

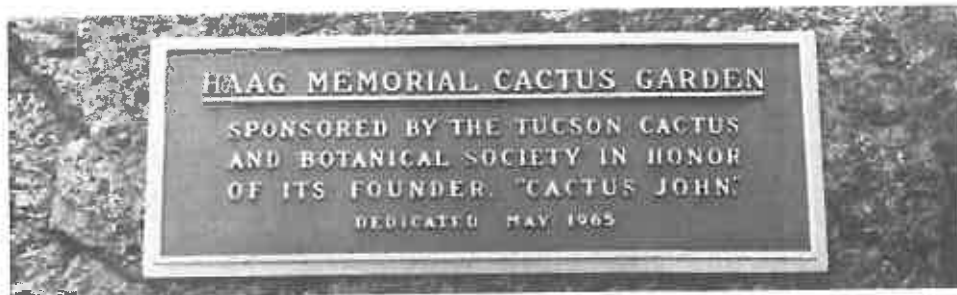
# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM



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## OUR NEWEST EXHIBIT

This important new exhibit was dedicated on May 7, 1965, to the memory of the late "Cactus John" Haag, founder of the Tucson Cactus and Botanical Society who, at the time of his death in 1962, was in charge of the plants at the Desert Museum.

The Garden was constructed by members of the Society under the direction of President Hugh B. Copenhaver. A special committee headed by Alan Mollison was assisted by the Museum's Curator of Plants, Paul W. Shaw, over a two-year period. The ceremony was attended by nearly 200 delegates to the convention of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America.

In the Garden, the cacti are displayed in related groups so that the various species may be compared readily.

"Cactus John" loved all plants, especially those of desert areas, and as time goes on his devotion will be matched by the pleasure this new exhibit brings to visitors.

In the dedication photo on the right, President Copenhaver, assisted by Vice-President Mrs. Leo Wanner, is about to "cut" the ribbon by puncturing a balloon with an agave spike while Museum President John D. Jameson watches.

Another photo of the Haag Memorial Cactus Garden appears on the cover of this bulletin.



## What's This? Where?

The animal shown in the extreme close-up on the back cover can be seen somewhere in this photo.

The fact that it is so hard to see is the reason why this exhibit is one of the most popular in the Museum's Small Animal Room.

Why is it hard to see? Because the vine snake's body blends in so nicely with the shrubbery in the background. Its head can be seen in the lower left hand corner.

