



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



DONNIE BARNETT TO DISCUSS HEDGEHOG CACTI AT OCTOBER MEETING

Mojave Claret Cup Cactus - *Echinocereus mojavensis*
Photograph by Donnie Barnett
(from his website)

Our speaker at the October 14 meeting will be Donnie Barnett from Las Vegas, NV. Donnie will present a program featuring one of our favorite cacti, the lovely Claret Cup Cactus, aka *Echinocereus triglochidiatus* var. *mojavensis*. Actually his presentation will feature ten different members of the Claret Cup Cactus 'clan'. Claret Cup cacti are part of a much larger group of cacti in the genus *Echinocereus*, commonly known as hedgehog cacti. Also included in this group is another local favorite, the 'Spineless Hedgehog', aka *Echinocereus triglochidiatus* var. *mojavensis* f. *inermis*.

His discussion will be focused on the Claret Cup Cacti, the red flowering hedgehog cactus complex of the American deserts. He will cover their habitats, growth & flowering habits, ranges, and where you can see these wonderful plants. Species to be addressed include; *Echinocereus coccineus*, *E. triglochidiatus*, *E. mojavensis*, *E. yavapaiensis*, *E. canyonensis*, *E. arizonicus*, *E. polycantha*, *E. pacificus* and *E. X roetteri*.

Donnie works at the Las Vegas Springs Preserve (springspreserve.org) and is responsible for maintaining their seed repository along with an ever growing cactus collection.

Donnie's *hobby du jure* is photography. He has opened a new website donnie-barnett.artistwebsites.com which features many of his photos. This site shows a number of posters and postcards which Donnie will have on display and available for purchase at the October meeting. He and his camera are also employed by several local landscaping firms in the Las Vegas area.

Those of you who attended Donnie's outstanding presentation in September 2009 that featured cacti & succulents of the Mojave & Great Basin Deserts know that this will definitely be another 'must see program'!



CHINLE GARDENERS “DO IT” IN THE RAIN!

Per Don Campbell, “You gotta admit the similarities are uncanny....”

Remember Debbie Reynolds, Gene Kelly and Donald O’Connor starring in the classic musical comedy, “Singing in the Rain”?

Well, here are (L to R) Bob Bubel, Maryann Benoit & Tom Burrows, starring in the latest, 2010 hit, “Gardenin’ in the Rain” on 9/8/10 at the WCBG.

Chinle Garden participants on Sept. 18th were Tom Burrows, Pat Severson, Maryann Benoit, Don Campbell, and Nancy Glover. Sept. 28th gardeners were Peter Newberry, Maryann Benoit, Tom Burroughs, and Isaiah Newberry (who may go down in the Chinle Book of World Records as the youngest spurge fighter in history).



FIELD TRIP TO FRUITA RESEARCH CENTER PLANNED FOR OCT 23RD, OCT 18TH

Morgan Williams, CEO of Flux Farm Foundation; and Dr. Calvin H. Pearson, Professor, Colorado State University Research Center in Fruita, have invited the Chinle C&SS to tour their research facility to view the successful planting of Opuntiae collected by Williams and members of the Chinle C&SS earlier this summer. Those interested in touring this facility, please contact Don Campbell, Carolyn Logan, or any of the Chinle C&SS Board member to join the tour.

The plan is to meet at the Western Colorado Research Center, 10 am, on Saturday, October 23rd. The Research Center is located at 1910 L Road, in Fruita.



Opuntia happily growing at the Fruita Research Center.

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE AT SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



Pres. Carolyn Logan greets a large crowd at the Sept. meeting.

Almost 50 Chinle C&SS members and guests attended the September 9th meeting and were entertained and informed with Woody Minnich's fascinating presentation on his trip to Brazil in the Rio Do Sul region. His presentation was accompanied by lovely, professional-quality photographs. In addition, he brought a unique selection of plants for purchase from his greenhouse operation, to include

a half-dozen beautiful plants donated to the club for monthly silent auctions or drawings.



Chinle members and guests admire the many unique plants Woody brought to the meeting.



