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

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Hi Everyone,

This coming weekend it will be AGM time. Doreen Richards our Chairperson will be serving her last year as Our Great Leader. Her efficiency in everything she does has always been a joy to behold. She and her late husband Dave were pillars of the Society almost from inception and long may her association with us continue. Partner Mike is just as enthusiastic and the garden at Greystone Park is a pleasant mix of the Quirky, Quixotic and Quite Interesting! Let's rally behind her team in 2016/2017 to give her a fitting finale!!!!

The next Rare Plant Sale looms and yesterday I was reminded of this at a chance encounter in a car park.

An engaging lady was talking to my good friend Didge and suddenly saw me in the car next to him. She pointed accusingly at me and said, "You are the guy who sold me a baobab!" Luckily it transpired that the said plant is indeed a baobab and is doing well and she was in fact very happy with the transaction. It has roots and green side up was working. Polish your plants up, give value for money and everyone will be happy and we will hopefully convert this city and country into an eco-friendly water-wise paradise. The March of the Baobabs has begun. There is no other option.

Cheers,  
Mafungi.

### Your Committee

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### Monthly Meeting : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday 20 March 2016

This month's **Annual General Meeting** is at **83 Bargate Road, Vainona**, the home and garden of Gill and Tony Olivey. Gill will be giving us a brief history of the property and Emerald Seedlings. And Meg Coates-Palgrave will be generous leading us through the wonderful life she has embarked upon.

PLEASE remember to bring a delicious plate of eats to share. Don't forget to bring your chairs, hats and umbrellas, as well as a labelled plant or other contribution for the raffle.

**The time:** 10.00am for 10:30am

**Directions:** Coming down Alpes Road, past Vainona School, turn left into Bargate Road (last road on the left hand side before Harare Drive.) Numbers of the houses are a bit confusing, Number 83 is the first entrance on the LEFT hand side (not the house on the corner.)

**If you need further directions contact Ros on 0772 115364.**

## Flowering Plant: MARCH

### What is this, on the right?

Send your knowledgeable and considered opinions to [bo.hoom52@yahoo.com](mailto:bo.hoom52@yahoo.com).

The respected judge's decision is final and the winner will get a box of choice Belgian chocolates, provided they are shared.

February entry was *Stapelia gigantea* .

**The lucky winner in February was Malcolm Bethune!**

You can claim your prize at the next ACSSZ Outing at the Annual General Meeting, on 20th March 2016.

**You can win a box of chocolates!!!**

Send your entries to Mafungi at [bo.hoom52@yahoo.com](mailto:bo.hoom52@yahoo.com)



The Stapeliad above is the March entry.

### What is it?

A clue: Due to the economic situation, this is a tough month, there are no clues.



I needed to fill the space above and realised that without a suitable plant picture of such wide and narrow vistas, I had better be creative. So here is proof positive that the Earth is round for those of you still in doubt. This stream of Fulani Cattle trudging away from their night corral to find fodder, in the state of Jos, central Nigeria, covered the horizon from east to west and clearly the curvature of the Earth is visible to the naked eye. The Fulani have no fixed abode and move to where the grass is greener.

**Annual Membership:** Members are encouraged to make payment for 2016 as soon as they can, thanks to all those that have already paid.

If you haven't paid your membership for last year - it is unlikely you are receiving this newsletter!

Membership is \$20 per person/couple per year. Make payment to a committee member, or the CABS account:

**CABS Platinum: Aloe, Cactus and Succulent Society**

Acc #: 901 649 1871 Reference: kindly include your names as a the deposit reference.

Alternatively send \$21-00 through EcoCash to 0783 911314

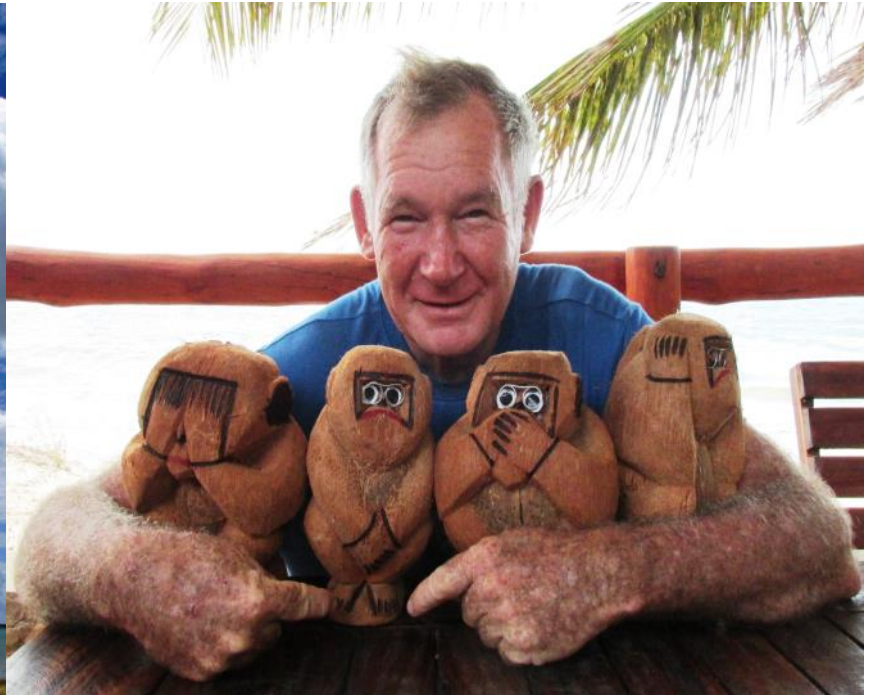
## PROPOSED NEW PLANT SALE FORMAT

There will be a new system introduced for the upcoming Plant Sale in May 2016.

