
◆ DESERT BREEZE ◆

TUCSON CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

DECEMBER 1995

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

COME EARLY — WE SERVE AT 1 PM
RSVP (321-9484) dish type & number of guests
ALL ARE WELCOME

Bring

1) dish of your choice
(to serve your party plus 6 more,
& serving utensil)

and

for EACH PERSON

2) plate, cup, knife, fork & spoon

3) a wrapped plant
(or appropriate botanical gift,
worth at least \$3)

for our gift exchange game
(play limited to gift-bearers)

TCSS will provide drinks & meat.
We will have a brief business meeting
and hold elections.

november free plant - aloe stricta

35th ANNUAL DESERT HARVEST COMMUNITY SHOW

Many thanks to show judges: MYRTLE
ETHINGTON, DICK WIEDHOPF & DAN BIRT,
and to the Men's Garden Club of Tucson!!

Happy Holidays

NEIGHBORS by les & dale sloan

The coming of cooler weather brings large numbers of hawks down from the northern states and provinces. But our most common large hawk for much of the year is the Harris' Hawk, *parabuteo unicinctus*. They are dark brown with chestnut or rusty shoulders. (In fact they are sometimes referred to as the red-epauletted hawk.) Around the base of the tail is a prominent white band. All this makes them quite beautiful in flight or at rest.

Harris' hawks live from southern South America north through Mexico and range up into southern Texas and Arizona, touching on parts of New Mexico and even California, so birder's often come to Arizona to add this one to their "life list".

An unusual habit of Harris' hawks is their hunting in groups rather than alone as do most other raptors. In the open fields of the great plains, a hawk can swoop down on a mouse or rabbit in simple dive. In chaparral country though, cottontails and jackrabbits, the Harris' hawk's favorite prey, can duck behind a bush and outrun a pedestrian hawk. But with the rest of the family helping, one Harris' hawk can flush the rabbit into the open where it becomes easy prey for the rest of the clan.

You may see five birds hunting together, only one of them a youngster. Older brother and sister from last year's brood may have stayed around to help with the hunt. In fact, even a second mature male from another family may associate with the group. (Males outnumber females by a sizable margin for reasons not understood.) Obviously, having to share your "kill" with several other hawks

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As meeting attendees know, the election of officers was rescheduled for December 10.

MARGARET POPE spoke briefly about forming an event planning committee chaired by MARY ODETTE. LINDA BURBACK completes a team of three who have volunteered to lead us in planning club events for '96. So far, there is talk of a regional mini-convention in the fall of even years, (beginning in October) featuring member plant exhibits, speakers, vendors & a hands-on workshop!! But, where?

Sound like fun?

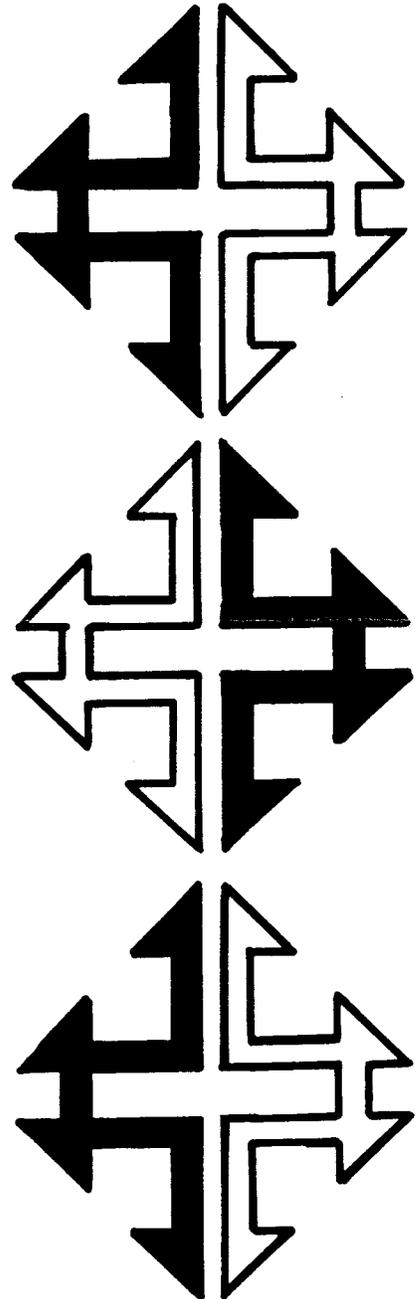
By the time you read this newsletter, a group of interested members will have met 3 times. Please feel welcome to attend the meetings, held at the college of Pharmacy. We need your input, ideas, energy & enthusiasm. The next meeting time & date will be announced at December Potluck.

Please call for details:

MARY ODETTE	749-2285
MARGARET POPE	795-1285
LINDA BURBACK	647-3200

Event Planners, UNITE!!

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are
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Jonathan & Jennifer Donald have moved!

MS KARLY FIELDS
10070 E Hawthorne 85748

neighbors, cont.

means less for you to eat. But since one good-sized jackrabbit weighs as much as three Harris' hawks, there's plenty to go around. An as we said earlier, the number of rabbits "on the table" is greater thanks to the cooperation of the group.

