



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

Next on the Chinle Agenda - July 14th:

Capital Reef & Highlights from the CSSA Convention



Arch and Bridge Society. Dave's program for the July CCSS meeting will have features from this Rally.

On the right, note the *Mammillaria plumosa*, right rear, which took one of the blue ribbons Judy Kennedy won at the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society of American show and sale held the first weekend in June.

Details from the show and photos from Capital Reef will be included in Dave Kennedy's program for the July meeting.

Be sure to put this program on your calendar!

Dave Kennedy, former charter member of the Chinle C&SS, will present a colorful and informative program on his travels with Judy to the American Southwest, their camping adventures, and highlights from their attendance at the Cactus & Succulent Society of American National Convention in San Diego, CA, in June. You can bet he will share his incredible photographs, with a few arches thrown in for good measure.

Speaking of arches, on the left is Saddle Arch in Muley Twist Canyon in Capitol Reef National Park. The canyon was one of their daily hiking destinations during the May Arch Rally convened by the Natural



NEW GARDENING SCHEDULE

By Nancy Glover, Garden Committee Co-Chair

A midsummer adjustment has been made to the Gardening Schedule to accommodate members preferences for days and times to work. *Please note the Thursday schedule has been moved to Wednesday.* We are leaving the start time at 8:00 for those who wish to work while it is cooler during the summer months. That is not a required start time. If you prefer to arrive later, please join us when convenient. See you in the Gardens!
Nancy

Note: *The revised Gardening Schedule is found on page 8.*

WATERING PROBLEMS AT THE WCBG

The irrigation system at the WCBG (especially Ernies' Garden) has been broken for several weeks. Many of the plants recently planted are not doing well due to lack of water. On June 17th, Don Campbell and Tom Burrows "spent a delightful couple of hours dragging hoses and hand watering at the WCBG....We got Ernie's Cactus Corner as well as both the east and west fringes of the main garden. Also did a bit of pruning to open up a couple of sprinkler heads and applied Amdro to some of the worst ant infestations." At the June 29th garden party, the plants were hand-watered again. Sid Pass at the WCBG has worked on the system and it is partially repaired. Thank him if you have the chance.

Also, get in touch with Nancy to volunteer for hand watering, which is still needed--especially in the intense heat and wind we are experiencing.

GARDENERS BUSY IN JUNE

June 2, Don Campbell & Maryann Benoit were joined by Sandy McMacken and her 6 yr old son, Aiden, to do some gardening at the CSU Extension garden. Weeding was quite difficult due to the dry, hard soil, but they did their best. Bill Hassell stopped by to shoot these photos of the participants.

The Gardeners at the June 11th gardening party were Bob Bubel, Tom Burrows, Sandy McMacken, Al Severson, Kay Klausmeier, Don Campbell and Nancy Glover.





The June 22 garden party at the CSU Extension (shown above) were Sandy McMacken (dark jersey), her mother Mary and son Aiden (all three are non-member volunteers), Tom Burrows and Don Campbell (not shown as Don taking the pictures).



Another yucca in bloom.



Donut time at the WCBG: LtoR, Bill Hassell, Loren Benoit, Maryann Benoit, Janet Hassell, Cole Pierce, Tom Burrows and Nancy Klausmeier. (Photo by D. Campbell)



The WCBG Garden Party on June 29th was attended by Maryann & Loren Benoit, Tom Burrows, Don Campbell, Nancy Klausmeier, Janet & Bill Hassell and Cole Pierce, the Hassell's grandson.

Make plans now for a fun filled weekend!

Crump's Greenhouse Field Trip

Buena Vista, CO

September 17- 18, 2011



Pam and Dave McCollough are coordinating a visit to Crump's Greenhouse this fall, one of the Chinle C&SS' favorite trips in past years. September may seem like a long way away, but they recommend making your reservations as quickly as possible as rooms book up fast in the small town of Buena Vista, CO. (There apparently is a bike race in the mountains around Buena Vista around that weekend. So I would suggest getting sleeping arrangements made quickly. Rates are a little high but hopefully some of you have discounts available.)

In addition to the fascinating visit to the Crump Greenhouse, the Buena Vista area has many possibilities for other adventures, such as hiking, bird watching, and touring in the adjacent National Forest to round out the weekend's activities.

