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ORIGIN OF CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER

"On the evening of Jan. 8, 1965 the bud burst forth and about Feb. 1st, the blossom opened, revealing the first issue of the Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society's quarterly bulletin, called the CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER. This is how this name originated. The May-June issue Journal of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America states: "Tucson is the Cactus Capital of the United States. The area about Tucson and thence for many miles is Arizona desert. This is the richest of the cactus deserts in the United States". Hence, Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society thought it most appropriate to entitle their Newsletter-CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER."

Cactus Capital Chatter, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1965.

THE SPINE, the Official Bulletin of The Cactus & Succulent Society of Australia, has reached the Library of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society. We think that it is very worthwhile reading for serious-minded kaktophiles. We hope to exchange publications with this Society.-----Editor.

P.G.NICHOLS is a charter member of Tucson Cactus Club. He was a close friend of Cactus John Haag and worked with him in the founding of the Club. One of his favorite plants, a Yucca brevifolia, is blooming this spring. He claims he has waited 11 years to see his Blooming Joshua produce flowers.

1970 MATRIARCHY MARKS DECENNIAL OF TUCSON CACTUS & BOTANICAL SOCIETY

Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society was organized ten years ago. The first meeting of the proposed Cactus Club of Tucson was held at 2 P.M., Sunday afternoon, November 13, 1960, at 415 West Giaconda Way in Casas Adobes, home of "Cactus John" Haag---the founder. Before the meeting officially opened, Cactus John presented a brief introduction of the purposes of this proposed club. These were to entail reading sessions, discussion groups, field trips. This club was organized among amateur and advanced cactus hobbyists and collectors, to promote interest in cacti and other succulents, and in other desert plants. In addition, the club would use its influence with local, state, and federal governments to pass necessary legislation for the conservation of native desert plants---wherever they grow.

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Alan Blackburn was chairman of this first meeting. Members of the first Board of Directors were: French Anderson, Lester Cole, Mrs. D. S. Herr, Clinton Jarvis, Mrs. W. G. McGinnies, Josephine Shelby, Mrs. Harry Snyder. Founding officers of Tucson Cactus Club were: President- Dr. W.G. McGinnies. Vice President--Alan Blackburn. Treasurer & Public Relations--Cactus John Haag. Recording Secretary--Mrs. W. T. Dunlap. Corresponding Secretary--Mrs. Howard Chang. At the second meeting on Dec. 11, 1960, French Anderson proposed that the club be named "Tucson Cactus Club". The group approved this name.

The Tucson Cactus Club Roster January 1961, shows the following charter members who have remained active for 10 years: Mr. and Mrs. Alan Blackburn, Mrs. J. A. Almquist, Mrs. Agnes Black, Lura Fuller, William D. Haselton, John Kawchack, Lena Marvin, Dr. and Mrs. W. G. McGinnies, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Nichols, Josephine Shelby, H. S. Thomas.

ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER 1970 OF TUCSON CACTUS & BOTANICAL SOCIETY

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PREVIEW OF PROGRAMS FOR 1970

Talks by Charles Tullis, Dr. Stanley Alcorn, Brian Lamb (English author of books on cacti).
Movie on plants by Alan Mollison.
Spring and fall field trips. Seed workshop by Dr. A.J.Deutschman.

Grafting workshop by Alan Blackburn.

Special Events: Enlargement of our cactus show in conjunction with Tucson Men's Club in November, to include competitive classes; also sale of plants. Another cactus show in April in conjunction with Tucson Women's Garden Clubs.

OUR LIBRARY

Do you know that Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society has a real and living LIBRARY? It is located at the Nancy Clarke Insurance Agency, 2754 North Campbell Avenue. Do you know that many answers to many of your questions about cacti and other succulents are to be found in YOUR LIBRARY? Do you dare to go there to discover this for yourself?

A TUCSON CACTUS & BOTANICAL SOCIETY KAKTOPHILE DISCOVERS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Mrs. Lois Clarke, 1969 secretary of T.C. & B.S., lately enjoyed to the utmost, her 30-day trip through the South Pacific area--Tahiti, Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand. A number of kaktophiles there, with whom Cactus Capital Chatter Editor, Josephine Shelby, carries on a friendly correspondence, extended generous hospitality to our member. Tucson sends them our sincere thanks for their friendly expressions. Gill and Peter Hopkinson of New South Wales, who have enjoyed one winter vacation in Tucson and southern Arizona, welcomed Lois Clarke to Sydney and to Australia, with a bouquet of roses and carnations. They notified their cactus friends in Melbourne who continued this welcoming hospitality--Hon. Secretary: Mrs. D. Bolger; Hon. Editor: Mr. F. Aston, Among New Zealand Kaktophile friends who entertained Lois Clarke were: Robert Russell, Dominion President of New Zealand Cactus Clubs; Mrs. F. B. Hansen; Mrs. D. Malcolmson; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McCausland.

LOOKING AHEAD IN 1970

The March meeting of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society will be held at Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Alan Mollison will show some of his choice movies.

Two field trips are scheduled in April. One will be out-of-state; the short one, nearby. Also in April, T.C. & B.S. will have a Spring Cactus Show in connection with Tucson Women's Garden Club Flower Show.

May 17th at 8 P.M., the T.C. & B.S. meeting will be led by Brian Lamb of England. With his father he publishes books on cacti and succulents, and "The Exotic Collection", monthly notes.

REQUESTED OF MEMBERS

Any member willing to donate copies of the Cactus & Succulent Journal of America, 1956 to 1964, please tell Librarian John Robbins at once.

Members are asked to take dried and cleaned cholla wood to the home of Nancy Clarke, 3315 Treat Circle. Do this at any time from now on.

Members who have made favors of dried desert materials should let Nancy Clarke know at once. El Paso Cactus & Rock Club has asked T.C. & B.S. to furnish individual favors, table decorations and door prizes for one banquet. This is for the national convention of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America, 1971, El Paso, Texas.

ENGLISH KAKTOPHILES IN TUCSON

Cactus enthusiasts, Geoff and Betty Hedgecock of England, enjoyed a brief visit in Arizona's CACTUS CAPITAL lately. They were entertained by Nancy Clarke in her home where Dr. A. J. Deutschman joined them for good cactus conversation. Next day, the Hedgecocks visited Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and Old Tucson movie lot where "High Chaparral" was being filmed--to their delight! In the afternoon, Dr. Deutschman drove them into the desert back country where they became temporarily speechless at the sight of huge Echinocactus horzonthalonius and other species in their native habitate.

AIR POLLUTION in their home area (Manchester-Liverpool) is one of the worst in the world. They claimed that plastic could not be used on greenhouses as the corrosive atmosphere damages it, and the sulphuric acid content is so high that it prevents fungus diseases on the roses there.

WHEN IS A FOREST?

CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER editor recently became interested in delving into the semantics of the word "forest" which has been brought prominently to the immediate attention of T.C. & B. S. members by our Cacti Reforestation Project. Our botanically knowledgeable 1969 president, Carl O. Horst, has offered his own opinion that "reforestation" is a term more generally applicable than to trees alone. Taxonomically, they are trees if they are caulocarpic and mostly single-trunked. They are shrubs if they are caulocarpic and many-trunked. They are bushy vines if they are climbing or trailing with aerial rootlets and caulocarpic. When they are endocarpic, even if they are large and more or less perennial, they are not trees, shrubs, or bushes, but herbaceous plant. Even caulocarpic palm trees are not true trees. Now, when we consider cacti, they are woody; they are caulocarpic; they are trees, bushes, or vines. This makes a large group of cacti a "forest".

Dr. Leland Burkhart, member of T.C. & B.S. and President of Tucson Botanical Gardens, agrees that there seems to be no precise word for a cactus-covered area, but that a "forest" seems to be most logical.

CACTUS ON MARS

Dark areas of Mars may be covered with cactus. A group of Astrobotanists in Alma Ata, Kazakhstan, USSR, have suggested this. Tass news agency quoted the scientists as saying that spectrums of light reflected from cactus growing in some of the Earth's deserts are similar to spectrographic data from dark parts of the red planet.

 "PERSONAL CONSCIENCE is the beginning of conservation. And when CONSCIENCE moves you to save wild-life, the sheltering trees, the fowl of the air, the waters upon the earth 'and all that is in them', you are saving America."

(A quote from Donald Culross Peattie's article, "What YOU Can Do About Conservation", July 1938 Reader's Digest). Submitted by T.C. & B.S. member J. F. Brick.

 ' ARIZONA'S NATURAL BEAUTY is a fragile, God-given thing. Those who are capable of obtaining inspiration and pleasure from it have a right to its preservation. It is a right that should not be violated by those esthetically illiterate persons who can be satisfied with ugliness and disorder in their environment.".....Phil Stitt, Editor, "Arizona Architect".

NEED FOR SMELTER SMOG CONTROL

The clear skies, warm temperatures, and dry air, once Arizona's greatest asset, are being further threatened. Gaseous poisons spewed from stacks of copper mine smelters, especially the SO_2 sulphur dioxide, more deadly than carbon monoxide, have caused an all time high this summer in the pollution of the air we breathe.

It has been reported to me by a high authority in the National Forest Service that personnel manning fire stations in the Catalinas, at times due to smelter smog density, would be unable to see the smoke of a forest fire if one should start within five thousand yards of their observation post. Futhermore, he said, that a recession in the growth of saguaro has been noted, due to the sulphur dioxide turning into sulphuric acide upon contact with the moisture caused by night atmospheric condensation; thus resulting in death to many of the seeds.

The average citizen does not realize that the most harmful pollutants in smelter smoke are invisible. However, they do remember that during the period when the mines were shut down the air was easier to breathe, the stars could be seen at night, and the miles of visibility were dramatically increased.

