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

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### A BUSY TIME AHEAD

May and June will be extremely busy months, hence this newsletter will focus on upcoming events.

This newsletter is the penultimate reminder to those who have not yet paid their subs. And this is about half of you. Please use the CABS facility to pay your subs or pay at the plant sale on the 25th. You'll get one more newsletter from us...after that, no more communications.

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### **Outing on 27th April**

Those who joined us in the garden of Vernon and Chantelle Lapham saw what is undoubtedly Harare's largest and most unusual water feature—4+ million litres. Vernon explained the strategy and tactics he used in his dam-building project, designed to capture every single drop of water falling not only in the garden but also to channel in runoff from the street. The success of the project enables the Laphams to store enough water to last the whole of the dry season and has allowed them to maintain a green and thriving garden.

### **Special outing on 8th June**

Norman Conlon will be delighted to welcome ACSSZ and NAGC members to his garden at Lake Chivero on Sunday 8th June from mid-morning onwards to enjoy his landscaping and the aloes, which are putting on a real show.

Those coming are most welcome to stay for lunch. Norman will put the braai out, and those attending should bring their own nyama, dishes for sharing and their own refreshments. It will be a great chance to visit at leisure a very special garden and to appreciate Norman's architectural creations. For further details, contact Ros Houghton on 0772 115 364 or 333975.

**Directions:** Go past the Lion & Cheetah Park...about 25km out of Harare. At the Old Turnpike Garage, now a Sukunda Garage, on your left, turn left for Lake Chivero and follow the road going over the railway line and up and over the hill. As you approach the bottom of the hill, turn left into Beesway Road, continue and then turn left again into Eagle Heights Road and continue to number 17, on your left.

### **Plant Sale Reminder**

The autumn plant sale takes place this coming Sunday, 25th May, from 9am to 2pm. The sale will be at the new venue in the Botanic Garden (near the Herbarium office), so please use the main Herbarium gate entrance. We believe that you'll find the new layout more efficient and easier to visit.

Please note that you will be able to renew your subs at the plant sale. You will also be able to register for the Congress—Xerophytica 2014.

Take a friend along! And remember that the best plants go early.

### **Xerophytica 2014—Plants for Our Future**

Note the change in title, which the steering committee felt better reflects the theme of the upcoming Congress. The breadth of topics that will be covered by the presenters is truly impressive, and there will be something for everyone—from the deeply thought-provoking to the practical for the green-fingered, waterwise gardeners. There will also be a session on botanic photography, a special combined session on the world's largest succulent—the baobab, and a panel on landscaping with xerophytic plants. Speakers are coming from as far away as Saudi Arabia and will include large numbers from numerous South African botanical institutes, as well as from Kenya. Of course, there will be local speakers as well. There will also be an exhibition of plant-themed art—with artists from the US and the UK complementing local artists—as well as a display and sale of new food, health and cosmetic products relating to plants, particularly succulents. It really will be a very special event...there has been nothing like it for more than 25 years...if ever Think of it as the HIFA of the plant world!

Presentations will take place on June 20th and 21st, interspersed with delicious meals, tea and coffee, and plenty of opportunity to interact socially with the presenters. In addition, starting on the 22nd, there will be three outings. Two of these will be one-day events, starting with a picnic outing to Ewanrigg on Sunday, the 22nd. The following day there will be a 4x4 expedition to the Great Dyke, again including a picnic lunch, to explore this unique bit of Zimbabwe's landscape with its unique plants. On Tuesday, the 24th, we set off on a five-day 4x4 expedition to the Eastern Highlands. So be sure to put these dates in your diaries.

Full details are on the ACSSZ website [see above]. Please do visit this and see all of what the Congress offers. To make registration easier for you, we have attached the registration form.

Please note that places at the Congress and on the tours are limited, so early registration is strongly advised. Because catering arrangements must be made, **the deadline for registration is 16 June**. No last minute walk-ins will be allowed. As noted above, you will be able to register at the plant sale on the 25th or by following the instructions on the registration form.

Hope to see you at the Botanic Garden on the 25th.

Lynn & Bill