THE SCHEDULE:

Saturday September 17th

11:00 am Meet at Crumps Greenhouse, 225 S Pleasant Avenue, Buena Vista, CO. Travel time from Grand Junction is about 3-1/2 to 4-1/2 hours (according to Google Maps), depending on your route.

12:00 pm You may purchase a box lunch or bring your own. I will prepare an order for those desiring one from City Market from the menu below.

Lunch choices: Turkey, ham or roast beef with Swiss or Cheddar on a Kaiser bun
Lettuce & tomato slice on the side
Small potato salad or macaroni salad
A bag of chips, an apple, and a cookie.

To order a box lunch, let me know the types of sandwich and salad you want.

Orders will be placed a few days ahead of Saturday, Sept. 17th.

Cost of each lunch is \$10.00.

12:30pm - ??? Go around with Mike for prices and to pick out your plant selections.

The rest of afternoon is open. Below are some suggestions of local activities to do after visiting the greenhouse.

Things to do:

Visit an exhibit at the Heritage museum called "Between Fences". The museum is located on East Main Street.

Take a walking tour of Buena Vista if you are interested in historical buildings and homes.

6:00 pm Dinner

We would like to get the group together again for dinner on Saturday night. We checked on several restaurants for size, menu options and price and have recommended the following two

No. 1

Dinner

(All dinners - except Mexican entrees - are served with choice of soup or salad, potato, vegetable and roll)

Chicken Fried Steak	-----	\$ 10.95
Chicken Fried Chicken	-----	\$ 11.95
Roast Beef Dinner	-----	\$ 10.95
Roast Pork with Dressing	-----	\$ 10.95
Roast Turkey with Dressing	-----	\$ 10.95
Battered Cod or Catfish	-----	\$ 10.95
Pan Fried Trout	-----	\$ 13.95
12 oz. Chopped Steak with Grilled Onions	-----	\$ 10.95
Liver and Onions	-----	\$ 9.95
Fried Chicken	-----	\$ 11.95
21 Shrimp	-----	\$ 10.95
Rocky Mountain Oysters	-----	\$ 14.95
Meatloaf Dinner	-----	\$ 10.95
Grilled Breast of Chicken	-----	\$ 11.95
Chicken Fingers	-----	\$ 11.95
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Burrito - Beef or Chicken	-----	\$ 8.95
Taco Salad - Beef or Chicken	-----	\$ 7.95
Chile Rellenos	-----	\$ 8.95
Revuelto Espanol	-----	\$ 8.95
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8 oz. Top Sirloin	-----	Market Price
12 oz. Top Sirloin	-----	Market Price
8 oz. Rib Eye	-----	Market Price
12 oz. Rib Eye	-----	Market Price

Side Orders

Dinner Roll	-----	\$ 1.00
French Fries	-----	\$ 1.95
Guacamole	-----	\$ 1.95
Sour Cream	-----	\$.95

Jan's Restaurant

Beverages

Coffee or Decaf	---	\$ 1.50	Milk sm	---	\$ 1.75	lg	---	\$ 2.50
Herbal Tea	---	\$ 1.75						
Hot Tea	---	\$ 1.75	Iced Tea	---	\$ 1.75			
Hot Chocolate	---	\$ 1.75	Soft Drinks	---	\$ 1.75			
Hot Spiced Cider	---	\$ 1.75	Juices sm	---	\$ 1.75	lg	---	\$ 2.50

Desserts

Homemade Pies	---	\$ 3.25	A la mode	---	\$ 4.25
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Kiddies Corner

(Under 12 and Seniors - 55 & over)

Cod Dinner with Potatoes	-----	\$ 6.95
Grilled Chicken Breast with Potatoes	-----	\$ 6.95
Chicken Fried Steak & Mashed Potatoes	-----	\$ 6.95
Chicken Fried Chicken with Potatoes	-----	\$ 6.95
Chicken Fingers & French Fries	-----	\$ 6.95
Hamburger & French Fries	-----	\$ 4.25
Hot Dog & French Fries	-----	\$ 3.50
Shrimp & French Fries	-----	\$ 6.95
Fried Chicken & French Fries (1 Breast or 1 leg & thigh)	-----	\$ 6.95
Grilled Cheese & French Fries	-----	\$ 3.75
Peanut Butter and Jelly & French Fries	-----	\$ 2.95
Spaghetti-On & Texas toast	-----	\$ 3.95
Corn Dog & French Fries	-----	\$ 3.25

