



Roger Jones: - Roger's collection at its peak consisted of plants of all genera including some very rare cacti and succulents. Frank in the newsletter would tease that he knew every nursery from Clunes to Cairns. It contained imported plants including some choice Ariocarpus and a collection of Caudiciforms. *Photograph on the left shows Roger with Desmond Cole September 1988.*

He belonged to a small select group co-ordinated by Bill Nicol for growers interested in rare succulent plants. For a medium size glasshouse Roger's Glasshouse was crammed with every available space taken on top of the benches. But also hundreds and hundreds of seedlings under the benches in all genera was a visitors dream, something for all tastes. Roger was interested in hybridising and one of his hybrids *Crassula 'Roger Jones'* is still sold by Rudolf Schulz who introduced it to the public and now Max Holmes has it in his catalogue. He obtained some very interesting hybrids from David Cummings miniature crosses of *Aloe*. He is shown here selling plants. This was always the case when other societies visited us on bus trips.



Roger was the third president serving for 13 years (from 1979-1992). Prior to this was vice president for one year and whilst president was also in charge of pot sales and supper steward for a time. His interest extended to conifers, peony roses, and alpine plants. Was a competent snooker and billiards player. His expertise as a glazier proved very helpful with our wheeling and dealing at the Floral Carpet Displays.

Roger was a very keen photographer and his close up shots of his plants and slides of collections he visited proved invaluable for talks at our society meetings.

He judged and spoke to other societies and was in charge of the slide library for the Confederation of Country Cactus Clubs.

*Crassula
'Roger Jones'*