Tucson, once one of the best areas for good health, is now beginnaing to run down hill, and, according to the majority of doctors, is fast becoming one of the worst areas for the irritation of sinus and other respiratory difficulties.

It is estimated that the smelter smog will double within the next ten years unless something is done NOW to stop the damage it is causing to health, property and plant life.

.....Rear Admiral Edward R. Halloran, USN (Ret.)

A CONSERVATIONIST'S LAMENT

The world is finite; resources are scarce,
Things are bad and will be worse.
Coal is burned and gas exploded;
Forests cut and soils eroded.
Wells are dry and air's polluted;
Dust is blowing, trees uprooted.
Oil is going; ores depleted;
Drains receive what is excreted.
Land is sinking; seas are rising.
Man is far too enterprising.
Fire will rage with Man to fan it;
Soon we'll have a plundered planet.
People breed like fertile rabbits,
People have disgusting habits.

MORAL: The evolutionary plan: Went astray by evolving Man.

THE TECHNOLOGIST'S REPLY

Man's potential is quite terrific.
You can't go back to Neolithic.
The cream is there for us to skim it.
Knowledge is power, and the sky's the limit.
Every mouth has hands to feed it.
Food is found when people need it.
All we need is found in granite.
Once we have the men to plan it.
Yeast and algae give us meat.
Soil is almost obsolete.

MORAL: Man's a nuisance, Man's a crackpot,
But only Man can hit the jackpot.

(By Kenneth Boulding, at the Wenner-Green Foundation
for Anthropological Research International Symposium,
"Man's Role in Changing the Face of the Earth."--
Princeton, N.J., June, 1955.

CHOLLA CACTUS IN NEW MEXICO SPRAYED WITH HERBICIDES

U. S. Forest Service Officials say that the weed-killing chemicals, 2, 4, 5-T and 2, 4-D have been sprayed over 45,000 acres in New Mexico, to control sagebrush, rabbit brush, CHOLLA CACTUS, and other undesirable plants. This is a program to increase grass and water on Forest Service land. At present, this spraying with these herbicides has been suspended. Government agencies are to decide whether to forbid the manufacture and use of them.

THE WRONG WAY TO PLANT CACTUS SEEDS

The March-April 1969 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT JOURNAL has an article on page 85 entitled THE WRONG WAY TO PLANT CACTUS SEEDS which might inspire some other cactus lovers who have as yet met with indifferent success. The author had followed Edgar Lamb's "Cacti from Seed--the easy way" on which his comment is "What a laugh"; Haselton, Houghton, Borg, and all the others, including purchase of a German dictionary and translating Backeberg. Scanty germination was soon leveled by damping off, so that the percentage was hardly worth the effort, a blow since his taste was for the rare and unusual and growing his own the only way to acquire them. He says that now he happily announces distinct success after adopting the method used in growing rhododendrons! Everything about the procedure is wrong and completely contrary to cactus rules, but he has had nearly 100% success with small or large, fresh or the age of Noah, even hard and horny, his experience--presto, healthy and exotic seedlings, any time of year. Essentially he puts wet, shredded sphagnum moss in a plastic pot, drops the seed on top, inserts it in a plastic sandwich bag, twists the top tight with a rubber band, and "lets her go." In a few days the seeds germinate, are kept airtight until they reach about one-half inch or more in height and then they are plump,

normal plants, distinguishable as a type of cactus. He has kept them confined in the bags as long as three months without any airing before picking them out, with no losses. Since this experiment evidently is only about eighteen months old, there is no conclusion as to their subsequent health and ability to produce flowers. However, it is interesting and intriguing and anyone who wants to experiment will find details in the article.

TUCSON BOTANICAL GARDENS

900 South Randolph Way
Harrison Yocum, Founder

Randolph Park
Leland Burkhart, President

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Incorporated, is a non-profit organization cooperating with the garden clubs, school groups, other community interests, and the City Parks and Recreation Department. This cooperative arrangement provides for the use of a temporary Display Facility located at 900 South Randolph Way in Randolph Park, with no admission charge. Seasonal Botanical Showings are publicly featured. Viewing by individual clubs and other organized groups can be arranged by phone 327-5986. Appropriate docents will be provided from local talent during group visits.

Our goal for 1970 is one thousand members, for developing ideas, plans, and programs. Memberships are open to the public and are cordially accepted through the above address. Contributions are gratefully acknowledged. Useful botanical information and group tours will be made available to the membership and to contributors, with special reference to selectivity and proper care of plants for the local area.

The president on request will be pleased to explore pertinent ideas for development with local clubs and other groups. Phone evenings 325-8730. We are very pleased to have the cooperation of the Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society.

Our long-range planning includes in successive stages, a permanent Botanical Display Center, Tropical Growing Unit, and Cool Environment Facility. Foliar, flowering, and fruiting plants will be featured in attractive vistas. The enchanting paradise of exotic trees, shrubs, and herbs, water falls, aquatic pool, and lush growth of orchids, palms, ferns, bromeliads, and many other plant forms will be displayed with appropriate information. Within these structures, there also will be demonstrated the conservative use of water.

Our program encourages the development of information relative to adaptability, care, and usage of a wide spectrum of world plants for growing in the Tucson area aided by artistry, curiosity, knowledge, research and technology. Appropriate outdoor test areas will be developed. Tucson Botanical Gardens will offer a Public Showing at their Display Center, 900 South Randolph Way, on March 15, 1970. No admission charge.

.....Dr. Leland Burkhart, President
Tucson Botanical Gardens.

C A C T I

The centuries roll by
And the face of the earth is transformed.
But there dwells among the far-distant
mountains of America,
As timeless as the clouds that pass overhead,
A mighty genus of plants:
CACTI!

.....From "Cacti" by Walter Kupper,

Immortal runes from remote
antiquity,
They defy the perils of life.
Struggle and adversity are
their fate;
Determination and tenacity,
their weapons.
And when they unfold their
blossoms,
An eternal melody seems to
play

HOW PLANTS ARE NAMED

PART II CONTINUED

BY

HARRISON G. YOCUM

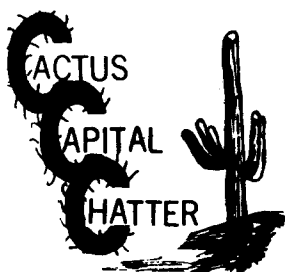
-inum - same as -ina
 -inus
 invictis-unconquered
 involulata-intricate, involved
 -ior - Suffix meaning - more
 -iosa - same as -ior
 iso - equal
 -issimus-Suffix meaning - very
 ithi - straight
 ithy

J-
 juglans - walnut
 juncus- rush, reed-like plant
 junipera - pertaining to a juniper
 juxta - close to, by the side of

L-
 lacerata-deeply or irregularly cut
 along the edges
 laciniata - having the margin cut into
 deep, narrow lobes
 lactea-milky
 laevis-smooth
 lamella-a thin plate or scale
 lampro-brilliant, bright
 lanata-woolly, with long, soft, more or
 entangled (not matted) hairs
 lanceolata-lance-shaped, several times
 longer than broad and tapering from
 near the base to a pointed apex
 lanuginosa-downy, with fine soft hairs
 lasia - hairy
 lati-broad, wide
 leio(s) - smooth
 lepida - scale
 lepta - thin, delicate, fine, slender
 leuca - white
 lignosa - woody
 ligulata-strap-shaped
 limi-file-like
 linearis-long and narrow with the margin
 parallel
 lingua-tongue
 lini-thread
 littoralis-of the seashore
 lomata-fringed, bordered
 longa (i) - long
 lopho-crested
 loricata-armed
 loxo-oblique
 lucida-shining, brilliant
 luna-moon
 lunata-crescent-shaped

lurida-pale yellow
 lutescens-yellowish
 lutea-yellowish
 lux-light, day

M-
 machaero-dagger
 macra (o) - large, long
 maculata-spotted, stained
 magna-large
 major-larger
 malaca-soft
 mammilla-nipple
 mammillata-with nipples or small
 tubercles
 mamillaris-tuberculate
 mandragora-the mandrake
 manica-sleeve
 margarita-pearl
 marginalis-of a border
 marginata-having a distinct border
 maritima-of the sea
 marmorata-marbled, spotted
 mastus-breast, breast-shaped
 maxima-greatest, largest
 less)
 media-middle, intermediate
 mega
 megalo - great, large
 meia-smaller, fewer
 meio-less
 mela) - black
 melano)
 melo-melon or apple (shape)
 -meris-Suffix meaning-parted
 mesembria-midday
 meso-middle, intermediate
 metallica-like metal, metallic
 micro-small
 mille (i)-thousand
 minor-smaller
 minuscula)-
 minuta) very small
 mirabilis-wonderful, marvelous
 mitis=mild soft
 mitri-turban
 mona-one, single
 montana-of the mountains
 monticola " "
 mucronata-ending abruptly in a sharp
 point or short spine
 multi-many
 myria-numberless, very many, countless



PROGRESS OF CACTI REFORESTATION PROJECT

The first plantings of seedling cacti have been postponed until further notice. This has been caused by a change of schedule in the Society's monthly program. At this time it is well to report progress made with our seedling cacti. Seedlings of the following cacti are now in various stages of growth in greenhouses of a number of our members: *Carnegiea gigantea* (saguaro), *Ferocactus acanthodes* (red spine barrel), *Echinocereus rigidissimus* (rainbow), *Echinocereus triglochidiatus* (claret cup).

All members who are raising cactus seedlings for our Cacti Reforestation Project are urgently requested to advise J. F. Brick of their progress. Thus, plans can be made for a controlled planting schedule for the future.

