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The Newsletter of the Aloe, Cactus and Succulent Society of Zimbabwe

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it'S ALOE TIME AGAIN!

This will be another very busy month. To take maximum advantage of the floral extravaganza in June, your committee has organized not one but three outings. So read the outings section with care so you don't miss anything. They'll all be special.

Thanks to Rob and Sheila for hosting a very successful AGM and a most enjoyable social afterwards. And thanks to Manfred for his long and productive stint as Chairman...and for his short speech! The Society has benefited enormously from all the energy Manfred has put into ACSSZ. We also welcome Malcolm as our new Chairman, Doreen as Vice-chairman, and Caryl as a new committee member—and website fundi.

Your Committee

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Sunday, 16th June

The first outing of the month will be a bring & braai and the chance to see Norman Conlon's aloes at their best and to admire the extent of his expanded plantings.

The address: 17 Eagle Heights, Lake Chivero

Phones: 0712 608 014 / 2926271 / 0772 143 309

The time: 10.30

Details are below.

Directions:

To Lake Chivero - take the Bulawayo road out of town. At about the 23k peg, after the Lion and Cheetah Park sign, turn left at the Turnpike Service Station, then first left into Beesway. After about a kilometre, turn left into Eagle Heights. No 17 has a green wall and is on the left.

The Day

The day starts when you arrive, but there will not be the customary tea. Do bring your chairs and hats, but there will be no raffle or auction. Bring your own meat and drinks for the braai as well as a side dish to share. Car-pooling would be sensible.

Sunday, 23rd June

The second outing is to another garden where creativity never ceases—that of Barbara and Brian Terry.

The address: 2 Halford Road, Greystone Park

Phones: 885866

The time: 10.00 to 12.00

Details are below.

Directions:

Barbara and Brian's place is at the corner of Halford & Newbold. Take Gaydon Road off of Harare Drive and then turn right into Newbold (2nd turning after Stonechat Lane). Alternatively, turn right off Gaydon into Warwick Road and then first left into Newbold.

The Morning

This will be a relaxed and very informal outing intended to give you the chance to see a splendid display of aloes...and others. If you'd like tea or a picnic brunch on the lawn, do bring your own flasks and food, along with a blanket or chairs.

Sunday, 30th June

Ewanrigg--We'll park and meet for the customary tea at 10.00 in the braai area (keep right after you enter the gate). After tea, Brian Terry will give us a talk on aloes, and then we'll explore the various sections of the gardens, especially those areas where the Society has been active in developing and helping to maintain the plantings. This will be another bring & braai event, so after the walk we'll return to our vehicles and the fires will be lit for lunch.

Please bring hats and chairs and something to share for tea. There will be no raffle or auction. And car-pooling is again recommended to save on tolls and National Park entrance fees.

Subs

A last gentle reminder that those of you who have not yet paid your subs for 2013—due in January--will receive no further communications from the Society. June is the month when the names of the unpaid are removed from the Society's records. So please either pay one of the Committee members or use the Society's CABS account. The account name and number are ACSSZ and 9016491871. Just make sure your name appears as the payer.

The Plant Sale

The May plant sale was our most successful to date. Well over 1500 plants were sold—71 percent of the plants the 20 sellers had available. This is more than double the percentage of the previous sale. The total value of sales was up by 30 percent from the 2012 spring sale (taking into account the high-valued cycads sold by Ewanrigg then) and by 55 percent if the value of the Ewanrigg cycads is excluded. We also welcomed 15 new members at the plant sale. Very well done to Hans and his team. All that effort was rewarded, and the Society now has additional funds to support our upcoming projects. More on these in future newsletters.

Enjoy this month's programme your Committee has put together.

Lynn & Bill