Guest speaker, Woody Minnich, chats with Carolyn Logan, Sallie LaHue & Sue Francis.

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

By Don Campbell

"I know, I know...it's a real stretch to call it a diamond in the rough when the fact is it's just a weird cactus in flower. As you may suspect, I took a few liberties with the dictionary excerpts shown below..."

diamond - noun 1. in extended and metaphorical use with reference to the brilliance, form....

rough - adjective 1 . uneven, irregular, bumpy, lumpy, knobbly....

This cactus a diamond? Yes, definitely!



SPECTACULAR BLOOMING AGAVE



Jeff Brimley sent Don Campbell a photo of his "Agave utahensis kaibabensis", that produced an amazing bloom in July of 2010. The 14'-6" stalk formed over a two week period. Here are photos of the stalk and up-close bloom.



Chinle Annual Dinner Meeting Plans Announced!

When: Thursday, December 9, 2010

*Where: Pinon Grill at Tiara Rado Golf Club
2057 South Broadway, Grand Junction.*

The schedule for the evening will be:

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm: Register and Socialize (bid on silent auction items)

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm: Dinner

7:30 pm – 8:15 pm: Business Meeting, including nomination and election of officers

8:30 pm – 9:30 pm: Door Prizes, Gift Plants and Silent Auction

Cost for members: \$21.00. Cost for non-members: \$31.00.

Please pre-register by November 30th.

*You can reserve a spot at the next Chinle meeting, or you can mail your check to:
Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society, PO Box 20000-5028,
Grand Junction, CO 81502-5028.*

We will have a buffet with three entrees this year:

*Spinach and Gorgonzola Raviolis with Tomatoes, Scallions and Alfredo Sauce
Sirloin Tips in Burgundy Sage Sauce
Chicken Breast with Dried Apricot/Cilantro Compote
Plus*

*Tossed salad, the Chef's fresh vegetable, Roasted red potatoes, Fresh baked rolls,
Dessert, Coffee and tea.*

We will also have a cash bar. Every attendee gets a gift plant.

*We are looking for any cactus related items for our door prizes (examples: plant containers,
books, plants, gardening implements, gift certificates for businesses that
sell plants, containers, decorations or tools).*

Call Nancy Glover at 241-0196 if you have something to donate or have any questions.

If you have plants to donate, call Don Campbell at 245-5088.

If you have any questions, call Pat Severson at 255-1005.

Don't forget to wear your name tag.

*Note: Any of you that have interesting pictures of Chinle activities, please forward them to Loren
to include in the slide show he does for the Annual Dinner Meeting.*

CHINLE C&SS SURVEY

At one of our last CCSS meetings, Member-at-Large, Maryann Benoit handed out a survey for members to give the Chinle Board feedback on programs and activities of the organization to help with planning for the 2011 season. Several members completed the form and turned it in, but many did not. The Board would like as much feedback as possible and requests that if you didn't complete the survey, you complete the survey below. You can copy the survey form, then email it to Maryann at mxbenoit@bresnan.net.

2010 Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society Interest Survey

Member name: _____

The CCSS Board would like to ask for your input regarding programs that have been presented during the last year to help us prepare for future programs.

Please rate each by circling a number from 1 to 5 with 1 as the lowest rating and 5 as the best.

Also Mark (X) if you would like a repeat presentation of a program and or a new program by a presenter.

	Title of Program and Name of Presenter	Rating					Repeat Program	Repeat Presenter
		1	2	3	4	5		
1	Native Pollinators Bob Hammond	1	2	3	4	5		
2	Outdoor Cactus & Succulent Gardening Reed Irwin	1	2	3	4	5		
3	C & S of the Mojave & Great Basin Deserts Donnie Barnett	1	2	3	4	5		
4	Plant Show and Tell Hands-On Session Don Campbell	1	2	3	4	5		
5	Travels From Mexico to The U.K. Jennifer Schellenbach & Rob Gaston	1	2	3	4	5		
6	Kitchenscapes – Container Gardens - Hands-On Session Winton Brophy	1	2	3	4	5		
7	Creative Garden Design Kathy Kimbrough	1	2	3	4	5		
8	Cactus Spotting Travelogue in the Southwest Don Campbell	1	2	3	4	5		
9	How To Put An Opuntia In Your Tank – Renewable Energy Morgan Williams	1	2	3	4	5		
10	Tripping In Big Bend Nat'l Park Dave Kennedy	1	2	3	4	5		
11	What's New At The CSU Extension Garden Susan Rose	1	2	3	4	5		

Please list any other program topics or presenters that you would like to see at a monthly meeting next year.

