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TUCSON CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

January 2, 1989

JANUARY 1989 MEETING:

The January meeting will be held January 8, 1989 in the Education Building of the Tucson Botanical Gardens, at 2:00 PM. JR Trevas will speak on CACTUS STAMPS AND COINS. Join us.

As survivors of the late December Mini Ice Age, we should be able to add to Miles' list of hardy cacti and succulents. It may be a little early to assess all the damage, but the real losers should be obvious. Bring your lists to the meeting and I'll put them in the next meeting notice, with any comments you want to make. I'll start a separate list of losers.

No mini-show this time, but Jeff invites you to bring one of your show-off plants for show-and-tell. Dan will be collecting 1989 DUES.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 1988 MEETING:

President Gaston called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM in the Tucson Botanical Gardens. The principal item of business was to elect officers for 1989. After a bit of negotiating, the following panel was selected, agreed to, and elected unanimously:

PRESIDENT	LARRY ROMO
VICE PRESIDENT	JEFF TREVAS
SECRETARY	FLOYD WERNER
TREASURER	DAN BIRT
NEW BOARD MEMBERS	AGNES DANIELS
	MYRTLE ETHINGTON
	J.R. TREVAS

+ Miles Anderson (see minutes of Jan 88 meeting)

This matter was disposed of so rapidly (about 12:40) that there were anguished cries from the kitchen that dinner was set for 1:00. This didn't delay the ravenous cactophiles for long. A large amount of turkey, ham, dressing, salads, vegetables, and desserts went the way of all good food. When the gang finally quieted down, Pres. Gaston announced that the tickets for the winning door prizes had already been selected at random and were under the cacti and succulents on the tables as centerpieces. Everybody who won a door prize really needed another plant. There were some spectacular ones.

The free plant was Eriocactus warasii Ritter, described in 1973. Ritter, Friedrich, 1979, Kakteen in Sudamerika, vol. 1, pp. 156-7, describes it as to about a half meter tall, 13-15 cm in diameter (20"x5-6") when fully grown. Flowers are 5-6 cm (2") broad, and tend to be numerous and cluster on top. The color is apparently yellowish. The species was described from plants in cultivation for about ten years, the original source not recorded. Some wild plants were found in 1973 in the central part of the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. All Eriocactus come from this state or Paraguay. Some authors count it as part of Notocactus, which has a wider range in South America. Two more familiar species are leninghausii and magnificus.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd Werner
Floyd Werner, Secy.

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FEBRUARY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: DUE TO THE SENSATIONAL RESPONSE EXPECTED FOR OUR FEBRUARY PROGRAM, WE HAVE CHOSEN TO MOVE OUR FEBRUARY 4 MEETING TO THE ARIZONA HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER (UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL), 1501 N CAMPBELL, ROOM 5403. There's plenty of FREE parking.

Steven Hammer, of Mesa Gardens in Belen, New Mexico, is an internationally respected authority on the genus *conophytum*. His illustrated presentation, "Something New out of South Africa," features Mesemb, Bulbine and Tylecodon genera. Surely this "eccentric delight" will include slides of his favorites: rare and wonderful dwarf succulents!!

I sure hope YOU will attend this wonderful program....not simply a lecture, but a small sampling of the excitement surrounding Tucson's journey towards CSSA '95!

JANUARY MEETING REPORT

Thirty-two attended our first meeting of 1993 - on a new day, at a new time, under a new President, and in pouring rain!!

Mark Dimmitt, curator of plants at the Desert Museum, gave a very educational presentation on *Adeniums*. Indigenous to Africa and Arabia, these easy-growers respond to special attention as follows:

- SUN: The Karoo Rose is best grown in light afternoon shade.
- TEMPERATURE: These succulents love heat and must not freeze.
- WATERING: Allow soil to dry between generous waterings during hot weather (90 degrees or better). Do not water at all when plants are dormant (leafless) or when nights are consistently below 50 degrees.
- FEEDING: Mark recommends using a balanced fertilizer (1/4 strength applied at each watering) or a slow release formula during growth.
- POTTING: A humus-rich mix and good drainage are essential.

Thanks for a most informative program, Mark!

