**December Program:**

**2018 Annual Dinner Meeting**

**Date & Time:** Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:30 - ~8:30 pm  
**Location:** Unitarian Universalist Church, 536 Ouray Ave., Lower Level  
**Attendance:** is by registration only.

**What to Expect**

**Registration, Drinks, Silent Auction Bidding & Dinner** 5:30 pm  
When you register you will be given a ticket with a code you will use for bidding and drawings. So hang on to it!

This year, as we did last year, we will offer buffet-style an assortment of light and heavy appetizers as well as several hot entrées and a tossed salad. The club will also provide water, coffee, and desserts. Bring your own beer, wine and/or liquor and mixers (or other personal beverages of your choice) and make sure they are labeled so no one else unwittingly consumes them. From your arrival until 7:00 pm, eat and drink to your heart’s content, but also use that time to bid on Silent Auction items and view the door prize table. Bid high and often!

**Announcements and President’s Report** 7:00 pm

**Short Annual Business Meeting & Election of 2019 Officers** 7:45 pm - We have assembled a slate of candidates for our 2019 Board, but are always open to nominations from the floor.

**Final Silent Auction Bidding and Door Prize Selections** 8:00 pm - Attendees will have the opportunity to select a door prize. The order of selection is determined by a drawing of the tickets issued at the time of registration. There will be both plant and non-plant items to choose from.

**Silent Auction Results & Clean-Up** 8:30 pm

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**This Just In!**

We have just learned that the Chinle C&SS has been awarded a $4000 grant from the Colorado Garden Foundation. The application for financial assistance to remodel a part of the club’s CSU garden and to rejuvenate both our CSU and WCBG gardens was spearheaded by Lois Davidson, the club Garden Coordinator. Details to follow in the next newsletter. The design plans for these gardens will also be the featured program at our February regular meeting.
With the mid-term elections now behind us, it’s time to meet our own slate of candidates for the 2019 CC&SS Board. Elected officers Don Campbell (President), Bret Seligman (Vice President) and Deb Mallory (Secretary) are stepping aside. Shari Skeie, who currently holds the appointed position of Program Coordinator, is also stepping down.

Bret Seligman is currently the club’s Vice President and is a candidate for President for 2019. Bret shares that: “This is the beginning of my 3rd year as a member of the CC&SS. I’ve always been intrigued by cactus since I was nine years of age. Their spectacular blooms were always so eye catching. Living in Coastal South Florida did not provide much of an environment for cactus. I graduated Florida Southern College, ’85 with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture and earned the N.C. Peterson Award for Achievement in Horticultural Studies. I’ve resided in Grand Junction area since ’92. I was first drawn to the local cactus by the blooms of the Claret Cup Cactus, *Echinocereus triglochidiatus*. After years of living in Grand Junction, I learned about Chelsea Nursery and began replacing some of my landscape plants with local cactus plants.

A little over two years ago I was curious to learn even more and attended the 1st meeting of the CC&SS. I mailed my membership dues immediately and attended the ADM 2016. I’ve rarely missed a meeting since.

I have one daughter, Elianna (Ellie) age 15 and one son, Ian age 20. Ian is severely Autistic and resides in a host home in Grand Junction. I am divorced from Cathy Murphy 7 years. I was born in North Miami, Florida in 1963 and moved to Hollywood, FL in 1966. Graduated high school from University School of Nova Southeastern University 1981. Aforementioned, Florida Southern College 1985 with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture. 4 Years working for Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry (DPI) - Duties - Mediterranean Fruit Fly Detection Program (USDA), International Export of Agricultural Products - Major Focus: Sugar Cane Germ Plasm. Export certification of endangered plant species(CITES Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species), export fruits and vegetables from Belle Glade, Florida (Formerly: 3rd most productive Agricultural County in USA). Enforcement of Florida Nursery Laws and collection of fees. I supported the elected Florida Commissioner of Agriculture.

I remain a life long learner and enjoy sharing knowledge.”

Doris Schlichter is a candidate for Vice President. Doris writes: "I am a retired biochemist and information scientist, and was employed at University of Tennessee, Knoxville and Merck Pharmaceuticals, Rahway, NJ. I lived in New Jersey for over 20 years before moving to Grand Junction when I retired. I am married to my partner of 24 years, no children.

I have always been an enthusiastic gardener, but the plants of the high desert are new to me. I joined the Society about two years ago due to a newfound fascination with cactus and succulents both for landscaping and as indoor plants (mostly spurred by a cactus walk with Don Campbell on the Monument)."
Helen Kempenich has accepted the appointment to be Program Coordinator, replacing Shari Skeie. Helen shares that “I've been a member for a year and decided to join after becoming a master gardener and talking with Kate and Don at one of our master gardener events. The beauty of the cactus garden at the extension office also played a big part. At the ripe old age of 10, my sister and I joined a cactus society in England, my sister was really serious about cacti, I was there for the raffle prizes (I still am).