.....J. F. Brick, Chairman

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DIRECTOR LAMB OF "EXOTIC COLLECTION" IN TUCSON

Edgar Lamb of England has been well known in the cactus world for forty years. Brian Lamb, his son, studied biology for six years. Then he joined his father as a Director of "The Exotic Collection" Worthing, Sussex, England. They are co-authors of the four volume series, "The Illustrated Reference on Cacti and Other Succulents"; also, "Stapeliads in Cultivation"; and "Pocket Encyclopaedia of Cacti in Color". In addition, the Lambs have been publishing since 1948 a monthly about "The Exotic Collection", along with Photographic Reference Plates. This Collection is the largest in the United Kingdom, containing 8000 species of plants---a fine, all-around collection of cacti and other succulents.

Brian Lamb presented a program at the May meeting of our Society. He was granted his one urgent request of Tucson--that the meeting be held at night. Naturally, he reserved the daylight hours for his trips to our very interesting local cacti habitats.

APRIL CACTUS SHOW OF TUCSON CACTUS & BOTANICAL SOCIETY

The Tucson Garden Club's headquarters at 311 North Campbell Avenue was the scene of its annual standard flower show on April 4th. We were invited to exhibit plants. We loaded a six foot table with unusual and eye-catching cacti and other succulents. Plants receiving the greatest comment were *Gymnocalycium Mihanovichii* f. Ruby Ball, grafted cacti, and all cacti that obligingly were in full bloom at that time.

Members who displayed plants were: James A. Robbins, John Robbins, Hildgard Nase; Alan Blackburn and Nancy Clarke who took flowering cacti. The Robbins team manned the exhibition table. There was a poor turnout of participating T.C.B.S. members in this most worthwhile activity. It is also reported that many visitors at the Flower Show commented most favorably on our exhibit. You and we KNOW that many of you members have plants well worth exhibiting. Are you not proud of your fine plants? Does it not give you deep satisfaction to "show off" your fine plants? We'll see you and your fine plants at all cactus shows in the future!



DR. WILLIAM G. MCGINNIES

DEDICATION TO DR. WILLIAM G. MCGINNIES

We proudly dedicate this issue of CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER of the year of our Decennial (1960-1970) to the honoring of Dr. William G. McGinnies, founding president of Tucson Cactus Club, later named Tucson Cactus and Botanical Society. Charter members retain most pleasant memories of the year 1961 under his fine leadership. Members during 1962-1970 have felt very fortunate in becoming acquainted with him and participating with him in our activities.

Dr. William G. McGinnies has been associated with Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society for ten years. Cactus John Haag who was the founder of our organization placed an ad in a Tucson newspaper in November, 1960, inviting those persons interested in forming a cactus club to meet at his home. Dr. McGinnies read the ad and attended the meeting. Being a botanist, he naturally had an interest in cacti, and he felt that a cactus club should thrive in Tucson in the midst of a great cactus area. Thus was "Tucson Cactus Club" founded in 1960, and the founding group elected Dr. McGinnies as its first president. He served well and faithfully,

under the responsibilities of leading a new organization into stability; setting up interesting meetings, constructive field trips, and study sessions; choosing committee members who would properly serve the goals of Tucson Cactus Club.

Dr. McGinnies is a distinguished scholar and administrator in his several professional fields. He was graduated from the University of Arizona, 1922, with the B.S.A. degree, majoring in biology. He received the Ph. D. degree from The University of Chicago, 1932, with major work in plant ecology. He is a member of professional societies in ecology, range management, tree-ring study, biometeorology; the American Association for the Advancement of Science (fellow) Arizona Academy of Science. He has authored nine important publications related to the Arid Publications. The University of Arizona awarded him the 75th Anniversary Medallion of Merit, 1960. He is a Fellow in the World Academy of Art and Sciences. His professional activities have been in the U. S. Forest Service; Soil Conservation Service on the Navajo Indian Reservation; Range Research, U.S.F.S.; Guayule Emergency Rubber Project; Director, Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research; Coordinator of the Arid Lands Program, U. of A. At present, he is Research Ecologist, Office of Arid Lands Studies, University of Arizona. The Committee on Desert and Arid Zones Research of the Rotary Club of Tucson has just conferred on Dr. McGinnies its 1970 Certificate of Merit, for his distinguished contributions to arid zones research and understanding. He was chosen as "Star of the Day" for April 9, 1970, for the Cele Peterson radio program.

CACTUS JOHN'S DREAM

The Tucson Cactus Club was the Dream of Cactus John Haag. We met John in early 1959, and from the start we became very close friends. He visited us a couple of times a week. We did the same with him. On our first visit Cactus John brought up the subject of organizing a cactus club. We became very interested. As the weeks passed, we became more determined to organize one. Neither of us seemed to know how to go about it. In the meantime we decided on a cactus collecting trip to Texas. So, on Friday, May 22, 1959, Cactus John, Alta and I left for Alpine, Texas in our car. To say that we had a very enjoyable and successful trip would be putting it mildly. We arrived home in the night of the 25th, with around 1000 cactus plants composed of 33 different kinds. On this trip John taught us quite a little about cacti. A few days later he and I ordered 100 cacti each, from Old Mexico. We received about 75 different kinds each, ranging from 2" to 3" in diameter. Today, some of them measure 7" to 9" in diameter.

John Haag was Curator of Plants at Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. This offered him a fine chance to meet and talk with those visitors who were interested in cacti. Someone suggested that he call a meeting. He placed a small ad in a Tucson newspaper, inviting the public to a meeting on a certain Sunday. So many came that his house where they met was filled and some persons were standing. John took charge and explained the object of the meeting. In due time, a name for the club was decided upon, "Tucson Cactus Club", with everyone voting. Officers were elected, with Dr. W. G. McGinnies as founding president. The Club was on its way. I paid one year's dues for Alta and me, and several others did the same. By-laws were formulated, voted on and accepted. At every following meeting, more persons joined; everybody seemed most enthusiastic and really enjoying each meeting. Meetings were held once a month at John's home on Giaconda Way, Casas Adobes. John got collecting trips going, and all were happy. From the start, John offered to deed his equity in his house and garden to Tucson Cactus Club, with the stipulation that he could live there as long as he liked. There was talk of trying to raise money to pay off the mortgage, but that was as far as it went. When John passed away very suddenly in 1962 with a heart attack, all plans were dropped.

Some time in 1962 someone changed the Club's name from "Tucson Cactus Club" to "Tucson Cactus and Botanical Society". It was incorporated under this name. The Society has done very well and has had many members. It also has had some sad times. Cactus John's sudden passing was a severe shock to the entire organization, as he had grown dear to all of us. He was really the backbone of Tucson Cactus Club and will always be greatly missed. We have also lost by death several other fine members who are truly missed.

----P.G. Nichols,, honorary member of T.C. & B. S.

REPORT FROM TUCSON CACTUS & BOTANICAL SOCIETY'S LIBRARY

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PATAGONIA-SONOITA CREEK SANCTUARY APPROVED

The Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Sanctuary, 309 acres in Santa Cruz County, has been approved for inclusion in the National Registry of Natural Landmarks by Secretary of the Interior, Walter J. Hickel. This Sanctuary is a strip of rich bottom land along Sonoita Creek. The thick-billed kingbird and the beardless flycatcher reach the limits of their range along the creek. The rose-throated becard, one of the rarest birds in the United States, is not known to nest at any other place in the country. The Nature Conservancy in Arizona bought and paid \$300,000 for this acreage along the Creek, to preserve it in its natural condition for the use and enjoyment of the American people who owe Conservancy a truly great debt of appreciation.

REPORT OF THE 23RD ANNUAL CACTUS SHOW AT DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN

Desert Botanical Garden of Arizona staged one more wonderful cactus show in February 1970. 13,414 enthusiastic visitors attended this show. Capable judges of many categories served: Mr. and Mrs. Don Skinner of Los Angeles; Mrs. S. R. Stevens, Mr. G. G. Williams, and Mrs. C. H. Morris; Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Macri; Charles R. Conley. 112 exhibitors showed 1101 exhibits--an increase of nearly 60% over 1969.

The several ambitious and energetic members of our Society who entered the Show came home smothered in awards--Sweepstakes, Trophy, and Ribbon Award Winners. Our member, John Robbins, has compiled in detail a report of the specific plants which members of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society entered in this Show. Limited space prohibits our publishing this most interesting detailed list. CHATTER editor has filed it in our Library where you may read it. Address of our Library: 2754 North Campbell Avenue in Nancy Clarke Insurance Agency.

CACTUS SHOW WINNERS FROM TUCSON

SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS: Cacti: Alan Blackburn. Leaf Succulents: James A. Robbins
TROPHY WINNERS: Best Cactus: Alan Blackburn. Collection of 5 Cacti: Betty Blackburn. Patio Planter: James A. Robbins

RIBBON AWARD WINNERS:

Section I. Cacti. Class A. Potted Plants.

1. *Opuntia*. 1st--Nancy Clarke. 2. *Cereus*. 1st and 3rd--Alan Blackburn. 2nd and 4th -- Nancy Clarke. 3. *Echinocereus*. 1st--Alan Blackburn.
4. *Rebutia*. 1st--John Robbins. 4th--Alan Blackburn. 5. *Chamaecereus*. 3rd--Alan Blackburn. 6. *Lobivia*. 1st--Alan Blackburn. 2nd Nancy Clarke. 4th--Hildegard Nase. 7. *Echinopsis*. 1st and 3rd--Alan Blackburn. 4th--Nancy Clarke. 8. *Ariocarpus*. 1st--Alan Blackburn.
10. *Ferocactus*, 1st and 4th--Alan Blackburn. 11. *Echinocactus*. 1st and 4th--Alan Blackburn. 12. *Gymnocalycium*. 2nd, 3rd, 4th--Alan Blackburn. *Astrophytum*. 3rd--Alan Blackburn. 4th--Nancy Clarke. 15. *Echinomastus* 2nd--Alan Blackburn. *Coryphantha*. 1st and 4th--Alan Blackburn.
17. *Mammillaria*. 3rd and 4th--Nancy Clarke. 18. *Notocactus*. 1st--Nancy Clarke. 2nd--Alan Blackburn. 3rd--Anne Christensen. 19. *Neoporteria*. 1st, 2nd, 3rd--Nancy Clarke. 20. *Parodia*. 1st, 2nd, 3rd--Alan Blackburn. 4th--Hildegard Nase. 21. Seedlings. 1st--John D. Robbins. 22. Any other species. 1st--Betty Blackburn. 24. *Turbinocarpus*. 2nd--Anne Christensen. 25. *Pediocactus*. 1st, 2nd, 3rd--Alan Blackburn. 26. *Oreocereus*. 1st--Alan Blackburn. 27. *Cephalocereus*. 4th--Nancy Clarke. 28. *Dolichothele*. 1st, 2nd, 3rd--Alan Blackburn. 29. *Espostoa*. 1st, 2nd, 3rd--Nancy Clarke. 30. *Neochilenia*. 1st, 2nd, 3rd--John D. Robbins. 31. *Frailea*. 1st, 2nd, 3rd--John D. Robbins.

