

Newsletter of the Arizona Native Plant Society

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DATES ANNOUNCED FOR TUCSON AND PHOENIX MEETINGS OF SOCIETY.
Members of the Arizona Native Plant Society, friends and prospective members are invited to attend meetings of the Society in Tucson on March 29 or in Phoenix on April 1. Aside from the presentation of programs, local chapters will be formed. Members in good standing can affiliate with and vote in one local chapter.

AGENDA FOR TUCSON MEETING.
Tucson Botanical Garden, 2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson. March 29.
7:30 P.M. Welcome, C. Sacamano.
7:35 Natives Trees, Shrubs and Cacti, Wm. McGinnies.
7:55 Native Herbaceous Plants, D. DuCote.
8:15 Coffee to be served.
8:30 The Society's Purposes and Objectives, C. Sacamano.
8:40 Organizational structure of the Society, Wayne Marx.
8:50 Formation of Tucson Chapter.

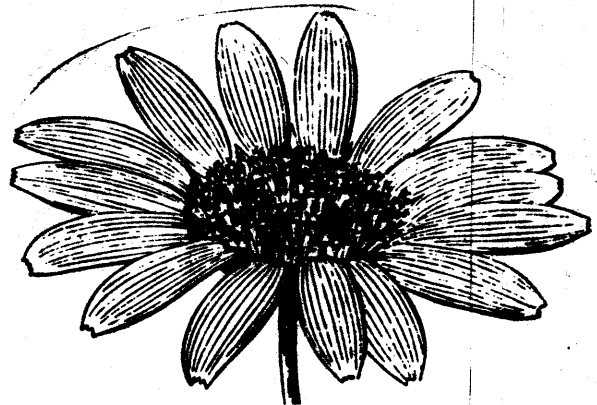
AGENDA FOR PHOENIX MEETING.
Desert Botanical Garden Auditorium. April 1.
7:30 P.M. Desert Trees, Ron Gass.
8:30 Organizational Structure of the Society and formation of local chapters, Rodney Engard.

WARREN JONES TRAVELS TO MEXICO DURING UNIVERSITY SPRING RECESS.
Professor Warren Jones of the Univ. of Arizona Landscape Architecture Department met with students in Mexico City during the University's spring recess. Warren is well-known for Southwestern landscaping designs which utilize plants from Mexico and Arizona.

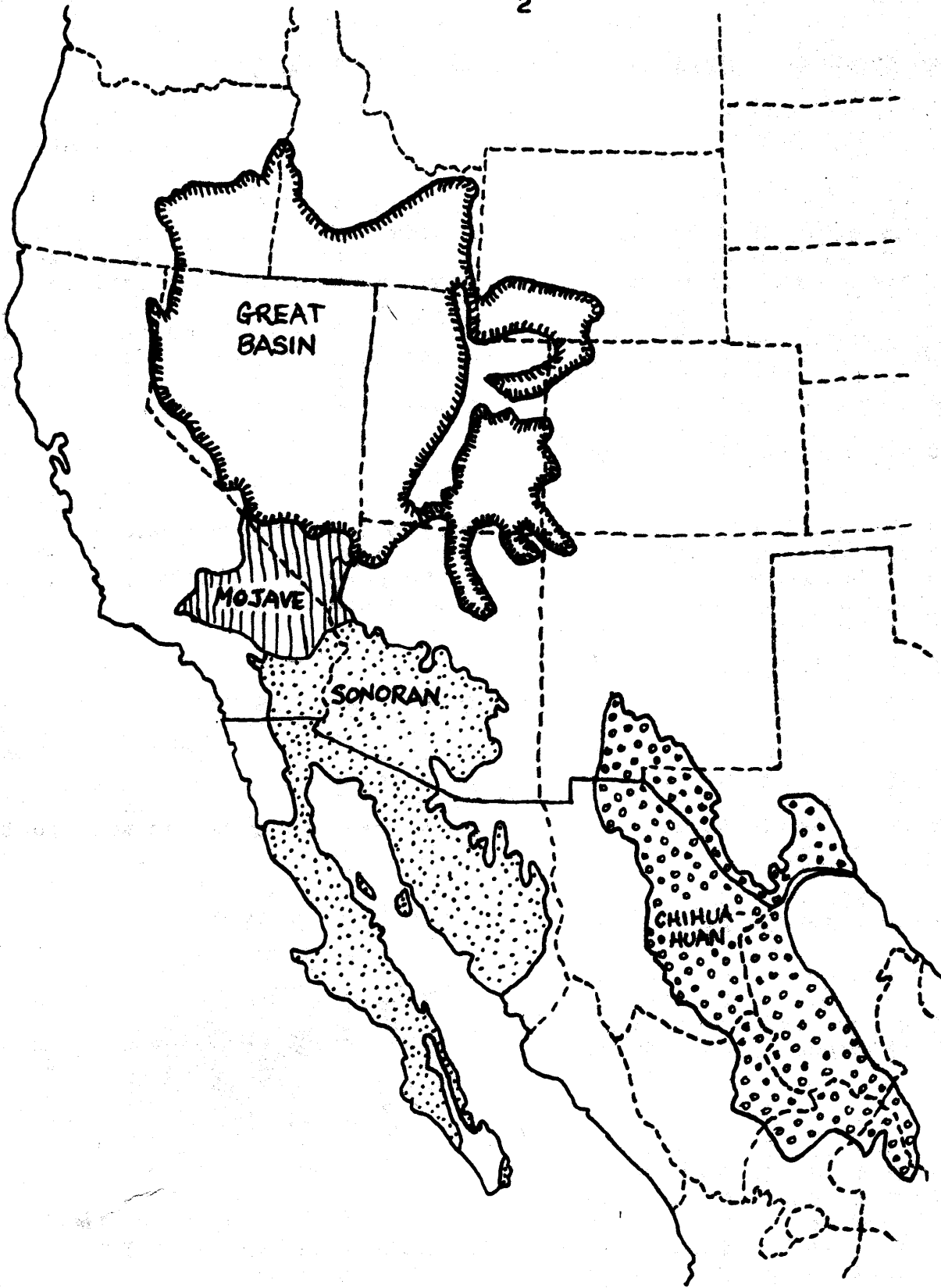
PROFESSOR VICTOR MILLER DEVOTES COLUMN TO NATIVE PLANTS.
Dr. Victor Miller of the Arizona State University Horticulture Department wrote a very useful article on use of various native plants in landscaping. It appeared in the Sunday (March 13) issue of the Arizona Republic.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS --
The Society extends a special welcome to new members. Existing members are urged to bring a friend to the next meeting. Membership is open to the public.