The FREE PLANT (courtesy of Chuck Hanson) was *Adenium obesum*, with a few *A. somaliensis* thrown in for good measure.

Norma Beckman made several announcements:

Please save milk cartons (and make plant cuttings!) for our spring show and sale in April. We also need an educational display and a childrens' corner. Plan to give Norma a list of plants you intend to display and what you want to sell (40% commission) or donate for sale by the club. Be thinking, also, of time you can spend helping your club with its' largest fundraiser! Many are needed to set up, sell or supervise, and tear down.

A BIG WELCOME FOR OUR 7 NEW MEMBERS:

Mark Dimmitt	4331 N Oxbow Rd	Tucson-45
Marty Eberhardt	2122 N Marion	Tucson-02
Dr Richard Felger	2003 E 4th St	Tucson-19
Matt Johnson & Pat Ronabaugh	9159 H E Broadway	Tucson-10
John Falting	2562 E Cerrada Adelita	Tucson-18
Roy Soza	2830 E Vine Ave	Tucson-19
Thomas Wilson	3130 W Rock Hill Rd	Tucson-45

change of address:

Steven E Carpenter 8030 E Lakeside Parkway #2204 Tucson-30

Please add these good folk to your 3-92 club roster. A new roster will be mailed next month based on dues in the bank, not simply 'in the mail'!! Pay Treasurer Mike David at the February meeting or if you miss our meeting and want to be included in the roster, you may mail it directly to your secretary - Jeri Ogden, 757 E Navajo Road, Tucson, 85719. A true bargain, dues have not seen an increase since 1985, and are still \$10 / individual, \$15 / family. Take a few minutes now to be sure your dues are paid for '93, as we begin preparations towards

CSSA CONVENTION '95!!

Our board of directors met (for 3 hours!) on January 19. Board members present: Chuck Hanson, Bob Webb, Jeri Ogden, Mike David, Norma Beckman, Alex Emma, Helen Housman, Miles Anderson, Linda Benziger, Myrtle Ethington, Dan Birt, and Dick Wiedhopf - a full house - literally! President Chuck Hanson called the meeting to order a few minutes early, at 7:20. Bob Webb moved, it was seconded and passed to add Gene Joseph to the board. (He arrived shortly.)

Vice-President Bob Webb led a discussion on meeting programs. He plans to rotate local speakers, special speakers, and in-house workshops. The subject of speaker reimbursement came up. It was moved (Housman), seconded, and passed to create a speaker budget. Joseph and Wiedhopf agreed to form a budget committee.

CSSA Affiliate Norma Beckman reported on show plans. Our Spring Show & Sale, Good Friday and Saturday (April 9 & 10), will be in Park Mall, open 9-9 both days. Help is needed before, during, and after. (Norma says we'll have 37 tables!) Using computer-printed plant labels, possibly raffling a plant, and creating a Children's Corner for the show were discussed.

Linda Benziger displayed several exquisite pastels and lithographs of succulents (mostly cactus). Norma moved, it was seconded and passed to commission an artist to create a suitable poster for our club.

Chuck reported that Eleanor Barker, CSSA Newsletter Editor, has passed away. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

Bob moved, it was seconded and passed that the club donate \$100 to Tucson Botanical Gardens in memory of Floyd Werner. Floyd was club secretary for 5 years, but more than that, he loved insects, plants and enjoying life. His understated sense of humor will be missed by many.

Wires got crossed, but Treasurer Mike David will write another check for \$100 to Tucson Botanical Gardens.

This week our club account will be moved to Arizona Central Credit Union, where our funds will earn 3.7%. Our balance on 1/23/93 is \$3,669.81.

Publishing a newsletter and club brochure, purchasing a VCR or camcorder, permanently moving our meeting to larger quarters, and enforcing prompt membership renewal were also discussed.

Helen moved, it was seconded, and passed unanimously to move the club library to Gene Joseph's - 50 E Blacklidge 628-8773.

Dick moved, it was seconded, discussed further, and passed that the February meeting be held in a larger facility, due to the likely magnitude of response to Hammer's presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10. Whew!!

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Remember, we meet FEBRUARY 4 AT 7:30 p.m. at 1501 N Campbell, room 5403.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

respectfully submitted,

Jeri Ogden

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"I told you it didn't smell."