No Substitutes Please



Illustration by Paul Miller, Dallas, TX. Photo: George (1/2000) 1/2000

No. 2

CASA del SOL Dinner Menu

Appetizers

Beef Dip \$1.95 Large Guacamole \$1.95 Small Guacamole \$1.95

Entrées

Each entrée comes with a choice of soup or salad

- #1 Comida Casa Del Sol** (For the very hearty appetizer) \$1.95
- Chesse Enchilada** Monterey Jack cheese with our special mild red sauce, homemade from flavorful pork of the Grand Valley Cattle. \$11.95
- Chicken Enchilada** Breast of chicken with our cream, almonds, and stuffed olives. \$11.95
- Chile Relleno** Monterey Jack cheese, egg, green chiles, slow baked. \$11.95
- Taco** Prepared with our special beef filling. Served with fajitas. \$11.95
- #2 Comida Especial** \$11.95
- Enchilada** (your choice of chicken, cheese or beef) \$11.95
- Chile Relleno** \$11.95
- Taco** \$11.95
- Served with fajitas
- #3 Enchilada Asopado** \$11.95 - \$12.95
- Your choice of two or three enchiladas (chicken, cheese, beef or any combination) \$11.95
- Served with fajitas
- #4 Comida Barona** \$11.95
- Enchilada** (your choice of chicken, cheese or beef) \$11.95
- Taco** \$11.95
- Served with fajitas
- #5 Enchilada Santa Fe- Spicy** \$11.95
- Stuffed corn tortillas prepared with our spicy red chile meat sauce, onions and chicken cheese. Served with fajitas. \$11.95

- Our dinner entrees include soup or dinner salad upon request with our special dressing*
- #6 Pasaño Sopa** \$11.95 \$12.95
- A southern Mexican soup prepared with flour tortilla, breast of chicken, Monterey Jack cheese and onion. Tasted and then baked with our cream and cheese. *Add your choice to enjoy the hot version of the local favorite! Served with your choice of fajitas or Spanish rice. \$11.95
- #7 Shrimp Serranilla** \$11.95 \$12.95
- Prepared with corn tortilla, Monterey Jack cheese, sour cream and a dab of our fresh salsa. *Add your choice to enjoy the hot version of our tasty Shrimp Serranilla entree. Served with fajitas and Spanish rice. \$11.95
- #8 Beef/Steak Enchiladas** \$11.95 - \$12.95
- Two enchiladas prepared with traditional Chile con Carne and a dab of our cream. Served with your choice of fajitas or Spanish rice. \$11.95
- Wild Mushroom Serranilla** - Recommended for vegetarian appetizer! \$11.95
- Prepared with flour tortilla and wild mushrooms including Portini, Shiitake and Oyster. Tasted and then baked with our cream and cheese. Served with fajitas and Spanish rice. \$11.95
- Shrimp Casa Del Sol** \$11.95
- Delicious broiled shrimp covered in a mild red chile-potillo sauce. Served on a bed of white rice with fajitas and Spanish rice. \$11.95
- Chicken Mole** \$11.95
- Broiled chicken breast topped with an exotic sauce of mild green chiles, tomatoes, onion, garlic, almonds, apricot and chocolate. Served with fajitas and Spanish rice. \$11.95
- Carrot Asopado** \$11.95
- Vegetarian vegetable soup served with rice and beans. \$11.95
- American Dishes**
- Broiled Top Choice New York strip steak** \$11.95
- Served with your choice of rice and beans on baked potato. \$11.95
- Shrimp Scampi** \$11.95
- Deliciously broiled shrimp in a garlic herb sauce served on a bed of white rice with fajitas. \$11.95
- Broiled Salmon L'Orange** \$11.95
- Seasoned broiled Atlantic salmon fillet marinated with a tangy orange sauce. Served with your choice of rice and beans on baked potato. \$11.95
- Beverages & Desserts**
- Non-Alcohol Beverages**
- Soft Drinks \$1.95 / Pine Juices \$1.95
- Milk \$1.75 / Mexican Chocolate \$1.95
- Desserts**
- Homemade Old Fashion Cookies \$1.95
- Peanut Butter Rice Cakes \$1.95

restaurants. Look over their menus (on the previous page) and let us know which is your preference, No. 1 or No. 2. The restaurant that receives the highest number of votes is where we will make a reservation. You can email your vote(s) to me at pjohnson@fcfpremium.com.

