

HISTORY OF BIENNIAL CONVENTIONS

15 August 2017

The **Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc. (CSSA)** puts on a convention every odd year. This is a special event for members, as we get together from across the country and around the world to learn from expert speakers, attend tours and field trips, and shop for plants and supplies. In some years we offer special events, such as workshops, and the opening and closing banquets are always great fun.

We offer here an overview of our past conventions, which gives some sense of the breadth of speakers we have invited, locations, leaders, costs and other interesting facts. These conventions had its beginning in 1941.

2017

37th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Tempe, Arizona on 26–30 July 2017 (Wednesday evening social and registration—Sunday) at **Tempe Mission Palms** (room rates \$85/night plus taxes) in downtown Tempe — hosted by **Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society (CACSS)**.

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: Per person (including opening banquet): \$285 if paid prior to 10 June 2017; \$350 if paid on and after 10 June 2017.

Daily fee: Per person: Opening day Thursday including banquet \$160 if paid prior to 10 June 2017; \$190 if paid on and after 10 June 2017. \$95 on Friday, Saturday or Sunday if paid prior to 10 June 2017; \$115 if paid on or after 10 June 2017.

CSSA Membership: You must be a CSSA member to attend this convention — US=\$50, Canada=\$60, International=\$70.

CSSA PRESIDENT: Judy Pigue — **CSSA CONVENTION CHAIR:** Gunnar Eisel — **Convention Treasurer:** Clifford Meng — **Convention Speaker and Sales Chair:** Woody Minnich — **Convention Sales Chair Apprentice:** Peter Walkowiak — **Convention Cash Register Chair:** Tom Glavich.

CACSS PRESIDENT and CONVENTION CO-CHAIR: Beth Kirkpatrick — **Tour Chairs:** Jeanne Ann & Chuck Brush — **Bag Chair:** Cindy Capek — **Vendor/Sales Chair:** Mike Cone — **Packing/Shipping Chair:** John Czaplicki — **Plant Gift Chair:** Tristan Davis — **Program Book Chair:** Nick Diomedea — **Audio/Video Chair:** Eric Holst — **Speaker Support Chair:** Natalie Melkonoff — **Security Chair:** Jim Oravetz — **Auction Chair:** Carol Parrott — **Program Advertising Chair:** Cricket Peterson — **Volunteer Chair:** Dan Smith — **Sales Chair:** Judy Tolbert — **CACSS Sales Chair:** Sue Tyrell.

SPEAKERS — 13

Peter Breslin, USA—Cacti of Arizona.

Graham Charles, England—1. Matucana, in Habitat and in Culture. 2. The Columnar Cacti of Peru.

Mark A. Dimmitt, USA—1. Sonora, Mexico. 2. The Adeniums.

Jan Evans, USA—Lithops in Cultivation, from Ed Storms to Living Stones Nursery.

Chuck Hanson, USA—Where Did I Go Wrong?

Joël Lodé, Spain—1. Taxonomy of the Cactaceae. 2. Socotra, in Search of the Phoenix.

Marlon Machado, Brazil—1. The Cacti of Brazil. 2. The Succulents of Brazil.

Wendell S. Minnich, USA—The New, Rare and Seldom seen Cacti and Succulents of Mexico.

Ernesto Sandoval, USA—Propagation of Cacti and Succulents.

Prof. Gideon F. Smith, South Africa—1. The Aloes of South Africa. 2. Succulents of South Africa.

Marcia Tatroe, USA—1. Rocking with Cacti and Succulents. 2. Cold Hardy Cacti & Succulents in Pots.

Dr. Rob Wallace, USA—The Sex Lives of Cacti & Succulents (Opening Banquet).

Dr. Robert H Webb, USA—The Sansevierias.

FIELD TRIP DAY — Choice of one full day trip on Thursday, 27 July:

1. Barnhardt Trail Hike (5:30am - 4:00pm*). \$50/person.

2. Boyce Thompson Arboretum and Biosphere 2 Tour (7:00am - 4:00pm*). \$95/person.

3. Desert Botanical Garden Tour (7:00am -11:00am*). \$55/person.

4. Private Garden Tours (7:00am - 1:00pm*): Richard Zeh | Paradise Valley, AZ—Janet Orr | Phoenix, AZ—Bob and Maybell Torrest | Paradise Valley, AZ—Rick and Barbara Rosenberg | Paradise Valley, AZ—Frederick and Barbara Maytag | Paradise Valley, AZ. \$55/person.

*Ending times are approximate.

VENDORS

Arid Adaptations Nursery (Jeff Moore), Arid Lands Greenhouses (Bob Webb & Toni Yocum), Baobab Pottery Co. (Mike Cone), Cactus Data Plants (Woody Minnich), Cathie McCammon Jewelry (Cathie McCammon), Desert Creations (Steve Frieze & Artie Chavez), Exotic Plant Books (Daiv Freeman), Hellmouth Pottery (Edmund Hunt), J & J Cactus and Succulents (Joyce Hochtritt), Kal's Cactus (Kal Kaminer), Pottery By Kitoi (Keith Taylor), PW Plants (Peter Walkowiak), Rare Succulents Nursery (Petra Crist), Signature Botanica LLC (Steve & Julie Plath), Succulentia (Steve Martinez).

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR

1. Northeast Mexico in the regions of the states of Nuevo Leon and Coahuila.
2. Tour time: 15–25 July 2017 (11 days total; 9 full days in the field) returning to Tempe, Arizona day before registration for convention.
3. Tour botanical guides: Jeff Chemnick and Greg Starr.
4. Limited to 18 paying participants, first choices given to Convention attendees in good standing with CSSA.
5. Approximate cost: \$3,670 per person double occupancy.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. A special thanks to these donors to the **Convention Speaker Fund**:

\$1000 or more

Austin Cactus and Succulent Society
Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society
San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society
South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society
William Wilk

\$500 to \$1000

Henry Shaw Cactus and Succulent Society
Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society
Sunset Cactus and Succulent Society
Clifford Meng
Richard Schreiber

\$50 to \$500

Gates Cactus and Succulent Society
Mid-Iowa Cactus and Succulent Society
River City Cactus and Succulent Society

2. Late Friday afternoon (28 July): Newsletter editor meeting.
3. Friday evening (28 July): Opening banquet with CSSA Awards and Keynote Speaker:
CSSA Awards presented
 - a. Myron Kimmach Lifetime Achievement: **John Pilbeam**.
 - b. Fellow: **Duke Benadom and Joël Lodé**.
 - c. Special Service: **Laurel G. Woodley**.
 - d. Superior Service: **Barbara Hall and Clifford Meng**.
 - e. Friend: **John Bleck, Steven and Linda M. Brack, Joyce Hochtritt and Gerald D. Wright**.**Opening Banquet Keynote Speaker: Dr. Rob Wallace.**
4. Noon Saturday (29 July): International Sansevieria Society meeting.
5. Late Saturday afternoon (29 July): Affiliate meeting.
6. Saturday evening (29 July): Rare plant, book and art auction (raised about \$10,000); cash bar.
7. Convention total attendance 364.

2015

36th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Claremont, California on 14-19 June 2015 (Sunday evening social—Friday*) at **Pitzer College** (dorm room rates 5 nights Sunday through Thursday* single person sharing a room \$175 or 2 persons \$350 if paid prior to 2 May 2015; \$225 & \$450 after 1 May 2015 — single night booking \$45 per person if paid prior to 2 May 2015; \$90 after 1 May 2015 — food reservations full convention of 5 breakfasts & 5 lunches per person \$119.90 if paid prior to 2 May 2015; \$140 after 1 May 2015 —specific day meals per person, breakfast \$12, lunch \$15 if paid prior to 2 May 2015; \$15 & \$20 after 1 May 2015) — hosted by **San Gabriel Valley and Gates Cactus & Succulent Societies**.

*See Miscellaneous for Friday night room.

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: Per person (including opening banquet): \$295 if paid prior to 2 May 2015; \$365 on and after 1 May 2015.

Daily fee: Per person: Opening day Monday including banquet \$160. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday \$90 if paid prior to 2 May 2015; \$100 after 1 May 2015.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Buck Hemenway — **CSSA CO- DIRECTOR:** Joe Clements — **CSSA PRESIDENT:** Judy Pigue

SPEAKER CHAIR: Kelly Griffin — **SALES CHAIR:** Woody Minnich — **TOUR CHAIR:** Dan Mahr

AFFILIATE CO-HOSTS: **GATES C&SS:** Phuc Huynh, President — **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY C&SS:** Gunnar Eisel, President

SPEAKERS — 21

Michelle Cloud-Hughes, USA—*Cylindropuntia chuckwallensis*: A New Cholla Species from Riverside and Imperial Counties.

Thomas Cole, USA—Aloes from Equatorial Africa, A Journey through Uganda.

Doug Dawson, USA—Lithops: The Wild and the Tame.

Julia Etter and Martin Kristen, Mexico—1. Jalisco: More than Tequila & Mariachi. 2. Beauty Lies in Details: Colors & Shapes of Mexican Succulents.

Kelly Griffin, USA—Madagascar ~ Plantasy Fantasy.

Steven Hammer, USA—Spectacular Mesembs.

Tim Harvey, USA—A Namibian Showcase.

Ernst van Jaarsveld, South Africa—1. The Gasteria Update. 2. The Richtersveld.

Gary James, USA—Mexico's Desert Islands in the Sea of Cortez.

Zlatko Janeba, Czech Republic—The Unexpected Beauty: The Most Recent Plant Discoveries.

Panayoti Kelaidis, USA—1. Tentative "Hardy South African Succulents for Temperate Gardens. 2. New Ways of Gardening with Succulents in Colder Climates.

Brian Kemble, USA—Agaves of Northeastern Mexico.

Stephen McCabe, USA—*Dudleya* Conservation: Threats and New Species.

Len Newton, Kenya—1. Succulent Plant Discoveries in East Africa: Past, Present and Future. 2. Succulents and People in Africa.

Andry Petignat, Madagascar—1. Extravagant Succulents of Madagascar. 2. Succulent Wonders of Madagascar.

Jon P. Rebman, USA—Recent Botanical Expeditions to Desert Areas of Baja California.

Jeremy Spath, USA—Exceptional Succulent Plants in Habitat, both Near and Exotic.

Greg Starr, USA—A Mexico Adventure.

Joe Stead, USA—Propagating Plants and Cultivating Friendships.

Sula Vanderplank, USA—Succulents on the Baja California Pacific Islands.

FIELD TRIP DAY — Choice of one full day trip on Wednesday, 17 June:

1. Lotusland and a nearby Santa Barbara estate.
2. Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens and Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanical Garden.
3. Habitat — Cima Dome — to the southeastern edge of Death Valley and into Nevada.
4. Home Gardens — 3 private gardens & 1 public garden; 2 fairly close to Claremont and 2 in San Diego.

VENDORS

Cactus Data Plants (Woody & Kathy Minnich), **The Cactus Bookstore** (Chuck Everson), **Desert Creations Nursery** (Steve Frieze), **Fat Plants** (Clifford Meng), **J&J Cactus and Succulents** (Joyce & Jim Hochtritt), **John Matthews Succulents** (John Matthews), **Peety Pots** (Pablo L. Gonzalez), **Plantae Novae** (Tim Harvey), **PW Plants/HCI Services** (Peter Walkowiak), **Rain Shadow Designs** (Matt Maggio), **Rainbow Gardens Nursery of Epiphytic Cacti** (Jerry Williams), **Rare Succulents** (Petra Crist), **Succulent Plants and Bulbs** (Arnold Chaney), **Succulentia** (Steve Martinez), **Cathie McCammon Jewelry** (Cathie McCammon).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. A special thanks to these convention donors:
 - a. **Central Arizona C&SS** — \$3,315.00.
 - b. **Austin C&SS** — \$3,000.00
 - c. **South Coast C&SS** — \$2,000.00
 - d. **San Diego C&SS** — \$1,500.00
 - e. **Lee Miller** — \$600.00
 - f. **Palomar C&SS** — \$500.00
 - g. **C&SS of Massachusetts** — \$250.00
 - h. **Cliff Meng** — \$250.00
 - i. **Altman Plants** — Gift Plants
2. Monday evening (15 June): Opening Banquet held at Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Garden, with CSSA Awards and Speaker.
CSSA Awards presented:
 - a. Myron Kimnach Lifetime Achievement: **Susan Carter Holmes and Dr. Len Newton.**
 - b. Fellow: **Dr. Heidi Hartmann and Chuck Staples.**
 - c. Special Service: **Joe Clements.**
 - d. Superior Service: **Tom Glavich, Buck Hemenway, Todd Masilko and Laurel Woodley.**
 - e. Friend: **Woody Minnich, Danielle Rudeen, Melanie Thorpe and Jerry Williams.**
 - f. Opening Banquet Speaker: **Jim Folsom.**
3. Tuesday evening (16 June): Silent rare plant auction and Live rare plant auction.
4. Wednesday (17 June): Day Field Trips and evening Newsletter Editor meeting and Leadership Team meeting.
5. Thursday evening (18 June): Judges workshop and Affiliates meeting.
6. Friday evening (19 June): Closing Banquet (\$50.00 per person). For anyone staying Friday night, room rate \$70 per person.
7. Convention total attendance 350 — of which 209 were full-time attendees.

2013

35th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Austin, Texas on 15-20 June 2013 (Saturday evening social—Thursday) at **Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol** — hosted by **Austin Cactus and Succulent Society (ACSS).**

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person (including opening banquet): \$285 if paid prior to 1 May 2013; \$385 on and after 1 May 2013.

Daily fee: CSSA Member only per person: Sunday (including opening banquet and lunch) \$175; Monday (including lunch) \$120; Tuesday or Wednesday \$90; Thursday (including closing banquet) \$140. Thursday closing banquet only \$50.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Buck Hemenway — **CSSA PRESIDENT:** Gregg DeChirico

ACCS CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Jeff Pavlat — **PROGRAMS:** Kelly Griffin & Todd Masilko

SALES: Joyce Hochtritt & Woody Minnich — **FIELD TRIPS:** Mike Rupe

SPEAKERS — 21

Susan Amoy, USA—Succulent Bonsai Demonstration (Monday evening, cost \$15 per person).

Bob Barth, USA—1. Succulent Plant Diversity in South Africa, Part I. 2. Succulent Plant Diversity in South Africa, Part II.

Leo Chance, USA—Cacti and Succulents for Cold Climates.

Kelly Griffin/Todd Masilko, USA—Cacti and Succulents of Cuba.

Steven Hammer, USA—1. Titanopsis, Aloinopsis, and Allied Warthogs. 2. The Good, The Bad, and the Immortal (News from the Better Breeding Bureau).

Buck Hemenway, USA—The Richtersveld.

Ernst van Jaarsveld, South Africa—1. Welwitschia: Headless Tree of the Namib Desert. 2. Cliff-dwelling Succulent Plants of Southern Africa.

