

POINTS OF INTEREST

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2003 CCSS Annual Show Showcases Horticultural Excellence

At the 2003 CCSS Show, the Gates Hall at the Denver Botanic Gardens provided an excellent venue for displaying the passion people have for cacti and succulents. Many familiar names and some new ones

supported the Show by preparing plants for the annual event. There was outstanding participation from 38 people who entered a combined total of 245 plants in both the Novice and Open categories.

In the Novice competition, the following individuals were recognized for their efforts:

Best Cactus	Sylvia Burns	<i>Notocactus buiningii</i>
Best Succulent	David Martin	<i>Haworthia pumila</i>
Best of Show	E.L. Christlieb	<i>Ibervillea lindheimeri</i>
Sweepstakes	Peggy Kohrman	Total points for all plants entered
Judge's Outstanding	Dianne Carnahan	<i>Austrocephalocereus estevesii</i>
	Brad Johnson	<i>Raphionacme flanaganii</i>
	Cheryl Porter	<i>Mammillaria bocasana monstrose</i>

In the Open competition, the following individuals were recognized:

Best Cactus	Dana Such	<i>Ariocarpus retusus</i>
Best Succulent	Dana Such	<i>Haworthia truncata crassa</i>
Best of Show	Sally Brown	<i>Copiapoa tenuissima monstrose</i>
Sweepstakes	Sally Brown	Total points for all plants entered
Judge's Outstanding	Sally Brown	<i>Haworthia sp.</i>
	Don Campbell	<i>Begonia dregei x</i>
	Helen Norton	<i>Avonia alstonii</i>

Trophies were awarded to four individuals for their outstanding effort:

Jim Sykes Trophy	Best Cactus-Novice	Don Campbell	<i>Aztekium ritteri</i>
Jerry Socher Trophy	Best Winter-Hardy Cactus	Kenneth Wilkie	<i>Echinocereus triglochidiatus</i>
Heacock Award	Best Haworthia	Cheryl Porter	<i>Haworthia cuspidata varigata</i>
CCSS Best of Show		Sally Brown	<i>Copiapoa tenuissima monstrose</i>

The efforts contributed by the competitors made the 2003 Show an excellent event. Recognition should also be given to the judges and volunteers who dedicated time and assisted in making the Show a

success. Thank you very much. CCSS looks forward to seeing everyone in 2004.

--Joe McCleary

--Show Chair

Good Times, and Sad Good-byes

The spring and summer months are a great time for plants lovers—and for CCSS. We have some exciting guest speakers lined up for the upcoming months. CCSS member Steve Miles will be speaking at our May meeting, which will be held at the Butterfly Pavilion, and Norma Lewis, an expert on Crassulas and a volunteer at the Huntington Botanic Gardens in California, will be joining us in June. She will be promoting the new book *Crassula* by Gordon Rowley.

I'd like for everyone to join us at the May meeting to wish Ilene Fiermen, Sally Brown, and Ken Wilkie a farewell. Ilene has already moved to Virginia, but she was able to stay until our Show and Sale was over.

I've known Ilene for over a year and I've always appreciated her for her enthusiasm on cacti and succulents. She's a very conscientious and thoughtful person when it comes to plants. I've gotten several plant exchanges from her, and I enjoy listening to her about her experiences with different plants. Even though she won't join us for her farewell party, we'll certainly be thinking of her!

Sally Brown won't be able to make it to the meeting either. Loveland is quite a driving distance for her. Sally has won numerous ribbons at our Show in many different categories. She also has a nice greenhouse with a wonderful collection, I've heard. We hate to lose her to Texas in June, but I hope she'll keep in touch with us and let us know how she is.

You may all know who Ken Wilkie is. He and Brad Johnson were in charge of our Show and Sale, and what a great job they did! I'm sad to hear that Ken and his wife, Gina, will be leaving us, but I wish them all the best. Thanks, Ken, for all of your hard work and your dedication—and for a wonderful job at our Show and Sale!

There are a couple of news items I want to bring up. I announced at our April meeting that David Martin, along with Harriet Olds and Joan Nestor will

be issuing new member directory and name tags. We're asking for your help to update our contact information. Also, if you haven't paid your dues, please submit your payment so that we can get your name tags and include your information in the new member directory. We anticipate distributing the member directories in June and July.

If you have any questions or updates, please contact David Martin at crazdave1@attbi.com.

Summer is approaching, and I'm proud to announce that the Chinle Chapter has agreed to host another field trip. The dates are June 6–8. Roswitha Moehring will be giving you more updated information at the May meeting.

In the past, if there was a weekend field trip, we have not had a regular meeting. However, we realize that not everyone can attend the trip for various reasons. That is why I've agreed to have a meeting in June. Please note, however, the meeting will be held the *third* Tuesday of the month, June 17, and it will be at the Butterfly Pavilion, where we'll have our special guest Norma Lewis present her talk on Crassulas. Please join us at the meeting, the field trip, or both.

Last year, I attended the field trip to Grand Junction and had so much fun. Don Campbell took us to various places where everyone got to see cacti growing wild. Most of the time the plants weren't very visible—it was like a scavenger hunt. I wondered how Don even managed to find them in the first place, but I am glad that he did.

I think if you decide to attend this field trip, you'll find it a wonderful excuse to socialize, get to know more members at a personal level, and educate yourself on Colorado's native plants.

Hope to see many of you there!

--Rebecca Spurling

--President

Chinle Chapter News & Notes

The British Are Coming! . . .and Other Summer Plans

MAY MEETING

Chinle Chapter members are looking forward to our May 8 meeting featuring special guest speaker Trevor Wray. Program chairman Don Campbell has enticed this British cactus expert to visit us during one of his cactus expeditions to the American Southwest.

His slide-illustrated talk, "Wray's Rambles—The English Connection," promises to be an entertaining and informative compilation of his experiences, knowledge, and keen British wit. We expect to get a different perspective on our own backyard from an international point of view.

Trevor is currently editor of the Newsletter of the Northampton & Milton Keynes Branch of the British Cactus & Succulent Society. Those of you with Internet access can learn a bit about him by visiting the BCSS website at

<http://members.aol.com/bcssnmk/>
(click on newsletters).

Front Rangers may want to make a special trip over the hill to meet Trevor and take advantage of this opportunity.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. in our new wheelchair-accessible location at Mesa Mall, in the meeting room behind the new police station between Mervyn's and Penney's (enter from the outside or through a corridor inside the mall).

PLANT SHOW

Once again, Chinle members will present a joint exhibit of unusual plants in conjunction with the Bonsai Society at the Grand Junction Art Center, May 13 to 17. In previous years, this show has attracted a lot of attention and has made the public more aware of the beauty and diversity of cacti and succulents.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BENEFITS FROM NEW PLANTS

When Wingate Elementary School teacher Laura Johnston contacted the Extension Service Master Gardeners about obtaining additional native plants for the school's extensive garden, Chinle Chapter member John Moore knew just where to direct her. It seems the school is just a short distance from Don Campbell's fabulous cactus patch, and Don was happy to give her almost two dozen potted plants of various sizes, plus an assortment of cuttings.

We hope the attractive additions to the school's garden will spark some interest among the youngsters as well as their parents. It's never too early to start recruiting new members!

SPECIAL JUNE PROGRAM

Because of our joint field trips with CCSS members from the Front Range June 6-8, the Chinle Chapter will not hold its regular second-Thursday meeting on June 12. However, we will have a special meeting on Thursday, June 19, with Crassula expert Norma Lewis, following her similar program in Denver on the 17th. The meeting will be in our usual location (Mesa Mall) at 6:30 p.m.

We welcome this opportunity to learn more about jade plants, stonecrops, houseleeks, and other members of the fascinating and popular family *Crassulaceae*. (I'm particularly intrigued by the new (?) "hobbit jade," whose scientific name, *Crassula gollum*, pays tribute to J.R.R. Tolkien.)

SHOW & SALE WRAP-UP

Chinle Chapter members returned from Denver with lots of good memories and even more new plants for our indoor and outdoor succulent gardens. Our thanks to the Denver CCSS crew for their excellent hospitality and another successful Show and Sale, and for arranging (we think) travel-friendly road conditions.

