

# Newsletter of the Arizona Native Plant Society

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## VIEWS AND GOALS

### ANPS STATE PRESIDENT

The Arizona Native Plant Society (ANPS) has been in existence for over three years. During the past two years the society has enjoyed the leadership and guidance from two highly qualified and intensely interested individuals--Charles Sacamano and Frank Crosswhite. I am honored to succeed these individuals and will do my best to keep the ANPS "on track" with its intended purpose and goals: "to broaden knowledge, promote understanding and proper use of arid land plants."

The ANPS membership is constantly growing and as it grows more and more time is required of its board members, committee persons and officers, and of chapter committee persons and officers. I plan to uphold the duties of my elected position to the best of my ability, knowing it will put added pressures on my time and the time of all the board members. However, I know that no one person, not even the ANPS state president, can enjoy or guide an active, viable society without the help and support of its membership. And I don't plan to.

So, if you are assigned to chair a committee or hold an office, don't take the total job on yourself. Enlist the broad knowledge, experience, and, if necessary, the muscle of your colleagues. Not only will it make your job easier and more enjoyable, but also provides the input and involvement of other ANPS members. After all, ANPS members volunteered their services to the ANPS when they became members. Use their talents.

Let's all work as a team for the good of our society.

I have two basic goals as your state president for 1979:

1. Organize the Phoenix ANPS chapter.
2. Set up communication channels between ANPS members and the state ANPS board of directors.

The first goal has been "flickering" in the minds of the board of directors for some time. Rodney Engard has worked to organize the Phoenix chapter, but it just hasn't come about. Recently, Rodney turned the job over to Russell Haughey. Russ is working to organize the Phoenix ANPS and is setting up meetings for members in the Phoenix area. Moreover, I have asked Ron Gass to serve as committee chairman in charge of helping organize the Phoenix chapter. According to the ANPS By-Laws, all that is required to organize a local chapter is to submit a petition containing the names and addresses of five members to the ANPS corresponding secretary. The secretary then submits the request to the board of directors for its approval. Simple? Let's give Russ and Ron a hand and get the Phoenix chapter organized so members in the Phoenix area can enjoy the same fellowship and learning experiences as the Tucson chapter now does.

In the second goal I have several ulterior motives tied to using the ANPS newsletter to set up lines of communication between ANPS members and the board of directors. First, by the board

communicating to the membership, I  
hope to encourage member feedback.  
Secondly, with membership feedback,  
I hope to utilize the knowledge and  
experience of members for the better-  
ment of the ANPS, statewide!

As president, I will be counting on  
your support and assistance in a-  
chieving my goals and in promoting  
and assisting in ANPS activities.  
Actively support and assist your  
fellow committee persons and/or  
officers in whatever endeavor they  
partake.

I am looking forward to serving as  
the ANPS president in 1979 and will  
strive to build a better society for  
all of us. With your help we will!

Larry Holzworth

#### ANNUAL MEETING

The ANPS annual Business meeting was  
held 13 January 1979 at the Tucson  
Botanical Garden, and was attended  
by at least 43 members who signed in.

Discussion revealed that mail ballots  
had been returned to two different  
ANPS addresses, but results of the  
election may now be reported: both  
Frank Crosswhite and Ron Gass were  
re-elected to the Board and Charles  
L. Hanson is a newly elected member  
of the Board of Directors.

Don Ducote was honored as a Distin-  
guished Fellow of the society for  
his services to ANPS.

After various reports and announce-  
ments, including an exciting report  
by Richard Countryman on the problems  
and progress associated with native  
plant law enforcement, the group ad-  
joined for a delicious luncheon  
served in the garden.

Members reconvened at the University  
of Arizona where Warren Jones led  
his enthusiastic followers on a tour  
of arid land plants.



#### NATIVE PLANT FLOWERING SEASONS

A new list entitled NATIVE DESERT  
PLANT FLOWERING SEASONS, TUCSON  
VICINITY has been prepared by Dr.  
William G. McGinnies of the Office  
of Arid Land Studies at the Univer-  
sity of Arizona.

Four main flowering seasons are  
discussed. Flowering times in  
terms of "Usual Beginning," "Usual  
Peak," and "Usual Ending" are given  
for about seventy native desert  
plants.

Members who have paid their dues  
will be sent a copy of this publi-  
cation. Additional copies may be  
requested from ANPS, P.O. Box 18519,  
Tucson, AZ 85731. Please enclose  
50¢ and a business-size, self-ad-  
dressed, stamped envelope for each  
copy.

#### ANPS STATEWIDE OFFICERS

At a Board of Directors meeting fol-  
lowing the annual meeting 13 January  
the following officers were elected  
for 1979:

President: Larry Holzworth  
Vice-Pres.: William G. McGinnies  
Recording Sec.: Eileen B. Ferguson  
Corresponding Sec.: LeRoy Brady  
Treasurer: Wayne Marx  
State Agent: Irving Vincent

### ANPS MEMBERSHIP

Sharing the common interest of protecting and perpetuating the use of native flora is the only qualification for ANPS membership.

