



Succulent Morsels

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To promote knowledge, enjoyment, cultivation, and conservation of cacti and other succulent plants among its members, other individuals and organizations throughout West-Central Colorado

JANUARY MEETING ANOTHER “HANDS-ON” PROGRAM

Roll up your sleeves and get ready for some fun at the January 13th Regular Meeting of the Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society. Winton Brophy has organized a joint program with the Bonsai Society that focuses on succulents and creating small container gardens that use techniques that will be shared by members of the Bonsai Society at the meeting. Joyce Wingerter will be co-presenting with Winton, and may be demonstrating how to “make rocks”--intriguing, right!

Members who attended Winton’s last “Hands-On How-To” program will attest to how much they enjoyed it--and most went home with lovely creations to be proud of by the end of the meeting.

Winton encourages members to bring a pot or two and cuttings if they have any. She will be bringing soil.

Be sure to put this January meeting on your calendar!



2010 ANNUAL DINNER MEETING CELEBRATED A SUCCESSFUL YEAR



Pat Severson & Pam Johnson check in Joy & Tyne Bush at the ADM.

The 2010 Annual Dinner Meeting was a lively event attended by more than half the Chinle membership on the evening of December 9th. Members enjoyed the opportunity to socialize in the comfortable setting of the Tiara Rado Country Club Pinon Grill. Tables were set up with Silent Auction plants which generated a friendly competitive spirit as the bids were placed. Dinner was delicious and the service excellent by the staff of the Pinon Grill.

After dinner, President Carolyn Logan called the Business Meeting of the Society to order. In her “State of the Society” report, Carolyn cited the many accomplishments of the Society in 2010:

- *With the help of Curtis Swift the Chinle meeting location was moved to the Sagebrush Room at the Mesa County Fairgrounds.*
- *The Society provided monthly programs and/or activities every month in 2010.*
- *A new name tag was introduced with the new logo created in 2009.*
- *Members completed an impressive total of 356 hours of Garden Maintenance, which included refurbishing the gardens after a severe winter and loss of many plants.*
- *Members attended the Denver Show & Sale event and were recognized with a number of awards.*
- *The Society had several successful fund raising events that included monthly drawings, Bloomin’ Deals, Cactus Garden Grooming, commercial sales projects with Meadow Lark Nursery and a new commercial relationship with Valley Grown nursery.*
- *Field Trips, Hikes, & Tours: Members participated in the 2010 Field Trip led by Don Campbell from Fruita to Vernal, Utah; 31 members attended the 2010 Garden Tour chaired by Janet Hassell.*
- *Don Campbell led two Colorado National Monument “Cactus Walks”.*
- *Members collected Opuntia for the Biofuel Research project in Fruita, then visited the research site several months later to see their progress.*
- *Members continue to be informed and entertained by the monthly newsletter.*

For additional photos of the Annual Dinner Meeting, turn to page six.

DR. CURTIS SWIFT HONORED AT ANNUAL DINNER

As part of the Boards ongoing effort to recognize the efforts of Society Members, Dr. Curtis Swift was honored at the Annual Dinner Meeting for the many contributions he has made to the Chinle C&SS since its inception 11 years ago.

Curtis was instrumental in providing the land on which the CSU Extension garden was initially developed, and has furnished equipment, materials, supplies, advice and counsel for the development and maintenance of the gardens. In addition, he has obtained monetary support for the purchase of new plants and negotiated for free facilities for the Society’s programs and events. He has participated as an “active” member of the Society, and had promoted the Society through his web site support, newspaper publicity, and presented informative programs during the past 11 years.



As Don Campbell stated, “In addition to all these attributes, Curtis has proven to be an ‘all-around nice guy’.” We think the membership agrees.

CHINLE APPRECIATION AWARDS

The following members were recognized for their efforts this past year:



Winton Brophy is recognized for organizing excellent programs, willingly filling in for the President when needed, Program Presenter for "Kitchen Scape Container Gardening" and serving on the 2010 Nominations Committee.



Tom Burrows is recognized for his service to the Chinle Society as Chairperson of Bloomin' Deals, care of green house plants, 57 hours of volunteer gardening, providing excellent refreshments (plus a 50 Great Cookie Recipes file on his website) and archiving Chinle newsletters on his website!



Don Campbell is recognized for his service to the Society as the Cactophile Expert in residence; 74 hours of volunteer garden management and plant replacement, leading the Utah cactus field trip tour, Program Presenter for "Cactus Spotting Travelogue," leading Colorado National Park Hikes, & Opuntia collection field trip to the Gateway area, and much more.



Maryann Benoit is recognized for her support of Chinle to include 43 hours of volunteer gardening maintenance, organizing plant potting parties, "filling the gaps" as Member at Large and participating in Bloomin' Deals.



