



POINTS OF INTEREST

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NOTICE

This month's field trip to Grand Junction will replace the normal monthly meeting. The trip is planned for May 22nd through the 24th and this month's newsletter is dedicated to the details of the trip. Hope to see you on the western slope!



Articles submitted for publication should be received by the 20th to be included in the following month's newsletter.

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Presidential Thoughts

By WAYNE HUME

Water—the elixir of life! Our sustained drought mercifully ended during our last meeting, and how. We drove home in a deluge of rain and snow into a discouragingly dry Colorado Springs. *Dry-slotted* again. Our disappointment was abated when nearly a foot of snow fell the following week with a similar amount of rain at the end of April. One local TV weather wag referred to this as an "upslop" instead of our typical "upslope" weather phenomenon. Three quarters of our yearly norm in less than two weeks—just days after being designated a drought area! My challenge—how to dry a persistently wet pooch that loves inclement weather. I got nothing but growls, snarls and the stink-eye from Kushka, Scot's Husky, when I tried the microwave oven. Alas, I had to settle for the low-tech towel method, so embarrassing for an old engineer. In the garden, our *prickly prunes* rapidly swelled their discolored, atrophied and accordion-like skins into full-fledged *prickly pears*. It was almost like a wrinkled centenarian finding the fountain-of-youth overnight!

An overflow crowd greeted Julie Lyke at our last meeting at the Butterfly Pavilion. We even had to delay the meeting a tad to find extra chairs. Julie is a biologist from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, specializing in the international trade of protected plant species. FYI—all her expenses were paid by the federal government (think taxes). Her talk on CITES—The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species—was quite a departure from our typical programs. She made us appreciate the cacti and succulent propagating and distribution chain that makes rare and coveted species legally available to us. I was very sur-

prised to find so many of the plants I've purchased at CCSS sales to be listed in Appendix I, the most restricted list barring any foreign trade on these species. Thanks Julie, and to her family who accompanied her that evening. Thanks also to George Brinkman and the Butterfly Pavilion for the facilities.

Several months ago Don Campbell's program extolled the scenic wonders and cacti diversity in the Grand Junction area. Our May meeting will take place in that region for an extended three-day field trip. **Note: We will NOT be meeting at DBG on the second Tuesday in May.** Here is your chance to covet Don's backyard, his own plus Colorado National Monument which I think he claims as his also. Don has graciously volunteered to escort our entourage through this beautiful area—and a more knowledgeable and amiable guide just can't be found! In

this issue, Dotty and Don have provided maps, hotel listings, agendas for the weekend, as well as information on legal collecting. Our early response has been very encouraging. Come and trek with fellow CCSS members for a fun and educational weekend!

Our June meeting will be our annual member's greenhouse and garden tour. Dotty has quite a few members wishing to be included on this year's tour in the Southwest Denver Metro area. So many that we could, if members wish, have a second tour this summer. What do you think? Let Dotty know. Many members will show winter-hardy gardens that are increasingly popular. Maps and times for the Saturday, June 12' tour will be in the next newsletter.

Those of you who have a penchant for unusual and beautiful botanical art may like the
(See *Presidential*, Page 2)

GO
WEST!

The 1999/2000 Membership Directory is Coming!

Many of you have requested an updated membership directory, and I agree that one is long overdue. However, new memberships and renewals are still trickling in, and I don't think that it would be fair to think about a directory before the May 15th deadline. I would also like to see the directory as something more than just a repository for member names and addresses.

By the end of the month, you will each receive a survey asking you to verify your name, mailing address, e-mail address (should you have one) and additional contact information. In addition, I would like to gather information on your particular plant interests, your tenure with CCSS, previous offices held with CCSS, your place of work, your personal web site address, etc. Please keep in mind that any and all information is completely optional. Should you choose to share, your personal information will NOT be distributed outside of the club membership for any reason.

