



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.

THINKING SPRING WITH "KITCHEN-SCAPE CONTAINER GARDENING

Winton Brophy, newly elected Vice President, is the presenter at the February 11th, 2010 regular meeting of the Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society, at the Mesa Mall Community Room, starting at 6:30 pm. She has a fun and creative program with audience participation as she shows how to create uncommonly lovely succulent container gardens from commonly used kitchen items.

Winton says that "folks can watch, or those who would like to actively participate can bring their small, quirky container to fill." She will provide the cuttings, soil and other 'stuff'. And she reminds us to **"THINK SMALL!"**

For those of you who don't know Winton, you'll be interested to know that she was raised on the east coast but attended the University of Colorado.

She spent 20 years in the dog world working in a family kennel business, boarding, showing and grooming dogs of all breeds. She moved west to own and operate a guest ranch near the Mt. Zirkel Wilderness Area north of Steam Boat Springs. After retiring, Winton spent several years in Palm Desert, CA, and became a docent at the Living Desert. She says this is where she fell in love with the desert and the world of cacti and succulents.

Winton still has horses, is a master gardner, and stays active in the animal world. If the container garden she brought to the Annual Meeting is any example of her creativity, we should all take advantage of her expertise--and also look forward to lots of fun! Don't miss this excellent program!



Don Campbell and Winton Brophy enjoying a humorous moment at the Annual Dinner Meeting as they admire one of Winton's container gardens.

JANUARY PROGRAM FEATURED CREATIVE GARDEN DESIGN



Kathy Kimbrough, owner of Garden Scentsations, presented an interesting program on how to use foliage and texture to bring four seasons of interest to our gardens.

Accompanied by lovely slides, Kathy showed how she likes to incorporate cacti into her perennials gardens to achieve rich and vibrant effects. She emphasized that most any plants can be combined, provided they require similar sunlight and water needs.

Members who missed the presentation might be interested in Kathy's "favorite plants and trees" recommendations listed here:

Favorites: the California Poppy, Candytuft, Shasta Sulpher Buckwheat, Penstemon Pseudospectabilis, Frosty Morn Sedum, Autumn Joy Sedum, Whirling Butterflies, English Lavender, Maximillian Sunflower, Mojave Sage, Blue Mist Sourea, Spanish Broom, Russian Sage, Fernbush, Creeping Juniper, grasses to include Maidenhair, Feather Reed, Pampas, and Mexican Feather. Kathy recommended using a variety of trees to add texture, color, and shapes to the garden area.



Kathy Kimbrough giving the program in January.

DIETER KUBISCH HONORED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHINLE CSS

Carolyn Logan, 2010 president of the Chinle CSS, presented a plaque to Dieter Kubisch, past president, in appreciation of his contributions which have made the Chinle club successful. In addition to coordinating the club's monthly meetings, he was extremely active in gardening activities, Show and Sale in Denver, Bloomin' Deals, Landscapes West,



Carolyn Logan presents a plaque of appreciation to outgoing Chinle President, Dieter Kubisch

the transition from Chapter to independent Society of the Chinle organization, his leadership in all Society activities and certainly his willingness to offer his time, services, and truck (!) as needed by the Society.

On behalf of the entire Chinle membership, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Dieter and all he has contributed to the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society. Thanks, Dieter!

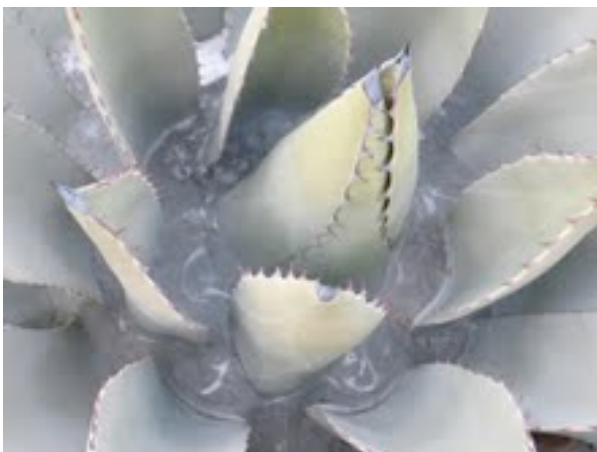
NEW CHINLE NAME PIN AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Members at the January 14th meeting were given the opportunity to view a sample of the newly designed Chinle C&S Society name pin, and place their order for one. The cost is \$5 per pin, to be paid at the time of ordering. The initial order will be completed at the February meeting--so if you are interested, you can either order one by calling Chinle Treasurer, Lilly McNally at 243-2640, or attend the February meeting and place your order then. Name pins will be available to order individually after that date, but we need to have an initial order of at least 10 before placing the first order.