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Front Range Meetings and Summer Plans

Late spring and early summer is a great time to be a member of the Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society. We have made some exciting plans and have arranged for some terrific speakers. Please note the times and places for the next two meetings are different from our usual.

The May meeting is in the Butterfly Pavilion! The speaker is CCSS member Steve Miles, who will give a talk and practical presentation titled "Rocks--The Keystone to Successful Winter-Hardy Gardening." His presentation is based on his successful outdoor cactus garden and years of experimentation with various soils and material. Everyone who has seen his beautiful garden at his home in Boulder will like to get some insight into his success.

The May meeting is also a going away party for Ken Wilkie, the co-chairman of the last Show and Sale, Sally Brown, winner of numerous prizes at the Show over the years, and long-time and active member Ilene Fierman (see Rebecca Spurling's "Presidential Thoughts").

The Pavilion will open at 6:00 p.m. for CCSS members to tour. The farewell will begin at 7:00 p.m., and the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The Butterfly Pavilion is in Westminster at 6252 West 104th Avenue.

Chinle News and Notes

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SUMMER PLANS

Our joint field trip June 6-8 will kick off the summer season in grand (junction) fashion, with visits to local gardens, opportunities to see many of the native cacti in habitat, plus lots of good socializing and eating with our friends from Denver and elsewhere around the state.

Regular weeding and planting parties at our demonstration gardens and special lectures from Norma Lewis (June 19) and Mesemb authority Steve Hammer (August) are just a part of the Chinle Chapter plans for this summer.

--Bobbie Irwin

Don't forget the upcoming Grand Junction tour from Friday, June 6, to Sunday, June 8. Please let me know whether you plan to attend. The Chinle Chapter needs a head count no later than **May 20**. We will be giving more details at the May meeting.

Although we usually do not have a regular meeting in a month when we take a field trip, this June we will. Our guest speaker in June is Norma Lewis from the Huntington Gardens in California. She will talk about the Crassulas, her special and long-standing interest.

We had to change our regular place and time for this meeting. Please note that the June meeting will also be at the Butterfly Pavilion and will be on the third Tuesday in June, which is the 17th. There will be more details in next month's *POI*.

We hope to see many old friends and new at these events.

--Roswitha Moehring

Butterfly Gardens at the Pavilion

More and more people want to know how to garden for butterflies, and now more than ever they want to know how to garden successfully with the current watering restrictions. On Saturday, May 31, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the Butterfly Pavilion is hosting a day completely focused on plants, emphasizing the importance of plants and the need for their conservation.

There will be a butterfly garden seed packet giveaway, plant sale, and educational children's activities in the classroom and conservatory. Hundreds of plants from over 40 different species will be for sale. Many of these plants will be drought-tolerant perennials and annuals that attract butterflies and are perfect for starting a successful butterfly garden even with current watering restrictions.

Please call Sarada Krishnan at 303-469-7687 for more information.

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Until the new membership directories are published, for your reference, here is a list of the CCSS board members and contact information.

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Denver Chapter Membership Renewal

If you haven't already done so, it's time to renew your CCSS membership.

If the information on the mailing label on this newsletter is correct, please be sure it is still attached to the back of this form.

If the information incorrect, use this form to correct it.

Membership fees are \$10 for individuals and organizations and \$15 for families. Make your check payable to CCSS.

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of interest _____

Rocky Mountain Rock Garden Society Annual Garden Tour

Rock gardens and cactus go hand in hand in Colorado, so CCSS members may be interested in the garden tour being sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Rock Garden Society on Saturday, May 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

You can visit Rod Haennie's famous winter-hardy cactus garden in Littleton, as well as the gardens of CCSS members Ann and Dick Bartlett and Panayoti Kelaidis. Also featured on the tour is the garden of the speaker from our April meeting, Marcia Tatroe. (Thanks to Marcia for an interesting and informative talk.)

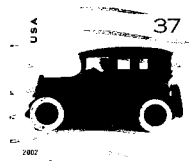
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There's a lot going on with CCSS in the upcoming two months, for both the Front Range and the Chinle Chapters. Please be sure to check inside for changed meeting times and places.

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