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GARDENING DAYS JUNE 6TH, 17TH, & 27

Sign up today for the Chinle Summer Garden Tour & Picnic on June 13th!

GARDEN TOUR TO BE A HIGHLIGHT OF THE SUMMER

Reed Irwin has planned a varied and interesting Garden Tour of members' gardens in Cedaredge, Delta and Montrose, Saturday, June 13th, which will take the place of our regular June meeting.

Meeting Information: Those in the GJ area meet at the CSU extension office by 8:30 am for carpooling. We'll drive to Confluence Park in Delta to arrive promptly at 9:30 am to meet members who live near Delta.

Bring: sunscreen, sun protective hats, shirts, camera, etc. Also there will be opportunity to bring home a few cuttings or plants, so come prepared with suitable containers and supplies for making notes about names and care recommendations.

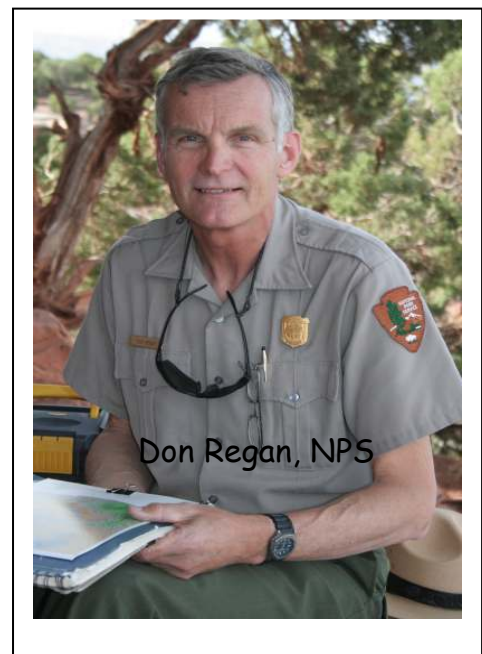
Chinle C&S Society will provide: Lunch, drinks and water.

Tour itinerary provided by Reed and Bobbie Irwin, tour coordinators, and is printed for you at the end of this newsletter.

The deadline to sign up for the garden tour is Friday, June 5th. Call Carolyn at 970-778-1108 or Reed at 970-249-2981 to RSVP.

Climate change evidence right before our eyes in the CNM

Don Regan, National Park Service and retired geologist presented a fascinating and informative program on May 14th at the Book Cliffs View Overlook on the Colorado National Monument. Of particular interest was the scientific data he discussed that showed a cyclic climate change on an approximate 100,000 year cycle. He pointed out on the canyon walls and surrounding landscape the evidence of desert environments and wet environments shown by the different rock layers. He also drew our attention to the more rapid change in temperatures over the past 150 years (since the advent of the industrial revolution), which appears to be dramatically escalating the natural cycle to warm and dry climate.





Lois and Charlie Baker enjoyed their picnic supper prior to the May 14th program.

Prior to the presentation, several Chinle members enjoyed a picnic supper at the Saddlehorn Campground picnic area. The weather was perfect, and of course, the views were breathtaking!



Lynn Dunham (L) chatted with new members, Sheryl Williams and her husband.



Loren Benoit was heard to say, "Maryann, where did you put the caviar and champagne?"

BLOOMIN' DEALS A BLOOMIN' SUCCESS! By Al Severson

The 2009 Bloomin' Deals plant sale was a bountiful success. We made a fruitful \$300, perhaps not as much as last year but with the soft economy and the competition from 43 other vendors, I think we did well. I'd like to thank the following persons for helping with the booth: Maryann and Loren Benoit, Dieter Kubisch, Nancy Glover, Don Campbell, Pam Johnson, Carolyn Logan, Sue Fuller, Marilyn Gist, Lily McAnally, Tom Burrows, Janet Hassell, Sheryl Williams and Becky Brown—and of course, Pat Severson. Also I would like to thank the plant providers: Lynn Dunham, Don Campbell, Susan Fuller, Reed Irwin, Bob Bubel, Nancy Glover, Janet Hassell, Judy and Dave Kennedy, and Sheryl Williams.



The Chine C&S Society's booth at Bloomin' Deals with Marvann Benoit making the sales pitch.



Coordinator Al Severson and No. 1 Assistant, Pat.