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The Board would also appreciate knowing about your possible interest in the following club activities:

Please circle the number for any and all in which you might want to participate.

1. Gardening in the two community gardens
2. Serving as an officer during 2011
3. Heading the 2011 Gardening Committee to plan gardening days and plantings
4. Serving on the 2011 Gardening Committee
5. Serving as the monthly meeting refreshment provider
6. Serving on the 2011 Bloomin' Deal Committee
7. Serving a shift at the club booth at 2011 Bloomin' Deals
8. Providing articles for the monthly newsletter
9. Serving on the 2010 Annual Dinner Meeting Committee
10. Heading the **2011** Annual Dinner Meeting Committee
11. Serving on the **2011** Annual Dinner Meeting Committee
12. Providing plants for the monthly plant raffle
13. Providing rides to meetings and activities for other club members
14. Other:

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

(Please print)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Please make any other comments that would help CCSS become an even better club

We thank you for completing this form and for giving us your input.

The CCSS Board of Directors

GREAT NEW BOOK ON CACTI AVAILABLE

Ad and Gertrud Konings of El Paso, TX, have released a new book, "Cacti of Texas in their Natural Habitat" available at <http://www.elpasodesert.com> and <http://www.amazon.com>, published by Cichlid Press, for \$59.99. You can read a short piece about Ad and Gertrud in the El Paso Times ("Prickly Passion", Living Section, Feb. 23, 2010, at www.elpasotimes.com/livig/ci_14449675 .



Quiz: Can you find the "eat & run" gardener at the 9/18 Garden Party?

Hint: The one in green with the strategically placed croissant.

MEMBER SHARES CREATIVE STREAK

Jeff Brimley, Chinle member from Bountiful, UT, is a multitalented cactophile. He has created a fountain, and each year adds something new. This year it is a new Teacup Water Wheel. To see a little video of this unique creation, follow the link to a U-Tube video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDpFABDIPUM>

LOVELY CACTI FLOWERS, COURTESY OF DON CAMPBELL'S CAMERA,



Ariocarpus retusus

9/15/2010



Ariocarpus Trigonus



Astrophytum asterias "Super Kabuto".
Hard to beat those Japanese cultivars!



Opuntia Sulfurea
This gorgeous apricot orange prickly pear flower
is definitely my favorite color.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Have you ever wondered....?

What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drive a racing car not called a racist?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

Do infants enjoy infancy as much adults enjoy adultery?

If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?



Ariocarpus fissuratus

AND.....

What the well-dressed cactophile should wear.



(Courtesy of Don Campbell)

2010 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 9 GARDEN PARTY - 9 AM, CSU EXTENSION

OCTOBER 14 REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHINLE C&SS

Program: "What's New in Donnie's Land of Hedgehog Cactus"

Presenter: Donnie Barnett

6:30 pm - Sagebrush Room, Mesa County Fairgrounds

OCTOBER 20 LAST GARDEN PARTY FOR 2010 - 9AM, WCBG

NOV. 11 REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHINLE C&SS

Program: Cactus Vines & Viney Cacti

Presenter: Bobby Irwin

6:30 pm - Sagebrush Room, Mesa County Fairgrounds

DEC. 9 CHINLE C&SS ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Location: Tiara Rado Golf Club

See details in newsletter on page 6!

EDITORS NOTE: For those of you that prefer a full-size file for viewing or printing (instead of the reduced file copy sent via regular email), you can go to the following website where newsletters in full-size format are archived:

<http://thomasaburrows.com/chinle/newsletters.html>

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Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Meetings are usually 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>