



CACSS

*50 Years of
Fellowship
and the Love
of Cacti*



WHO ARE WE?

We may not all be native to Arizona, but we have been drawn to this magical place.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts
DEC 85
No. 493474

CACTI



*The cacti haven't
changed but we
have*

*Here's a little bit of
history to enjoy*

A vintage color photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, several vintage cars from the 1920s or 30s are parked on a dirt road. A large saguaro cactus stands prominently in the center. The background features large, rounded rock formations under a clear sky. The text "What a great place to visit!" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

*What a great place
to visit!*

15191. Cactus Park, Apache Trail, Ariz.



First meeting

1973

At the home of Henry Triesler

10 attendees

Cactus lovers -- arise!

California, where off-road vehicles are big, big business, now has a firm willing to supply a bolt-on accessory to a truck or four-wheel drive vehicle able to knock over cactus.

The device has so enraged members of Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society they recently passed a resolution against it.

Called the "Cactus Smasher," the accessory comes in two pushbar styles capable of bolting onto the front of trucks, vans and four-wheel drive vehicles.

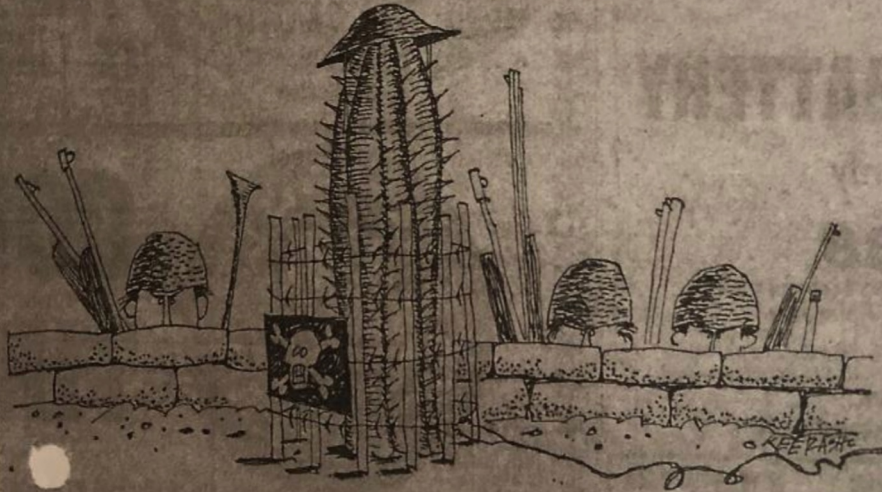
The resolution by the local group "vigorously protests and condemns the advertising, sale and use of said 'Cactus Smasher' device" and was signed by 25 members of the club.

An early mission

1974

*CACSS helps defeat the
"Cactus Smasher"*

*A destroyer of cacti in the
desert*



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CENTRAL ARIZONA
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

Volume 1, Number 1

September 28, 1975

"A REMARKABLE ALLOE" by MELVIN FIRESTONE.

I have recently returned from a sabbatical year spent in England. For most of the period my wife, two sons and myself lived in Hallsands, a village on the south Devon coast, where I was studying the local crab fishermen. The countryside was, after six years in Arizona, overwhelmingly green and lush. Despite the relatively heavy rainfall we found many large yuccas growing and blooming as well as the occasional agave. The public park in Dartmouth has a particularly large stand of tall yuccas with two very large agaves near the entrance.

My impression is that a greater percentage of Englishmen grow cacti and succulents indoors than do Americans. Everyone seemed to have at least a pot or two. The maid who worked in the hotel in which we stayed had an *Echinopsis multiplex* that was fifteen years old. Plants could be obtained cheaply in local shops: a large blooming rosette of an *Echevaria* could be purchased for the equivalent of about 40 cents. Plants were, however, mislabelled very frequently; one might find a haworthia put down as an aloe or an aloe as an agave.

The mild climate of the south Devon coast, as the coast of Cornwall, has enabled tropical and semi-tropical plants to be grown outdoors for many years. A volume published in 1819 and entitled *Kingsbridge and Salcombe, with Intermediate Estuary, Historically and Topographically Depicted*, contains an account of the following handbill advertising the showing of a flowering agave in 1774.