Thanks to our team of energetic volunteers, we had a great time at Bloomin’ Deals (it only took an hour to figure out how to set up the canopy!). We met lots of radiant, plant-loving people, handed out several membership applications, and educated a number of people about growing cacti and succulents.

Next year we should consider providing ice plants and sedum, more yucca, agave, and aloe plants, as there was considerable demand for these. Unfortunately, the thin, droopy-looking plants did not sell at all, even at give-

away prices, so perhaps we shouldn’t bother with these.



Chinle members planning their marketing strategies—relieved to have finally set up the canopy.



Sheryl Williams and Don Campbell discuss the finer “points” of cacti.



Lilly McNally certainly enjoyed herself at the sale!



What a lovely array of plants to sell!!

Al concludes, “If I haven’t mentioned anyone who helped, please forgive me. The sun got in my eyes!”

INTERNATIONAL SUCCULENT INTRODUCTIONS

Don Campbell reports that the March-April issue of the Cactus & Succulent Journal lists 28 cacti & succulent plants that the Huntington Botanical Gardens have propagated and are making available. The entire list of plants are both pictured and described in the Journal. Anyone interested in reviewing the offerings can contact me or one of the other Chinle members who belong to CSSA. There are a couple of plants interested in ordering, however, postage & handling is more economical if there is a bigger order.

Don is will to coordinate a consolidated order if there is any interest.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 6	GARDENING DAY - Saturday, 8 am, CSU Extension
JUNE 13	Chinle CSS Summer Garden Tour & Picnic - Cedaredge/Montrose Area - Reed Irwin, Coordinator
JUNE 17	GARDENING DAY - Wednesday, 8 am, WCBG
JUNE 27	GARDENING DAY - Saturday, 8 am, CSU Extension
JULY 8	GARDENING DAY - Wednesday, 8 am, WCBG
JULY 9	Regular Meeting of the Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society Program: "NATIVE POLLINATORS" Speaker: Bob Hammon, CSU Ext. entomologist 6:30 pm: Mesa Mall Community Room
JULY 18	GARDENING DAY - Saturday, 8 am, CSU Extension
JULY 29	GARDENING DAY - Wednesday, 8 am, WCBG
AUGUST 13	Regular Meeting of the Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society Program: "OUTDOOR (HARDY) C&S GARDENING" Speaker: Reed Irwin 6:30 pm., CSU Extension Office

THANKS TO OUR GARDENING VOLUNTEERS

By Kathleen McGinley

Volunteers for the May 6th Garden Party at the Western Colorado Botanical Gardens were: Don Campbell, Dieter Kubisch, John Moore, Pat Severson, Lilly McAnally, Tom Burrows, Maryann Benoit, and Kathleen McGinley. This day we "replanted" three juniper snags and planted a few new succulents (in addition to pulling weeds!).

On May 16th, volunteers at CSU were Dieter Kubisch, Nancy Glover, Al and Pat Severson, Dave and Judy Kennedy, Tom Burrows, and Sheryl Williams.

Volunteers on May 27 at WCBG and ECC were Tom Burrows, Don Campbell, Janet Hassell, Bev Biggs, Dieter Kubisch, Kathleen McGinley, Al and Pat Severson, and John Moore.

Great turnout and thanks so much!

UPDATED GARDEN TOUR ITINERARY FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH

Grand Junction members, meet at CSU parking lot at 8:30 am to carpool to Delta. Then, meet at Confluence Park in Delta, **PROMPTLY @ 9:30**. Coming from Grand Junction, turn right on the first street after crossing Gunnison River. Meet in the parking lot on the right just past the small shopping center. Restrooms are in the brown wood building.

TOUR TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE! CALL PHONE NO'S LISTED FOR EMERGENCY - OR IF LOST!

To go to our first stop, leave Confluence Park headed south on US 50. Turn left at the traffic light on CO Highway 92. Turn left on CO Highway 65 toward Cedaredge and Grand Mesa. Note!! The police in Eckert, Orchard City and Cedaredge take their jobs seriously so watch for speed limit signs. In Cedaredge, turn right on SE Independence Ave. Turn Right on SE 3rd St. Turn right on SE Eldorado Ct.

FIRST STOP – 10 am – 210 SE Eldorado Ct., 970-856-4285. Visit the Brophy gardens – See what Winton and Frank are doing in developing their cactus and succulent garden.

Retrace route to CO 65 and turn right. Go a few 100 feet and turn left on SW 8th Ave. Turn left on SW 1st Ct.

SECOND STOP – 10:30 am - 445 SW 1st Ct., 970-856-7588. Visit the Baker gardens – See what Charles and Lois have done with cacti and various other xeric plants into their gardens. Charles has also been growing a wide variety of penstemons for many years. His efforts will give us new ideas to try.

To go to the next stop, take Hwy 65 south to Hwy 92, turn west (right). Take Hwy 92 to 1800 Road (look for red fruit stand on the SE corner), turn south (left). Follow 1800 Road (becomes 1825 Road) to F Road and turn west (right) for 1/4 mile to F and 1800. Turn left on 1800 Road, House is on the corner of F and 1800. Buildings are blue/green.

THIRD STOP – 11 am – 497 1800 Road, 970-874-0898 – Visit Sheryl William's gardens.

Then, go to Montrose by turning left onto F road west to Pioneer Road, turn south (left) at intersection and follow Pioneer Road down to Hwy 50 south towards Montrose. Turn left in Montrose at the first traffic light (just north of the airport) onto the frontage road and continue north (about 0.7 miles). Turn right onto 63.00 Rd. at the stop sign; there is a dairy and a beer warehouse at this intersection. Go about 0.9 mile north, up the hill, and take the first left (turn west onto Jig Rd.). Take the *third* left, about 0.4 miles from 63.00 Rd. This is Jeremy Rd; stop at the first house on the right (corner of Jeremy and Jig). It's a tan house with a separate double garage.

FOURTH STOP – 12:30-12:45 pm - 62600 Jeremy Rd, 970-249-2981. Visit the Irwin gardens – See what Reed and Bobbie are doing with their gardens. This will also be our LUNCH stop. Food and drinks for this picnic will be provided.

Additional afternoon stops will be made depending on the interest of the group. See options listed below.

Tour Options

Optional Stop - Rim Road. From US 50 at approximately milepost 88, turn west on Jay Jay Rd. Bear left at the fork onto Jig Road. Go approximately 3.5 miles from the highway to the end of Jig. Turn left on 5850 Rd. Go approximately 0.4 mile, turn right on Kiowa Rd. Go approximately 1.0 mile (continuing onto Shavano Valley Rd. at the curve to the left) and turn right on Rim Road. Either park in the parking lot on the left or continue up the road to a good stopping place. We will see (?) *Opuntia* with a variety of different flower colors.

Optional Stop – US Bank - From US 550 south of Russell Stover, turn east at the Oak Grove Road traffic light. Turn right into the bank parking lot. We will see several large *Yucca sp.* plants beginning to put up flower stalks.

Optional Stop - Montrose Botanical Garden – From Townsend Ave, (US 550) turn east on Niagara at the traffic light. Go approximately 1.0 mile past the stop sign and turn right at the Montrose Pavilion. Go to the south side (other side) of the building. We have been asked to help develop the cactus/xeric portion of this garden.

Optional Stop - Russell Stover's outlet - return to US 50. Go right through Montrose, continuing south on Rte. 550. Turn right into Russell Stover's parking lot (past the traffic light at Niagara Rd). Graze on the free samples (?) and purchase supplies for the long trip home.

Optional Stop - Escalante Canyon - Meet in the parking lot at the Escalante Canyon turnoff from US 50 (approximately 9 miles north of Delta). We will make two stops to see *Sclerocactus glaucus*, *Escobaria missouriensis*, and *Pediocactus simpsonii* in habitat.

MORE PIX FROM MEMBERS!



Echinocereus rigidissimus v. rubispinus in bloom
5-13-09. Flower is over 4.5" diam.
Don Campbell



Gymnocalycium bruchii, in bloom
5-26-09 *Janet Hassell*



Sometimes called the Easter Lily Cactus, this variegated Echinopsis subdenudata has an impressive 7"x3.5" flower. A heavily overcast day allowed this normally nocturnal flower to remain open for two days.
Don Campbell



Echinocereus fendleri, in bloom
5-25-09 *Janet Hassell.*



Escobaria missouriensis in bloom
with fruit, 5-25-09.
Janet Hassell



Echinocereus dasyacanthus.
Jeff Brimley

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Guests are always welcome!*

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