Class C. Monstrose Plants. 2nd--Nancy Clarke.

Class D. Grafted Plants. 1st--Nancy Clarke. 3rd and 4th--John D. Robbins.
 Class E. Collection. (5 different species of a genus). 1st--Betty Blackburn. 3rd Alan Blackburn.

SECTION II. Succulents Other than Cacti

Class A. Potted Plants. 3. *Aloe*, 1st and 4th--James A. Robbins.
 5. *Crassula*. 1st, 2nd, 4th--James A. Robbins, 3rd--John D. Robbins.

SECTION II. Succulents Other than Cacti**Class A. Potted Plants cont'd.**

8. Euphorbia. 2nd--John D. Robbins. 4th--James A. Robbins. 9. Gasteria.
3rd--James A. Robbins. 12. Lithops. 2nd--James A. Robbins

3rd, 4th--John D. Robbins. 13. Mesebryanthemum. 1st, 2nd, 3rd--
James A. Robbins. 16. Stapelia.

3rd--James A. Robbins. 19. Any Other Species. 3rd--James A. Robbins.
21. Bromeliad. 3rd--John D. Robbins. 22. Cucurbitaceae. 1st, 2nd, 3rd--
James A. Robbins. 23. Andromischus. 1st, 2nd, 3rd--James A. Robbins.
24. Faucaria. 1st, 2nd, 4th--James A. Robbins. 25. Ophthalmophyllum.
1st, 2nd, 3rd--James A. Robbins. 26. Dinteranthus. 1st, 2nd, 3rd--James
A. Robbins.

Class B. Collections. 4th--James A. Robbins.

SECTION III. Desert Trees and Shrubs.

Class E. Any Other Desert Plants. 1st--James A. Robbins.

SECTION IV. Arrangements. Class A, Dish Gardens. 2. Other Succulents.

4th--Betty Blackburn. 3. Cacti and Other Succulents. 4th--Alan Blackburn.

Class F. Button Arrangements. 4. Natural Dried Desert Material.

1st--Betty Blackburn.

Class G. Miniature Arrangements. 7. Any Other. 4th--Betty Blackburn.

Class L. Patio Planters. 1st--James A. Robbins.

SECTION V. Arts. (Desert Subjects).

Class B. Color Photography. 1. Color Prints. Flowers. 2nd--John D. Robbins.

2. Transparencies. Flowers. 3rd, 4th--James A. Robbins.

Class C. Oil Paintings. Landscape. 4th--Ruby Jennings.

SECTION VI. Educational Exhibits. 2nd--James A. Robbins.

HAAG MEMORIAL CACTUS GARDEN

"This Garden was developed from a large area of undeveloped desert in a prominent spot in Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. It is the most ambitious project undertaken to date, by Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society. The Garden is in memory of 'Cactus John' Haag, who founded our club in 1960, with his home as our first meeting place. Over 2000 man hours of labor went into our Memorial to Cactus John. It was dedicated and turned over to Desert Museum on May 7, 1965. Haag Memorial Cactus Garden is unique in that it is a collection of plants native to the Arizona--Sonora Desert Region, arranged by species for easy comparison; numbered and with nomenclature boxes close by each group. These identify the plants by both common and botanical names. This is useful and informative to students, photographers and just visitors. Our Garden is featured in the booklets of Desert Museum, so it behooves us to keep it in good condition and a credit to our Club whose name is prominently displayed on the plaque."

(Quoted from Cactus Capital Chatter 1967, III, 4, "If Winter Comes"
by Isabelle Meyer, publicity chairman.)

Five years later now--April 29, 1970 at Haag Memorial Cactus Garden, eight members of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society gathered to work in the Garden. They were supervised by the Museum's Curator of Plants. They cleared gravel from the numerous, winding paths. This gravel has been washing down from the surrounding slopes for many months. The workers were: Louise Coan, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Craine, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Benton, Wilfred Murch, Alma Steininger, Ruby Jennings.

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TUCSON CACTUS AND BOTANICAL SOCIETY AT THE SUN FAIR

The exhibitions of the Tucson Sun Fair at Armory Park on Saturday and Sunday, March 14th and 15th, drew a crowd of over 12,000 persons. We really were kept busy answering thousands of questions, and we had many, many compliments on our beautiful blooming cacti and succulents. Many winter visitors had never seen cacti in bloom. Children wanted to start their own desert gardens. Persons in wheelchairs were brought to our tables to look and admire, and many bought a plant as a souvenir.

Our most appreciated helpers were: Earl Benton, Harry Yocum, James Robbins, John Robbins, Craig Bolton, Wilfred Murch, Werner Nase. Hildegard Nase was chairman of this exhibit which was sponsored by Tucson Cactus and Botanical Society. Plants were exhibited by members: Alan Blackburn, James and John Robbins, Craig Bolton, Arthur Klein, and Hildegard Nase. Total plant sales were \$120.00. A net 25% of sales going to our society amounted to \$30.00.

OH! YES! IT BLOOMED!

In 1959, a friend dropped by to give us a Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*), about two feet tall. We planted it, and it proceeded to make something of itself. We watered it and watched it year after year, hoping that it would start branching and produce a flower. We had seen the Joshua blooms in the Joshua Forest in California in 1945, but really had forgotten what they are like. Then, on February 15, 1970, Alta discovered a bloom on our tree. It is now all of ten feet tall, and the flower in full maturity was six inches in diameter and fifteen inches tall. It looked something like a popcorn ball. It was truly worth waiting eleven years to see. I phoned several friends who I thought would like to see it. One was Joseph Brick who phoned the Arizona Daily Star. The next day the Star sent Harry Lewis to take a picture of it, and this picture appeared in the Star on March 17th. During the next several weeks, we had lots of company----- people from many different states came to see our blooming Joshua tree and to take pictures of it. We are now patiently waiting for February 1971 to arrive so that we can see it bloom again.

----P. G. Nichols, honorary member of T.C. & B.S.

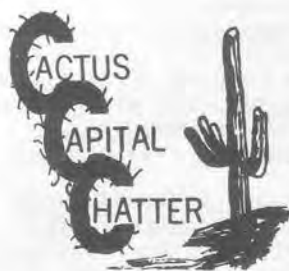
AUTOS KILL TREES

City-dwellers who feel apprehensive about automobile exhausts and carbon monoxide (which can be a killer) probably have read with some interest recent stories of how trees have suffered from air pollution and have had to be cut down.

In Northern Arizona, along mainly-traveled highways, conifers have begun withering, singly and in patches, within perhaps a half mile of the road. A theory is that auto exhausts are causing the damage. To see a number of trees that have turned brown in a forest of green is a striking and alarming sight. (Bark beetle is not involved).

The nation faces monumental pollution problems. Depending on where one lives, one factor is larger than another. The auto is everywhere.

....Arizona Daily Star, 4/9/70



1970 IS THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FOUNDING OF TUCSON CACTUS & BOTANICAL
SOCIETY
DEDICATION

CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER proudly dedicates this issue to those Charter Members of our club whose serious, dedicated interest in cacti and the other succulents has steadily kept them on the membership roll of our organization, 1960-1970. They are among those who willingly assume responsibilities and work assignments which are the life blood of this and every successful organization.

These Charter Members are: Lena Marvin, Lura Fuller, Alan and Betty Blackburn, Dr. and Mrs. W. G. McGinnies, Helen Bolton, Craig Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Nichols, Mrs. J. A. Almquist, Mrs. Agnes Black, W. D. Haselton, John Kawchack, H. S. Thomas.

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OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. F. LEE FULLER

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lee Fuller celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 18th. They were married in Ashtabula, Ohio on July 23, 1910. They have three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Mrs. F. Lee Fuller is a charter member of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society. Lura Fuller has been and continues to be a pillar of our club. For ten years she has actively contributed to the progress of Cactus Club in her work on various committees. She has served as hostess on the refreshment committee. For several years, she has been serving on Cactus Capital Chatter staff in the efficient mailing department. Her other favorite interests include: D.A.R., her cactus garden, photography, Y.W.C.A. and travel. She and Mr. Fuller have toured most of the U.S.A. including Hawaii; and most of Free Europe. They have many fine travelogues of their trips.



MR. AND MRS. F. LEE FULLER

"I CAN HEAR THE VOICE OF BAJA LURING ME BACK."

William A. Pluemer

Member of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society

During the latter part of October and early November of 1969, I first drove Baja from Mexicali to Cabo San Lucas, an experience that whetted my appetite for this strange, wonderful, and harsh land. The lure of "The Baja" had taken hold, and it was inevitable that I should soon return.

Having acquired our visas in Tucson, my neighbor, Ray Lucas and I departed for Calexico on the 4th of May, 1970. Here we planned to spend the night before heading south for San Felipe. Our itinerary duplicated our 1969 trip as far south as Bahia de Los Angeles, thence to San Borja and west to Route #1. From Rosarito we were to continue to the coast, turn north and intersect Route #1 again, some 20 miles further on. Thence on to El Rosario, San Telmo and across the "High Country" to the San Felipe highway, completing the circuit some 30 miles north of that resort.