SOCIETY RECEIVES MAGAZINE PUBLICITY.
Publicity for the Society appeared in the April issue of Sunset Magazine which arrived on the news-stand about March 24. The Society's mailing address is given so we expect to enroll many new members.



ARIZONA SONORA DESERT MUSEUM DEMONSTRATION GARDEN FEATURED IN SUNSET MAGAZINE.
The March issue of Sunset Magazine carried an article on the demonstration garden at the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum near Tucson.



North American Deserts



A VISIT TO MOUNTAIN STATES WHOLESALE NURSERY.

On a sunny Saturday in early March the newsletter editor visited Mountain States Wholesale Nursery north of Scottsdale. Blooming red Penstemon, violet flowered Salvia and yellow flowered Cassia were a pleasing sight to behold.

Jacobinias were in full flower and were so beautiful that dealers were buying them when still small. A large block of Yucca aloifolia with purple coloration in the leaves was being moved out to five different branches of a local retail nursery.

Blocks of palo verde, fairy duster, saltbush, rosewood, mesquite, ebony, desert broom, acacia, cassia, weeping pittosporum, stiff-leaf myrtle, holly-leaf buckthorn and many more were tied off with red flagging to indicate that they had been sold.

Ron Gass, founder and manager, was directing a rabbit-hunt to eliminate the culprit that had been biting off the little irrigation tubes going to gallon cans. About ten employees, several armed with CO₂ pellet guns, were joining in the chase. Ron was a little afraid they might shoot each other. After the diversion of the hunt there was a picnic featuring hamburgers grilled by Ron's wife Maureen using a fire built in a large drum between the mist propagating house and the lath-house.

Ron pointed out blocks of several very desirable species which are not yet available in the nursery trade in Arizona and which he is considering releasing in a year or two. Bees were visiting the many open flowers and a refreshing breeze and fragrance were in the air.

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DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN EXHIBITS
NATIVE PLANTS AT PHOENIX CIVIC
PLAZA, MARCH 17-20.

A great display of native plants other than cacti was presented by Desert Botanical Garden as part of the 4-day plant exhibition at the Phoenix Civic Plaza in mid-March.

SARAH IVES GROWS BEST
SEEDLING CACTUS.

Sarah Ives, attractive young horticulturist at the Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum took three firsts and two red ribbons at the annual cactus show at the Desert Botanical Garden. Her Neoporteria rapifera fa. negra was judged the best seedling in the show.

LESTER WEILAND SAVES
1 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER.

Les Weiland of 1811 W. Verde Lane in Phoenix believes that he has saved 1,000,000 gallons of water over a four year period by substituting desert landscaping for his previous thirsty lawn and water-demanding plants. His estimate comes after careful consultation with authorities at the Salt River Project. He notes that the quantity of water saved in one year would be sufficient for a family of four for four years in Marin County California under present rationing there.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER
WANTED BY THE EDITOR.

Please send news items for possible inclusion in the next newsletter to Frank S. Crosswhite, Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum, P.O. Box AB, Superior, Arizona 85273. Short articles are also wanted.

ARIZONA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
INCORPORATED UNDER LAWS OF ARIZONA.
Incorporation of the Society has been accomplished with the assistance of Irving Vincent, Attorney and Counselor at Law with offices in Florence, Arizona. He is a founding member and grows Penstemon.



HARD-TO-FIND DESERT PLANTS
TO BE AVAILABLE IN APRIL.

April has been chosen by Arizona's major botanical gardens as the month to promote drought-resistant plants to home-owners. Water saved when residents convert from water-guzzling lawns and exotic phraeatophytes to desert landscaping can ease the drain on this valuable resource.

Throughout 1976 and early 1977, plants have been selected, propagated and grown for these three unique sales. Included in the sales are highly desirable species difficult or impossible to obtain elsewhere. Details of the plant sales are highlighted in the April issue of Sunset Magazine.

APRIL 9-10 (Easter Weekend). PLANT SALE AT BOYCE THOMPSON SOUTHWESTERN ARBORETUM, 12 miles east of Florence Junction on the road to Superior. Sale hours: 8 to 4:30. Featuring many of the species admired for years at the Arboretum but which have not been generally available.

APRIL 16. PLANT SALE AT DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN in Papago Park, near McDowell Road and 64th Street, Phoenix. Sale hours: 9 to 5. Featuring a wealth of desert plants tested over the years at the Desert Botanical Garden.

APRIL 23. PLANT SALE AT ARIZONA SONORA DESERT MUSEUM, 14 miles west of Tucson in Tucson Mountain Park. Sale hours: 9 to 5. Featuring species of the Sonoran Desert of northern Mexico and southern Arizona which people have admired at the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum.