

# POINTS OF INTEREST

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## A Grand Junction Conjunction

### Dinosaur Tracks and Cacti

Any cactophile who has been on a CCSS field trip to Grand Junction knows that these outings are one of the best benefits of club membership.

This year, our field trip is scheduled for the weekend of June 6, 7, and 8.

If you're planning to go, please contact Don Campbell at [campbelldoni@aol.com](mailto:campbelldoni@aol.com) or 970-245-5088, or Roswitha Moehring at 303-433-4144 by MAY 30.

No doubt many veteran members of CCSS will once again be partaking of the Chinle Chapter's hospitality. New members are encouraged to join us for good food, good fun, good people, beautiful scenery, and plenty to learn about our favorite plants.

Here's the itinerary of this year's trip.

#### Friday, June 6

Drive from Denver to Grand Junction (about a five-hour trip).  
Obtain individual BLM collecting permit if you desire to collect plants  
Check into motel, campground, etc.

**2:00 p.m.**—Meet at Canyon View Park (I-70 Exit 28, the Redlands Parkway, 3 miles west of airport exit) at the Grand Shelter.

The Grand Shelter is located next to the playground and just south of the softball fields. There are 18 picnic tables and two barbecues. It's reserved from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**2:30 p.m.**—Car pool to Schellenbach garden and greenhouse and tour Gaston Design Dinosaur Studio.

**5:00 p.m.**—Return to Grand Shelter for a CCSS-sponsored picnic dinner, socializing, and a plant exchange.

#### Plant Exchange

Everyone is encouraged to bring something related to nurturing cacti or other succulent plants. All who bring such an item will receive a numbered ticket for a drawing after our picnic dinner. Kinda like our regular meetings, only different. Some items you may want to consider bringing include a potted plant, a rooted or unrooted cut, a decorative pot, a gardening tool, book, field guide, or... ???

**8:00 p.m.**—Adjourn.

#### Saturday, June 7

**8:00 a.m.**—Meet at CSU Extension Office at the Mesa County Fairgrounds (2.3 miles south of the Colorado River on U.S. Highway 50). Arrange carpooling.

**8:30 a.m.**—Drive south on U.S. 50 to Escalante Canyon Road to see *P. simpsonii*, *S. glaucus*, *E. missouriensis*, *E. triglochidiatus*, and several *Opuntias* in habitat.

**11:30 a.m.**—Return to the Lions Club Picnic Shelter just beyond the CSU Extension Office and Demo Garden.

The main Lions Club shelter is reserved from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is the main shelter next to the restrooms a short distance past the CSU Extension Office & Demo Garden.

**Noon**—CCSS-sponsored picnic box lunch.

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# PRINCIPLES FOR CONSERVING NATIVE PLANTS

## CHINLE CHAPTER, COLORADO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

ADOPTED January 28, 2003

### INTRODUCTION

The Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) adopted a "CSSA Code of Conduct" for the conservation of succulent plants in 1979. On April 13, 2002, the CSSA reaffirmed its policy on field collected plants.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy statement is to recognize and endorse the CSSA Code and encourage members of the Chinle Chapter of the Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society (CC) to abide by both the CSSA Code and the following CC principles for conserving native succulent native plants.

### PRINCIPLES

1. The CC supports the CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) convention as an international effort to control the trade of endangered wild plants.
2. Actively discourage illegal field collecting of entire native plants by all members. Field collecting native plants, seeds or cuttings must be consistent with all pertinent laws and regulations.
3. Prohibit field collecting of entire native plants during any CC sponsored field trip or activity unless such activities are:
  - a. to salvage plants imminently threatened with destruction from land development or other habitat disturbance.
  - b. to acquire plants for a CC supported public display garden, and,
  - c. written authorization by the appropriate jurisdiction or landowner has been obtained.
4. Exhibiting or selling entire field collected plants at any event or activity sponsored by CC shall be prohibited.
5. Encourage acquisition of native plants through the purchase of seeds, cuttings, or entire plants from reputable growers and nurseries.
6. Encourage native plant conservation through the propagation and sharing of seeds, cuttings and offsets.
7. Seek opportunities to promote conservation of native plants by:
  - a. providing periodic reminders of the CC conservation principles in newsletters, at meetings and during field trips or other activities, and
  - b. disseminating information about legal and appropriate sources for obtaining seeds, cuttings and entire plants.

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## Grand Junction Field Trip Itinerary

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**1:30 p.m.**—Tour the Chinle sponsored C&S Demo Garden at the CSU Extension Office.

**2:30 p.m.**—Tour the Chinle sponsored C&S Garden at the Western Colorado Botanical Gardens.

**3:30 p.m.**—Visit two or three gardens of Chinle Chapter members.

**6:00 p.m.**—Dinner on your own.

### Sunday, June 8

**Note:** There is a \$5.00 per vehicle entrance fee into Colorado National Monument. The permit is valid for a 7-day period. Consider carpooling and save money.