Now to be seen at SALCOMBE, near
KINGSBRIDGE, in full blow,

A Remarkable ALLOE

Supposed to be the largest that was ever seen in this Kingdom; and altho' continually exposed to the Weather, it hath grown to the following Dementions.

In Height 20 Feet 0 In.
Length of the leaf 9 Feet 0 In.
Thickness of Ditto 0 Feet 6 In.

As the Proprietor hath been at great Expences to keep it for the Inspection of the Curious, the Terms of Admittance are, for Ladies & Gentlemen 2s. 6d. each; all others at one shilling each person, & to be paid at the Door.

The words "2s. 6d. each, all others" were struck out with a pen in a short time, as even one shilling more than people in general were disposed to give.

A TRIP BY MINIBUS TO THE TIP OF BAJA CALIFORNIA by WILLIAM TUCKER.

Having never driven in Mexico and having read so much about the narrowness, etc., of Mexico #1 from Tijuana to Cabo San Lucas, we elected to sign up on a minibus tour out of San Diego. It is about 1100 miles from San Diego to the tip of the Baja. Those that are AAA members can obtain an excellent road map and a good tour book of the Baja. For the most part, only standard loaded gas was available. At a maximum of about 200 miles and generally less, there was a new luxurious government-owned and operated El Presidente Motel. There were other motels as well except for the backbone area from El Rosario to Guerrero Negro. The run from Guerrero Negro to San Ignacio was also without accommodations. From what we saw, there seemed to be plenty of camping facilities, some with services and others beautiful but very primitive.

Generally the highway traverses the areas of prime interest to the botanist, geologist, anthropologist and just plain tourist interested in hiking, fishing, etc. Although we moved much too fast (1100 miles in three driving days) for good touring, we did see an excellent cross section of the larger flora. Unfortunately we did not have a chance to venture more than a few hundred feet



Then...

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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF CACSS CELEBRATED THIS MONTH



Created by Nick Diomede with assistance from artificial intelligence.

And now

November

2023

ORGANIZATION MEETING
OF
CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY
July 31, 1990

The organization meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation was held (constructively, by the consent in writing of all directors pursuant to Section 10-1094, Arizona Revised Statutes) immediately following the filing of the corporation's Articles of Incorporation, at the corporation's known place of business, for the purposes set forth in Section 10-1032, Arizona Revised Statutes.

Those persons present, actually or constructively, included the President and Secretary and those directors who signed the Consent and Waiver of Notice, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The meeting was called to order and the directors were advised that the Articles of Incorporation had been filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission on this date. It was agreed that the additional copy of the Articles of Incorporation, when returned by the Arizona Corporation Commission, would be placed in this minute book, and that it would be immediately followed by the Affidavit of Publication.

The directors then considered a proposed form of Bylaws for the government of the corporation, and such Bylaws were carefully examined by the directors. At the conclusion of such examination, the Bylaws were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors as the Bylaws of the corporation. It was agreed that a copy of the Bylaws would be placed in the minute book for reference purposes, immediately following the affidavit of publication.

The directors then considered the election of officers. After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of this corporation that the following persons be appointed the officers of this corporation, to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors:

James Oravetz, President
James Elliott, Vice President
Ken Jantz, Secretary
Elaine Steichman, Treasurer
Joan Skirvin, Librarian/Historian
Vera Gamet, Editor
Dottie O'Rourke, Publicity

Articles of Incorporation 1990



OUR LEADERS

- LIKE ALL CLUBS,
LEADERSHIP IS VITAL TO
ALL OF US.
- MANY WONDERFUL
PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN THIS
RESPONSIBILITY. LET'S
ACKNOWLEDGE THEM.