- Attila Kapitany**, Australia—1. Roadside Surprises in Australia. 2. Australian Bottle Trees and Boabs.
Ad Konings, USA—Cacti of Texas.
Gertrud Konings, USA—Growing Prickly Pears on the Moon?
Al Laius, England—Moderator of Sansevieria Discussion Session (Monday evening, no extra cost).
Irwin Lightstone, USA—Moderator of Digital Photography Discussion Session (Monday evening, no extra cost).
Joël Lodé, France—1. Succulents of the Canary Islands. 2. In Search of the Phoenix (Socotra).
Jim Mauseth, USA—Mistletoes and Other Parasitic Plants that Attack Cacti and Succulents.
Woody Minnich, USA—1. Secrets of Growing Quality Cacti and Succulents. 2. Highlights of South America.
Len Newton, Kenya—1. A Succulentist at large in Africa. 2. Sorting Out the Sansevierias.
Giuseppe Orlando, Canary Islands—1. Yemen. 2. Somalia.
Jeff Pavlat, USA—1. Succulents of Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal. 2. Cacti and Succulents of Central Texas.
John Trager, USA—1. Adaptations of Xerophytes: Why Succulents and Other Drought-adapted Plants Look the Way They Do.
 2. Echinopsis Hybrids: Queens of the Day.
Colin Walker, England—1. Succulent Monocots: An Update. 2. Agaves Through the Ages.

FIELD TRIP DAY — Choice of one on Tuesday, 18 June:

1. Enchanted Rock State Natural Area (\$80).
2. Pedernales Falls State Park (\$65).
3. San Antonio Botanical Garden (\$70).
4. Westcave Preserve (\$60).
5. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (\$55).

VENDORS

Cactus Data Plants (Woody & Kathy Minnich), **J&J Cactus and Succulents** (Joyce Hochtritt), **Oracle Gorge Nursery** (Bob Barth), **Paul's Desert** (Paul & Elisa Kibler), **PW Plants/HCI Services** (Peter Walkowiak), **Rare Succulents** (Petra Crist), **Rick van Dyke Studio** (Rick van Dyke), **Rio Grande Cacti** (Daniel Perry & Socorro Gonzales Valdez), **Sendero Verde Nursery** (Thomas Bentliff), **Stone Path Gardens** (Leo Chance/Edie Gibson) **Succulentia** (Steve Martinez), **Wild Wood Art** (Joan Griffith).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. A special thanks to:
 - a. **Austin Cactus and Succulent Society** for sponsoring Ernst van Jaarsveld and Susan Amoy as speakers at the convention.
 - b. **San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society** for sponsoring Atilla Kapitany as a speaker at the convention.
 - c. **Cactus Shack** for a donation to help sponsor Steven Hammer as a speaker at the convention.
 - d. **Irwin Lightstone** for the use of his photo of *Agave havardiana* for the convention logo and *Ariocarpus fissuratus* for the convention T-shirt.
 - e. **East Austin Succulents** for the banquet centerpieces.
2. Sunday evening (16 June): Opening Banquet with CSSA Awards and Speaker. **CSSA Awards presented**
 - a. **Myron Kinnach Lifetime Achievement**: **John Lavranos**, **Jorge Meyran** and **Gordon Rowley**.
 - b. **Fellow**: **Rudolf Schulz** and **Colin Walker**.
 - c. **Superior Service**: **Robert Barth**.
 - d. **Friend**: **Miles Anderson**, **Borderland Tours** and **Matthew Johnson**.
 - e. **Opening Banquet Speaker**: **Jim Mauseth**.
3. Tuesday (18 June) field trips and late afternoon and evening: (a) Judges' Workshop, (b) Affiliates' Meeting, (c) Newsletter Editors' Meeting, (d) Officers' Workshop.
4. Wednesday evening (19 June): Rare Plant Auction.
5. Thursday evening (20 June): Closing Banquet with Musical Performance by **Dave Madden**.
6. Approximate convention attendance 220.

2011

34th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

San Diego, California on 24–29 April 2011 (Sunday evening social–Friday) at **The Marriott Mission Valley Hotel** — hosted by **San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society**.

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person (including opening banquet): \$285 if paid prior to 16 February 2011; \$385 on and after 16 February 2011.

Daily fee: CSSA member only per person: Monday (including opening banquet and lunch) \$175; Tuesday (including lunch) \$120; Wednesday or Thursday \$90; and Friday (including closing banquet) \$140.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTORS: Buck Hemenway and Peter Walkowiak — **CSSA PRESIDENT:** Laurel Woodley

PROGRAM CHAIR: Dan Mahr & Kelly Griffin — **SALES CHAIR:** Joe Clements & Chris Miller — **TOURS CHAIR:** Janet Svoboda

SPEAKERS — 16

Debra Lee Baldwin, USA—1. Designing with Succulents. 2. Succulent Container Gardens.

Dr. Rudi Dorsch, USA—1. Origin of Epiphytic Cacti: A Historical Perspective. 2. California Epiphytic Cactus Hybridizers of the 20th Century.

Julie Etter & Martin Kristen, Mexico—1. Little-Known Gems: New and Rarely Visited Mexican Crassulaceae. 2. Heavily Armed Fellows.

Tom Glavich, USA—1. Exploring *Gasteria* Hybrids and Cultivars. 2. Mutants.

Andrew Hankey, South Africa—1. An Expedition to Remote and Arid Southern Angola. 2. Ramblings around a Few *Lithops* Localities.

Tom Knapik, USA—1. Geometric Geophytes. 2. What's the Status?

Marlon Machado, Brazil—1. A Trip to the Pampas: the Cacti of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. 2. The Discocacti and Melocacti of Brazil.

Todd Masilko, USA—1. Pachycauls and Stem Succulents in the Wild and the Garden. 2. Succulents of Southern California and Surrounding Ecosystems.

Matthew Opel, USA—1. Nomenclature, Evolution and Succulent Plants. 2. Conophytum – In the Veld and Under Glass.

Jackie M. Poole, USA—1. Spiny or Not: An Overview of Texas Cacti and Succulents. 2. Seldom Seen: An Intimate Look at the Rarest Cacti and Succulents of Texas.

Dr. Jon Rebman, USA—Dr. Reid Moran and Succulents on Isla Guadalupe (Opening Banquet).

Dr. Guillermo Rivera, Argentina—1. Diversity of Cacti in Northwestern Argentina. 2. Cacti of Peru: Land of the Incas.

Dr. Gideon F. Smith, South Africa—1. Aloes and Their Relatives. 2. Succulent in Southern Africa.

Karen Zimmerman (with Kelly Griffin on #2), USA—1. An Insider's Tour of the Huntington Desert Collections. 2. Curious Aloes, Hybridizing Aloes: Past and Present with Future Possibilities.

GROUP SESSIONS AND PROGRAMS: \$30 per session on Thursday, 28 April.

7:00–8:25 pm Session: **Brian Kemble, USA**—Aloes: New and Unusual Aloes.

Woody Minnich, USA—Field Work and Its Influence on Our Hobby.

Greg Starr, USA—From Nature to Nurture: Enchanting Agaves for Cultivation.

8:30–9:55 pm Session: **Dylan Hannon, USA**—Socotra, Isle of Bliss.

Tim Harvey, USA—Micropropagation Session

Gary James, USA—Madagascar

FIELD TRIP DAY — Choice of one on Wednesday, 27 April:

1. Nurseries (\$65).

2. San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Gardens) and San Diego Zoo Safari Park (formerly Wild Animal Park) (\$65).

3. Sherman Library and Garden and Palomar Gardens (\$70).

4. Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens (\$90).

5. Native Succulents, featuring Dudleyas (\$60).

6. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (\$60).

7. Anza-Borrego, Off-Road (\$135).

8. Four Private Gardens-North (\$65).

VENDORS

Corona Cactus Nursery LLC (Jen and Darryl Craig), **SMOLA Garden** (Rudy Lime), **The Plant Man** (Michael and Joyce Buckner), **Joe Wujcik, Potter** (Joe Wujcik), **Rare Succulents** (Petra Crist), **Gavilan Mountain Succulents** (Steven Duey and Garrett Duey), **Cactus Data Plants** (Wendell S. (Woody) and Kathy A. Minnich), **Don Hunt Ceramics** (Don Hunt), **Muradian Pots** (Mark Muradian), **J and J Cactus and Succulents** (Joyce and Jim Hochtritt), **Chuck Everson, Bookseller**, **San Diego Epiphyllum Society**, **Miles' To Go** (Miles Anderson), **PW Plants/HCI Services** (Peter Walkowiak), **Rain Shadow Designs** (Matt Maggio and Lisa Kirchner), **Signature Botanical LLC** (Steve and Judy Plath), **Succulent Plants** (Arnold Chaney), **Gregg's Greenhouse** (Gregg DeChirico), **Imix Designs** (Jerry Garner).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. A special thanks to:

- a. **Western Cactus & Peter Walkowiak** for the Opening Banquet Centerpieces.
- b. **San Diego Botanical Garden, Linda Stewart & Sarah Clayton** for the Closing Banquet Centerpieces.
- c. **Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)** for donating the stainless steel water bottles.

2. Monday evening (25 April): Opening Banquet with CSSA Awards and Speaker.

CSSA Awards presented: (a) Myron Kimnach Lifetime Achievement: **Myron Kimnach**; (b) Fellow: **Jon Rebman**; (c) Special Service: **Mindy Fusaro**; (d) Superior Service: **Leo Martin, Lee Miller**; (e) Conservation: **Jackie M. Poole**. Opening Banquet Speaker: **Jon Rebman**.

3 Tuesday late afternoon and evening (26 April): (a) Judges Workshop, (b) Affiliates Meeting, (c) Newsletter Editors Meeting, (d) Officers Workshop.

4. Wednesday day and evening (27 April): Field Trips and Rare Plant Auction.

5. Monday opening banquet included in CSSA Registration Fee.

6. Thursday evening (28 April): Group Sessions.

7. Friday afternoon and evening (29 April): Cactus Quiz and Farewell Banquet.

8. Approximate convention attendance 300.

2009

33rd BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Tucson, Arizona on 10–15 April 2009 (Friday evening social–Wednesday) at **The Westin La Paloma Resort** (room rates \$159/night) — hosted by **Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society** on their 50th anniversary as an affiliated society of CSSA.

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person (including opening banquet): \$169 if paid prior to 1 January 2009, \$199 from 1 January 2009 to 14 March 2009, \$219 after 14 March 2009.

Daily fee: CSSA member only per person: \$60.

If you are a member of an affiliate society but not a CSSA member add \$20 to first 3 dollar amounts for full-time fee, or add \$5 for daily fee. For all other registrants add \$75 to first 3 dollar amounts for full-time fee, or add \$10 for daily fee. Opening banquet fee for non Registrant: \$65.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Kevin Barber — **CSSA PRESIDENT:** Richard Wiedhopf

SPEAKERS — 34

1. Concurrent 45 minute programs in afternoon, including lunch programs. 2. Single 1 hour programs in morning. 3. Concurrent 1 hour evening workshops and discussion groups. 4. Concurrent 2 hour evening programs.

Miles Anderson, USA—1. The Smaller Cacti. 2. Fat Plants and "R" rated Succulents.

Derek Bowdery, England—1. Discovering and Growing the Ferocacti. 2. Cactus Cultivation.

Alan Butler, England—1. Travels in Arabia (lunch). 2. Sansevieria Update. 3. Sansevieria Evening Discussion Group (1 hour evening).

Charles Butterworth, USA—1. DNA Techniques for Investigation Relationships in Cacti. 2. Why DNA Data can be Useful and how PCR Works.

Dennis Cathcart, USA—1. Lithophytic, Rock Dwelling Tillandsias. 2. Terrestrial Bromeliads and their Cultivation.

Mark Dimmitt, USA—1. Nondesert Succulent Habitats. 2. Adeniums (1 hour morning).

Michael Douglas, USA—Understanding the Climates of Succulent Plant Habitats (2 hour evening).

Exequiel Ezcurra, USA—1. Mexican Pollinators, Conservation Concerns (1 hour morning). 2. Summary of Conservation Issues.

Ted Fleming, USA—1. The Columnar Cactus-Bat Connection (lunch). 2. The Pollination Biology of Sonoran Desert Columnar Cacti.

James Folsom, USA—The Conservation Efforts of Botanical Gardens.

Gabrielle Giffords, USA—A Word from Washington (From the U.S. Congress).

Kelly Griffin, USA—1. Agaves in Habitat. 2. Hybridization of Aloes and Other Succulents.

Mary and Gary Irish, USA—Yuccas - The other Agavoids.

Mary Irish, USA—1. Cultivation of the Yucca, Agaves and Other Related Plants. 2. Succulent Bulbs Discussion Group (1 hour evening).

Ernst van Jaarsveld, South Africa—1. South African Plant Habitat Explorations (1 hour morning). 2. Gasterias, Plants on Cliffs, Bulbs, Aloes, Etc.

Matt Johnson, USA—Native Cacti and other Succulents of Southern Arizona.

Attila Kapitany, Australia—1. Australian Native Succulents (1 hour morning). 2. The Future of Succulents (lunch).

Brian Kemble, USA—1. Searching for Echeverias in the Wild in Mexico. 2. Winter Rainfall Aloes and Cultivation (lunch).

John Lavranos, Portugal—1. My 50 Years with Succulent Plants (Opening Banquet). 2. Adeniums in the Wild-Taxonomic Revision (1 hour morning).

Bruno Mies, Germany—1. Biogeography of the Southern Arabian Highlands. 2. Socotra: Giant Caudices and More.

David Palzkill, USA—Adenium Propagation Techniques Workshop (1 hour evening).

Petr Pavelka, Czech Republic—1. Madagascar Succulent Explorations. 2. South Africa - Richtersveld.

John Pilbeam, England—1. Mammillarias and Echeverias of Southern Mexico (1 hour morning). 2. A Pil(grim) Beamage into Baja California (1 hour morning).

Rudolf Schulz, Australia—1. Off the Beaten Path in the Atacama Desert (lunch). 2. Gardening with Aeoniums and the Canary Islands.

Charles Simmons, USA—Special Tequila Event (sponsored).

Greg Starr, USA—1. Agaves of Northern Mexico (lunch). 2. Agave Cultivation Concerns (lunch). 3. Agave Evening Discussion Group (1 hour evening).

Carol Stiff, USA—Tissue Culture Seminar/Workshop (all day Friday 10 April).

Tom van Devender, USA—1. Overview of the Cacti of Sonora, Mexico. 2. Yecora Area of the Sierra Madre Occidental, Sonora, Mexico.

Bob Webb, USA—1. Succulent Diversity of the Central Baja California Peninsula. 2. Euphorbias: From the Field to Cultivation (lunch).

Jerald Wheeler, USA—Fertilization of Succulents and the Prevention of Disease.

Dick Wiedhopf, USA—History of Succulents in Tucson.

David Yetman, USA—1. The Sonoran Desert. 2. Ethnobotanical use of the Agave. 3. Conservation of the Great Cacti (1 hour morning).

Daniela Zappi, England—Eastern Brazilian Cacti: Conservation and Concerns (2 hour evening).

FIELD TRIPS

1. Friday 10 April and Thursday 16 April: Private Local Garden Tours (\$65).

2. Monday 13 April (choice of one):

(a) Boyce Thompson Arboretum and Desert Botanical Garden (\$65).

(b) All Day Cactus Nursery Tour (\$40).

(c) Sabino Canyon, DeGrazia Studio, Tohono Chul Park (\$55).

(d) Kartchner Caverns (\$55).

(e) Special Plants in Native Habitat (\$65).

(f) Ironwood Forest National Monument and Ragged Top Tour (\$65).