- 9:00 a.m.**—Meet at Devils Kitchen Picnic Area of the Colorado National Monument.
- Drive to Glade Park and see Kennedy Garden, then continue to eastern Utah to see cacti in habitat, dino tracks, an arch, and scenery (Kennedy lead) —OR—
  - Old Gordon Trail & see scenery & cacti in habitat (Campbell lead) —OR—
  - Drive Rim Rock Drive & see scenery & cacti in habitat (self-guided auto tour) —OR—
  - Plant collecting on your own.

**Noon**—Lunch on your own

Return to Denver.

(Thanks to Rose Nordenberg and Don Campbell for preparing the itinerary.)

## BLM PLANT COLLECTING PERMITS

If you plan to collect cacti during your visit to Grand Junction for the June 6, 7, 8 field trip, you'll need to be aware of the following:

1. The Chinle Chapter has adopted a set of PRINCIPLES FOR CONSERVING NATIVE PLANTS (see page 2). These principles preclude collecting as part of a Club-sponsored activity such as the one scheduled in June.
2. The Grand Junction BLM Office will begin issuing individual "Wilding Collection Permits" on May 1. The "minimum cost" permit is \$15.00 and allows an individual to collect up to 15 linear feet of plant materials.
3. The permit allows the collection of all species of local cacti EXCEPT the spineless hedgehog (*Echinocereus triglochidiatus* v. *inermis*) and the Uinta Basin Hookless Cactus (*Sclerocactus glaucus*).
4. Permits should be obtained before the 2:00 p.m. Friday meeting at Canyon View Park. The BLM is not open on weekends and permits must be purchased before the collecting of any plants.
5. To find the Grand Junction BLM Office from westbound Interstate 70, use Exit 31 to Horizon Drive and the airport. Turn right (northeast) on Horizon Drive. Go 0.7 mile to H Road, where you will see an "ancient" jet fighter plane on stilts. Turn left at the jet plane onto H Road. The BLM is the first building on the left.
6. The collecting permit is accompanied by a small scale colored map showing generalized areas where collecting is and is not permitted.
7. Be sure to bring the necessary tools and equipment for collecting.
8. Consider collecting smaller plants. Your chances of success will be much greater, and you'll be leaving sexually mature plants in place to help nurture the pollinators and propagate the species in habitat.

--Don Campbell

--Chinle Chapter Vice President

## The British Can Grow Cacti!

The Chinle Chapter members were privileged to hear a presentation by British cactophile Trevor Wray at their regular meeting on May 8. Trevor and his wife, Sue, traveled all the way from Northampton, England, to explore the American West for the fourth time,

Along the way, they managed to introduce Don Campbell to a northern Arizona Pediocactus that he had never seen before. And through his slide presentation, "Wray's Rambles, the British Connection," Trevor was able to take the Chinle members on a delightful garden tour of the British countryside near his home, and to introduce us to the way the British hold a cactus/succulent show.

With his famous wry (or is that Wray?) British humor and "sexy accent," Trevor regaled the members with excellent photos of alpine plants in full bloom, exotic insect-eating plants, and prize-winning cacti and

succulents—many familiar and some not so familiar species. He explained that in Britain, cactus show judges must take classes and pass an exam before they are qualified to judge shows. This photographic tour of British gardens and cactus shows made it obvious that cactophiles are similar the world over.

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Trevor and Sue have a 28-year-old son, Alex, who is now able to live a relatively normal life since receiving a kidney transplant a couple of years ago. They are, as you might expect, strong supporters of the organ donor programs. They intend to donate the honorarium from the Chinle Chapter to the British Kidney Foundation.

--David Hill

# Special June Meetings

## Norma Lewis and Crassulas

Norma Lewis, the Crassulady, will present a program on the family Crassulaceae (stonecrops and houseleeks) to both the Chinle and the Front Range Chapters in June.

Although our field trip usually takes the place of our regular monthly meetings, CCSS is taking this unequalled opportunity to benefit from Norma's experience and knowledge that she has gained over more than three decades of growing and gardening.

CCSS members may well be interested in Gordon Rowley's book on Crassulas, to which Norma contributed. She works with John Trager, who's in charge of the C&S part of the Huntington Botanical Garden in Los Angeles, and made much of her personal Crassula collection available for John to photograph for Rowley's book.

To accommodate Norma's traveling schedule, the Front Range Chapter will hold their meeting the *third*

*Tuesday* of the month, **June 17**. Because the changed date caused scheduling conflicts at the Waring House, the meeting will be held at the Butterfly Pavilion in Westminster at 6252 West 104 Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

The Chinle Chapter will hold their meeting the *third Thursday*, **June 19**, at the usual meeting place, the Mesa Mall, at the usual time, 6:30 p.m.

Norma is a long-time volunteer with the Huntington Botanical Gardens. She keeps an extensive collection of plants and propagates rare plants for the Gardens. Her interests are not limited to Crassula, as she also specializes in Haworthia, Adromischus, Gasteria, and Sanseveria.

Norma is known for her generosity and enthusiasm as well as her knowledge, so please bring your Crassula specimens if you would like her advice on their care.

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