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TUCSON CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY
AUGUST 1988 MEETING

The August meeting will be held in the Education Building, Tucson Botanical Gardens, on AUGUST 14, 1988, AT 2:00 P.M. The program will be a taped talk and slide show by Gordon Rowley, entitled "Pollination Syndromes in Succulents". This is one of the programs available from CSSA and is said to be pretty good. I'm not going to try to second-guess what is in the presentation, but have resolved to write down what I think I know about the subject on a small card and see if I missed anything.

Miles has dreamed up a "stump lovers' delight", a mini-show of caudiciform and pachycaul succulents. Swollen roots, swollen stems, what have you? Cactophiles don't like it, but most succulent growers don't place cacti in either group unless they have swollen roots. To make things more interesting, there will be three categories on the basis of pot size, and each member may enter three plants in each category.

1. Pots <6 inches outer diameter.
2. Pots 6 to 10 inches outer diameter,
3. Pots >10 inches outer diameter.

The free plant will be another rare cactus, Turbinicarpus schwarzii.

Minutes of July meeting. Secretary was in Albuquerque. So meeting on pests and their management, and grafting Pediocactus, will go unrecorded unless somebody took some notes. They can make it into the next notice. Miles remembered a few tidbits, but not a lot of detail. The free plant was Tavaresia grandiflora, a fine plant. I've managed to rot down two of them in the past, so listen to Myrtle's instructions.

While in Albuquerque I looked up Horst Kuenzler, of New Mexico Cactus Research, in Belen, just down the road. I had forgotten his name, and discovered to my distress that the Belen phone book knew nothing of NM Cactus Research. First nursery I called had gone bankrupt and the lady who inherited the phone number was a blank. Second nursery more helpful - on River Road. It's 1132 E. River Road, or P.O.Box 787, Belen 87002. Sign out front for Steve's Bicycle Repair, for son's business behind house. Had a good visit. Horst bought the place from David Epple when David moved to Bisbee and founded Arizona Cactus and Succulent Research, and both had been influenced by the late Dennis Cowper, a college classmate I knew slightly from being in the same scientific German class. Trip from Albuquerque to Belen made more interesting because prison escapee had run from helicopter at Los Lunas, the town in between, and was being hunted for in the Rio Grande river bottom. Got stopped for vehicle search both ways.

Traditionally, the September meeting is our silent auction. Time to look over the holdings and decide what can be parted with.

Floyd Werner

Floyd Werner, Secretary