So just as your mom always taught you to share, so a young Harris' hawk learns to share from its mom, or its dad, or its older siblings, or even that other guy who hangs around with the family.

This newsletter is published monthly except in summer. Submit material by the 15th of month preceeding . We appreciate feedback (all kinds). Please help to correct phone/address errors, also. Membership meetings (free and open to the public) are held at Tucson Botanical Gardens, 7:30 pm, first Thursday each month. No meeting in August. September & December are special - see current newsletter for details. Dues are \$20/family, \$15/individual, payable at meetings or send check to:
TUCSON CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY,
c\o TUCSON BOTANICAL GARDENS
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THANK YOU ALL...for the opportunity to serve as your secretary & newsletter editor!

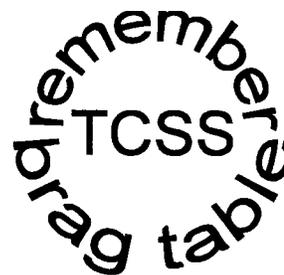
THANK YOU

to DAN BIRT, who helped MS. KARLY FIELDS with a school assignment (on cactus) and now has made a gift membership to her for 1996!

to BACH'S Cactus Nursery for donatiing a book (from wish list) to our library.

to Bob & Bev White, of B & B Cactus for monetary donation.

TOM FERN for monetary donation.



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Southeastern Cactus & Succulent Conference

February 22 - 24, 1996

Miami, Florida

The South Florida Cactus and Succulent Society is proud to invite you to the Southeastern Cactus and Succulent Conference to be held in Miami, Florida. Come and join us for this fun filled weekend and enjoy three days of lectures given by world-class speakers. Our plant sales area will feature some of the best Cactus and Succulent Nurseries in America. Our banquet will be an event you don't want to miss. A large paddle boat ride to an island for a buffet and a vaudeville show.

There are quite a few pre and post conference activities to be explored and they are all within driving distance from Miami. Florida has Disney World & Universal Studios in the north and the Florida Keys and Key West to the south. Don't forget, the Bahamas are just off the coast of South Florida. While in the city of Miami visit the world famous Miami Beach or the Hard Rock Cafe or go out into the Everglades and visit the Seminoles for an airboat ride.

Please mail in the registration form below. Act fast, and take advantage of the earlybird registration special. If you have any questions please call Suzann Boisvert at (305) 279 - 5121.

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible.

Please mail your registration and payment to:

SFCSS

c/o: Suzann Boisvert; Treasurer

10785 S.W. 108th Avenue # 201

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Southeastern Cactus and Succulent Conference

Name(s) _____
Street _____ City _____
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Local C & S Society _____ Are you a list member of cacti_etc? Yes [] No []

REGISTRATION	Number	Cost
EARLYBIRD SPECIAL	_____ @ \$75.00 =	_____
(Must be received by Dec. 1, 1995)		
Regular registration after Dec. 1, 1995	_____ @ \$90.00 =	_____
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FAREWELL BANQUET.....	_____ @ \$30.00 =	_____
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Make checks payable to South Florida Cactus and Succulent Society

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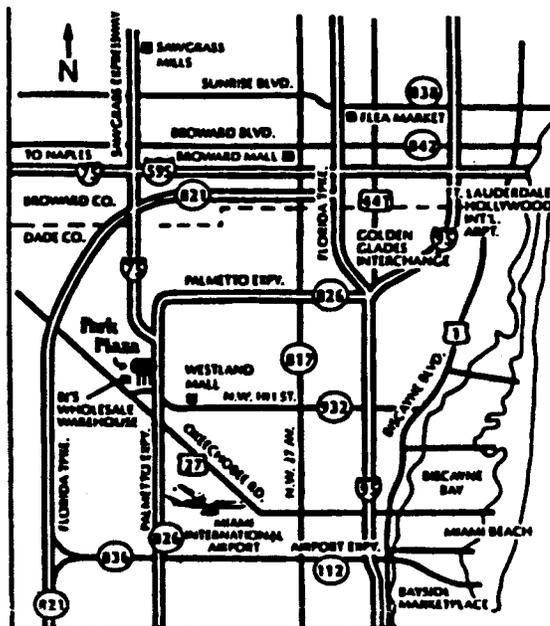
Park Plaza®

The conference will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel. We have negotiated a special \$65.00 a day conference rate for up to four people per room.

The hotel provides free airport shuttle service to and from Miami International Airport.

To make reservations and receive the special \$65.00/day room rate, contact the Park Plaza Hotel as soon as possible. Please notify the Hotel that the reservations are for the South Florida Cactus Society Conference.

You are responsible for making your own room reservations with the Park Plaza Hotel.



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Tentative Conference Program

We have scheduled the following speakers for the conference,

John Pilbeam -- John is a well known author of cactus and succulent books as well as a collector.

Steve Hammer -- Steve is an integral part of Mesa Garden and an author of books on Mesembs.

Mark Cobia -- Mark is a world leader in hybrid production of Schlumbergera/Zygocactus.

Miles Anderson -- Better known as "The Dark Overlord of Grafting", and a professional grower.

Jerry Barad -- Past president of the CSSA and a world explorer and collector.

John Lucas -- John is an expert in the field of Adenium and Bougainvillea cultivation and cross pollination techniques.

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