3. Tuesday 14 April: Madera Canyon Birding Tour (\$50).

4. Wednesday 15 April: Tumacacori, Tubac, San Xavier del Bac (\$35).

VENDORS

Arid Lands Greenhouses (Bob Webb and Tony Yocum), **B&S Cactus Farm** (Mark and Margaret Sitter), **Blue Sky Plants** (Mike Ellis), **Botanicals in Clay** (Sandy Siegel), **Cactus Data Plants** (Woody Minnich), **Cactus Potter Mark** (Mark Muradian), **Desert Sense at Destination Forever Ranch** (Jan Emming), **Don Hunt Ceramics** (Don Hunt), **Dryland Plants** (Dave Palzkill), **Jan Bell Pottery** (Jan Bell), **J&J Cactus and Succulents** (Joyce and Jim Hochtritt), **Cathy McCammon**, **Miles'T Go** (Miles and Janice Anderson), **Plants for the Southwest/Living Stones Nursery** (Gene Joseph and Jane Evans), **Poly Pots** (Rosa Nogues and Spencer Penteca), **PW Plants/HCI Services** (Peter Walkowiak), **Rainbow Gardens Bookshop, LLC** (Kevin and Helen Barber), **Rare Succulents** (Petra Crist), **Rio Grande Cacti** (Daniel Perry and Socorro Gonzalez Valdez), **Rock Copies** (James Laupan), **Starr Nursery** (Greg and Carol IStarr), **Sticky Situation** (Jana Sweets and Kim Joyiens), **Trogon Tours** (Luis Segura), **The Plant Man Nursery** (Michael and Joyce Buckner), **Arizona Sonora Desert Museum** (John P. Schaefer).

POST-CONVENTION TOUR

16-23 April 2009 — Sonora's Seaside Deserts and Tropical Thornscurb — \$2,895 per person double occupancy.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Early registration on Thursday 9 April 2009, 4 to 6 pm and all day Friday.

2. Lunch program cost \$15 per person per day.

3. Sunday evening rare plant auction and book signing event.

4. Saturday opening banquet included in CSSA full-time Registration Fee.

5. Wednesday evening farwell banquet — cost \$50.

6. Friday 10 April 2009: Tissue Culture Seminar/Workshop all day — cost \$95.
7. Tuesday 14 April 2009: Evening Workshop/Discussion Groups — cost \$15 average.
8. Saturday evening CSSA awards presented: (a) Fellow: **Adriana Hoffman**; (b) Friend: **Dan Bach**; (c) Conservation: **David Yetman**.
Opening Banquet Speaker: **John Lavranos**.
9. Approximate convention attendance 600.

2007

32nd BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Seattle, Washington on 25–30 May 2007 (Friday evening social–Wednesday) at the **Double Tree Hotel** (room rates \$99/night single to quadruple occupancy, parking \$16 per night) — hosted by **Cascade Cactus and Succulent Society of Washington State** (dedicating program booklet to Dorothy Mae Collias (1924-2006)).

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person (includes opening banquet): \$165 if paid prior to 1 May 2007, \$215 after 30 April 2007.

Daily fee: CSSA member only per person: \$100 on Saturday (including opening banquet) — and/or \$50 on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday — and/or \$75 on Monday (includes field trip).

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTORS: Duke Benadom and Richard Wiedhopf — **CSSA PRESIDENT**: Richard Wiedhopf

SPEAKERS — 12

First 2 days succulent plants — last 2 days cactus plants.

Graham Charles, England—Highlights of South America, a compilation of 16 visits! (Opening Banquet).

Joe Clements, USA—1. Chile: cold, dry, beautiful. 2. 100 years of the Huntington. 3. Southern California hot spots.

Sheila Collenette, England—1. Succulent Euphorbias in Saudi Arabia. 2. The plants of Jabal Shada.

Urs Eggli, Switzerland—1. Succulent plants, an inside view. 2. Understanding the cacti of Chile.

Peter Gammarano, USA—1. Secrets of a windowsill garden. 2. Plant giants of the succulent world.

Nick Heiting, USA—1. Cacti and Succulents, an introduction to living plant art. 2. Desert islands, magic mountains, hanging gardens.

Myron Kinnach, USA—1. Moroccan adventure. 2. Cacti of the West Indies, Costa Rica and the Andes.

John Lavranos, Portugal—1. Somalia (Part 1). 2. Somalia (Part 2).

Dan Mahr, USA—1. Succulent trees (including cacti) (Part 1). 2. Succulent trees (including cacti) (Part 2).

Leo Martin, USA—1. Cacti from seed, indoors, cheaply, in a small space. 2. Cacti of the Valley of the Rio Huaura in Peru.

Jon Rebman, USA—1. Succulent flora of Baja California. 2. Baja California succulents, research and resources.

Graham Williamson, South Africa—1. Kunene to the Karoo (Part 1). 2. Kunene to the Karoo (Part 2).

FIELD TRIPS — Choice of one on Monday, 28 May — cost of each \$55 per person.

1. Ron McKittrick's winter hardy cactus & succulent gardens and explore native *Pediocactus simpsonii* in Yakima area.
2. Weyehaeuser's Rhododendron Botanical Gardens, Pacific Rim Bonsai collection, Volunteer park Conservatory and Ballard Locks and English garden.

VENDORS

California Succulents (Naomi Bloss), **Courting Frog Nursery**, **Fleetfoot and Foulweather** (Doug Anderson), **J&J Cactus and Succulents** (Joyce Hochtritt), **Peter Gammarano**, **Peter Liekkio**, **Rare Succulents** (Wolfgang Werk), **Rio Grande Cacti**, **Xerophytic Design Inc** (Thomas Park).

POST-CONVENTION TOUR

Baja California — \$2,500-\$2,700 double occupancy per person.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Saturday evening opening banquet included in CSSA full-time registration fee.
2. Sunday evening rare plant auction.
3. Wednesday evening farewell banquet — cost \$50 per person.
4. Saturday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **Urs Eggli**, **Hans Dieter Ihlenfeldt**; (b) Superior Service: **Rosalie Gorchoff**, **Bob Jewett**,

Brigitte Williams. Opening Banquet Speaker: Graham Charles.
5. Approximate convention attendance 160.

2005

31st BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Scottsdale, Arizona on 5–10 August 2005 (Friday evening social–Wednesday) at the **Scottsdale Plaza Resort Hotel** (room rates \$89/night single to quadruple occupancy) — hosted by **Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society**.

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person (includes opening banquet): \$165 if paid prior to 2 July 2005, \$215 after 1 July 2005.
Daily fee: CSSA member only per person: \$100 Saturday (includes Friday evening social & opening banquet) — and/or \$50 Sunday through Wednesday (includes field trip on Monday).

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Duke Benadom — **CSSA PRESIDENT**: Dan Mahr

SPEAKERS — 15

First 2 days succulent plants — last 2 days cactus plants.

Jerry Barad, USA—The Sex life of the Stapeliads (Opening Banquet).

Graham Charles, England—1. Adventures in Chile. 2. Highlights of Brazil.

Sheila Collenette, England—1. The Lejib Gorge, Saudi Arabia. 2. The Massif of Jabal Qahar, Saudi Arabia.

'Fitz' and Betty Fitz Maurice, Mexico—1. Mammillaria of Mexico. 2. Mexico desconocido (unknown Mexico).

Chuck Hanson, USA—1. Difficult succulents from seed. 2. Succulent Orchids you can grow.

Wendy Hodgson, USA—Occurrence of pre-contact Agave cultivars in Arizona.

Dan Mahr, USA—Open forum for all CSSA members on the status of the cactus moth in the US and the role of CSSA.

Mark Muradian, USA—1. A succulent soiree through Socotra. 2. I built my cactus garden with earthmoving equipment.

Len Newton, Kenya—1. Native Succulent Plants of Kenya. 2. Kenyan Aloes for pleasure, health and poverty alleviation.

Thomas Park, USA—Designing spectacular succulent gardens.

Raul Puente, USA—1. Cacti. 2. Cacti.

Kathy Rice, USA—1. Selected rare cacti of the US Southwest. 2. Overview of some of the ongoing conservation efforts at Desert Botanical Garden.

Teresa Terrazas, USA—1. The Mexican columnar cacti and their relatives. 2. What do we know about the developmental changes in columnar cacti?

Guy Wrinkle, USA—1. The science of growing plants: What habitat can teach USA about growing and displaying plants. 2. The art of growing plants: What we can teach habitat about growing and displaying plants.

WORKSHOPS

Monday evening: choice of one — cost \$35 per person

1. **Miles Anderson**, USA—How to graft cacti.
2. **Chad Davis**, USA—How ancient peoples used Agave for food, fiber and fuel.
3. **Mark Dimmitt**, USA—Adenium cultivation.
4. **Steven Hammer and Russell Wagner**, USA—Succulents from seed.

Tuesday evening: choice of one — cost \$35 per person

1. **Mark Dimmitt**, USA—How and why to pollinate cactus flowers.
2. **Mary and Gary Irish**, USA—Agave cultivation.

FIELD TRIPS — Choice of one on Monday, 8 August — cost of each \$45 per person.

1. Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix and Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Superior.
2. H.B. and Jocelyn Wallace, Lee and Merrie Brownson, and Rich Zeh and Robert Meeks gardens.
3. Heard Museum and Arizona Minerals Museum, Phoenix.
4. Desert habitats.
5. Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, Tucson.

VENDORS

Arid Lands Greenhouses (Chuck Hanson), J&J Cactus and Succulents (Joyce Hochtritt), Bob Smoley's Gardenworld, The Cactus Patch, Lynn and LoWilla Wilson.

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR

The Four Corners Area (Arizona, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico corner borders).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Saturday evening opening banquet included in CSSA full-time registration fee.
2. Sunday evening rare plant auction.
3. Wednesday evening farewell banquet — cost \$55 per person.
4. Saturday evening awards: (a) Fellow: Graham Charles, Sheila Collenette, Mark Dimmitt, 'Fitz' and Betty Fitz Maurice, Chuck Hanson; (b) Special Service: Duke Benadom; (c) Superior Service: LoWilla Wilson, (d) Friend: Jim Kampwith and Carl Volkers, (e) Conservation: Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society. Opening Banquet Speaker: Jerry Barad.

2003

30th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

St. Louis, Missouri on 15–19 June 2003 (Sunday–Thursday) at the Airport Marriott Hotel (room rates \$99/night single to quadruple occupancy) — hosted by Henry Shaw Cactus Society.

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person (includes opening banquet): \$165 if paid prior to 2 June 2003, \$215 after 1 June 2003.
Daily fee: CSSA member only per person: \$100 Sunday (includes Saturday evening social & opening banquet) — and/or \$50 Monday through Thursday (includes field trip on Tuesday).

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Duke Benadom — **CSSA PRESIDENT:** Duke Benadom

SPEAKERS — 15

Roger Brown, USA—1. Pseudolithos. 2. Pampering your cacti.

Alan Butler, England—Sansevieria for the Connoisseur.

Joe Clements, USA—Cacti from seed.

Sheila Collenette, England—1. Aloes of the Arabian Peninsula. 2. Travels in Djibouti.

Hugo Cota-Sanchez, Canada—1. Survival strategies of epiphytic cacti. 2. Epiphytic and semi-epiphytic cacti you can grow.

Bob Harris, USA—Bonsai techniques for succulents.

Tim Jackson, USA—Winter-growing Mesembs from seed, it's easy.

Bob Kent, USA—Haworthia from seed.

John Lavranos, Portugal—1. Travels in the Horn of Africa (Part 1). 2. Travels in the Horn of Africa (Part 2). 3. Recent field observations on *Backebergia militaris* (Audot) Bravo ex Sanchez-Mejorada.

Jim Mauseth, USA—1. What basic cactus botany teaches USA about better growing (Part 1). W. What basic cactus.... (Part 2).

Jon Rebman, USA—1. Cacti of Baja California (Part 1). 2. Cacti of Baja California (Part 2).

Gideon Smith, South Africa—1. Southern Africa: Truly a succulent plant paradise. 2. What's happening in succulent plant systematics in Southern Africa.

Jim Solomon, USA—The Missouri Botanical Garden and succulent exploration (Opening Banquet).

John Spain, USA—1. Beds and containers for hardy cacti. 2. Hardy cacti for your new beds and containers.

Rob Wallace, USA—1. What is DNA and what do I do with it? (Part 1). 2. What is DNA and.... (Part 2).

FIELD TRIPS — Choice of one on Tuesday, 17 June — cost of each \$35 per person.

1. Missouri Botanical Garden, Herbarium, Library.
2. Forest Park, 1904 World's Fair Art Museum, Zoo and Jewel Box Conservatory with box lunch.
3. Cass Bonsai Garden with box lunch.

VENDORS

Arid Lands (Chuck Hanson), **The Cactus Patch** (Wolfgang), **J&J Cactus** (Joyce Hochtritt), **Real Rebutias**, **Rio Grande Cacti**, **Smoley's Gardenworld** (Bob Smoley), **Lynn and LoWilla Wilson**.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Sunday evening opening banquet included in CSSA full-time registration fee.
2. Monday evening rare plant auction.
3. Tuesday evening Riverboat Cruise w prime rib dinner — cost \$45 per person.
4. Thursday evening farewell banquet — cost \$45 per person.
5. Sunday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **Roger Brown, Dan Mahr, Gideon Smith**; (b) Superior Service: **Sue Haffner, Chuck Staples**; (c) Friend: **Benjamin Fick**. Opening Banquet Speaker: **Jim Solomon**.

2001

29th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Woodland Hills, California on 2–6 July 2001 (Monday–Friday) at **The Warner Center Marriott Hotel** (room rates \$90/night single to quadruple occupancy) — hosted by **Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society**.

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person (includes Sunday evening social and opening banquet): \$165 if paid prior to 2 June 2001, \$215 after 1 June 2001. For non-member of CSSA per person (includes Sunday evening social and opening banquet): \$225 if paid prior to 2 June 2001, \$275 after 1 June 2001.

Daily fee: CSSA member only per person: \$100 Sunday (includes Saturday evening social & opening banquet) — and/or \$50 Monday through Thursday (includes field trip on Tuesday).

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Duke Benadom — **CSSA PRESIDENT**: Duke Benadom

SPEAKERS — 20

Miles Anderson, USA—Mutants and you.

Jerry Barad, USA—Judging cacti and succulents.

Chris Barnhill, USA—Growing Mesembs (a panel discussion with Steven Hammer and Suzanne Mace).

Duke Benadom, USA—Superb Succulents.

Mark Dimmitt, USA—1. Adeniums. 2. Baja.

Ted Flemming, USA—The Cardon (*Pachycereus pringlei*).

Eva and Voytek Foik, Canada—1. A succulent dream, a key to survival. 2. Tricks and techniques of propagation.

Steven Hammer, USA—Scary and hairy Mesembs.

Gary and Mary Irish, USA—1. Agaves and Yuccas. 2. Ornamental history of Agaves and Yuccas.

Gary James, USA—Madagascar travels—Socotra travels.

Fred Kattermann, USA—The cacti of Chile.

Roberto Kiesling, Argentina—1. Opuntioideae. 2. Bolivian cacti.

Myron Kinnach, USA—A plant lover in Peru (Opening Banquet).

Tony Mace, England—1. Choice plants from the *Opuntia* group for collectors. 2. The cactus hobby in the 21st century.

Suzanne Mace, England—1. The Canary Island. 2. Mesembs, U.K. style.