Once again, I believe that we can learn quite a lot from one another. In addition to giving us names and contact information, the directory will give us an opportunity to understand each other's specialties and areas of expertise. PLEASE return the survey promptly so that the new directory can be distributed as soon as possible. With any luck, it will be published and mailed by the end of June.

Editorial Notes... By Kenneth Wilkie

In my haste to get last month's newsletter out in between a business trip and the April meeting, I failed to run the spell checker (a grave mistake when I'm at the keyboard). I found at least four typos and misspelled words AFTER returning from the printer...I apologize.

I would like to congratulate all those who solved the bonus question on the "Saguaro Word Find" in last month's newsletter. Eva Birgen won the April drawing and will receive one of the new CCSS shirts which made their debut at this year's Show & Sale. Your chance to win, however is not over. Because last month's newsletter arrived so close to the April meeting, there will be an additional drawing at July's meeting. Solve the bonus question by then and you too may win an embroidered CCSS shirt..

Presidential (Continued)

new gallery showing at PISMO Contemporary Art Glass in North Cherry Creek (235 Fillmore St.....303-333-2879). There will be a reception with artist Debora Moore on May 14 (6-9 PM). Her art captures the essence of the flowers in her magnificent glass creations. The show runs for several weeks; alas, there are no cacti amongst her exquisite works.

See you all in Grand Junction!

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Collection Permits

For those of you interested in collecting plant specimens during our field trip, you should have ample opportunity to do so on Sunday (See trip agenda). Please remember that there is no collecting of any kind within Colorado National Monument; this includes plants, rocks and other natural or historic materials. Penalties are severe!

Collection of *certain* species is permitted on Bureau of Land Management properties for personal use. *Individual* permits are available from:

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
2815 H ROAD
GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO 81506
970-244-3000

Since we are arriving on a Saturday, you might want to get your permits in advance.

Don Campbell will be getting one or more *group permits* for those who want to join together and gather a few plants each. The Bureau of Land Management requests that each group permit must include the names of those collecting...so let Don know who you are!

Permits cost \$15.00 each for a maximum of 15 linear feet of plant material (i.e., 15 one-foot high plants, 30 six-inch high plants, ...you get the idea).

Remember that we are coming to the Grand Junction area representing the CCSS, so please collect responsibly.

**MANY SPECIMENS MIGHT JUST BE BETTER
COLLECTED WITH A CAMERA!**



Grand Junction & Colorado National Monument Field Trip

May 22nd - 24th

Field Trip Agenda

Saturday, May 22

- ☉ Allow about five hours driving time from Denver.
- ☉ Meet at Don Campbell's house between 12:30 and 2:00 PM (see map on reverse).
- ☉ Group cavalcade to the rim of Colorado National Monument for cactus and scenery viewing.
- ☉ Evening picnic at Devil's Kitchen picnic area around 6:30 PM. Food will be provided by CCSS. Please let Doty know if you are coming.

Sunday, May 23

- ☉ Meet at Devil's Kitchen picnic area between 9:00 and 9:30 AM for a day of hiking and collecting.
- ☉ Bring your own lunch.
- ☉ For collecting, bring shovel, boxes, bags and ID tags. See page two of the newsletter for permit information.
- ☉ Return to Grand Junction in the evening for dinner (on your own).