ANPS has three main purposes:

1. To broaden knowledge of plants indigenous to Arizona, to study the growth of these plants, and to advocate their proper usage in conservation.

2. To promote an understanding of plants adapted to Arizona's arid and sub-arid regions and to encourage an appreciation of these plants as valued components of the landscape.

3. To ascertain and promote proper use of species which, though not necessarily indigenous, are adapted to specific programs and situations in the State.

If you wish to become a member, send your name and address, along with a check for dues, as indicated below, to the address given below.

### 1979 DUES

Dues for 1979 are past due. To keep up your membership, please send your dues now to:

Arizona Native Plant Society  
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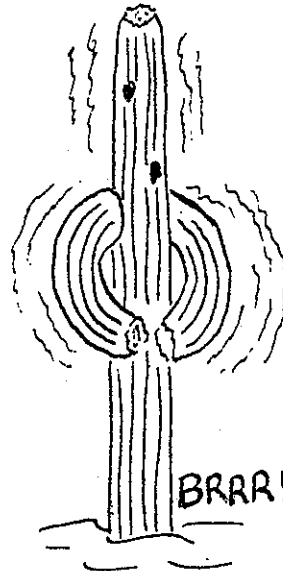
Membership categories are:

Patron	\$100
Sponsor	50
Commercial Enterprise	50
Family	15
Institution*	15
Individual	10
Student	5
Senior Citizen	5

\* includes clubs and societies

### DECEMBER FREEZE EFFECTS

According to Warren Jones, the freeze did not do serious permanent damage to native plant stands in the desert around Tucson. In native stands of Dodonaea and Encelia, for example, new growth has been cut back. In ironwood, apparently only the foliage has been affected.



In gardens, however, some of the native varieties, especially such plants as Lysiloma, Tecoma stans, Erythrina flabelliformis, California Ruellia, and Baja Calliandra were severely affected. Other plants that had been triggered into new growth by the warm fall and abundant rain were caught with their "new growth hanging c...". Parkinsonia is a good example.

The freeze may help gardeners determine whether they have Acacia farnesiana or Acacia smallii. The latter is the native, is hardy, and withstood the freeze. A. farnesiana froze back severely.

Plants in the so-called "thermal belts" suffered as much as others.

As the spring continues, it will be interesting to see how native plants come out of the freeze effects. Your observations will be most welcome.

### ENDANGERED PLANTS

Dr. Stephen S. Talbot has joined the Albuquerque office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to work on endangered plants.

### TUCSON CHAPTER

Three more meetings are scheduled this spring by the Tucson Chapter. On 14 March, Dr. LeMoyné Hogan, Prof. of Plant Sciences at the University of Arizona, will talk on jojoba at a meeting to be held at the Tucson Botanical Garden, 2150 N. Alvernon, at 7:30 p.m.

On March 31st, Dr. Charles Mason, Herbarium Curator at the University of Arizona, will lead a wildflower field trip. Time and place are yet to be announced.

The annual business meeting will be May 9th at the Tucson Botanical Garden.

Chapter members continue to collect and package native plant seeds, which are available for sale at the meetings.

### IN MEMORIAM

John Hay, a member of the Board of Directors, passed away in Tucson February 1st, 1979.

Mr. Hay was a retired civil engineer. In recent years he had developed a pilot plant to produce methane gas from sewage. He was also a Research Associate with the Office of Arid Lands Studies at the University of Arizona, where he was associated with jojoba studies.

Mr. Hay was elected to the ANPS Board of Directors in 1978.

The Tucson Chapter held several of its organizational meetings at Mr. Hay's home.



### PLANT SALES

Arid land plants will be on sale April 7th and 8th at both the Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum, near Superior, and the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix.

On April 28th the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum will offer native plants for sale to members of the museum only.

### PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

A Catalog of the Flora of Arizona, by J. Harry Lehr, of the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, is a supplement to The Flora of Arizona. Copies may be ordered from the Desert Botanical Garden, P. O. Box 5415, Phoenix, AZ 85010, for \$4.75.

Native California Plants for Ornamental Use, Leaflet 2831, is published by the Division of Agricultural Sciences, University of California.

Two publications by the Native Plant Society of New Mexico are Native Plants for Landscaping in Northern New Mexico and Native Plants for Landscaping in Southern New Mexico. Each publication costs 75¢ plus 40¢ postage. They may be ordered from the NPSNM editors, c/o Rt. 4, Puesta del Sol, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

### NEWSLETTER

Contributions to this newsletter would be most welcome. News items, short articles, or other information that might be of interest to ANPS members may be sent to the editor:

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