Dan Mahr, USA—Field trips.

Carlos Ostolaza, Peru—1. Cacti and the ancient Peruvians. 2. Cacti conservation status in Peru.

Guy Wrinkle, USA—Succulent treasures of the Namibian and South African winter rainfall area.

FIELD TRIPS — Choice of one on Thursday, 5 July.

1. Lotus Land — cost \$45 per person.
2. Huntington Gardens — cost \$35 per person.
3. Getty Museum — cost \$35 per person.
4. Vista Nursery — cost \$35 per person.

VENDORS

Arid Lands (Chuck Hanson), **Miles To Go** (Miles Anderson), **California Gardens** (Bill Baker), **California Succulents** (Frank and Naomi Bloss), **Buckner's Succulents** (Michael and Joyce Buckner), **Cactus Data Plants** (Woody Minnich), **Hagblom's Succulents** (Bill Hagblom), **Hulett's Succulents** (Dick Hulett), **Peck's Cactus** (Barry Peck), **R.S.V.P.** (Steve and Rowena Southwell), **Shein's Cactus** (Anne Shein), **Wilson's Succulents** (Lynn and LoWilla Wilson), **Smoley's Garden World** (Bob Smoley).
Ted Alford Pots, Rita Gerlach's Pots, Al and Erika Van Auker Pots, Jo Wujcik's Pots, Mark Issenberg's Pots, James Sudal's Pots, Rainbow Gardens Bookshop (Chuck Everson and Jerry Williams).

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and Joshua Tree National Park — cost \$1,788-\$1,988 per person.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Sunday, 1 July bus to Huntington Botanical Gardens — cost \$35 per person.
2. Monday evening opening banquet included in CSSA full-time registration fee.
3. Tuesday evening rare plant auction.
4. Friday evening farewell banquet — cost \$35 per person.
5. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: Fred Kattermann, Roberto Kiesling, Tony Mace, Carlos Ostolaza; (b) Special Service: Larry Mitich; (c) Superior Service: Braden Engelke, Chuck Everson. Opening Banquet Speaker: Myron Kimmach.

1999

28th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Las Vegas, Nevada on 12–16 April 1999 (Monday–Friday) at **The Tropicana** (room rates \$79/night weekdays (\$109 weekends) single to quadruple occupancy) — hosted by **Cactus and Succulent Society of Southern Nevada** and **Las Vegas Cactus and Succulent Society**.

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person (includes Sunday evening social and opening banquet): \$165 if paid prior to 16 March 1999, \$215 after 15 March 1999. For non-member of CSSA per person (includes Sunday evening social and opening banquet): \$225 if paid prior to 16 March 1999, \$275 after 15 March 1999.

Daily fee: No daily registrations.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Duke Benadom — **CSSA PRESIDENT**: Larry Mitich

SPEAKERS — 20

Jerry and Bea Barad, USA—Half a century with succulent plants.

Chris Barnhill, USA—The flowers behind the plants.

Roger Brown, USA—Be a creative caretaker.

Graham Charles, England—1. Peru, dry valleys to lush mountains (Opening Banquet). 2. Argentina, land of diversity.

Susan Carter-Holmes, England—1. Succulent hunting in Zimbabwe. 2. Euphorbias of east Africa.

Jon Dixon, USA—Cultural panel.

Eva and Voytek Foik, Canada—1. Andean fascination, coastal deserts and high altiplano, survival of the smartest! 2. Taxonomy, taxonomy...I can't see the difference. Can you SEE the difference? (3D presentation).

Steven Hammer, USA—A new look at Lithops.

Inge Hoffmann, USA—Peru, cacti wherever I can find them.

Bob Kent, USA—Haworthia discoveries and re-discoveries during the last decade.

Tim Metcalf, USA—What's in your pot?

Larry Mitich, USA—Movers and shakers, Part 3.

Steve Plath, USA—Revegetating the East Mojave Desert: A new frontier.

Mary Parisi, USA—Haworthias: Where might they grow?

Jon Rebman, USA—Cacti and succulents of Lower California, Mexico.

Derek Tribble, England—1. South Africa's smallest succulents. 2. Anacamperos and Avonia, land corals?

Jan Vlok, South Africa—1. How rich is the Finebrush Kingdom? 2. Ecstasy and agony in the succulent karoo.

Rob Wallace, USA—1. Understanding plant evolution: Examples from the cactus family. 2. Phylogeny and classification of the Mesembs. What can DNA tell us?

FIELD TRIPS — Choice of one on Wednesday, 14 April — cost for each \$35 per person.

1. Red Rock Canyon, Spring Mountain Ranch and Potosi Mountain.
2. Valley of Fire, Lake Mead (Glen Canyon).
3. Ash Meadows, Devil's Hole, Pahrump Vineyards and Potosi Mountain.
4. Castle Mountain Mine and east Mojave National Preserve.

VENDORS ???, **Rainbow Garden Bookshop** (Chuck Everson and Jerry Williams).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Monday evening opening banquet included in CSSA full-time registration fee.
2. Tuesday evening rare plant auction.
3. Friday evening farewell banquet — cost \$51 per person.
4. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **Bruce Bayer, Pierre Braun, James Mauseth, Graham Williamson**; (b) Superior Service: **Mac Clarke, Pat Fusaro, Leo Pickoff**; (c) Friend: **Mark Dimmitt**. Opening Banquet Speaker: **Graham Charles**.

1997

27th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

San Diego, California on 7–11 July 1997 (Monday–Friday) at **Town and Country Resort Hotel** (room rates \$75/night single to quadruple occupancy) — hosted by **San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society**.

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person (includes Sunday evening social and opening banquet): \$165 if paid prior to 16 April 1997, \$195 after 15 April 1997 and prior to 16 May 1997, \$215 after 15 May 1997. For non-member of CSSA per person (includes Sunday evening social and opening banquet): \$225.

Daily fee: \$45 per day per person.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Richard Bernard — **CSSA PRESIDENT**: Larry Mitich

SPEAKERS — 19

Ted Anderson, USA—1. The cacti of the Galapagos Islands. 2. Field studies of rare Mexican cacti.

Jerry Barad, USA—Growing the Stapeliads.

Pierre Braun, Germany—1. Cacti in eastern Brazil: Caatinga, Chapadas, and Inselbergs. 2. Cacti in western and central Brazil: Pantanal and Cerrado.

Sheila Collenett, England—1. Travels in Arabia. 2. Some succulents from Dhofar and Djibouti.

Jon Dixon, USA—Members' collections.

Steven Hammer, USA—1. Adromischus and Tylecodon: An underview. 2. Hybrids and lobrids in Mesembryanthema.

James Henrickson, USA—The adaptive nature of spines in cacti.

Myron Kinnach, USA—Cacti that live in trees.

John Lavranos, Portugal—1. Madagascar: A vanishing paradise (Opening Banquet) 2. Namibian excursions.

Rudy Lime, USA—SMOLA (succulents, medium of living art): The growing, training and styling of potted succulents in bonsai and non-bonsai shapes and forms.

Seymour Linden, USA—Adventures in Sudan.

James Mauseth, USA—1. Cacti of South America: From sea to mountains. 2. Why are cacti so weird and how did they get that way?

Stephen McCabe, USA—1. Mainland Dudleyas from Oregon to Punta Banda. 2. New views of a Dudleya and other California Island plants.

Tony Miller, Scotland—1. Succulents of Socotra, new discoveries. 2. Succulents of Oman, new discoveries.

Larry Mitich, USA—Movers and shakers of the succulent world, Part 2.

Phil Peck, USA—Those glorious Epiphyllums.

Prof Mats Thulin, Sweden—1. Plant life in Arabia Felix. 2. Botanical treasures in the Horn of Africa.

John Trager, USA—Cultivation and propagation panel.

Graham Williamson, South Africa—1. Trials, tribulations, colors, and textures. 2. A succulent beauty contest.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Sunday, 6 July: CSSA Show at Huntington Gardens — cost \$35 per person.
2. Choice of one on Wednesday, 9 July — cost for each \$35 per person:
 - (a) North San Diego County Succulent Plant Growers and buying trip to Grigsby's Cactus Garden and Rainbow Gardens.
 - (b) Huntington Botanical Gardens.
 - (c) Punta Banda habitat tour in Baja California south of Ensenada.
 - (d) Wild Animal Park.

VENDORS Nine unknown plant vendors, Three unknown pottery vendors, **Rainbow Garden Bookshop** (Chuck Everson and Jerry Williams), plus 2 more book vendors.

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR

Half way down Baja California with guides Woody Minnich and Monte Woodworth — cost \$950 double per person, \$1,070 single.

POST-CONVENTION TOUR

All way down Baja California — cost?

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Monday evening opening banquet included in CSSA full-time registration fee.
2. Tuesday evening rare plant auction.
3. Friday evening farewell banquet — cost \$35 per person.
4. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **Charles Gibson, Steven Hammer, Bill Maddams, John Pilbeam**; (b) Superior Service: **Duke Benadom, Jim and Roberta Hanna**; (c) Friend: **Madelyn Lee**. Opening Banquet Speaker: **John Lavranos**.
5. 450 attendees.

1995

26th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Tucson, Arizona on 19–23 June 1995 (Monday–Friday) at Double Tree Hotel (room rates \$53/night single to quadruple occupancy) — hosted by **Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society**.

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person (includes Sunday evening social and opening banquet): \$110 if paid prior to 16 May 1995, \$155 after 15 May 1995 and prior to 16 June 1995, \$160 after 15 June 1995. For non-member of CSSA per person (includes Sunday evening social and opening banquet): \$160.

Daily fee: \$35 per day per person.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Richard Bernard — **CSSA PRESIDENT**: Mary Jo Gussett

SPEAKERS — 29

Susan Carter-Holmes, England—1. Twenty-four years of succulent exploration in eastern Tropical Africa (Opening Banquet). 2. Succulents of east and northeast Africa.

Miguel Chazaro, Mexico—New succulents of Mexico.

Anthon Ellert, Zimbabwe—1. The Aloes of Zimbabwe and their culture. 2. The succulents of Hwange, Zimbabwe.

Chuck Everson, USA—Epiphyllums and other related Epiphytes.

Dr Richard Felger, USA—Ancient and future uses of Sonoran Desert succulent plants.

Joel Floyd, USA—CITES simplified.

Charles Glass, Elena Aguilar de Mendoza, Alonso and Juan Antonio Garcia-Luna, Mexico—Cactus and succulent exploration in Mexico, the next generation.

Charles Glass and Elias Jimenez Perez, Mexico—Population studies of endangered cacti in Mexico.

Steven Hammer, USA—Dwarf succulents from southern Africa.

Fred Kattermann, USA—Revision of the genus *Eriocyce*.

Justina Marie Kelliher, USA—Pest management.

Dick Kohlschreiber and **Rudy Dorsch**, USA—Epiphytic cacti, from *Aporocactus* to *Werckleocereus*.

Joseph McAuliffe, USA—The Saguaro chronicles and the prophets of desert doom.

Larry Mitich, USA—Movers and shakers in the cactus world, Part 1.

Gary Nabhan and **Steve Buchmann**, USA—Pollinator diversity on cacti and succulents; conserving ecological relationships.

Len Newton, Kenya—1. Succulent plant discoveries in east Africa. 2. Len Newton's Africa, succulents for pleasure, for science and for use.

Alfred Razafindratsira, Madagascar—1. Endangered succulents of Madagascar. 2. The future of Malagasy succulents, orchids and palms.

John Trager, USA—Cultivation and seed growing (panel with Dr Gerald Barad, Dr Mark Dimmitt, Steven Hammer, Dylan Hannon, Mike Massara and Peg Spaete).

David Tufenkian, USA—Slide shows of members' collections.

Patrick van Damme, Belgium—1. The ethnobotany of the Topnaar of the Namib Desert. 2. Succulent plant communities of the Namib Desert.

Rob Wallace, USA—1. Sitters, splitters, lumpers and grumpers; understanding modern plant classification. 2. Cretaceous Park, using DNA molecules to study cactus evolution.

Jim Weedon, USA—Winter hardy potential of cacti of the Big Bend Region: A project of the Colorado C&S Society.

Mary Wilkins, Zimbabwe—1. Succulent Cucurbits. 2. The succulents of Hwange, Zimbabwe.

EVENING SPEAKERS — 6

Roger Brownsey, New Zealand—1. Aotearoa New Zealand. 2. Mainly cactus.

Juan Chahinian, USA—*Sansevieria*, dwarf and juvenile forms.

Joe Clements, USA—Succulent landscaping at the Huntington Botanical Gardens.

Fred Kattermann, USA—*Copiapoa*, a preliminary concept of a revision of the genus.

Gard Roper, USA—Unique and unusual features of *Agaves*.

Rudolf Schulz, Australia—Independent travel through Madagascar.

FIELD TRIPS — Choice of one on Wednesday, 21 June — cost for each \$25 per person:

1. Bus to Desert Botanical Garden and Boyce Thompson Arboretum with box lunch.
2. Bus to nursery tour and sales with box lunch.

VENDORS ???, **Rainbow Garden Bookshop** (Chuck Everson and Jerry Williams).

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR

Sky Islands of SE Arizona.

POST-CONVENTION TOUR

Barranca del Cobre (Copper Canyon), Mexico.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Special Tohono O'odham Saguaro Harvest demonstration each morning (other than on Wednesday).
2. Monday evening opening banquet included in CSSA full-time registration fee.
3. Tuesday evening rare plant auction.
4. Friday evening farewell banquet at Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum — cost \$25 per person.
5. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **David Hunt, Brian Lamb, Seymour Linden, Len Newton**; (b) Special Service: **Jerry Barad**; (c) Superior Service: **Mindy Fusaro, Peg Spaete**; (d) Friend: **Hans and Gretl Britsch**. Opening Banquet Speaker: **Susan Carter-Holmes**.
6. 600 attendees (including attendees from 22 foreign countries).

1993

25th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

San Francisco, California on 19–23 July 1993 (Monday–Friday) at **San Francisco State University** (room rates Monday through Friday nights in modern two-bedroom apartments with two single beds in each room and full board single occupancy \$274 per person

or double occupancy \$190 per person — parking permit 18-24 July \$12) — hosted by **San Francisco Cactus and Succulent Society**.

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person: \$90 if paid prior to 16 May 1993, \$135 after 15 May 1993 and prior to 16 June 1993, \$145 after 15 June 1993. For non-member of CSSA per person: \$125 if paid prior to 16 May 1993, \$170 after 15 May 1993 and prior to 16 June 1993, \$180 after 15 June 1993.

Daily fee: \$30 per day per person.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Richard Bernard — **CSSA PRESIDENT:** Gerald Barad

SPEAKERS — 16

Gerald Barad, USA—1. Wild flowers and succulents of Namaqualand. 2. Don't dig up that cactus, or should I?; a discussion of bioethics, collecting and the law with panelists Hans Britsch, Chuck Hanson and Myron Kimnach.

Hans Britsch, USA—Western Cactus Growers and the Britsch family.

Miguel Chazaro, Mexico—1. Crassulaceae and some lesser known succulents of Mexico. 2. Some interesting cacti and agaves of Mexico.

Ted Green, USA—The world of Hoyas and Dischidias.

Chuck Everson, USA—Commercial nurseries as succulent life-savers.

