMBER: Please welcome Maureen Trainer, 1288 Mt. View Drive, Cottonwood, Az. 86326.

OCTOBER BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING: Dues are due by 12/15 at \$25 for the member and \$2.50 for the associate. After 12/15, the cost will be \$29 for the member, and \$2.50 for the associate. The Society normally gets a \$4.00 credit for the Cactus and Succulent Journal. After December 15, we will lose that credit, so must increase the dues by that amount.

The show committee needs and idea of how many plants will be exhibited in April. A sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting, or call Henry Triesler. Tucson Society members can write Henry at 4201 N. 63rd Pl., Scottsdale, 85251.

Due to improvements at the Gardens, members attending the meetings will no longer be able to park behind Webster, but must use the main parking lot in the front. Tell the ticket agent that you are

going to the Cactus Society meeting, and there will be no admission charge.

The bylaws have been revised and we are proceeding with the incorporation of the Society. We will be getting a P.O. Box for a permanent address.

Vera Gamet is soliciting articles for the "Spine", and the Tucson Society Members are encouraged to submit articles. If they are typed, double spaced, with a 1" left margin, Vera can send them to the printers as is.

The Society had a booth at the recent DBG plant sale, and the volunteers were very busy answering questions. Next year, we will be soliciting volunteers to man this booth, and also to circulate among the buyers to answer questions. This will relieve a big load from the DBG people trying to handle the actual sales.

The Propagation and Conservation Committee is to investigate any impact C.I.T.E.S. may have on the efforts of that committee.

It was made known that Harper's extends a 10% discount to members of the DBG.

Jim Dravetz, Frank Hennessey, Joan Skirvin, and Lew Steichman led a discussion of preparing cactus & succulents for winter. One question that went begging for an answer was "How do you tell when a cactus goes dormant?" No leaves to drop! ?Que Pasa? (I guess if you water and they rot, they were dormant). Joan recommended a "Frost Blanket" which is available at Greenworld Nursery as excellent protection for outdoor plants. Basically, keep the plants fairly dry (Hennessey waters once a month) from October to about February, and bring in the really sensitive ones.

CO-OP: There is a possibility of starting a member's co-op to purchase materials that you can't commonly get at the local nurseries, such as plastic pots, cactus fertilizers, etc. If you are interested, please let Ken Jantz know about what your yearly needs would be, and we will look into volume buying.

SPECIAL NOTE: As reported in the last newsletter, the DBG is not requiring that the Society carry insurance during our functions at the Gardens. As a condition of our using the Gardens and Webster for functions without the insurance requirement, it is necessary that we as Society Members indemnify the Gardens in case of accidents. Any individuals attending our functions who paid the admission fee will be covered under the Garden's general insurance policy. By renewing your membership for the year 1990, it is understood that you agree to the above, both the Member and Associate.

PROPOGATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE: A letter of intent covering conditions of the sale of plants to the Gardens has been completed, and will be available for members at the meetings.

ILLNESS: Lew Steichman has been in Scottsdale Memorial for about two weeks, and on Saturday the 18th, underwent emergency surgery. He is still in intensive care. Cards can be sent to Lew at his

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home address or at Scottsdale Memorial. There will be a monster card at the November meeting to be signed by the members and sent to Lew from the Society.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: In order to keep our wits sharp and keen, the following thought for the month is offered:

In a conversation with an Chinese, a man asked his name, and the reply was "Al Schwartz". The man then inquired how a native Chinese happened to be named "Al Schwartz". "Well," he replied, "when I landed at Ellis Island, I was in line to be processed into the United States. The fellow in front of me was from Germany, and when asked his name he replied, Al Schwartz. When I moved up in line, the customs agent asked my name and I told him--Sam Ting. (Think about it).

Start Lithops seeds
in fall