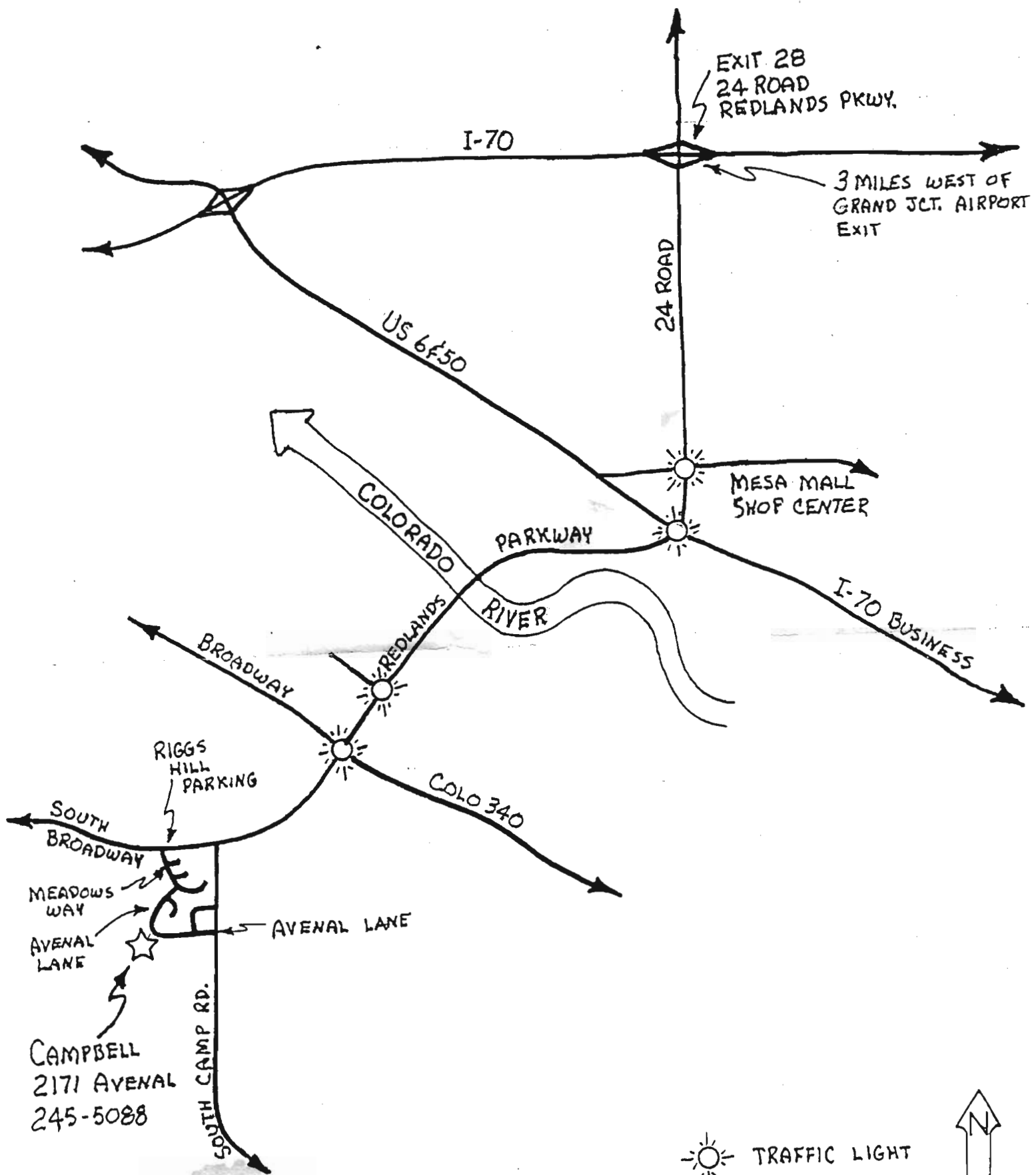
Monday, May 24

- ☉ Meet at Devils Kitchen between 9:00 and 9:30 AM for the Old Garden Trail hike.
- ☉ Bring your own lunch.
- ☉ Return to Denver or proceed on your vacations late in the afternoon.

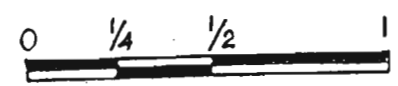
General info

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- ⇒ Remember this is semi-arid plateau country so dress accordingly: hiking boots, warm & cool weather clothing, H₂O bottle and bug spray (the cedar gnats are out!). Don't forget your camera gear.
- ⇒ Some members will be arriving in motor homes and will need day rides for our group activities on BLM land and in the monument.
- ⇒ Pooch protocol: No dogs are allowed within Colorado National Monument except at picnic areas and camp grounds (on six foot leashes). *They are not allowed on any trails.* While we are on group activities on Bureau of Land Management land and *especially in private backyards*, restrain your dogs.