Sean Hogan, USA—From penguins to monkey puzzles and the cacti in between; the cacti of Patagonia.

Hans-Dieter Ihlenfeldt, Germany—1. Pedaliaceae, a little known African plant family with some interesting succulents. 2. Mesembryanthemaceae, masters of adaptation.

John Lavranos, South Africa—1. Thirty years of succulent discoveries in Kenya (Opening Banquet). 2. Explorations in northern Somalia and Djibouti.

Eckhard Meir, Germany—The best flowering and most neglected group of cacti.

Burl Mostul, USA—Some new caudiciforms of the Pacific Rim.

David Naylor, Canada—Cold-hardy succulents in the Great White north.

Seiichi Osada, Japan—1. Cacti and succulents in nature. 2. Cactus and succulent collections in Japan.

Carlos Ostolaza, Peru—1. The geographic distribution of cacti in Peru. 2. Cacti and succulents in art.

David Tufenkian, USA—Collectors and their collections.

Colin Walker, England—1. Moroccan memories. 2. Asclepiads through the ages.

Sam Williams, USA—Propagation or how to increase your collection and have fun at no cost (with panelists Naomi Bloss, Roger Brown, Burl Mostul and Ann Shein).

FIELD TRIPS — Choice of one on Wednesday, 21 July — cost for each \$25 per person:

1. Ruth Bancroft Gardens, Walnut Creek and University of California Botanical Gardens, Berkeley with box lunch — 170 attendees.
2. Coastal Dudleyas and Dr Herman Schwartz and the Euphorbia Reference Collection, Bolinas with box lunch — 256 attendees.

VENDORS ???, **Rainbow Garden Bookshop** (Chuck Everson and Jerry Williams).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Monday evening opening banquet included in CSSA full-time registration fee.

2. Tuesday evening rare plant auction.

3. Friday evening farewell banquet on dinner cruise in San Francisco Bay — cost \$25 per person — 377 attendees.

4. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **Marcel Kroenlein, Don Pinkava**; (b) Special Service: **Jack Catlin, Charles Glass**; (c) Superior Service: **Joe Clements, Sam and Dorothy Williams**. Opening Banquet Speaker: **John Lavranos**.

5. 527 attendees at convention.

1991

24th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

San Antonio, Texas on 17–21 June 1991 (Monday–Friday) at **Seven Oaks Hotel** (room rates \$42/night single to quadruple occupancy; \$12 for rollaway) — hosted by **San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society** and **Affiliated Members of the Texas**

Association of Cactus and Succulent Societies: Houston, Austin, Coastal Bend, Fort Worth and Rio Grande Valley Cactus and Succulent Societies.

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person: \$75 if paid prior to 1 May 1991, \$100 after 30 April 1991 and prior to 1 June 1991, \$125 after 31 May 1991. For non-member of CSSA per person: \$100 if paid prior to 1 May 1991, \$125 after 30 April 1991 and prior to 1 June 1991, \$150 after 31 May 1991.

Daily fee: \$25 per day per person.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTORS: Bert and Elzine Evans — **CSSA PRESIDENT:** Gerald Barad

SPEAKERS — 20

Gerald Barad, USA—1. Yemen, its people, venues and Stapeliads. 2. A journey through the thorn forest of Madagascar.

Susan Carter-Holmes, USA—1. Some recently discovered Euphorbias. 2. An expedition to Tanzania.

Charles Glass, USA—Personalities of the cactus world (Opening Banquet).

Joe Clements, USA—Judging and showing plants.

WA and Betty Fitz Maurice, Mexico—Hunting lost Mexican cacti.

Steven Hammer, USA—Mesembs in flower.

Leo van der Hoeven, Holland—1. Brazil and its cacti. 2. Discocactus and Uebelmannia.

Fred Kattermann, USA—The cacti of Chile.

Dick Kohlschreiber, USA—Epicacti and other epiphytes.

Seymour Linden, USA—Some collectors and their collections.

Gary Lyons, USA—Conservation and the collector.

Dennis Miller and Jim Weedin, USA—Texas west of the Pecos: A land of contrast.

Peg Spaete, USA—1. Growing succulents with panel Chuck Hanson, Steve Hammer and Dorothy Williams. 2. Grafting and growing from seed workshop.

Nigel Taylor, England—1. The Mexican species of Echinocereus. 2. A survey of Copiapoa.

John Trager, USA—Photographing your plants.

Carl Volkers, USA—C&J; portrait of a cactus nursery.

Graham Williamson, Namibia—1. The Richtersveld of South Africa. 2. Succulents of Namibia's forbidden diamond area.

Alan Zimmerman, USA—Chihuahuan desert cacti.

FIELD TRIPS — Choice of one on Wednesday, 19 June:

1. Working Ranch, Devine, to photograph cacti in habitat — cost \$15 per person.
2. Morning at San Antonio Botanical Gardens — cost \$5.50 per person.
3. Afternoon at San Antonio Botanical Gardens — cost \$5.50 per person.

VENDORS ???, **Rainbow Garden Bookshop** (Chuck Everson and Jerry Williams).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Monday evening opening banquet included in CSSA full-time registration fee — non-registered guests \$18 per person.

2. Tuesday evening rare plant auction.

3. Friday evening farewell banquet — cost \$25 per person.

4. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **David Grigsby, David Hardy, Clive Innes, Jorge Meyran**; (b) Special Service: **Seymour Linden**; (c) Superior Service: **Eleanor Barker, Fred Hutflesz, Paul and Joan Johnson, Marlene Rainman**; (d) Friend: **'Spike' and Charles Schulz**. Opening Banquet Speaker: **Charles Glass**.

1989

23rd BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Denver, Colorado on 12–16 June 1989 (Monday–Friday) at **Executive Tower Inn** (room rates \$50/night single to quadruple occupancy; \$55/night triple or quad occupancy; \$10 for rollaway) — hosted by **Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society**.

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person: \$75 if paid prior to 1 May 1989, \$100 after 30 April 1989 and prior to 1 June 1989, \$125 after 31 May 1989. For non-member of CSSA per person: \$100 if paid prior to 1 May 1989, \$125 after 30 April 1989 and prior to 1 June 1989, \$150 after 31 May 1989.

Daily fee: \$25 per day per person.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Paul Johnson — **CSSA PRESIDENT:** Seymour Linden

SPEAKERS — 16

Christine Burton, USA—The Hoyas.

Sheila Collenette, England—1. Succulent Euphorbias of Saudi Arabia. 2. Succulent Asclepiads of Saudi Arabia.

Henk DeLooze, Netherlands—The cactus hobby in Europe.

Mike Gilbert, England—1. Ethiopia and its succulents. 2. The Stapelieae of Ethiopia and Kenya.

Rod Haenni, USA—The Cacti of Patagonia.

Chuck Hanson, USA—Plant sex for fun and profit.

Panayoti Kelaidis, USA—Mile high succulents (Opening Banquet).

Myron Kimnach, USA—Echeverias, in the wild and in captivity.

John Lavranos, South Africa—1. Namibian wanderings. 2. Succulent plants of the Cape Province.

Seymour Linden, USA—A safari to the Sudan.

Michael Loik, Canada—The biology of winter hardiness.

Woody Minnich, USA—The genus Mammillaria, a review and update.

Patricia Moorton, USA—Memorable moments from C.S.S.A. conventions, ancient and recent.

Werner Rauh, Germany—1. Spines and thorns in cacti and succulents. 2. Rare and interesting cacti from Peru.

Herman Schwartz, USA—The Euphorbia Reference Collection.

Jim Weedin, USA—Colorado cacti and cacti of the Big Bend.

FIELD TRIPS — Choice of one on Wednesday, 14 June:

1. Denver Botanic Gardens and Roxborough State Park with box lunch — cost \$15 per person.
2. South Table Mountain near Golden to see 7 species of cacti in habitat and Denver Botanic Gardens with box lunch — cost \$15 per person.
3. Roxborough State Park (morning) — cost \$8 per person.

VENDORS

Lynn and LoWilla Wilson, Crump Greenhouses (Mike Crump and Rita Auer), **Grigsby's Nursery** (Dave Grigsby), **Rainbow Gardens Bookshop** (Chuck Everson and Jerry Williams).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Monday evening opening banquet included in CSSA full-time registration fee — non-registered guests \$18 per person.
2. Tuesday evening rare plant auction.
3. Friday morning panel discussion on winter-hardy succulent plants with Dave Ferguson, Michael Loik, Rod Haenni and Jim Weedin.
4. Friday evening farewell banquet — cost \$22 per person.
5. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **Susan Carter-Holmes, Michael Kimberly, Herman Schwartz**; (b) Superior Service: **Ed and Betty Gay, Bill and Ellen Low**. Opening Banquet Speaker: **Panayoti Kelaidis**.

1987

22nd BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Tempe, Arizona on 21–26 June 1987 (Sunday–Friday) at **Arizona State University** (room rates per day single occupancy \$47 or double occupancy \$40 per person, plus \$4 (outdoor) or \$10 (Parking garage) parking fee per day except Saturday and Sunday) — includes three meals per day weekdays with only two meals on Saturday and Sunday and excluding Friday evening meal due to farewell banquet — hosted by **Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society**.

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person: \$75 if paid prior to 2 May 1987, \$125 after 1 May 1987. For non-member of CSSA per person: \$100 if paid prior to 2 May 1987, \$150 after 1 May 1987.

Daily fee: \$20 per day per person if not staying on campus.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Paul Johnson — CSSA PRESIDENT: Seymour Linden

SPEAKERS — 24

Mark Dimmitt, USA—Growing superior specimen cacti in the Trichocereus/Echinopsis complex.

David Eppel, USA—Indian use of desert plants.

Maureen and Ron Fitch, USA—Growing cacti and succulents in Hawaii.

Arthur Gibson, USA—Changing genetic concepts in cacti.

Steven Hammer, USA—Conophytums: Gems of Namaqualand.

Bruce Hargreaves, Lesotho—Succulents in the snow (succulents of Lesotho).

Heidi Hartmann, Germany—Life forms in Mesembrianthemums.

James Henrickson, USA—The realm of the Chihuahuan Desert.

Ernst van Jaarsveld, South Africa—1. Kirstenbosch National Botanic Gardens with specific reference to succulent plants (Opening Banquet). 2. The genus Gasteria, a taxonomic revision.

Douglas Justice, Canada—Seed propagation of cacti and other succulents.

Brian Kemble, USA—1. The Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek, California. 2. Aloes and Haworthias.

Michael Kimberly, Zimbabwe—Zimbabwean succulents in habitat.

Myron Kimnach, USA—Origins of Epiphytic cacti.

Daryl Koutnik, USA—Euphorbia, making sense of the succulent spurges.

Seymour Linden, USA—The succulents of central Somalia.

Larry Mitich, USA—History of the Saguaro.

Bob Moulis, USA—A close look at desert plants.

Peggy Olwell, USA—The Endangered Species Act and its benefits to several rare southwestern cacti.

Donald Pinkava, USA—Natural hybridization in North American cacti, chromosome studies.

Darrel Plowes, Sudan—1. Succulents of Namaqualand. 2. An introduction to the Stapelieae.

Peg Spaete, USA—Various methods of propagating cacti and succulents.

Bill Taylor, USA—Cultivating rare and difficult genera of cacti from seed.

John Trager, USA—Hidden treasures of the Huntington.

FIELD TRIPS

Choice of one on Sunday, 21 June:

1. Bus to Tucson growers Bach's Cactus Nursery and B&B Cactus Farm with box lunch at Randolph Park — cost \$20 per person.
2. Bus to Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and Saguaro National Monument with box lunch — cost \$26 per person.

Tuesday morning, 23 June: Tour of Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix, return to dorm for lunch — no cost.

Choice of one on Thursday, 25 June:

1. Morning and early afternoon at Boyce Thompson southwestern Arboretum with box lunch— no cost.
2. Morning at home gardens of Phil and Frank Hennessey and Marilyn Fitz-Randolph, return to dorm for lunch — no cost.

VENDORS

Nurseries from California, New Mexico and Arizona.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Saturday, 20 June: Registration, check in at University and evening dinner in dorm dining room.

2. Monday evening opening banquet included in CSSA full-time registration fee for dorm residents at university— all others cost \$15 per person.

3. Tuesday evening rare plant auction.

4. Friday evening farewell banquet at Pinnacle Peak Patio (wearing your western "duds") — cost \$30 per person.

5. Saturday, 27 June: Breakfast and lunch in dining room and check out of dormitory by 1:00 pm.

6. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: Bob Foster, James Henrickson, Robert Humphrey; (b) Special Service: Myron Kimnach; (c) Superior Service: Vivienne Doney, Kitty Sabo. Opening Banquet Speaker: Ernst van Jaarsveld.

1985

21st BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

San Diego, California on 8–12 July 1985 (Monday–Friday) at **San Diego State University Tenochca Residence Hall** (room rates Monday through Friday nights with three meals per day single occupancy \$225 or double occupancy \$200 per person prior to 2 May 1985; after 1 May 1985 \$250 per day single occupancy or \$225 per person double occupancy — hosted by **San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society**).

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person: \$50 if paid prior to 2 May 1985, \$100 after 1 May 1985. For non-member of CSSA per person or if you do not register for room and board at the university: \$75 if paid prior to 2 May 1985, \$125 after 1 May 1985.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Paul Johnson — CSSA PRESIDENT: Lloyd Brinson

SPEAKERS — 24 (There were concurrent speaker program sessions.)

Steven Brack, USA—Cacti of the southwest; Carlsbad Caverns, Guadalupe Mountains and White Sands (2 times).

Dave Bramwell, Canary Islands—1. Origin and evolution of the Canarian succulent flora. 2. The Canarian succulent flora; its ecology, distribution and cultivation.

Faith Campbell, USA—1. Protection of rare plants in the USA and abroad. 2. Legal restrictions on the succulent trade; what and why.

Susan Carter-Holmes, England—1. East African Safari (Opening Banquet). 2. New Euphorbias from east Africa.

Joe Clements, USA—Show judging.

James Dice, USA—The genus *Dudleya*: An introduction.

Dorothy Dunn, USA—The Baja Barrels, the Ferocacti.

Yair Elber, Israel—Succulent plants and halosucculents of Israel and their cultivation.

Dave Grigsby, USA—Round table discussion.

David Hardy, South Africa—1. Namibia, land between two deserts. 2. Glimpse of the vegetation of the Venda Republic.

Michael Hawkes, Canada—Succulents of the Pacific northwest.

Kenneth Heil, USA—The cacti of Big Bend National Park (2 times).

Karl Johnson, New Zealand—Growing succulents in the land of the Kiwi.

Roberto Kiesling, Argentina—1. Cacti in the Argentine vegetation. 2. Carlos Spegazzini, his life and his cacti.

John Lavranos, South Africa—1. Botanizing on the Socotra Archipelago. 2. Botanizing in southern Yemen.

Richard May, USA—The ecology of *Sclerocactus polyancistrus*.

Carlos Ostolaza, Peru—1. Cacti and the ancient Peruvians. 2. In search of the lost cacti.

Leroy Phelps, USA—Succulents as Bonsai.

Werner Rauh, Germany—1. Peru and its cacti. 2. The xerophytic vegetation of northeastern Brasil.

Charles Russell, USA—The versatile prickly pears; plants with great economic potential (2 times).

Hernando Sanchez-Mejorada, Mexico—Conservation of Mexican cacti.

Paul Thoma, USA—The Netherlands Antilles; the land, people and plants.

Charles Uhl, USA—1. Some species and hybrids in the American Crassulaceae. 2. Chromosome hybrids and the evolution in the American Crassulaceae.

Henry Varner, USA—Introducing *Adromischus*.

FIELD TRIPS — Choice of one on Wednesday, 10 July:

1. North County Growers with box lunch — cost \$15 per person.
2. North County Growers with box lunch and Wild Animal Park with evening dinner — cost \$47 per person.
3. Huntington Gardens with box lunch — cost \$15 per person.
4. Huntington Gardens with box lunch and Wild Animal Park with evening dinner — cost \$47 per person.
5. Wild Animal Park late afternoon with evening dinner — cost \$42 per person.

VENDORS

Grigsby's Nursery (Dave Grigsby), **Cooper's Cactus Nursery** (John Cooper), **C&J Cactus Growers** (Carl Volkers and Jim Kampwirth), **Epi Center**, **Rainbow Gardens Bookshop** (Chuck Everson and Jerry Williams).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Pre-convention 7 Sunday: Bus to Arcadia CSSA show and sale — cost \$47 plus \$1.50 admission to Los Angeles County and State Arboretum per person.
2. Monday evening opening banquet included in CSSA full-time registration fee for CSSA members who registered for room and board at university — all others cost \$12 per person.

3. Friday evening farewell Mexican fiesta — cost \$10 per person.
4. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **John Donald, Walter Rausch, Friedrich Ritter, Charles Uhl**; (b) Superior Service: **Sam and Mary Ann Heacock, Martin Mooney, Lillian Pickoff, Grace Rollerson**. Opening Banquet Speaker: **Susan Carter-Holmes**.
5. 369 attendees.

1983

20th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

St Louis, Missouri on 20–24 June 1983 (Monday–Friday) at **Washington University** in suites of three bedrooms, bath and sitting room (room rates Monday through Friday nights with three meals per day (except the Friday evening banquet) single occupancy \$175 or double occupancy \$160 per person — hosted by **Henry Shaw Cactus Society**).

REGISTRATION FEE

Full-time fee: CSSA member only per person \$50. For non-member of CSSA per person \$75.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Martin Mooney — CSSA PRESIDENT: Ron Monroe

SPEAKERS — 16

Gerald Barad, USA—1. Pollination and hybridization of Stapeliads. 2. Succulent plants of the Namib Diamond Zone.

Wilhelm Barthlott, Germany—1. Rhipsalis and related Epiphytic cacti. 2. Electron microscopy in succulent plant classification.

Steve Brack, USA—Cacti of the American southwest.

Desmond Cole, South Africa—1. Lithops, naturally and contrived. 2. Trichocaulons, mainly smooth stemmed.

John Donald, England—Studies on the taxonomy of Weingartia and Sulcorebutia.

Anita Holst, USA—Growing cacti from seed to maturity.

Fred Kattermann, USA—The Chilean cacti.

Seymour Linden, USA—CSSA Affiliated Clubs, their propagation and culture.

Larry Mitich, USA—Historic cactophiles of St. Louis.

Ronald Monroe, USA—Pests of cacti and other succulent plants, and their control.

Bill Nixon, USA—The hardy Sempervivums and their allies.

Kenneth Peck, USA—Pesticides for cacti and succulent plants.

Peter Raven, USA—The destruction of tropical forests.

Gordon Rowley, England—1. Confessions of a cactomaniac, my life with flora (Opening Banquet). 2. Pollination syndromes in succulents.

Hernando Sanchez-Majorada, Mexico—Cacti and wildlife of some islands of Baja California.

Irwin Ting, USA—Crassulacean Acid Metabolism.

FIELD TRIP — Wednesday, 22 June: Bus to Missouri Botanical Gardens with buffet dinner and greetings by Dr Peter Raven, Director — cost \$15 per person.

VENDORS

New Mexico (Steve Brack), California, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Missouri (Drummond's).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Monday evening opening banquet in Wohl building on campus included in CSSA full-time registration fee.

2. Friday evening farewell Mexican fiesta in Wohl building on campus — cost \$12.50 per person.

3. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **Wilhelm Barthlott, Desmond Cole, Larry Leach**; (b) Superior Service: **Gary Lyons**.

Opening Banquet Speaker: **Gordon Rowley**.

1981

19th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Albuquerque, New Mexico on 1–5 June 1981 (Monday–Friday) at University of New Mexico (room rates \$6/night per person plus \$1 parking fee per day—meals at La Posada Dining Hall cafeteria, breakfast and lunch each \$2.50 per person, and evening dinner \$2.75 per person) — hosted by New Mexico Cactus and Succulent Society.

REGISTRATION FEE — \$25 per person, including 2 luncheons.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Martin Mooney — **CSSA PRESIDENT:** Kathryn Sabo

SPEAKERS — 27 (There were concurrent speaker program sessions.)

Edward Anderson, USA—1. Conservation (panel discussion). 2. Ariocarpus.

Barry Armstrong and David Schlessner, USA—Cultivation of *Pediocactus* (workshop).

Bruce Bayer, South Africa—1. *Haworthias* and other succulents of the western Cape. 2. Geology, Geography and *Haworthias* (symposium).

Neomi Bloss, USA—1. Growing succulents under lights (Part 1). 2. Growing succulents under lights (Part 2) (workshops).

Frank Bowman, USA—1. Is there really a cactus soil mix? 2. Regional Succulent Culture, Part 2 (panel symposium).

Lloyd Brinson, USA—Dormancy requirements of difficult succulents (panel symposium).

Jerry Brody, USA—1. New Mexican/Indian Arts and Crafts (Part 1). 2. New Mexican/...(Part 2). 3. New Mexican/...(Part 3).

Charles Class, USA—Grafting cacti (demonstration).

David Grigsby, USA—Regional Succulent Culture, North and South, East and West, Part 1 (panel symposium).

Ken Heil, USA—Cacti of the 4-corners area.

James Henrickson, USA—1. Reproductive biology of cacti (rated PG). 2. Fouquieriaceae.

Inge Hoffman, USA—Northern Chile's *Copiapoas*.

Frank Horwood, England—Succulents from seed (Part 1) (workshop).

Paul Johnson and Pat Mooney, USA—1. Succulent spouses anonymous forum: How to cope with succulent lovers (Part 1). 2. Succulent spouses...(Part 2).

Paul Knight, USA—Natural History and Ecology of New Mexico (distribution and evolution of deserts in New Mexico: Modern desert plants).

Alfred Lau, Mexico—1. Cacti and people of Mexico (Opening Banquet). 2. Cacti of South America.

Madelyn Lee, USA—1. Judging Seminar (Part 1). 2. Judging Seminar (Part 2). Judging Seminar (Part 3).

Louise Lippold, USA—Succulents from seed (Part 2) (workshop).

Dan and Hellie Mathes, USA—Flowering cacti for the beginner.

Sally Nusbaum, USA—How to buy Indian Arts and Crafts.

Kathryn Sabo, USA—Meet the Board of CSSA.

Karl Schwerin, USA—Cacti and other succulents of New Mexico (panel symposium).

Ed Storms, USA—1. Lithops in habitat and cultivation. 2. Growing Mesembs.

Allan Zimmerman, USA—*Coryphantha* (panel discussion).

FIELD TRIP — Wednesday, 3 June: To Old Town, the Museum of Albuquerque and the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

VENDORS

Grigsby Cactus Gardens, Vista, California; **Seymour Linden**, Pacific Palisades, California; **Mesa Garden**, Belen, New Mexico;

Nature's Curiosity Shop, Chula Vista, California; **The Other Succulents and Xerophytes**, San Antonio, Texas; **The Plant Place**, San Marcos, California; **Henry Varney**, Santa Monica, California; **Howard Wise**, San Bernardino, California; **Michon Witters**, West Sacramento, California.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Monday evening opening banquet — cost \$12.50 per person.
2. Wednesday evening plant auction with auctioneer Dr. Leroy Phelps, CSSA Vice President.
3. Friday afternoon tramway to top of Sandia Mountain above Albuquerque and evening farewell banquet at Top-of-Tram Restaurant — cost \$20 per person.
4. Eight motels listed ranging from \$11.95 to \$65 for single to double occupancy per night.
5. Judging seminar with a judged plant show by host society.
6. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **Jerry Barad, Walther Haage, Harry Hall, Alfred Lau**.
Opening Banquet Speaker: **Alfred Lau**.
7. 415 attendees.

1979

18th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Pasadena, California on 21–25 May 1979 (Monday–Friday) at Huntington-Sheraton Hotel (room rates \$27-\$33-\$90/night per person) — hosted by Southern California local affiliates.

REGISTRATION FEE — \$10 per person.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Edward S Taylor — CSSA PRESIDENT: Virginia Martin

SPEAKERS — 16

Focke Albers, Germany—Studies in Stapelias.

Edward Anderson, USA—The Smithsonian Herbarium: Our national treasure.

Jerry Barad, USA—Stapeliads, Orchids of the succulent world.

Lyman Benson, USA—What good are cactus specimens?

Lloyd Brinson, Frank Bowman and David Shultz, USA—Plant shows and judging (panel discussion).

Charles Glass, USA—The cacti of the Chihuahuan Desert.

Clinton Howard, USA—The Aloe story.

John Medway, England—Peruvian cacti.

David Minnion, USA—Cacti and succulents on stamps.

Larry Mitich, USA—Scott Haselton (the man who started it all).

Werner Rauh, Germany—The succulent vegetation of Kenya.

Jagdish Singh Sarkaria, India—Indian succulents, with special reference to Carallumas.

Grancois Steffens, South Africa—South African succulents in the Veld.

Paul Thoma, USA—Cacti of Puerto Rico and Mona Island.

PRE-CONVENTION SPEAKERS — 4 (Sunday evening, 20 May:)

Ed and Betty Gay, USA—Trip to Baja, 20 years ago.

Leo and Lillian Pickoff, USA—The Big Bend area of Texas.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Monday bus trip to Mme Ganna Walska's 'Lotusland' in Santa Barbara — cost \$6.50 plus \$2.75 for box lunch per person.
2. Wednesday morning bus trip to Huntington Gardens — cost \$2.50 per person.
3. Friday afternoon bus trip to Desert Nursery (Don and Shirley Brown) in Riverside with a cactus hunt — cost \$6.50 per person.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. CSSA celebrated its 50th birthday with small 'Golden Barrels' for each guest at Wednesday night's banquet.
2. Friday evening farewell bar-b-que banquet — cost \$10 per person.
3. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: Charles Glass, Virginia Martin, Larry Mitich, Joyce Tate; (b) Special Service: Mary Glade.
4. 560 attendees with 65 from other countries, including 31 from Australia.

1977

17th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Tucson, Arizona on 16–20 May 1977 (Monday–Friday) at Marriott Hotel (room rates \$20-\$24/night one person one bed; \$23-\$27/night two persons one or two beds; parlor to suites \$35-\$95/night) — hosted by Tucson Cactus and Botanical Society, Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society and Cochise County Cactus and Succulent Society.

REGISTRATION FEE — \$10 per person.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Edward S Taylor — CSSA PRESIDENT: Virginia Martin

SPEAKERS — 20

Edward Anderson, USA—Cacti in the Smithsonian, a national disgrace.

Helia Bravo-Hollis, Mexico—Open program.

Lyman Benson, USA—Open program.

Lloyd Brinson, USA—IOS introductions.

John Donald, England—Borzicactinae, 17 years on from Myron and Paul.

Philip Downs, South Africa—Tuesday evening program.

Ed and Betty Gay, USA—Echinocereus, some fascinating Hedgehogs we have known.

Cynthia Giddy, South Africa—Thursday evening program.

Dave Hardy, South Africa—Opening banquet speaker.

Heidi Hartmann, West Germany—The genus Cephalophyllum.

Geoff Hedgecock, England—Whythoselongnames?

Karin Herzberg, East Germany—Interesting collections in G.D.P.

Frank Horwood, USA—Wednesday evening program.

Barbara Jeppe, South Africa—Namaqualand, land of living jewels.

Louise Lippold, USA—Succulent miniatures.

Larry Mitich, USA—Britton and Rose, a pictorial biography.

Bob Moulis, USA—Visit your cacti and succulents in macro-photography.

Stan Oleson, USA—The art of creating living pictures.

Hernando Sanchez-Mejorada, Mexico—Some prehispanic uses of cacti among the Indians of Mexico.

PRE-CONVENTION SPEAKERS — 2 (Sunday evening, 15 May:)

W Hubert Earle, USA—Botanical gardens along the Mediterranean Sea.

Robert R Humphrey, USA—Central Baja, before and after.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Tuesday bus trip in morning to Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and afternoon to cactus growers — cost \$6 plus \$2 luncheon per person.
2. Thursday bus trip in morning to Desert Botanical Garden and afternoon to southwest Arboretum — cost \$5.50 plus \$2 luncheon per person.
3. Friday evening in private vehicles to Old Tucson and closing farewell bar-b-que banquet — cost \$10 per person.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Monday evening opening banquet — cost \$8 per person.
2. Wednesday evening banquet — cost \$8 per person.
3. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: Albert Buining, Dudley Gold, John Lavranos, Cythna Letty, Gladys Panis.
4. 470 attendees.

1975

16th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

San Diego, California on 12–16 May 1975 (Monday–Friday) at Bahia Motor Hotel, West Mission Bay Drive (room rates \$17/night twin, \$21/night double/twin, \$26/night suites) — hosted by San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society.

REGISTRATION FEE — \$10 per person.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTORS: Warren Buckner, Philip Corliss and Walter Scott — CSSA PRESIDENT: Leo Pickoff

SPEAKERS — 16

Edward Anderson, USA—Cacti of the Galapagos Islands.

Gerald Arp, USA—Ecological cactus culture.
 Lyman Benson, USA—The great cactus boom and bust.
 Philip Downs, England—South African succulents (Monday evening opening banquet).
 Howard Scott Gentry, USA—The man-Agave symbiosis.
 David Grigsby, USA—Cactus growers' (Symposium).
 Frank Horwood, England—Succulent safari to Africa (Thursday evening program).
 Myron Kinnach, USA—What can be done to make the I.O.S. more effective? (Symposium).
 Madelyn Lee, USA—A walk through history with Euphorbias.
 George Lindsay, USA—The genus *Ferocactus*.
 Louise Lippold, USA—Cacti and other succulents that like it wet and cold.
 Larry Mitich, USA—Charles Lemaire and the rarest cactus book.
 Reid Moran, USA—Crassulaceae (Wednesday evening banquet speaker).
 Leroy Phelps, USA—Bonsai for succulents.
 Marlene Rainman, USA—Meet the Stapelias.
 Hernando Sanchez-Mejorada, Mexico—1. Some notes on *Mammillaria solisii* and its close allies. 2. The influence of the Mexican American War on the discovery of cacti (Tuesday evening programs).

FIELD TRIPS

1. Tuesday bus trip north County cactus and succulent nurseries with Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society members as guides and host — cost \$5.50 plus \$3 box lunch per person.
2. Thursday bus trip to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park — cost \$6.50 plus \$3 box lunch per person.
3. Friday evening boat ride on Bahia Belle to Catamaran Hotel, Mission Bay, luau banquet and back to Bahia Motor Hotel — cost \$8.50 per person.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Monday evening opening banquet sponsored by El Centro, Palomar and San Diego Cactus and Succulent Societies — cost \$6 per person.
2. Wednesday evening banquet at Bahia sponsored by out-of-town affiliate societies — cost \$6 per person.
3. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: Ted Anderson, Peter Bally, Howard Gentry, Hans Krainz, Edgar Lamb.