Saturday Evening entertainment:

I also looked into some possible evening entertainment at a club down town. When I spoke to the manager he didn't have anything lined up but knew he would by September.

Another option is the new Eddyline Restaurant & Brewery at 926 S Main Street. This is a new establishment. I don't recommend it for dinner, rather noisy, but might be good for a night cap.

Sunday September 18

Breakfast: Here are several breakfast locations, or you can try on your own.

We have eaten at The Evergreen Café 418 N Hwy 24. I think it's close to the Super 8. They open at 6:30am.

We also saw a small bakery on Main street in the 300 block, next to the Asian Palate and Mother's Bistro at 414 E Main for those of you who need a cup of joe to get the morning going. Another sit down place would be Jan's Restaurant, one of our dinner options. They open at 6:00 am.

We want to leave our location west of Buena Vista by 8:30. So plan your breakfast accordingly.

8:30 National Forest Sign - Leave for the scenic drive back across Cottonwood Pass to Grand Junction. There will be plenty of stops for picture taking and potting breaks. We will leave from the National Forest Sign located 4 miles out of Buena Vista on County Road 306 (Cottonwood Pass). At Hwy 24 and CR 306 (the only stop light in Buena) head west and mark your mileage.

Hotel/Motel options:

Best Western Vista Inn	719-395-8009	www.bwvistainn.com
Super 8	719-395-8888	www.super8bv.com
Lakeside Motel	719-395-2994	www.lakesidebv.com
Pinon Court Cabins	719-395-2433	www.pinoncourtcabins.com
Great Western Sumac Lodge	719-395-8111	no website

There are others. You are welcome to go to the internet and pull up Buena Vista's site for more locations. We stayed at Pinon Court Cabins on our last trip. The Super 8 and Best Western are new within the last 5 years. The others are recommendations from other people.

Camping options:

Arkansas River Rim	719-395-8883	www.arkriverrim.com
Buena Vista KOA	719-395-8318	www.buonavistakoa.com

We have stayed at the Rim and others have stayed at the KOA.

We recommend you make lodging reservations in the very near future!

Finally...

Get in touch with us when you know you are going. Any details about where you are staying and a cell phone number if we need to reach you on that weekend would also be good.

Others may be just coming down for the day, so don't feel you have to spend the night. Details about car pooling or a location to meet in Grand Junction on the 17th will be set up later.

Dave and I will not be leaving from Grand Junction on that Saturday. We will already be in Buena Vista that morning.

The preceding pages will provide help in making your stay in Buena Vista a pleasant one. Consider making a copy of this article to bring with you.

If any questions, give us a call, 523-5443.
That weekend reach us at...Pam's cell 970-250-7004 , Dave's 970-210-0716.

If you plan on joining us, send Pam an email at pjohnson@fcpremium.com.

DR. CURT SWIFT'S JUNE PROGRAM OFFERED MANY HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

Members of the Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society were treated to an informative and helpful program at the June meeting. Dr. Swift discussed a variety of topics, with suggestions for mulching to retain moisture in the summer and warmth in the winter. He also discussed the appropriate use of herbicides and insecticides, with attention to timeliness of application and avoidance of excessive amounts of either products.

Residents of Mesa County, in addition to our own Chinle membership, have an invaluable resource for plant care at the Colorado University Extension Service. Information is readily available on insect control, fertilizer, plant diseases and treatment, soils and soil analysis and "how-to" brochures for nearly every aspect of gardening and horticulture. The best part is their advice is FREE, and any of the staff at the CSU Extension are willing to help with a wide variety of plant and gardening problems and issues.

AGAVE RESURRECTS!