The main problems we have faced are the congestion at point of sale, lack of negotiation space, shortage of wheelbarrows and helpers to shift the plants bought and sometimes it does take time to reconcile and pay out the sellers.

So after careful consideration of all suggestions, complaints and problem areas, we hope that this will assist in making the system smoother and more valuable to both our vendors and buyers.

1. ACSSZ will continue to perform the following services for the Plant Sale on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016:
  - Advertising in the *Zimbabwe Gardener*, *Bambazonke*, *Facebook* and with *physical printed fliers*
  - Organisation, mapping, and demarcation of stands
  - The sale and allocation of stands, on a first-come first-served basis, and the corresponding collection of stand fees before the event.
  - Arrange overnight guards for the night of 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (*from 5pm – 8am*) All plants and equipment that are left overnight remain so, at the Owner's risk.
  - Arrange the hire of a portaloos, to be placed closer to the sales area, and to provide a member of staff on toilet duty
  - Provide a few helpers with a few wheelbarrows to assist buyers
  - Provide an ACSSZ desk where memberships may be renewed and Society information will be available. *This year one of our representatives will not be found sleeping on this important job!*
2. Sellers will no longer be required to pay 20% commission to the ACSSZ
3. The Plant Sale will remain focussed on the Sale of any Plants (ideally of the Aloe, Cactus, Succulent Cycad and Palm varieties) and materials that relate to this area. (The sale of alternate items is not permitted along with the Society's mandate and Sales agreements with the Botanical Gardens, and at all costs, we wish to avoid a "Car Boot" style sale.) The Society reserves the right to refuse any items that do not comply and to request the removal of such items.
4. Numbered Stands will be available for pre-purchase in the following sizes (and combinations thereof, with the premise being all stand depths are 4m.) The minimum stand size is 3m x 4m, however you are entitled to elect to share this with another vendor):
  - **Stand Hire fees: 3m x 4m = \$70.00 6m x 4m = \$140.00 9m x 4m = \$210.00**
  - The stands will be laid out at the Herbarium venue, in a horseshoe shape, a detailed layup plan is available. The MASTER PLAN is held and managed by Hans Wolbert and his decision is final.
  - Plants must be set up by 5pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016, no late arrivals will be accepted
  - The Sale is advertised from 09h00 – 13h00
  - Stands must be paid by 22nd May to secure your stand
4. Sellers will no longer need to check plants in or out – all plants are the responsibility of the Seller. **ACSSZ will not be held responsible for any loss of plants.**
5. Sellers are free to replenish plants at any stage of the day, so long as it does not disrupt any other Sellers or Buyers.
6. Sellers will price their plants in their own fashion, and provide a float and collect all monies from sales for their plants (*and invoices upon request*)
7. We recommend that plants are priced no less than \$1 to assist in your 'change' management
8. Sellers reserve the right to change their prices or to set multiple prices (eg. 2 plants may be sold for less than twice the price of one.)
9. Sellers may elect to setup a gazebo / tables for the layup of their stand, on condition it is contained within the designated stand area and does not impact upon the neighbour in any negative manner.
10. Sellers are **strongly** encouraged to bring along a helper/s and wheelbarrow/s to assist their buyers in moving plants to vehicles. Customers can freely move their plants out after purchase.
11. Company advertisement is permitted, providing it does not obstruct or impact on any of the other Sellers



Coconuts of many shapes and sizes, even those sculpted to see, touch, speak and hear no evil!!!!

## The Health Corner: Coconut Oil

Thank God the plants under our jurisdiction include the palms!!!!!! As youngsters we just loved getting a fresh coconut and would carefully make holes in through the eyes, drain out the life juices and drink them thirstily. Before slowing devouring the crispy white innards. We had no idea that these were setting us up to be bright, beautiful and brainy. It appears that there is absolutely no problem, condition or threat that coconut oil cannot cure in and around the human body. Here are a few:

1. **Brains:** The ketones that the oil reduces to apparently are manna for our tired exhausted brains. There's just no excuse anymore to be plain dumb, slow or afflicted by brain problems.
2. **Skin:** It's the best thing you can possibly use and it even polishes old leather, so the older, grumpier and more weather-beaten you are, the more you need coconut oil.
3. **Kidneys and Liver:** It's just the best, the hydrating attribute, the anti-viral, -bacterial and -fungal traits mean that cooking with the oil and using it as dressing base for salads etc just tones up your sewage system.
4. **Heart and Circulation:** It is quite likely that if the dreaded Big-C doesn't get you then you could quite easily succumb to a heart attack or a stroke. Completely unnecessary way to die. Coconut oil is the Bees Knees for protecting against heart disease and circulation problems. It's good cholesterol all the way to the Retirement Village.
5. **Weight Loss:** Just what you need to get rid of that unwanted layer of adipose tissue around the midriff or taking comfort to new levels around the posterior. A combination of rubbing the oil everywhere you can reach and including it wherever you can in your diet, just sheds the avoirdupois! And if you personally climb the trees during quiet moments on your holidays at the Coast, you will take the fear factor to new levels and get all the exercise you need for a healthy body.
6. **Hair:** It's just the best, makes the hair shiny, buoyant and lively. It also helps you to comb out nits and other critters that you may have picked up in your man-cave or at the book club.
7. **Teeth:** Even these and your breath polish up beautifully with a mouth rinse of coconut oil.

So there you go, people will now cross the street to be with you and not avoid you in future as you shine up perfectly with coconut oil in your diet and cosmetics. See you at the AGM next Sunday

Cheers, Mafungi