HOW WINTER HARDY ARE YOUR AGAVES?

Don Campbell recently queried Jeff Brimley, Chinle member living in Utah, about the “tough winter here in Grand Junction, with constant snow cover since about Dec. 7 and below freezing for 20 straight days”, and its expected effect on agaves and other cacti. Jeff responded on January 12th that he “took these photos today in disbelief. I’ve never



seen solid, clear ice around the heart of my agaves before. I tried to clean out the leaves, before taking the photos, but they’re frozen in the ice. This will be a true test on how winter hardy these Agave are!”

Chinle members will undoubtedly have their own “Agave Stories” to share when Spring arrives as we evaluate Agave hardiness!

SOUTH AFRICA, ANYONE?

If you missed the January Chinle CSS meeting, you missed John Moore's brief overview of an upcoming trip to South Africa, sponsored by Green Tours of Great Britain. He and several Grand Junction-ites are planning to go on the two-week excursion this fall. If you are curious and want more information, give John a call at 970-242-1936.

SURVEY RESULTS SHOW CREATIVE IDEAS

Maryann Benoit, Member at Large, conducted a survey of the membership in November to help with planning programs and events for 2010. Here is a listing of the responses--and of course, members are encouraged to voice their opinions, ideas, and recommendations anytime during the year.

I am interested in presentations on the following topics:

1. Information on cacti that tolerate local climate/temps
2. Feed/caring for native cacti/when to water/fertilize/propagate
3. Drought-tolerant plants
4. Freeze-hardy succulents
5. How to do field surveys
6. Information about specific genera by club members
7. Interesting places to go to view cacti
8. Pest and insect control
9. Native plants
10. Wintering over of indoor and outdoor plants
11. Demo using cactus as food/ for medicinal purposes
12. Succulents
13. Travelogues showing desert scenery or cactus & succulent plants – 2
14. Programs on specific genus by experts
15. Programs by club members on topics they are passionate about
16. How and when to prune back plants for healthier growth/ looking better



I am interested in a repeat presentation on a previous topic(s):

1. Programs oriented toward new members or beginners
2. Summer picnic/tours/field trips
3. Annual dinner meeting
4. John's native plant presentation
5. Peter's presentation from last year
6. Anything by Panyoti
7. Anything by Donnie Barnett
8. Show and tell program by club members on good/bad plants

I am interested in presenting or co-presenting a program on the following topic(s):

1. Leading a field trip - Don
2. An occasional program as needed - Don
3. Cactus vines and “viney” cacti - Bobbie

My ideas for additional funding-raising are:

1. No product selling
2. Increase family fees to \$35
3. Plant sales at Farmers’ Mkt. - 2
4. Finding a source of pots to sell
5. Double membership fees



I am willing to head up a committee for a specific fund raiser: (specify)

No volunteers

I am willing to serve on a fund raising committee: (specify)

2- maybe

I am willing to participate in the following club activities:

1. Gardening in the two community gardens -4 1-when available
2. Serving as an officer – Janet and Maryann
3. Heading the 2010 Gardening Committee to plan gardening days and plantings - Nancy Glover
4. Serving on the 2010 Gardening Committee - Nancy
5. Serving as the monthly meeting refreshment provider – Bill Hassel and Tom Burrows
6. Heading the 2010 Landscapes West Committee – mute point – no show this year
7. Serving on the 2010 Landscapes West Committee - 4 - not applicable
8. Serving a shift at the club booth at 2010 Landscapes West -6 - not applicable
9. Serving on the 2010 Bloomin’ Deal Committee -3 1-maybe
10. Serving a shift at the club booth at 2010 Bloomin’ Deals -3 2-maybe
11. Providing articles for the monthly newsletter – Janet, Bobbie, Don
12. Heading the 2010 Annual Dinner Meeting Committee - Pat
13. Serving on the 2010 Annual Dinner Meeting Committee - 5
14. Providing plants for the monthly plant raffle -2
15. Providing rides to meetings and activities for other club members -3 1-maybe
16. Other:

These are other ideas I have to help CCSS be an even better club:

1. Use less-expensive and smaller plants at the ADM to contain costs
2. Hold a \$5 raffle of certain plants at the ADM
3. Sponsor more field trips at our own expense – Nevada, SE Arizona
4. Be sure to start meetings on time – make business part business-like, then add program at end or after break.

YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a reminder that membership dues for Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society are due for the 2010 year. Renew your membership by sending a check in the amount of \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family to Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society, PO Box 20000-5028, Grand Junction, CO 81502-5028.

You can pay your dues at the February meeting as well. However, members who have not paid their dues by March 1st will be removed from the membership list.

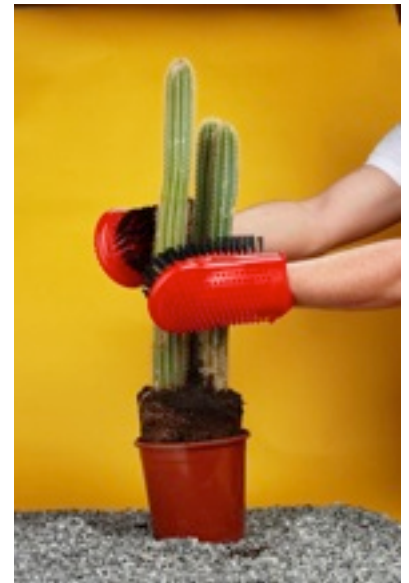
MUST HAVE (?) TOOL FOR UPCOMING GARDEN PARTIES

Donnie Barnett sent the following information on a nifty tool for handling cacti:

CACTUS HANDLING GLOVES

The product shown below is made from flexible PP/Nylon bristles. The denseness of the bristles, together with the flexibility of the PVC glove material, enables a sure grip. When picking up a cactus, the bristles of the glove interlock with the spikes of the cactus, providing a strong hold of the plant. You can order this from www.cactusplaza.com for about \$12 U.S. dollars. Thanks, Donnie, for the tip!

If you are needing cactus and succulent pruning tools, an excellent website to visit is www.cactuspruner.com.



OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED:

The Garden Committee: Contact Nancy Glover at 241-0196, or email her at johnslinc@att.net if you would like to participate in the Garden Committee. Of course, all Chinle members are encouraged to join in the Garden Parties--a schedule will be published in the March newsletter.

Bloomin's Deals: Tom Burrows is heading up this activity this year, and welcomes anyone who wants to get involved, now or later. Contact him at bura@thomasaburrows.com if you have questions or would like to help out, or at his website: <http://www.thomasaburrows.com/~taburr/portal/chinle/bloomindeals2010.html> to see the status of the Bloomin's Deals project.

Field Trip: Don Campbell is putting together a great trip to Vernal and surrounding areas the weekend after Bloomin' Deals. Keep your calendar open, details to come!

WANTING TO JOIN THE COLORADO CSS?

Join or renew your CCSS front range membership by sending the following information to Ellen Taylor at 516 Seward Park Ave., Albuquerque, NM 87123. Include a check made out to CCSS in the amount of \$10 for individual or \$15 for a family membership:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Check if you wish the newsletter delivered via US mail without color pictures.

For additional information, you can e-mail Ellen Taylor at tlme5168@msn.com.

SCENES FROM THE JANUARY 2010 MEETING



Photos: Top (L), Becky Brown inspects the “freebies”, which included plants for adoption from Rose Nordenberg. Top Center, Carolyn Logan and Dieter Kubisch. Top (R), (L) to (R): Attendees John Moore, Curtis Swift, Dave McCollough, Bill Hassell, Peter Newberry, Kathy Kimbrough, Janet Hassell visit before the meeting. Bottom (L), (L) to (R), Bill Hassell, Dieter Kubisch, Bob Shoffner, Pam Johnson, Kathy Kimbrough, John Moore, Don Campbell & Sue Fuller. Bottom (R), Lilly McAnally on her first night on the job as Chinle treasurer, with Lynn Dunham.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB. 11, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society

Program: "Kitchen-Scape Container Gardening"
Presenter: Winton Brophy, Cedaredge, CO
6:30 pm, Mesa Mall Community Room

MAR. 11, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society

Program: "Cacti and Succulents of Utah & Beyond"
Presenter: Jeff Brimley, Bountiful, UT
6:30 pm, Mesa Mall Community Room

MAR. 27 & 28, 2010 Denver CCSS Show & Sale (set up on the 26th)

APRIL 8, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society

Program: "Put a Cactus in Your Tank"--Investigating
Bioenergy & Carbon Sequestration
in Western Colorado
Presentors: Morgan Williams and Calvin Pearson
6:30 pm, Location to be Announced

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**Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society meets
the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm
in the Community Room at Mesa Mall.
Guests are always welcome.**

CHINLE C&SS WEBSITE:
<http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/TRA/PLANTS/chinlecactus.shtml>