Presidents of the 70's



Henry Triesler

'73 - '75, '76 -'77



Charles Merbs

'75 - '76



Kent Newland

'78 - '79



Presidents of the 80's



Frank Hennessey

'80

Margaret Caldwell

'81 - 82, '85

Warner Dodd

'83

Marvin Williams

'86 - '87



Victor Gass

'84



Fred Kaspar

'88

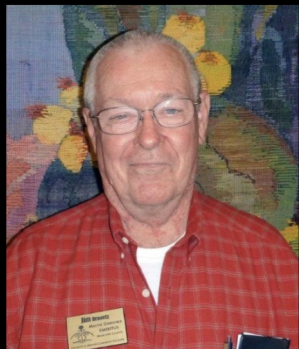


Jim Oravetz

'89



Presidents of the 90's



Jim Oravetz

'90



Jim Elliot

'90- '91, '94



Ken Jantz

'95



Henry Triesler

'92



Deborah Korobkin

'93 - '94



Presidents of the 90's



Henry Triesler

'96



Gard Roper

'97



Scott McMahon

'98



Cathy Babcock

'99



Presidents of the 2000's



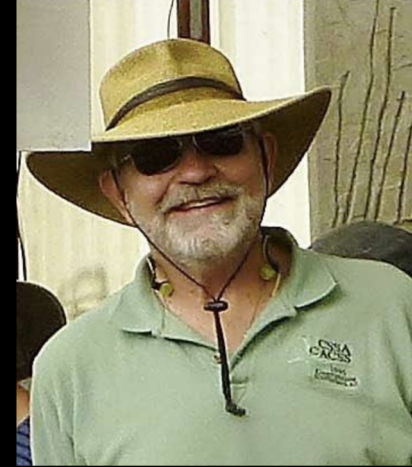
Leo Martin

'00 - '02



Scott McMahon

'03



Lee Brownson

'04 - '05



Presidents of the 2000's



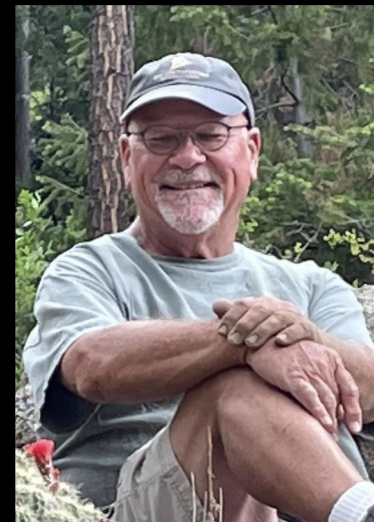
Kathy Butler

'06



Doug Dawson

'07



Steve Plath

'08 - '09

Presidents of the 2010's



Steve Martinez

'10 - '12



Wayne Whipple

'13 - '15



Beth Kirkpatrick

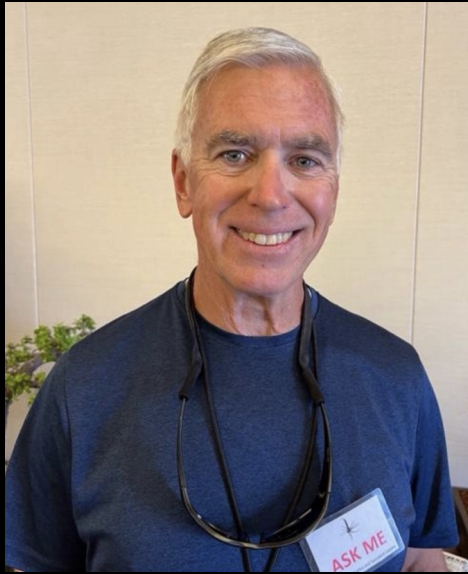
'16 - '17



Jim Oravetz

'18 - '19

And finally... Presidents of the 2020's



Chris Ginkel

'20 - '21



Cricket Peterson

'22 - '23



EDUCATION

As much as we
love about cacti,
we love to learn
even more!



A BEAUTIFUL CACTUS....

- How should we take care of it? So much that we can learn!

CHARACTERISTICS AND MORPHOLOGY OF ALOES

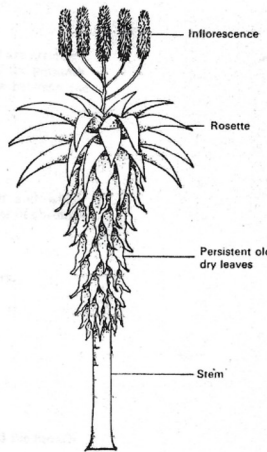
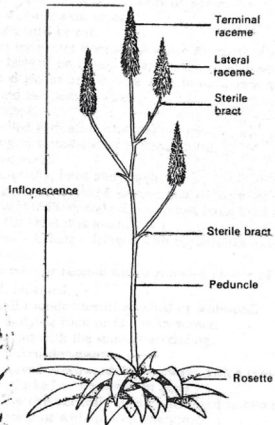
Aloes are leaf succulents of the Liliaceae (Lily Family) comprising some 300 species. Basically confined to the African continent, aloes range from small shrubby plants to treelike forms.