1973

15th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Las Vegas, Nevada on 14–18 May 1973 (Monday–Friday) at Sands Hotel (room rates \$18-\$21/night per person) — hosted by Las Vegas Cactus and Succulent Society, Colorado Cactophiles and Gates Cactus and Succulent Society.

REGISTRATION FEE — ???.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTORS: Ed and Betty Gay — CSSA PRESIDENT: Bill Lockwood

SPEAKERS — 18

Gerald Arp, USA—The Galapagos Opuntias: A new interpretation.
 Lyman Benson, USA—The Mojavean and Navajoan Deserts.
 Jay Dodson, USA—John Lavranos' habitat slides of succulents in Socotra and Arabia.
 W Hubert Earle, USA—Exciting, exotic, exuberant Echinocereus, Earle.
 David Grigsby, USA—Grafting the easy way.
 Geoff Hedgecock, England—Whytheselongnames?
 James Henrickson, USA—What you have always wanted to know about sex in cacti, but never dared to ask.
 Bill Lockwood, USA—Recent C.S.S.A. shows and exhibits in the Los Angeles area.
 Gary Lyons, USA—Workshop on conservation.
 Virginia Martin, USA—Idria happenings.
 Jo Mast, USA—Native cacti and succulents of Nevada.
 Larry Mitich, USA—The odyssey of Dr George Engelmann.

Lester Rothstein, USA—The cactus and succulent scene in Europe today.

Kathryn Sabo, USA—Tarahumara County.

Peter Sanchez, USA—Plant ecology of Death Valley National Monument.

Lloyd Schwegmann, South Africa—Commercial cultivation of cacti and other succulents in South Africa.

Mildred Stern, USA—The fascination of Crassulas.

Edward Taylor, USA—Cacti and other sticky things.

FIELD TRIPS — Choice of one on Tuesday, 15 May:

1. Collecting trip on a large privately owned ranch.
2. Cruise through waters and canyons of Lake Mead in morning and Valley of Fire in afternoon.

VENDORS

Grigsby Cactus Gardens, ???.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Some programs in evenings plus night owl programs with members' slides.
2. King and Queen into the 'Ancient Order of the Cactus Nuts' elected: **Walter and Hazel Scott**.
3. Farewell banquet Friday evening.
4. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **Edward Castetter, Jay Dodson, Cyril Parr, Werner Rauh**.
5. Over 300 attendees.

1971

14th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

El Paso, Texas on 10–14 May 1971 (Monday–Friday) at **Airport Hilton Inn** (room rates ???/night per person) — hosted by **El Paso Cactus and Rock Club**, and **Cactus and Succulent Societies from Houston; Albuquerque; Tucson; New York; and Rio Grande Cactus Club**.

REGISTRATION FEE — ???.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Ed Gay — **CSSA PRESIDENT**: Myron Kinnach

EVENING SPEAKERS — 4

John Green, USA—Cactusland.

Prince Pierce, USA—Cacti of New Mexico.

Barton Warnock, USA—Wildflowers of the Big Bend Country.

Ronald Wauer, USA—Big Bend National Park.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Tuesday, 11 May: Collecting trips to Oro Grande habitat and near Sierra Branca with owner permission.
2. Thursday, 13 May: To Carlsbad Caverns.

POST-CONVENTION TOURS

1. Four-day tour of Big Bend National Park.
2. Two-week camping tour into Mexico.
3. Five-day rail and bus tour to Chihuahua and the Pacific.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Group dinners each evening.
2. Night Owl Show after each evening's program by member attendees.
3. Session on shows and judging.
4. King and Queen into the 'Ancient Order of the Cactus Nuts' elected: **Edward [Ted] S. Taylor and Virginia F. Martin**.
6. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **Norman Boke, Martin Cardenas, Hermann Jacobsen, Gilbert Tegelbert, Sr.**

1969

13th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Pasadena, California on 5–9 May 1969 (Monday–Friday) at Huntington-Sheraton Hotel (room rates ???/night per person) — hosted by

Monday—San Gabriel and Long Beach Cactus and Succulent Societies.

Tuesday—Los Angeles and Metropolitan Cactus and Succulent Societies.

Wednesday—Sunset Succulent Society and the California Cactus Growers.

Thursday—Howard E Gates Memorial Cactus and Succulent Society and the Mojave Desert Cactus Club.

REGISTRATION FEE — \$5 per person.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Charles Glass — CSSA PRESIDENT: Edward Gay

SPEAKERS — 26 (There were concurrent speaker program sessions.)

Edward Anderson, USA—Peyote.

Mary Bellerue, USA—Judging panel.

Lyman Benson, USA—1. The Winds and the Deserts. 2. Taxonomic treatment of the Cactaceae of the United States and Canada.

JR Brown, USA—Haworthias.

Franklin Crosby, USA—Succulents from A to Z.

Jay Dodson, USA—Succulent plants at University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley.

Chester Dugdale, USA—Mostly Lithops.

Sister Marie Fidelis, USA—Chromosome Investigations in the Cactaceae.

Bob Foster, USA—Collecting in Mexico.

Charles Glass, USA—Cacti and Succulents for the Amateur.

James Henderson, USA—The Ocotillo Family.

Paul Hutchison, USA—Cacti of Peru.

Ted Hutchison, USA—Grafting panel with Gil Tegelberg Jr, Bob Taylor and Les Rothstein.

Harry Johnson Sr, USA—Succulents of South Africa and Madagascar.

Myron Kimmach, USA—Cactus collecting in western Mexico.

Lorraine Kirkpatrick, USA—Dehydrated Flowers.

George Lindsay, USA—The genus *Ferocactus*.

Bill Maddams, England—1. The *Mammillaria picta* complex. 2. Mammillaria panel with Robert Foster, Peter Sharp and Dennis Cowper.

Larry Mitich, USA—Observations on cacti in some western states.

Reid Moran, USA—1. The vegetation of Baja California. 2. Dudleyas.

Jack Napton, USA—Echeverias.

Doyle Noel, USA—Plant importation and permit procedures.

Kathryn Sabo, USA—Collecting cacti by air.

Don Skinner, USA—Plant clinic.

Gil Tegelberg Sr, USA—1. Cactus growing as a hobby. 2. Cultural panel.

Dave Verity, USA—Aloes.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Tuesday morning to Huntington Botanical Gardens with Myron Kimmach and Gary Lyons as guides of the Desert Garden.
2. Wednesday all day to Tegelberg cactus gardens with picnic lunch.
3. Thursday morning to Rancho Santa Anna Botanic Gardens and Herbarium with Dr Lyman Benson as guide.

POST-CONVENTION TOURS

1. Saturday, 10 May: All day to Mme Ganna Walska's famed 'Lotusland' in Santa Barbara with box lunch.
2. Monday, 12 May: Choice of one:
 - a. 2-day trip to Clark Mountains of California on Nevada border with guide Gil Tegelberg.
 - b. Week camping trip into Idria country in Baja California with guides Ed and Betty Gay.

- c. 2-day trip into high country of northern Baja California with guides Bob and Suzanne Taylor.
- d. 10-day camping trip to back woods of central Sonora with guide Bob Taylor.
- e. 7-day trip to Guaymas and Alamos, Sonora with guide Joe Kellet. Tour members on this trip were: Bob Foster, Charles Glass, Myron Kimnach, Paul Shaw, Bill Kidd, Earl Nydam, Peter Sharp, Bill and Betty Maddams, Kitty Sabo and Mary Bellerue.
- f. 2-day trip to Palm Springs and Joshua Tree National Monument with guides Pat and Slim Moorten.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Monday afternoon: A judged cactus and succulent show.
2. Fabulous cactus and succulent plant display by Art Montague, who used native plants sent to him by Affiliated Societies from their states.
3. Evening banquets in Viennese Room at hotel: (a) Monday—Cinco de Mayo; (b) Tuesday—40th Anniversary Birthday Party; (c) Wednesday—Wild, Wild West; (d) Thursday—Mission Days; and (e) Friday—“Hawaiian Luau” with Gordon Rowley’s whimsical film ‘Cactus Polonaise’.
4. King and Queen into the ‘Ancient Order of the Cactus Nuts’ elected: **Don and Murray Skinner**.
5. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **Louisa Bolus, Franz Buxbaum, Edward Hummel**.
6. 342 attendees including members from 43 Affiliate Societies.

1967

12th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Albuquerque, New Mexico on 15–18 May 1967 (Monday–Thursday) at **Sheraton Western Skies Motor Hotel** (room rates \$9–\$15/night per person) — hosted by **CSSA Affiliate Clubs and Societies** with Murray Skinner as Affiliate Chairman.

REGISTRATION FEE — \$3 per person.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Edward S Taylor — **CSSA PRESIDENT**: Don Skinner

SPEAKERS — 4

Edward Castetter, USA—Some interesting New Mexico cacti.

Allen Mollison, USA—Desert nature trails.

Don Skinner, USA—Plants and their relationship.

Harrison Yocum, USA—The cardboard mountain.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Tuesday bus trip to Santa Fe, Santa Domingo Pueblo and more — cost per person \$3 plus box lunch \$2.40 and dinner at hotel \$4.25.
2. Wednesday collecting trip by private cars to local ranches — cost per person box lunch \$2.15 and dinner at hotel \$3.95.
3. Thursday barbecue buffet \$4.50.

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR — Garden tours of members of New Mexico C&SS.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Monday evening: Opening banquet — cost \$5.35 per person.
2. King and Queen into the ‘Ancient Order of the Cactus Nuts’ elected: **Hector and Sandie Moir** from Hawaii.
3. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **Paul Hutchison, Thomas MacDougall, Ted Taylor**.

1965

11th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Phoenix-Tucson, Arizona on 3–8 May 1965 (Monday–Saturday) at Motel Headquarters, the Sands of Phoenix and the Sands of Tucson (room rates ???/night per person) — hosted by CSSA Affiliate Clubs and Societies with Murray Skinner as Affiliate Chairman.

REGISTRATION FEE — ???.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Edward S Taylor — CSSA PRESIDENT: Don Skinner

SPEAKERS — 10

Stanley Alcorn, USA—Life history of the Saguaro.

Edward Castetter, USA—New Mexico cacti.

Yale Dawson, USA—Slide program 'Plants of the Galapagos Islands' shown at Opening Banquet at Sands of Tucson on Thursday.

Jay Dodson, USA—New succulent plant introductions.

Ed and Betty Gay, USA—Baja California (Opening Banquet at Sands of Tucson on Thursday).

George Lindsay, USA—Documentary film 'Sea of Cortez' shown at Opening Banquet at Sands of Phoenix on Monday.

Alan Mollison, USA—Time lapse movies featuring cactus blossoms opening (Friday evening program).

Doyle Noel, Mexico—Collection and importation of Mexican cacti (Friday evening program).

Dewey Wildoner, USA—Saga of the Crooked (Superstition) Mountain.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Tuesday bus tour along the Apache Trail, Tonto National Monument, Boyce Thompson Arboretum.
2. Wednesday afternoon tour of Tucson area.
3. Thursday tour to Quien Sabe Ranch area.
4. Friday morning tour to Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and afternoon tour to Tucson Mountain Park.
5. Saturday tour to Saguaro National Monument and Sabino Canyon.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. King and Queen into the 'Ancient Order of the Cactus Nuts' elected: John and Theresa Bock.
2. Monday evening awards: (a) Fellow: Yale Dawson, Hubert Earle, Hans Herre, Myron Kimmach, John Rodgers.
3. 256 attendees.

1963

10th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

San Diego, California on 9–12 July 1963 (Tuesday–Friday) at El Cortez Hotel (room rates ???/night per person) — hosted by CSSA Affiliate Clubs and Societies.

REGISTRATION FEE — ???.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Edward S Taylor — CSSA PRESIDENT: Edward S Taylor

SPEAKERS — 5

Lyman Benson, USA—Navajoan Desert.

George Lindsay, USA—1. Plants of the Anza-Borrega Desert area. 2. Baja California.

Read Moran, USA—Succulents and botany.

Don Skinner, USA—Conservation.

Ted Taylor, USA—1. Nature's enemies. 2. History of Society and introduction of past Presidents and Fellows at convention (Opening Banquet).

FIELD TRIPS

1. Wednesday trip to Anza-Borrega Desert area and to desert home of Mr and Mrs Harry B Caulk in Ocotillo, California.
2. Thursday trip to Natural History Museum and to the San Diego Zoo.

POST-CONVENTION TOUR — Two-day tour to Baja California, 13-14 July with overnight at Villa Marino Hotel, Ensenada.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Tuesday evening Opening Banquet.
2. Wednesday evening panel of 'Fellows of the Society' program 'Stump the Experts'.
4. King and Queen into the 'Ancient Order of the Cactus Nuts' elected: **Robert and Ina Craig**.
5. Tuesday evening awards: (a) Fellow: **John Akers, Reid Moran, Don Skinner**.
6. 168 attendees.

1961

9th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Mexico City, Mexico on 12–17 July 1961 (Wednesday–Monday) at Hotel Del Prado in Downtown Mexico City (room rates ???/night per person) — hosted by **CSSA Affiliate Societies** with assistance of the **Sociedad Mexicana de Cactologia, A.C.** (Dr Helia Bravo-Hollis, President).

REGISTRATION FEE — ???.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Manuel T Castella & Edward S Taylor — **CSSA PRESIDENT**: Edward S Taylor

SPEAKERS — 2

Helia Bravo-Hollis, Mexico—Slides and talk on Desert Zone of Tehuacan.

Hernando Sanchez-Mejorada, Mexico—Slides and talk on Venados (Valley of the Old Man Cactus).

FIELD TRIPS

1. Thursday to "The Valley of the Old Men" Cactus.
2. Friday to University of Mexico City Botanical Garden.
3. Saturday and Sunday in Tehuacan cactus region.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Banquet and Fiesta Monday evening.
2. King and Queen into the 'Ancient Order of the Cactus Nuts' elected: **Ed and Betty Gay**.
3. About 100 attendees.

1959

8th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

St Louis, Missouri on 8–11 July 1959 (Wednesday–Saturday) at **Holiday Inn Hotel** (room rates \$7.50–\$17.50/night per person — luncheons averages \$2.25 and dinners \$3.25–\$4.50) — hosted by **Henry Shaw Cactus Society**.

REGISTRATION FEE — ???.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Ladislaus Cutak — **CSSA PRESIDENT**: Harry Johnson Sr

SPEAKERS — 8

Edward Anderson, USA—Peyote and peyotism.

Norman Boke, USA—A Morphologist looks at the Cacti.

Ladislaus Cutak, USA—1. See Missouri's attractions. 2. Cacti for home and garden. 3. Exotic collection of Edgar and Brian Lamb, England.

Hubert Earle, USA—The Desert Botanical Garden.

George Glade, USA—Taped talk on *Aloes of S Africa*.

Chester and Patricia Moorten, USA—Exploits in Mexico.

Fritz Went, USA—Physiology of desert plants.