My foremost desire was to find the beautiful *Cochemiea setispina* (see ill. C & S Journal 1966 Yearbook) in the San Borja area; collect samples of mammillarias from specific areas given me by Dr. Archie Deutschman; photograph again the fantastic forms of *Idria Columnaris* (Boojum tree), *Pachycormus discolor* (Elephant tree); and sample the plant life along the Pacific coastal areas not before traveled.

After topping off our auxiliary gas tank, we left the blacktop at San Felipe and headed south toward the fishing village of Puertecitos. To our amazement we made this 52 mile run in 3 hours vs. 4 hours 10 minutes noted in last year's log. Over a cool drink there, local American sportsmen informed us that the "road" had been graded a month or so before. The extra hour saved was spent locating a suitable campsite on the beach some 6 miles further on. Here we spent our first night in Baja buffeted by winds strong enough to lift our cots partially off the ground periodically during the night.

The road south from Puertecitos is probably the worst that can be encountered in Baja. However, the scenery, opening up to spectacular views of the Gulf, is worth the grating, grinding and frustrations encountered. Coming off the sixth and final rock-strewn grade onto the flat coastal country, we spotted some 30 porpoises disporting rather close to the beach. Taking available side trails to the water's edge, we were able to follow them for several miles until they disappeared behind a rock outcropping in the sea. From tidal rocks I quickly collected a bag of living pink murex shells, much sought by collectors in the Guaymas area. Until this time I had not known these creatures to adhere to rocks above the water line. Planning to reach Bahia de Los Angeles late the next day, I chanced these shells remaining within the limits of our nasal sensitivities for the next 36 hours.

Turning inland from Bahia San Luis Gonzaga, we entered the rough country, traversing areas of sand, gravel, boulders, and rock outcroppings. Enroute to Las Arrastras the first Elephant Trees announced themselves, and we continued toward Arroyo de Calamjue. Leaving the sloping desert plateau for an almost instantaneous and precipitous drop into this desert oasis comes as a shock. In 1969 we had camped just short of the arroyo and traversed much of it in the predawn light. This year I wanted to "run" it with full sunlight so I could assess all the photographic possibilities. One's first impression of this arroyo is of complete disbelief. Here is running water, and all the rich verdancy consequential to this life-giving fluid.

One can see a grassy slope, an occasional palm, trees, shrubs and other greenery in generous proportion. All of this locked between rocky walls supporting families of red-spined *Ferocactus gracilis*, yuccas, agaves, opuntias and numerous other varieties of desert plant life. Coming out of the heat and dust, the smell of water is over-powering, and the opportunity to wash faces, hands and windshield was not lost. Our wheels constantly swished in the little stream as we continued higher and higher through the arroyo until the first Boojum appeared at the canyon egress.

If it is possible for a plant lover's pulse to beat any faster after all of this, emergence into a real, living cactus forest from Arroyo de Calmajue can speed it up considerably. The vista now opened up into one of such beauty as to defy any description ever penned. With stark mountains as a backdrop, the boojums, cardons, senitas and yuccas marched downslope for miles, surrounded by dense populations of smaller though no less interesting plants. Coming in May as we did, I was delighted to find the Boojums wreathed in gold, having leafed out during the winter rains and now preparing for the long drought. Backlighted by the falling sun against a dark mountain, the Boojums' grotesque forms were a photographer's delight. This was also the first occasion I had to see the cardon *Pachycereus Pringlei* and Senita (*Lophocereus Schottii*) in bloom. The road here was a smooth, sandy trail, giving one the impression of driving luxuriously through an endless glass-house with new surprises in store at each turning.

We made our second camp amidst this scene, and in the long evening afterglow I hunted plants until the stars took over. Our cots were at the base of 30-foot Boojums, whose silhouettes grew into mystic proportions as the night darkened. Dawn brought a 36-degree cold Pacific fog, providing an even more Dantesque atmosphere which, until the sun broke over the Eastern mountains, left us with a feeling of mute wonderment. The treasures collected the previous day were packed, and we broke camp for Bahia de Los Angeles. The balance of our third day in Baja was spent in similar country until we neared the long coastal decline into our destination. Arriving in late afternoon we immediately availed ourselves of a much needed shower and change of clothes.

As the sun lengthened its shadows towards the off-shore islands, we joined in the comradery of men brought together in remote places. Much to my surprise and great pleasure I was introduced to Mr. Glenton Sykes of Tucson. To Mr. Sykes' father has gone the honor of bestowing the name "Boojum" to Idria Columnaris, much to the everlasting consternation of the academic community. The following morning I discarded plans for a trip to Smith Island because of rough seas, and we toured south along the coast for 7 or 8 miles. Entering a coastal cactus forest of cardon, *machaerocereus* and fierce *Opuntia molesta*, I took samples of small mams and became the proud owner of a 16-inch crest of *M. gummosus*. That afternoon we found the sun warm, the water invigorating and we relieved cramped muscles on the beach until near supper time.

Leaving the Diaz' resort after two nights of clean sheets and excellent meals, we retraced our route 15 miles to the San Borja cutoff. Having been unsuccessful in my previous attempts at locating *Cochemia setispina* I was determined to spend as much time as necessary in the area on this trip. Armed with the Jan.-Feb. 1969 issue of the C & S Journal, I was even prepared to show the villagers a picture of this plant and enlist their help. All this without a word of Spanish! As Ray was feeling his way through

the rocky canyon, I remembered that I had once paid homage to the birthplace of Zeus in a cave in Mt. Dicta high above the Plains of Lasithi on the Island of Crete. Surely, I should have at least one mark left on the credit side of the ledger! Working our way slowly up the rocky trail I obliterated all else from my mind, forming a mental image of this plant and hoping, by some magic, to penetrate the dense ground cover. The first glimpse of white, a quick check by binoculars, and Zeus had remembered! The following hour was given over to photography and collection of selected stems from a single clump. Subsequently I went over the complete slope with binoculars and failed to locate another specimen. Someday I shall return to Mt. Dicta with an offering of a packet of hooked white spines.

Continuing by the old mission, down the road toward San Ignacito, we rode through sandy washes and rock-strewn hills. Pausing briefly for lunch, we admired the blooming mescals (Agave Shawii-Mescal) and were confronted with our first problem - a slowly deflating tire. With self-sealing tubes I had not even considered this possibility after hundreds of miles of off-the-road driving in brush and ~~sactus~~ country. But here we were, a long way from nowhere and with but one spare. We nursed the tire into the village of Rosarito on Route #1 and put on the spare. Our loop trip to the coast for small mammals was deferred as we considered it more prudent to stay on the "main highway" in case of further difficulties. Camping that night two miles above the San-Felipe-Route #1 intersection ended a rather exciting day.

Early the next morning we entered new territory en route to El Rosario, crossing Laguna Chapala in heavy silt and negotiating two more mountain passes that make driving in Baja such a unique experience. As we neared El Rosario, the Pacific coast influence began to assert itself, the ecology gradually changing to plants accustomed to cooler breezes and higher humidity. As we left behind the cirio-cardon landscape, large bushes of Myrtillocactus cochal, Bergerocactus Emoryi, and clusters of Echinocereus maritimus began to pervade. After camping in the arroyo North of El Rosario, we continued along the coastal plain toward our goal for the night, high in the Sierra San Pedro Matir-Mike's Sky Ranch. At El Socorro, looking for mammillaria louisae, I had to satisfy myself with a single M. Brandegeei struggling amidst a carpet of m. dioica. The road north from El Rosario along the coast was the worst we encountered on the trip; completely pocked with overlapping chugholes of any size we cared to test. Our progress fell to a new low, and we had far to go. Riding within sight of the Pacific breakers and looking in amazement at the utter overpopulation of cacti and succulents put me in a frenzy of exploration, but the serious work would have to wait for another time. Ferocactus Fordii was collected along with B. Emoryi.

Six days after we left the blacktop at San Felipe we rode once again on a paved road, and the silence was deafening. Our luck lasted but three miles before we turned east on the San Telmo road where Ferocactus viridescens immediately appeared among the stands of M. cochal. Valle de San Telmo is heavily farmed. The smell of irrigation; the endless fields of green crops, herds of sleek cattle make a pastoral mountain-ringed setting unequaled anywhere. The road was sandy and smooth.

We circumnavigated most of the valley at good speeds, slowing down for an occasional calf confused by our passage. Suddenly the road began to climb, and for almost two hours we roller-coasted from one peak to another, always thinking as we looked up at the blue sky over each pass "It simply CAN'T go any higher" - but it did! The views into the valley below increased in grandeur with the altitude, but the driver must miss most of it

if the route is to be safely covered. Twice we were forced into four-wheel drive to negotiate steep inclines from a hair-pin curve stop, although I now believe this was slightly over-cautious.

Our welcome at the Ranch was warm, our showers hot, and the food excellent! A new tube replaced our flat free of charge and we once again relaxed in clean comfort after a gruelling three day drive. Our hosts assured us we could drive out to the San Felipe highway in less than three hours. The following morning we did exactly that, driving on good sandy roads through valley after valley until at last the Gulf came within sight. We continued via Mexico Route #2 to Nogales in order to clear the plants there, and arrived home in Tucson a few minutes past midnite- 645 miles from the Sky Ranch.

Although bone-tired, and with boxes of plants to sort and pot, I can already hear the voice of Baja luring me back in the Fall.