Aloes have the following characteristics:

1. Leaf succulents with fleshy leaves arranged in rosettes.
2. The flowering inflorescences of aloes are commonly a raceme.
3. Red, orange, yellow, violet or white tubular flowers with six petals.
4. Aloes have a superior ovary borne above the petals.
5. Their fruit is a loculed capsule.

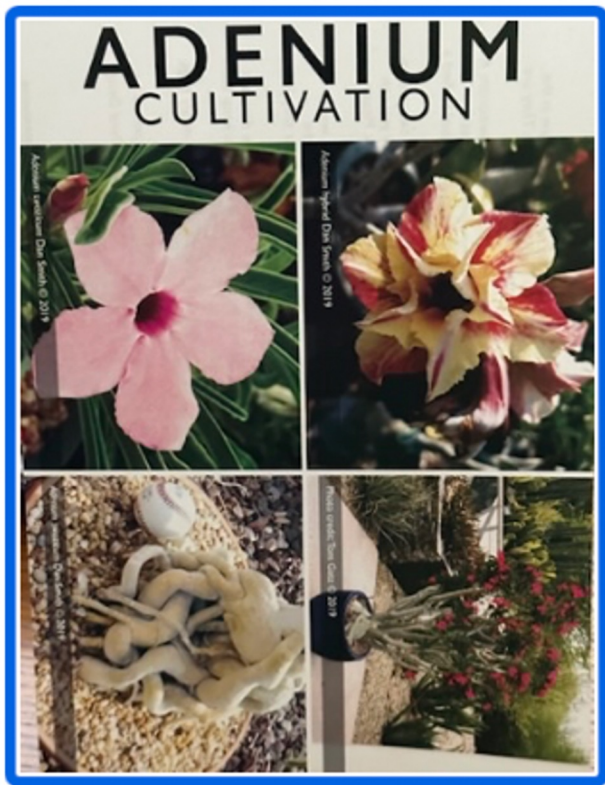


ALOE SAPONARIA (Ait.) Haw.



ALOE ROSETTES AND RACEMES

*Early efforts
were sincere.*



*Now we have
expert advice!*

- These helpful cards slip into page protectors and make wonderful reference notebooks to keep and enjoy.

PEG!

Along with amazing information packed meetings we are dedicated to learning how to grow cacti from cuttings and seeds.





There is something very special about a plant that you grow yourself from a small cutting or seedling.



Seed Bank

So many seeds
to choose from
and try!

So let's give ourselves five stars for the hard work paying off with these lovely plants!





Honorary Members!

*Over the years several
members have gone
above and beyond*



Thank you!

1995

Vera Gamet



1996

Carolyn O'Malley

Jocelyn Wallace

HB Wallace

Frank Hennessey



2000

Robert Moulis



2007

Helen Barber

Kevin Barber



2008

Electra Elliott

Jim Elliott

Ken Schutz

Joan Skirvin

Stan Skirvin



2015

Doug Dawson

Leo Martin

Scott McMahon

Gard Roper

Lois Schneberger



2018

**Cathy Babcock
Lee Brownson**



2019

Jo Davis

Dan Smith

Wayne Whipple



2022

**Michael Gallagher
Sue Hakala
Beth Kirkpatrick**



CACI

SHOW & SALE

time to
show off our
pride and joy
of cultivating
these
amazing
plants!



So
much
to see!



Check this
one out!



And this beauty!



Cacti lovers
of all ages!

Thank you for A Great Show and Sale!





Over the years we've
had wonderful
organized trips.

View, buy, and enjoy!



Look at all
of these
beautiful
Golden
Barrels!



*Off we go to
San Diego!*

- Cameras ready, let's explore.



*We always
have fun on
our trips!*

- So much to buy! It's a good thing that we have all of these boxes!



So many
wonderful
choices!

I wish that we
could buy
them all!



Thankfully, there is plenty of cargo room in this bus!



No plant left behind.....



*And let's give a
HUGE thank
you to all of the
volunteers who
have been
invaluable over
the years.*