POST-CONVENTION TOUR — Saturday, 11 July, to Missouri Botanical Garden and an outdoor theater in evening with box lunch (\$3.50/person) and theater seats (75¢–\$3.50/person).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. King and Queen into the 'Ancient Order of the Cactus Nuts' elected: **Dudley** and **Alicia Gold** of Mexico City.
2. Ladies with succulent-decorated HAT contest and all member succulent-decorated wearing apparel and accessories contest.
3. Both 1 and 2 entertainment presided over by Ladislaus Cutak with prizes for the best and funniest hats and costumes.

1957

7th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Berkeley, California on **12–16 July 1957** (Friday–Tuesday) at **Hotel Shattuck** (room rates \$5–\$25/night per person — group meal luncheons \$1.25 and dinners \$3 and Tuesday night banquet \$3.50) — hosted by **C&SS of California, San Francisco Bay Region**.

REGISTRATION FEE — \$1.50 per person.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Paul Hutchison — **CSSA PRESIDENT:** Lyman Benson

SPEAKERS — 14

Nick Bokarica, USA—Memories of the 1955 Convention.

Norman Boke, USA—Development and form in cacti.

Robert Flores, USA—Collecting cacti in Mexico.

Paul Hutchison, USA—1. Succulent portraits from Africa (reading a paper by Harry Hall, South Africa). 2. Succulents at the University of California Botanical Gardens.

Harry Johnson Sr, USA—Collecting cacti in western South America.

EB Kurtz and Stanley Alcorn, USA—Some factors relating to germination of cactus seed.

George Lindsay, USA—Cactus collecting on an expedition to the Gulf of California (color movie).

Pat Moorten and Jerry Barad, USA—Travelogue.

Reid Moran, USA—Collecting succulents in the Orient.

Mrs Cactus Pete, USA—Epiphyllums and some of their hybrids.

Homer and Ethel Rush, USA—Kalanchoe and Sedum.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Saturday to private collections in East-Bay area.
2. Monday to the Bay Area and University of California Botanical Garden, Berkeley — cost \$3 per person.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. King and Queen into the 'Ancient Order of the Cactus Nuts' elected: **Fred Marchanton** of Vancouver, British Columbia and **Margaret Radden** of Chicago, Illinois.
2. All member succulent-decorated wearing apparel and accessories contest.
3. Art show with black and white photos, color photos, paintings and drawings.
4. Plant and book auction for benefit of CSSA Convention Fund.
5. Horticulture Symposium Saturday evening with Harry Johnson Sr, Howard Gates, John Rodgers, Al Irving and Myron Kimnach.
6. 174 attendees, including 5 former presidents: Edgar Baxter, Howard Gates, Carl Brassfield, Robert Craig and Harry Johnson Jr.

1955

6th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

El Paso, Texas on 8–12 July 1955 (Friday–Tuesday) at private dining room of **Del Camino Coffee Shop**, El Paso, Texas — hosted by **El Paso Cactus and Rock Club** and **California Cactus Growers Association, Inc.**

REGISTRATION FEE — ???.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: John Leasure — CSSA PRESIDENT: Homer Rush

SPEAKERS — 9

Marjory Anthony, USA—The Opuntieae of the Big Bend Region of Texas.

Lyman Benson, USA—Geographical distribution of west American cacti.

Edward Castetter, USA—New Mexico's cacti.

Ladislaus Cutak, USA—Colored slide tour of Florida and its gardens and parks.

Paul Hutchison, USA—1. Kodachrome portraits of succulents of unusual rarity cultivated at University of California Botanical Garden, Berkeley. 2. Portraits of South American cacti.

John Lewis, USA—Movie by Union Pacific Railroad of tour of Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce and Cedar Breaks National Parks.

Chester and Patricia Moorten, USA—Picture tour of Mexico, the big cactus country.

Homer Rush, USA—Colored slides of events at 1953 convention in Arcadia.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Saturday morning to gardens of members of El Paso Cactus and Rock Club.
2. Monday field trip to Hueco Mountains.
3. Tuesday field trip to Oro Grande.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. King and Queen into the 'Ancient Order of the Cactus Nuts' elected: **Mickey and Adeline Kirsch** of Chicago.
2. All member succulent-decorated wearing apparel and accessories contest.
3. Both 1 and 2 entertainment presided over by **Ladislaus Cutak** with prizes for the best and funniest wearing apparel and accessories.

1953

5th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Arcadia, California on 10–12 July 1953 (Friday–Sunday) at **Carpenter's Santa Anita Café** dining room, West Huntington Drive, Arcadia, California — hosted by **Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society** (EM Armstrong), **California Cactus Growers Association** (Gilbert H Tegelberg), **Long Beach Cactus Club** (Mace Taylor) and **Epiphyllum Society of America** (Sherman E Beahm).

REGISTRATION FEE — ???.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Howard Gates — CSSA PRESIDENT: Harry [Hal] Johnson Jr

SPEAKERS — 4 (evening programs)

Sherman Beahm, USA—Kodachromes of Epiphyllums (Sunday evening).

Lyman Benson, USA—Color in the Southwest (Friday evening).

Sister Marie Fidelis, USA—Investigations in Mammillaria and other Cacti (Friday evening).

Harry Johnson Sr, USA—Botanical exploring in Peru (Sunday evening).

FIELD TRIPS

1. Friday afternoon bus tour to Angeles Crest Succulent Gardens in La Canada and Beahm Epiphyllum Gardens (Gertrude and Ernie Beahm) in Pasadena.
2. Saturday morning private car tour to Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino.
3. Saturday afternoon bus tour to Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park with chicken dinner in dining room.
4. Sunday morning bus tour to Johnson's Cactus Gardens in Paramount.

POST-CONVENTION TOURS

1. Monday, 13 July, bus tour via Hollywood, Santa Monica, Malibu and Ventura to Ganna Walska's 'Lotusland' cactus gardens in Santa Barbara.
2. Tuesday, 14 July, bus tour via Monrovia, Azusa, Claremont and Ontario to Gates Cactus Gardens in Corona, and via Riverside, Hemet, Palms and Pines Highway over mountains to Palm Desert and Palm Springs with evening program by Howard E Gates, USA—Kodachromes of Mexico.
3. Wednesday, 15 July, bus tour to Palm and Andreas Canyon, visit Queen Patricia's Cactus Museum in Palm Springs and visit Devil's Garden on mesa east of Whitewater.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. King and Queen into the 'Ancient Order of the Cactus Nuts' elected: **Fred and Jaye Mayall**.
2. HAT contest designed and decorated by ladies and modeled by men.
3. Loud shirt contest decorated with motifs appropriate to convention.
4. All entertainment presided over by Ladislaus Cutak with prizes for the best and funniest hats and loudest shirts.

1951

4th BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Denver, Colorado on 10–12 July 1951 (Tuesday–Thursday) at **Lakewood Masonic Temple** on western edge of Denver, lodging at various motels at rates \$3-\$5/night for single per person & \$5-\$8/night for couples — hosted by **Colorado Cactophiles** (Julia Willis, President).

REGISTRATION FEE — \$2.00 per registrant who has passed sixteenth birthday.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Howard Gates — **CSSA PRESIDENT:** Harry [Hal] Johnson Jr

SPEAKERS — 16

Millard Armstrong, USA—Color photography (in two parts).

Elzada Clover, USA—1. Cacti of Haiti. 2. Growing cacti in northern states. 3. Collecting field cacti for research material.

Muriel Colburn, USA—Rocks and minerals.

Ladislaus Cutak, USA—1. Reminiscence hour with Kodachromes. 2. Other succulents.

Sister Marie Fidelis, USA—1. Cactus and the microscope. 2. Microscopic cactus studies.

Howard Gates, USA—Growing cactus from seed.

Fred Gibson, USA—Cacti of the Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum.

Carl Henscheid, USA—Kodachromes of cactus that bloom in Idaho.

Harry [Hal] Johnson Jr, USA—Grafting cactus.

George Kelly, USA—Colorado's National Parks.

Robert Kilian, USA—Pest control.

John Leasure, USA—1. Cacti of New Mexico. 2. Cactus in the El Paso Country.

William Taylor Marshall, USA—Introduction to desert plants (in four parts).

Walter Pessman, USA—Colorado cacti.

Alvina Pohndorf, USA—Romance in rocks.

John Rodgers, USA—Question box.

POST-CONVENTION TOUR — Two-day trip on Friday and Saturday, 13–14 July, to Wakefield Ranch and to Canon City-Wet Mountain Valley area with cost of group meals—13 July picnic lunch \$1.75—14 July picnic lunch \$1.50.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. King and Queen into the 'Ancient Order of the Cactus Nuts' elected: **Gilbert Taylor** of Beaver, Oklahoma and **Patricia Moorten** of Palm Springs, California.
2. Ladies with succulent-decorated HAT contest, won by Miss **JoAnn Varone** of Denver, Colorado.
3. Both 1 and 2 entertainment presided over by Ladislaus Cutak with prizes for the best and funniest hats.
4. Cost of group meals — Tuesday, 10 July luncheon \$2 and dinner \$3 per person — Wednesday, 11 July luncheon \$2 per person — Thursday, 12 July luncheon \$2 and buffalo dinner \$2.75.
5. About 100 attendees from 19 states.

1949

3rd BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Phoenix, Arizona on 2–5 July 1949 (Saturday–Tuesday) at **Autopia Motor Lodge** (name change to The Continental Guest Lodge) with room rates \$2–\$3.50/night per person — hosted by **Arizona Cactus and Native Floral Society, Inc** (William Taylor Marshall, President and Director of Desert Botanical Garden).

REGISTRATION FEE — ???.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: Howard Gates — CSSA PRESIDENT: Robert Craig

SPEAKERS — 12

Sherman Beahm, USA—Epiphyllums*.

Carl Brassfield, USA—Affiliate Societies*.

Charles Cole, USA—Indoor culture*.

Arthur Flagg, USA—Rocks and minerals*.

Harry Johnson Sr, USA—1. Pest control*. 2. Cacti and Succulents in Peru.

George Lindsay, USA—1. Desert Botanical Garden. 2. Kodachrome movie of Sonora and Lower California.

Reg Manning, USA—His book 'What Kinda Cactus Izzat' (welcome address).

William Taylor Marshall, USA—Xerophytic succulents with kodachrome slides.

Robert Peebles, USA—Preparation of cactus and succulent plants for herbarium preservation.

Ralph and Clair Proctor, USA—Color slides of various cacti in flower (Sunday evening).

Homer Rush, USA—Outdoor culture*.

*Round table discussions.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Saturday, 2 July, Desert Botanical Garden with guide William Taylor Marshall.
2. Tuesday, 5 July, car caravan to Superstition Mountains and Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum at Superior, Arizona with dinner catered on picnic grounds.

POST-CONVENTION TOUR — Wednesday–Friday, 6–8 July, in car caravan to Saguaro National Monument, Nogales, Papago Indian Reservation and Organ Pipe National Monument with Wayne Thompson as head guide — cost \$1 per day for guide fee.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. First convention King and Queen into the 'Ancient Order of the Cactus Nuts' elected: **Jerry and Bea Barad**, New York City, presided over by Ladislaus Cutak.
2. Convention sessions in Webster Auditorium at Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix.
3. Saturday evening award: Fellow: **George Lindsay**.
4. 59 of 130 attendees were Society members from 19 states.

1947

2nd BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

Cincinnati, Ohio on 26–28 June 1947 (Thursday–Saturday) at **Sinton Hotel Convention Hall** (room rates \$3–\$20/night per person) — hosted by **KIO** (Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio) **Cactus Club** (Chas R Cole, Cincinnati Chairman).

REGISTRATION FEE — \$7.50, including luncheon on Thursday and Friday at Sinton Hotel along with picnic lunch on Saturday at Eden Park at noon. \$3.50 for Saturday closing banquet at Sinton Hotel on Saturday.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: William Taylor Marshall — CSSA PRESIDENT: Carl Brassfield

SPEAKERS — 8

Elzada Clover, USA—Guatemala and its cacti.
Ladislaus Cutak, USA—Spine Chats.
Laval Goulet, Canada—Growing cacti in Northern Canada.
John Haag, USA—The Cactus and Succulent Conservatory in St Paul.
Scott Haselton, USA—The CSSA Journal.
BY Morrison, USA—The American Horticultural Society.
John EC Rodgers, USA—Cereusly Speaking.
W Taylor Marshall, USA—The Desert Botanical Garden.

VENDORS

Cactus Pete (Los Angeles), **AW Guy** (El Monte), **Johnson Cactus Gardens** (Hynes), **Manhattan Miniature Gardens** (Manhattan Beach), **Museo del Desierto** (Palm Springs), **Morris Schick** (Glendale), **Swanson's Cactus Gardens** (Gardena), **FG Taylor** (Temple City) – all from California.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Part of convention spent in Eden Park.
2. Friday visit to The Lloyd Library at Eden Park.
3. Saturday photographic and cactus show by members at Irving Krohn Conservatory at Eden Park plus commercial showing by California Cactus growers Association and other dealers.
4. Commercial Exhibits by JC Rutenschroer, Cincinnati, Ohio; Fernando Schmolli, Cadereyta de Montes, Queretaro, Mexico; and California Cactus Growers Association.
5. Photographic Salon in lobby of Sinton Hotel.
6. Largest number of members from an Affiliate was 11 from Detroit Cactus and Succulent Society.
7. 25 Affiliates (1 Foreign) registered.

1945 and 1943

World War II years: No convention.

1941

1st BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

LOCATION, DATES, VENUE and HOST

St Louis, Missouri on 4–5 July 1941 (Friday–Saturday) at **Chase Hotel** (room rates ???/night per person) — hosted by **Shaw's Garden** (Missouri Botanical Garden) with Friday luncheon provided (George T Moore, Director).

REGISTRATION FEE — ???.

CSSA CONVENTION DIRECTOR: William Taylor Marshall — **CSSA PRESIDENT:** Ervin Strong

SPEAKERS — 8

JP Caribea, USA—Distribution of Cacti in the Caribbean Region.
Ladislaus Cutak, USA—Adventures in Cactus Land.
Jesse Greenman, USA—Engelmann and the Missouri Botanical Garden in relation to our knowledge of cacti.
Harry Johnson Sr, USA—Flowering Cacti and Other Succulents.
W Taylor Marshall, USA—Collecting cacti in western Mexico.
Otilia (Lily) Starkweather, USA—Desert Conservation.
Gilbert Tegelberg Sr, USA—Grafting cacti.
Robert Woodson Jr, USA—The Naming of Plants by Scientific Method.

FIELD TRIP — On Saturday to Charlie and Frank Seiloff's Floral Company cactus greenhouses (with luncheon) plus evening banquet at Chase Hotel with speakers Ladislaus Cutak and Otilia (Lily) Starkweather, President of Tucson Desert Garden Club — cost for day and for banquet \$3.50 per person.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Cactus and succulent photography judged exhibit by Society members at a cost of 20¢ for each entry with 120 entries and 82 people that won ribbons.
2. Large garden displays of cactus and other succulent plants by California Cactus Growers Association, Nurseryman RW Kelly, Gilbert Tegelberg, Howard Gates and Knickerbocker Nursery.
3. Conducted tour of the Missouri Botanical Garden, particularly the desert house and outdoor rockery test garden.
4. Evening sessions with motion pictures.
5. 29 Affiliates (3 Foreign) registered.