----- SO LONG! HELEN AND CRAIG BOLTON

But not "Farewell", Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society says to these two fine ten year pillars and charter members. They are moving to Bryan, Texas where Craig will study for a Ph. D. degree in the field of Economics at Texas A. and M. College. In 1961, Alan Blackburn guided the Boltons to attending the Tucson Cactus Club as it was called then. Craig was 9 years old when he started his cactus collecting. Throughout Boltons' long, active membership, Helen served twice as Secretary. Both of them worked on many committees. Craig recently was chairman of our cactus show, 1960, in conjunction with Tucson Men's Garden Club. "Our association with Tucson Cactus Club has been one of the highlights of our time spent in Tucson. We have made many of our most valued friends through the organization. It is difficult to leave all of you. Our thoughts will be with you, especially on meeting days. We wish continued growth for the Club, and the best of everything"--Boltons' departing message to us. We wish you every success, Craig, in your studies. Good Luck and Fun to both of you as you follow the Cactus Trail in Texas. Do come back to us in Tucson often as you can.

-----Your old friends of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society.



HELEN AND CRAIG BOLTON

----- RICHTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY AT DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Richter Memorial Library was formally dedicated, earlier this year. It houses the reference library of Desert Botanical Garden, as well as Mr. Richter's gift to the Garden of his extensive library collection of desert flora. This is one of the outstanding private collections in the world.

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Peter and Helen Ratkevich are active members of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society.

HOW PLANTS ARE NAMED

Part II

by Harrison G. Yocum

This excellent continuing educational feature in CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER is serving as a ready reference for members of T.C. & B. S. and other readers as well. At the same time, it is offering you an excellent way to extend your vocabulary. Plant names most frequently encountered are included. This list is arranged alphabetically for ease of finding the meaning of a particular name.

mystax - mustache	
N-	occidentalis- of the West
nana-dwarf	occulti-hidden
neglecta-overlooked, neglected	ochna-pear
nemoralis-of the woodlands	ochra-pale yellowish
neo-new	octa-eight
nephro-kidney	oculata-with eyes
nerii= from Nerium, Oleander	-odes-full of (suffix)
nervosa-full of nerves or sinews	odonto - teeth
nidulans-in a small nest or cavity	odorata-fragrant
nidus-nest	oenovine
niger)	officinalis- a drug plant
nigra) black	officinarum - of medicine
nitens)	-oides-resemblance, having the appearance
nitida) shining	of (suffix)
niveus)	olaco-furrowed
nivosa) snowy	olea-oil
nobilis-celebrated, well known	oligo-few
nocti-night	olorina-pertaining to swans
nocturna-of the night	-olus-expressing smallness (suffix)
nodosa-knotty	oo (s) - egg
notata-marked with spots	ophthalmo - eye
nudi-naked, spineless, or leafless	orbicularis-orbicular, circular, spherical
nutans-nodding, drooping	orea-mountain
nycti-night	ornata-adorned, ornate
O-	ornitho - bird
ob-reverse, in the opposite direction	ortha-straight
obesa-fat	
obliquus-assymetrical, unequal sides	oro-mountain
oblongi-2 to 4 times as long as broad,	-osa-(us) - full of (suffix)
with sides nearly parallel.	ovalis-oval, broadly elliptical
oblongatus-oblong	ovi-egg
obtusi-blunt, wider than a right angle	oxy-sharp

P-

pachy-thick, stout
 pallescens-growing pale
 pallida - pale
 paniculata-arranged in panicles
 papilio-butterfly
 papilla-small nipple or pimple-
 like projection
 papyra-paper
 para-beside
 paradoxa-seeming contradictory
 parvi-small
 pauci-few
 pecten-comb
 pectinata-comb-like, having
 narrow parallel projections
 ped-foot
 pedicillata-with a pedicel, as a
 stem on a flower or fruit
 pedila-shoe
 pedio-plains
 pedunculata-with a peduncle
 pelago-sea
 pelecyci-hatchet
 pellucida-transparent, translucent
 peltate-shield-shaped, with stem
 attached near the center in-
 stead of the edge.
 pendula-hanging downward, inclined
 pencillata-pencil-like, ending in
 a tuft of hairs
 penio-thread
 pensilis-hanging, pendent
 penta-five
 per-through, throughout, very
 perbella-very lovely
 peri-around
 phaea-dusty-colored
 phello-cork
 pholido-scale
 phora-bearing
 photo-light
 phylla-leaf
 phymata-tumor
 physa-wind, bellows
 phyta-plant
 picta-painted
 pili) hairy, hairs
 pilosa)
 pinnata-a compound leaf with
 opposite leaflets
 pipta-to fall down
 pisci-fish
 plagio-oblique
 plans-flat
 platine-platinum
 platy-flat, broad
 plecto, plaited

pleio-more, greater

plena-full

plicata-folded like a fan

plumbea-lead-colored

plumosa-feathery, with fine hairs on
 each side

pluri-more, many

podo-foot

poli-gray

poly-many

porrecta-extended horizontally

prae-very

pretiosa-valuable, precious

primula-of a primrose

princeps-of a prince

procumbens-prostrate, lying on the
 ground

prolifera-bearing offsets or buds freely

propinquus-near kindred

prostrate-lying on the ground

protea-exceedingly variable

proto-first

pruinosa-with a whitish, frost-like
 bloom, very glaucous

pseudo-false

ptera-wing

ptycho-fold

puberula) finely downy or pubescent

pubescens)

pubi-downy

pugni-fist

pulchella-small beautiful

pulcher-beautiful

pulverata-dusted with powder

pulvinata-like a cushion

pumila-dwarf

punctata-dotted with minute spots or
 holes

pungens-pungent

puniceo-red or purple

purpureus-purple-red, purple

pusilla-very small, insignificant

pycni-dense

pygmaea-very small

pyramidalis-like a pyramid

pyra (o) - fire, fiery

pyri (us) - pear

(pyrrha)

pyrro) - flame-colored

Q-

quadri - four

quinque-five

R-

racemosa-growing in a raceme

radiata-with rays

8.
radicans-rooting from the stem
ramosa-full of branches
raphe (i) - ridged, furrowed
rastrera-creeping
re-back, again
reclinata-reclining, bent backwards
recta (i) - straight
recurvata)
recurvi) -recurved, bent backwards
(reflexa-turned backwards
(regalis)-royal
(regia)
reni-kidney
repanda-with a gently wavy
or fluted margin
(repens)
(reptans)-creeping
resini-resin, gum
reticulata-with a network, as veins
of a leaf
(retro)
(retrorsa)-reflexed, turned backwards
retusa-with apex rounded, or obtuse
and shallowly notched
reversa-reversed, turned backwards
revoluta-rolled back from the margin
on the lower surface
rhapida-needle

rhapis-rod
rhipsala-wicker-like, slender pliable
branches
rhiza-root
rhoda-rose-pink
rhombi-top-shaped (like a spinning top)
rhopalo-club
rhaps-shrub
rhytis-fold
rigida-stiff, rigid
riparia-of a stream
robusta-firm, strong
rorida-dew
rosa-rose
rostrata-beaked
rosulata-arranged in rosettes
rotata-wheel-shaped, with flat and
spreading parts
rotunda-round
(ruber)
(rubi) - red
(rubri)
rufa-yellowish or brownish red
rugosa-roughened, wrinkled
(rupestis)
(rupicola) - of cliffs or rocks

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Science".

MEMBERS, NOTE AND USE: 85722 is the new Zip Code number for our postal address
which is: Box 3723, College Station, Tucson, Arizona 85722.

CHESTER M. SCOTT: Our members thank you for recently binding for our Library
the loose copies of EL JARDINERO, publication of Tucson Men's Garden Club.

FRIENDS: Helen and Craig Bolton's new address is: 600 Esther Blvd., Bryan,
Texas 77801.

CACTUS AND SUCCULENT AUCTION is our September meeting. Save your extra plants
for this.

CACTUS SHOW in November. We stage Tucson's first cactus show proper. Also, it
will be our own first independent cactus show.

EXPECT later this year to work on some of the 1971 National Convention decora-
tions and prizes to be financed by us and contributed to the El Paso meeting.

\$35.00 from our Treasury has been paid to the City of Tucson toward the purchase
of window blinds for the room where we meet. Now e can show slides and movies
at our daytime meetings.



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IN MEMORIAM



HUGH B. SLOAN
October 24, 1970

"We have no dearer word for our heart's friend,
For him who journeys to the world's far end,
And scars our soul with going; thus we say,
As unto him who steps but o'er the way --
'Good-by.'"

G. D. Litchfield

HUGH B. SLOAN

Hugh Sloan was the very good friend of many of the members of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society, dating from the early 1960's, soon after its founding. He was a genuine outdoorsman who enjoyed the plant world in many of its aspects, among his varied interests. He served as a member of the Board of Directors. He was assistant editor of Chatter at one time. We extend our sincere sympathy to Dana Sloan and to their daughter. Hugh wrote and published poetry of much interest to his associates. Here we print one of his poems.

THE UPWARD PATH

As we travel along the paths of life
'Mid joys and pleasures, toils and strife,
Sometimes we falter and almost fail,
Through the hardships encountered along life's trail.

Rivers we cross, mountains we climb
Until we reach a height sublime,
Where our naked soul shall stand alone
Before the Master of the Great White Throne.

There, little matters of our wealth or fame.
But if just square we have played the game.
There, may the records upon our slate
Gain us admittance through the Inner Gate.

-----Hugh B. Sloan.

DEDICATION

We proudly dedicate this last issue of CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER 1970 to the presidents of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society of the years 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965. The year 1970 is the 10th Anniversary of the founding of Tucson Cactus Club which was later renamed Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society. CHATTER editor Shelby this year has carried through all issues, reports of the developing, young organization during its formative, first five years of existence. This period is chosen in order to give our newest members and members of only the last few years the interesting and useful background of our club--all "in a nut shell", so to speak. These presidents were actually pioneers in a very real sense, as they served in the five earliest years of our club's life---trying to set meaningful goals, devising the means of realizing them, establishing guiding policies and precedents.

CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER salutes its early presidents of the years 1962 through 1965. Through this Dedication, we express our genuine appreciation and that of our entire membership for all they have given to Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society. ---- Editor.

1962, 1963

PRESIDENT DAVID SPRING'S YEARS

THE YEARS OF
DEVELOPING

Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society owes David and Marjorie Spring an everlasting debt of gratitude for all that they gave of themselves to help hold our group together, as well as to establish it on a firm and lasting foundation. The sudden death of our founder, Cactus John Haag on Dec. 2, 1962, brought about a very trying time for the Club. Several legal complications arose: disposing of John's excellent library on cacti, his fine garden and its plants, and his house which was our meeting place. The Springs often opened their desert home and garden to our meetings. David's programs abounded in numerous field trips and worthwhile meetings addressed by authoritative speakers. Marjorie worked most actively on several committees, and later she became co-editor of CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER the year of its founding.

1964 PRESIDENT JACK MEYER'S YEAR

THE YEAR OF FIELD TRIPS

Of a total of 10 club meetings held in 1964, 50% were interesting, worthwhile field trips -- to such spots as: Rancho del Lago, Vail; Aravaipa Canyon, Woods Brothers' Panorama Ranch, Pinal County; Andrada Ranch. We received our Certificate of Incorporation. An improved set of By-Laws was distributed to members. Plans were begun for the Haag Memorial Garden and for being host to the 1965 National Convention of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America. Isabelle Meyer worked steadily all year, also, on the Garden. Her fine organizational skill greatly contributed to the smooth operating of the Convention. She served as club secretary and actively on many committees through several years.

No longer a member of T.C. & B.S., Isabelle visited our November Cactus Show enthusiastically. She was greeted by her many cactus friends, and it was great to have her among us again.

The eight-point goal set by Hugh Copenhaver was attained many times over what he and his officers had hoped. Outstanding points included: (1). setting up CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER as a quarterly newsletter (co-editors were Eva Copenhaver and Marjorie Spring). (2). being host to the National Convention of Cactus & Succulent Society of America. We were a young organization merely five years old in 1965, yet we organized and entirely financed a very outstanding national convention program. This was expressed by those attending. (3). completing and dedicating the Haag Memorial Garden at Arizona - Sonora Desert Museum, in memory of our founder, Cactus John Haag. (4). successfully promoting a feeling of belonging, of fellowship, and of neighborliness among all our members. Hugh Copenhaver, no longer a member of T. C. & B. S. visited our November Cactus Show and was enthusiastic about this accomplishment.

FINALE FOR T. C. & B. S. FOR 1970

The December meeting of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society will be its traditional Christmas party and gift exchange. This year, good weather permitting, it will be held outdoors in the beautiful Palo Verde Picnic Area desert of the Tucson Mountain Park.

DESERT SAFARI

The Cactomaniacs of Phoenix will meet on January 5, 1971. A special feature of this meeting will be "Desert Safari" presented by Allan Mollison who is a member of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society.

HOW PLANTS ARE NAMED

Harrison Yocum, Member of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society

This special educational feature is concluded in this issue of CHATTER. Editor Shelby again expresses her real gratitude to our actively participating member, Harrison Yocum, who wrote this long, detailed report for our members. He is Greenhouse Technician with the Environmental Research Laboratory, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, The University of Arizona.

S-	semi-half
saccharosa-sugar	semper-always
sagittata-arrow-like	senilis-aged, old
salpino-trumpet	septrionalis-northern
salvi-spreading at right angles	septa-wall, partition
sanguinea-blood red	seri-silk, with soft silky hairs
saponaria-soap	serpens-snake
sapro-	serpentina-like a snake
sarco-fleshy	serrata-saw-toothed along the edge, with
saxatilis)of rocks	the teeth pointing toward the apex
saxi)	or tip.
scabrosa-rough to the touch	seta-bristle, stiff hair
scandens-climbing	simplex-simple, plain
scapho=hollow	similis-like, resembling
scapa-scape, stalk	sinuata-wavy-margined
schiza-split, cleft	sipho-siphon
sclera-hard, dry	sobrina-cousin
scopa-broom, brush	solena-channeled
scopularum-of cliffs	solitaris-alone
secundi-borne on one side,	speciosus-showy, full of beauty
following, second	spectabilis-visible, spectacular
seleni-moon	

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S-continued
sperma-seed
sphaerica-globular, spherical
spicata-spike
spina-spine
spiralis-coiled, spiralled
splendens-shining
squamosa- scaly
squarrosa-thickly crowded and rigid,
with stiff spreading bracts
stachys-plant, spike
stella-star
stena (o)-narrow
stoma-mouth, pore
stramineus-straw-colored
strepta (o)-pliant or twisted
striata-with longitudinal lines,
grooves or ridges

T-

tabula-having a flat surface,
table-like
tardo-late
tectorum-of roofs
tectum-roof
tenella-tender, delicate
tenuis-slender
tephra-ashy
teres-rounded
tereti-cylindrical, terete
ternati-in 3's
terra-earth, land
tessellata-marked into small squares,
like a mosaic
testuda-tortoise
tetra-four
thele)
thelos) -tubercle, nipple

thrinax-fan
thrix-hair

U

uberi-breast
-ulus-Suffix denoting smallness
umbellata-in umbels
umbra-shade
uncinata-hooked
undata-wavy, undulate
ungui-claw
uni-one, single
urceolata-urn-shaped
urens-burning, stinging
ursina-of a bear, a shaggy coat of
long spines

V

vagans-wandering about
vaginata-with a sheath

stricta-narrow and erect
strigosa-with appressed rigid hairs
strobili-pine-cone
strombo-top (shape of)
strongyla-round, circular
stropho-twisted band
styla-pillar
suavenolens-sweet
sub-under, partially
sulcata) -grooved, especially with deep
sulci) longitudinal furrows
super - higher
superbus-magnificent
supra-on top, above
sylvestris-of forests
sym) - united, with, together
syn)

thyrsi-stalk
tigrina-like a tiger
tithymal-euphorbia
tomentosa-wooly, with long, densely
matted woolly hairs
torosa-knobby
tortis) -twisted, full of turns
tortuosa)
trachy-rough
tri-three
tricha-hair
tropo-form
truncata-square at the top, as if cut
off
tuberculata)-with tubercles, full of
tuberosa) swellings
tubi-tube, or trumpet-like
tumida-swollen
tunicata-of concentric layers, over-
lapping each other
turbinata-top-shaped

V-continued

valida-strong, healthy
variabilis-changeable, variable
variegata-different colors
velutina-velvety, with fine silky
pubescence
venosa-full of veins
ventricosa-swollen on one side, inflated
venustis-lovely, charming
verrucosa-warty
versi-various
verticillata-whorled, arranged in circles
vera-true, genuine
vesper-of the evening
vestita-clothed

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V-continued.
 vexans-annoying
 vilis-common, worthless
 villosa-shaggy-haired
 vini-wine
 violacea-violet-colored
 viperina-of a viper, viper-like
 virens-green
 virgata-rod-like, long slender
 and straight
 viridis-green
 virosis-ill-scented, poisonous

Z-
 zebrina-striped like a zebra
 zygo-yoke

viscidis)-sticky, glutinous
 viscosa)
 vitis-vine
 vittatus-longitudinally striped
 vivi-life, growing
 vulgaris,-ordinary, common

X-
 xantha-yellow
 xera (o) - dry
 xipha-sword
 xylo-wood

finis.

1970 YEARLY REPORT OF COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP: - 130 persons in Tucson and Green Valley paid membership dues this year.

AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES. Rosa Christensen, Director, by means of correspondence set up friendly and helpful contacts between Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society and : (1) Dr. V. Hrabe, Czechoslovakia. (2) Mr. Osada, Japan. (3) Mr. J. B. Gasca, Venezuela, S.A. (4) Manny Singer, president of Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society. (5) Mrs. June Suhm, Kingsville, Texas.

CARL AND WANDA HORST are in process of a correspondence with Dr. V. Hrabe of Czechoslovakia. We should hear later the results of their friendly step.

The JAMES A. ROBBINS family was host for several days to Mr. Osada of Japan. They showed him southern Arizona areas of interest to cactus students. Mr. Osada, a 23 year old university graduate, had been traveling in South America and Mexico to see native cacti in their habitats and to collect cactus.

MR. J. B. GASCA, Carascas, Venezuela, S.A., requested of us a list of names and addresses of U.S. cactus growers. Alan Blackburn suggested a list. Josephine Shelby answered Mr. Gasca's letter in Spanish as was requested, if possible.

MANNY SINGER, the newly elected president of the Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society, recently sent to us for a sample copy of CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER. He also asked if CHATTER would exchange subscriptions for Los Angeles' CHRONICLE. CHATTER will.

MRS. JUNE SUHM, kingsville, Texas, read Rosa Christensen's name and our club name in a back issue of "Cactus & Succulent Journal of America". She asked to be sent a sample of CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER. It was sent to her.

JOYCE TATE, Sunnymead, California, of the National C.S.S., requested help from Tucson for the New Mexico Cactus Society's 1970 Cactus Show held in Albuquerque, N.M. The saguaro, that most popular member of the Cactus Clan, was to be a special exhibit. New Mexico needed for it: saguaro ribs and spines; fruit pods; an owl house (cactus shoe). Alan and Betty Blackburn had plenty of this material around their Open Gate Ranch. So, they volunteered to pack and mail it to New Mexico. Also, Betty added some of her exquisitely preserved saguaro blossoms.

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Most recently, our Affiliate Director has received an inquiry from Yuzo Tanaka, Tokyo, Japan, about our Newsletter, CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER. He requested that a sample copy be sent him. It was sent. Rosa also heard from Bob's Cactus Nook, Birmingham, Alabama. They want to see a sample copy of CHATTER also. They will receive one.