This apparently "dead" agave in the WCBG has produced an incredibly lovely bloom in the characteristic "candelabra" formation. On the right is a close-up of the flower buds, seen 6/29/11.



2011 Chinle C&S Club Gardening Days

Gardening at WC Botanical Gardens includes Ernie's Cactus Corner

DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION TO MEET
March 19	Saturday	9:00 AM	WC Botanical Gardens
March 31	Thursday	9:00 AM	CSU Extension Office
April 9	Saturday	9:00 AM	WC Botanical Gardens
April 21	Thursday	9:00 AM	CSU Extension Office
April 28	Thursday	9:00 AM	WC Botanical Gardens
May 12	Thursday	9:00 AM	CSU Extension Office
May 21	Saturday	9:00 AM	WC Botanical Gardens
June 2	Thursday	8:00 AM	CSU Extension Office
June 11	Saturday	8:00 AM	WC Botanical Gardens
June 22	Wednesday	8:00 AM	CSU Extension Office
June 29	Wednesday	8:00 AM	WC Botanical Gardens
July 13	Wednesday	8:00 AM	CSU Extension Office
July 23	Saturday	8:00 AM	WC Botanical Gardens
August 3	Wednesday	8:00 AM	CSU Extension Office
August 13	Saturday	8:00 AM	WC Botanical Gardens
August 24	Wednesday	8:00 AM	CSU Extension Office
August 31	Wednesday	8:00 AM	WC Botanical Gardens
September 14	Wednesday	9:00 AM	CSU Extension Office
September 24	Saturday	9:00 AM	WC Botanical Gardens
October 5	Wednesday	9:00 AM	CSU Extension Office
October 15	Saturday	9:00 AM	WC Botanical Gardens

If the weather is too cool or too hot for you to work, feel free to come later or earlier than the scheduled time.

We'll meet at the location listed on each of the gardening days.

Please make sure that any of the tools you bring are identified as yours.

As we work on the gardens, please remember our motto: "When in doubt, don't pull it out!" We expect, however, that we will have experts available to help us identify which plants are to be removed, moved, or pruned.

The Goodie Goddess/Gnome will make sure refreshments are served at each session!

We're looking forward to seeing you at our gardening parties. THANK YOU!

YUCCA FAXONIANA--from bud to flower

Jeff Brimley, our member in Utah, send us this note and photos:

"This Yucca faxoniana is flowering for the first time in 9 years. The plant is around 7 feet tall."



"The bud isn't open all the way yet. It should grow another 2 feet."

The photos below show the final bloom, with Jeff proudly standing beside it.



Thanks, Jeff! And we are looking forward to your program at the August Chinle C&SS meeting.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- JULY 13 *Garden Party - Wednesday - 8 am
CSU Extension Garden*
- JULY 14 *Regular Meeting of the Chinle C&SS
Program: "Capital Reef, Saquaro County, & Highlights from
the CCAA Convention"
Presenter: Dave Kennedy*
- JULY 23 *Garden Party - Saturday - 8 am
Western Colorado Botanical Garden*
- AUG 3 *Garden Party - Wednesday - 8 am
CSU Extension Garden*
- AUG 9 *Regular Meeting of the Chinle C&SS
Program: Cacti & Succulents of Utah
Presenter: Jeff Brimley*
- AUG 13 *Garden Party - Saturday - 8 am
Western Colorado Botanical Garden*
- AUG 24 *Garden Party - Wednesday - 8 am
CSU Extension Garden*
- AUG 31 *Garden Party - Wednesday - 8 am
Western Colorado Botanical Garden*
- SEPT 8 *Regular Meeting of the Chinle C&SS
Program: Cacti Hunting in the Pacific Northwest
Presenter: Don Campbell*
- SEPT 14 *Garden Party - Wednesday - 9 am
CSU Extension Garden*
- SEPT 17-18 *Crumps Field Trip
Coordinators: Pam & Dave McCollough*
- SEPT 24 *Garden Party - Saturday - 9 am
Western Colorado Botanical Garden*



Magnificent yucca faxoniana blooms in the WCBG, 6/29/11.

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Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society usually 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.

NEW CHINLE WEBSITE: www.chinlecactusclub.org

CSU WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/TRA/PLANTS/chinlecactus.shtml>