 TRAFFIC LIGHT



SCALE MILES

Grand Junction Lodging Information

While there are many hotels in the Grand Junction metropolitan area, we have tried to designate a few that are close together and offer a variety of price ranges. The closer we stay to one another, the easier it will be to coordinate carpooling efforts! These listed here are less than ten miles from Don Campbell's home and are situated near a variety of dining options.

Best Western Horizon Inn

754 Horizon Drive

Amenities: Indoor Pool, Hot Tub or Spa, Pets Permitted

Phone Numbers: 970.245.1410 or 800.544.3782

Grand Junction Hilton

743 Horizon Drive

Amenities: Outdoor Pool, Hot Tub or Spa, Restaurant and Lounge, Exercise Room, Refrigerators, Pets Permitted

Phone Numbers: 970.241.8888 or 800.360.4066

Grand Vista Hotel

2790 Crossroads Blvd.

Amenities: Indoor Pool, Hot Tub or Spa, Restaurant and Lounge, Refrigerators, Microwaves, Pets Permitted

Phone Numbers: 970.241.8411 or 800.800.7796

Holiday Inn Grand Junction

755 Horizon Drive

Amenities: Indoor and Outdoor Pools, Hot Tub or Spa, Restaurant and Lounge, Exercise Room, Refrigerators, Pets Permitted

Phone Numbers: 970.243.6790 or 800.489.9796

Ramada Inn

752 Horizon Drive

Amenities: Outdoor Pool, Restaurant, Refrigerator, Microwave, Pets Permitted

Hopefully this list has enough options to meet everyone's needs and price points. If you are planning on bringing your pets, PLEASE verify the pet policy with the hotel before arriving in Grand Junction. This information was last updated in 1998 and pet policies often change. *I speak from experience...* Also, please note the "Pooch Protocol" information on the the trip insert. It is important that you understand where you can and can not go with your faithful companions when visiting national monuments.

Welcome to Our New Members

Please join me in welcoming the following new members not listed in last month's publication:

Glenda Brown & Randall Siebert - Lafayette, CO

Evelyn Delaney - Arvada, CO

Heather Larson - Denver, CO

Garry Lewis - Denver, CO

Desteni Kim Spencer-Rogers - Denver, CO



Points of Interest ON The Web By Kenneth Wilkie

For those of you who have tried to visit the club web site, coloradocss.com, you have noticed that there isn't much there yet. I had hoped to have "Version 1.0" up for your inspection by now, but it turned out to be slightly more complex than I had initially envisioned. Please rest assured that I am working to get the site going as soon as possible. I appreciate your patience.

One site that I found very interesting this month is DesertUSA, an online travel and adventure guide for the desert regions of the southwest. The website is quite extensive and has over 5500 pages to explore.

Standard features include guides on places to go and things to do throughout the southwest as well as an online guidebook to desert wildlife. Each month the site features an animal, plant, person and mineral of the month and takes a fairly detailed look at each. This month's plant of the month is "Cholla." Did you know that this term is applied "to more than 20 cactus species of the Opuntia genus growing in North American deserts"? I personally had no idea. Check out the website to learn about all of the different species; many of the descriptions include photographs.

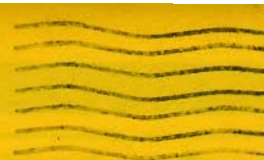
The site also offers a desert events calendar, desert news flashes, a current wildflower report as well as many FREE downloads. Spice up your wall with a desert calendar or your desktop with free desktop images. Sign up for the free online newsletter... There really is too much to discuss here. Check it out!

<http://www.desertusa.com>



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