1970 CIRCULATION REPORT OF CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER

CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER'S 4 issues of 1970 were mailed as follows: in Tucson: to 90 addresses of members in Tucson and Green Valley; to Men's Garden Club of Tucson; to 4 of the 5 Tucson Public Libraries: Central, Valencia Branch, Wilnot Branch, and G.Freeman Woods Memorial Branch; to S. E. McGregor, Bee Research Laboratory, USDA; to 3 divisions of the University of Arizona: The Library, The Herbarium, Desert Biology Station. In Phoenix: to Desert Botanical Garden. Then, to other cactus societies in 4 states: N.Mex., California--Gates, Mojave Desert, San Diego, Los Angeles; Houston, Texas; St. Louis, Mo., Henry Shaw Cactus Society. Also, to 18 out-of-state individual subscribers in 6 states: North Dakota, Ohio, Wisconsin, Texas, California, New Mexico, and to Ghana, Africa. To cactus societies in foreign lands: New Zealand, Australia, Scotland. The total number of copies of CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER mailed at each quarterly printing equals 130. 26 copies of CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER, VOL. 5, No. 4, were mailed to as many cactus and succulent affiliated clubs, of all the western states. In this way, all of these organizations were fully informed about our CACTUS REFORESTATION PROJECT which was featured in detail in this issue of CHATTER.

For the information of new members: RATES: CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER is mailed free to paid-up members of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society. \$1.00 per year to addresses in USA. \$1.50 per year to addresses in foreign lands. Copies of back issues--1965 through 1970 ----are always available at 20¢ per single copy, 75¢ per set of 1 year's copies. Please make your checks payable to: Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society. See CHATTER editor, Josephine Shelby about this.

MEMBERS, NOTE AND USE: 85722 is the new ZIP CODE NUMBER for our club postal address, which is: Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society, Box 3723, College Station, Tucson, Arizona, 85722.

OUR CLUB HISTORY SCRAPBOOK

MEMBERS!! Have you ever been interested enough to look between the covers of our history scrapbook? If not, WHY NOT? It vividly records and recalls, year by year, the main accomplishments and highlights of programs of Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society. Betty Blackburn, our 1970 Historian, has added many items to the yearly records for 1968 and 1969 which had not been taken care of fully. Here you will read articles about Tucson Botanical Garden; letters from ex-president Halloran and CHATTER editor Shelby; a report on tags needed for collecting cacti; pictures of Tucson's exhibit at the second Men's Garden Club Show; picture of our 1969 Xmas party. A new scrapbook starts the 1970 history record. Here you will find the report of Nancy Clarke's becoming president; pictures of other 1970 officers; Dr. Tuller lecturing; pictures of winners of 1970 Cactus Show at Phoenix; a story of Paul Shaw, former Curator of Plants, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, collecting cacti destined for Portugal; our Sun Fair exhibit; our picnic at Pepper Sauce Canyon; letters of interest from CHATTER'S correspondence files; ex-President Halloran's Flag Day activity; feature story from Tucson Citizen about Alan Blackburn. And---much more. Allow CHATTER editor to suggest for 1971 that the Club Historian bring our History Scrapbook to every meeting of the club. Let it be announced at every meeting that it is available to members to read to learn about T.C. & B. S. and to enjoy.

ADDENDUM: In a late issue of CACTUS CAPITAL CHATTER in which charter members of Tucson Cactus Club were listed, we inadvertently omitted the name of Wanda (Barrett) Horst. Wanda was well acquainted with Cactus John Haag, founder of our club in 1960. She accepted his invitation to join the organizing group. Today she is among our most actively participating members. ---Editor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF T. C. & B. S. LIBRARY FOR 1970

Our total membership equals 125 persons. In 1970, only 20 members checked out books from our library. 20 equals 1/6 of 120. 20 equals 16% of our membership. Our fine little library contains many fine books. They just SIT on the shelves--gathering the dust of the ages since no one wants to read them and the journals. NO ONE, that is, except the 20 interested members mentioned above. Reading is one most excellent way to gain knowledge of cacti and other succulents. Our Library, through its current librarian, gladly accepts donations of books and journals about cacti and the other succulents. Especially needed to complete the Club's set are the Cactus & Succulent Journal of America, 1956 - 1964 inclusive. Location of Library - Nancy Clarke Insurance Agency Office, Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Librarian John Robbins recommends that members read from our Library: Cacti by Borg; Cacti for the Amateur by Haselton; Cacti and Succulents by Haage; Succulents for the Amateur by Brown; Cactaceae by Marshall and Bock.

--EDITORIAL COMMENT: Let us close our fine little library at once before it becomes buried in the dust of the ages. Let us cease wasting our money on it and accepting expensive gift books from members and friends. You can lead a horse to water, you know, but you cannot force him to drink the water. That is--let us do this if our fine little Library should be no more used in the immediate future than it has in the total past. Shall we?

1971 OFFICERS OF T. C. & B. S.

These are the officers recently elected for 1971 for Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society: President: Hildegard Nase. Vice President: Harold Scott Thomas. Recording Secretary: Chester M. Scott. Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Therese Murchison. Treasurer: Capt. Maurice Hegarty. Members of the Board of Directors: N. Clarke, A. Mollison, H. Jones. Our annual elections of officers are likened to injections of "new blood" into T. C. & B. S. programs.

Alta and P. G. Nichols celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on Nov. 6, 1970. All of their friends and admirers in Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society extend hearty congratulations to them. P. G. Nichols was a close, personal friend of our Cactus John Haag and worked closely with him in founding our cactus club in 1960. We were most pleased to see the Nichols at our November Cactus Show. P. G. recently celebrated the 80th anniversary of his birth, and reports that he is in good health and feeling not any older. We are most happy that Alta reports good progress in recovery from major surgery.

OUR MEMBERS EXHIBIT IN MEN'S GARDEN CLUB SHOW

Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society expresses its appreciation to the Men's Garden Club of Tucson for inviting our interested members to exhibit at their Tenth Annual Fall Flower and Garden Show, held on November 14, 15 at the Zimmerman Buick Show Rooms in Tucson. Carl Horst exhibited 110 plants and received the Award of Appreciation. His plants were a cross section of North and South American species that included 6 or 7 South American collected specimens. His *Pilocereus melanostele* of Argentina is rare. He won second place for his *Pedilanthus tithymaloides*. Wanda Horst won two firsts for her *Parodia aureispina* and her *Euphorbia coerulescens*. Mabel Benton won one first and one second place for two dried arrangements. Harrison Yocum exhibited choice palms and crotons, representing Tucson Botanical Garden and the Environmental Research Laboratory of the University of Arizona. He received the Award of

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Appreciation. Mrs. Raymond Pegel won two firsts for her *Tephrocactus papyranchantha* and her *Toumeyia papyranchantha*. Rosa and Anne Christensen, and Alan and Betty Blackburn visited the Show, as did Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yocum.



PAUL SHAW

SO LONG, PAUL SHAW !

But not "Farewell!" We know how much you like Arizona and especially Tucson. We hope to be seeing you and your family back in Tucson often. Paul has been a long-time member of Tucson Cactus & Botanical Society. He became Curator of Plants at Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in 1962 after the death of Cactus John Haag who founded our Cactus Society, and to whose memory we dedicated the Haag Memorial Garden at Desert Museum. At the Museum, Paul was in charge of all botanical operations, including horticulture; collecting and identifying plants; botanical and interpretive labeling; lectures; the planning and execution of exhibits pertaining to botany and plant ecology; use of desert plants in landscaping--in a demonstration garden co-sponsored by Sunset Magazine of Menlo Park, California; and the co-planning of exhibits showing plant-animal relationships.

Paul supervised the dedicated and hard-working group of our own members in creating our Haag Memorial Garden at Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. He found time, in his heavy schedule to give educational talks at our meetings and otherwise to participate in our program. Paul and his family departed Tucson last July for Santa Barbara, California where he has accepted a position as Grounds Superintendent of Santa Barbara Botanic Garden in Mission Canyon behind historic Santa Barbara Mission. The flora of California and of the offshore islands are ecologically displayed on 60 acres. Complementing the living botanical display is an active educational program, and an extensive library and herbarium. This is Paul's new address: 2460 Las Canoas Road, Santa Barbara, California, 93105.

BOOK REVIEW: SUCCULENTS AND CACTUS, Lane Books (publisher of Sunset Magazine)

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This book is one of the finest that I have seen. It contains so much pertinent, up-to-date information on starting a collection and growing cacti and other succulents. Aside from the fact that some of the recommended landscape succulents (i.e. Echeverias, Kalanchoes, Aeoniums, Euphorbias) are more suited to California's climate, the information this book offers is very applicable to growing cacti in Tucson and Green Valley. To all beginners and amateurs, I recommend this fine book. ----John Robbins, Librarian, T.C. & B.S.

EASY TO GROW BUT NOT COMMONLY SEEN CACTI

Obregonia denegrii Fric, Zivot v. Priore 1925. This unusual plant hails from the Valley of Jaumave in the state of Tamaulipas, Mexico. It was originally discovered by A. V. Fric and Ing. Marcello Castaneada in 1923. In this area it is abundant on the low limestone hills and flat areas. This plant looks like an Ariocarpus to which it is related but differs in some respects. The plants are single or caespitose with fusiform roots and white flowers. This species is of rather easy cultivation, best grown in a mixture of 1 part sand, 1 part oak leafmold with careful watering if grown in a pot. The white flowers are freely produced during the summer months. Plants come easily from seed, in our experience, but are rather slow growing (not quite as slow as Ariocarpus seedlings). Reference: A Systematic Study of Obregonia Edward F. Anderson, Vol. XXXX, pp. 101-107, Cactus and Succulent Journal. ----John Robbins, Librarian, T. C. & B. S.