Pat Severson is recognized for her support of Chinle to include serving as the Chairperson for the Chinle 2010 Annual Dinner Meeting, volunteering 28 hours of Gardening Maintenance, participation in Bloomin' Deals, plant potting and preparing plant labels.



Nancy Glover is recognized for her support of the Chinle Society to include serving as the Chairperson of the garden committee, organizing the door prizes for the Annual Dinner Meeting, and coordinating garden party refreshments.



Janet Hassell is recognized for her support of Chinle as Newsletter Editor, gardening activities (22.5 hours), coordinating the 2010 Garden Tour and participating in Bloomin' Deals



Dieter Kubisch is recognized for his ongoing support of the Society and assistance with site set-up at Bloomin' Deals; liberal donation of the use of his pickup truck for plant transport, participation in planting, potting and garden parties with 25 volunteer hours, and excellent advice and counsel as past President.

THANKS TO THE OUTGOING BOARD & WELCOME TO THE NEW!

At the Annual Dinner Meeting, President, Carolyn Logan, expressed appreciation to the 2010 Board Members for their service and contributions for the past successful year. 2010 Board Members shown above are (L to R), Don Campbell, Carolyn Logen, Maryann Benoit, Winton Brophy, Loren Benoit, Janet Hassell and Dieter Kubisch. Peter Newberry and Lilly McAnally are not pictured.



As is the custom at the Annual Dinner Meeting, nominations for Board Members for the 2011 year were made, and voted on by the membership in attendance. The 2011 Board Members elected are shown above: (L to R) Tom Burrows, Secretary; Bill Hassell, President; Janet Hassell, Newsletter Editor; Dieter Kubisch, Vice President; Maryann Benoit, Member at Large; and Loren Benoit, Treasurer. Don Campbell continues his service with the board as advisor and counsel as well as with the Garden Committee, for which the Society and Board is most grateful.

Members Rack up Volunteer Hours in the Western Colorado Botanical & CSU Gardens

Appreciation is extended to the members who were willing (and able) to participate in the Chinle Garden Parties in 2010. Total volunteer hours were 356.25, and the following is a listing of the members and their volunteer hours for the Western Colorado Botanical Garden and the Colorado University Extension Garden:

Maryann Benoit, 42.25; Beverly Biggs, 8.5; Bob Bubel, 14.5; Tom Burrows, 56.75; Julie Bursi, 1.5; Joy Bush, 5.0; Don Campbell, 74.0; Nancy Glover, 20.0; Bill Hassell, 2.0; Janet Hassell, 22.25; Kay Klausmeier, 14.5; Dieter Kubisch, 17.25; Judy McCart, 2.0; Kathleen McGinley, 9.5; Larry Moran, 5.5; Jack Neckels, 6.75; Peter Newberry, 3.5; Al Severson, 11.0; Pat Severson, 28.0; and Tony Urschitz, 2.5.

2011 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| JAN. 3 | <i>Chinle Board of Directors Meeting</i> |
| JAN. 13 | PROGRAM: Joint Program between Bonsai Society and CCSS
6:30 pm
Sagebrush Room, Mesa County Fairgrounds |
| FEB. 10 | Program: Succulents, Etc.
Presenter: <i>Gwen Kelaidis</i>
6:30 pm
Sagebrush Room, Mesa County Fairgrounds |
| MAR. 10 | Program: Cacti of Big Bend Area, Texas
Presenter: Janet Hassell
6:30 pm
Sagebrush Room, Mesa County Fairgrounds |

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MORE ANNUAL DINNER PIX



From the top and left to right, Bill Hassell & Lynn Dunham; Maryann Benoit & Kathleen McGinley; Carol Christlieb & Nancy Kubisch; Janet Shaeffer & Don Campbell; Judy McCort & Judy Babel; Pat Severson & Pam Johnson; Nancy Glover; John Moore & Chris Christlieb; Winton & Frank Brophy; Julie Bursi; Jim Hayes & Bev Biggs; Tom Burrows & Sallie LaHue.

Winter Magic in the Cactus Garden

So still and quiet,
The cold of winter
Seeps
Into the bones
With death's icy grip.



Yet such subtle
Cruelty of the cold
Holds promise of the
Life to come --

When Sun's warmth
Wraps around even the
Sharpest spines
To soften them with
flowers.



Photos at the WCBG & poem
by J. Hassell 12/10

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**Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society meets the 2nd Thursday
of each month at 6:30pm.
Meetings are held in the Sagebrush Room at the Grand Junction Fair Grounds.
Guests are always welcome.**

**CHINLE C&SS WEBSITE: [http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/TRA/PLANTS/
chinlecactus.shtml](http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/TRA/PLANTS/chinlecactus.shtml)**