I am married to Peter, we have no children, but share our home with two dogs and two cats.

I spent 13 wonderful years on the Ashley National Forest in Vernal, Utah where I worked in watershed, did plant surveys, air quality, and stream assessments. At lower elevations I've sat and knelt on some very lively prickly pear, while recording data on Cryptantha flava for the University of Pennsylvania while pursuing a bachelors in biology.

I was born in Plymouth, England, moved to Minnesota in 1967, married my husband in 1975, moved to WY, CO, CA, CO, CA, UT, and retired to CO. We fell in love with the west and never looked back.”

Kim Krueger is a candidate for Secretary for 2019. Kim writes “I grew up in Southern Illinois and graduated from MIZZOU. While living in Kansas City I was a buyer for The Jones Stores. I have also done floral design and worked in medical offices.

I have been a resident of the Grand Valley since 1981. My husband Rick and I came with the oil shale boom from Kansas City, MO. We raised our two children here, Jennifer Campbell-Wilson who lives in Palisade with her husband Cameron and Brett Krueger, who is married to Wendy and lives in Whispering Pines NC. We have 3 grandchildren, Anistyn, Holden and Charlie!

I guess you could say I am an eager learner in the cactus and succulent world and I would love to get to know everyone better as your secretary next year”!

Thank you outgoing board members Don Campbell, Bret Seligman, Deb Mallory and Shari Skeie
We had a great display of photos on offer for viewing and judging at our November meeting. In total there were 127 photos submitted by 19 club members. Thank you organizers, photographers, judges and election officials. Here are the winning photos in each of the 10 categories:

**Abstract**
Tied Don Campbell (left) & Kim Krueger (right)

**Animal**
Tied Rick Krueger (left), Deb Mallory (right) & Kate Weissenburger (next page)
Cactus
Maryann Benoit

Chinle Activity
Maryann Benoit

Close Up
Rick Krueger

Humor
Maryann Benoit
**Landscape**
Tied Glen Mallory (left) & Deb Mallory (right)

**Open**
Paul Cowan

**Orange**
Maryann Benoit

**Succulent**
Maryann Benoit
These synopses were provided by the CSSA and have been edited for length. Our club receives copies of this journal. If you would like to borrow this or another issue, please contact Marj McKenna.

Cacti of northwestern Peru: the CSSA field trip of August 2016

James Mauseth’s first article on the field trip to Peru documents the wide variety of succulent species found just in the northwestern region of the country. With a botanist’s eye and an author’s appreciation for detail Professor Mauseth educates and delights the reader at the same time with interesting information about local ecology, geography and the cacti seen. The sixteen-page article is accompanied by vivid illustrations of Haageocereus, Browningia, Armatocereus, Rauhocereus, Matucana, Melocactus and other genera.

Agaves of Arizona part II

In a second lengthy and well-illustrated article, Ron Parker discusses natural hybrids and domesticated Agave species in Arizona.

Texas Peyote Culture

In the introduction to his article Dr. Feeney writes “It is believed that the peyote rituals of the Huichol, Nahua, Tarahumara, Cora, Tepehuan, and more recently the Native American Church, all trace their origins to the peyote gardens of Texas.” He presents archaeological findings and introduces the original peoples of northeastern Mexico and the peyote trade. Best practices, harvest, preparation, folk uses and the future of peyote in Texas are presented along with pictures of ancient sites, plants and peyote product.

Agave cremnophila, a new species from southeastern Oaxaca, Mexico

Authors Greg Starr, Julia Etter and Martin Kristen describe this species from Cerro las Flores, north of the town of Santiago Lachiguiri in the state of Oaxaca. It is a small-sized species in the group Striatae, vegetatively most similar to A. dasylirioides, and is endemic to Oaxaca.

Additionally, Fred Katterman offers 13 pages of “Molecular analysis of the genus Eriosyce part III,” Leo Chance continues his series “Pushing the Limits: landscaping with cacti and succulents” with his article #28, Scott Zona presents “The repeat-flowering Agave is a botanical Bigfoot” in which he discusses A. bracteosa’s flowering habit and Miguel Chazaro-Basáñez and Jaime Rivera Hernández review of a Sedum species described by Robert Clausen in 1951: “Sedum lucidum, an endemic stonecrop of Veracruz, Mexico.” The CSSA Seed Depot list of available seeds, managed by Sue Haffner, follows the above-mentioned articles with 3½ pages of enticing offerings.
Another Beautiful Issue of The Cactus Explorer is Out

Curl up in front of the fire with your phone, tablet or computer and flip through the pages of the lavishly illustrated online September issue of The Cactus Explorer.

In addition to the regular offerings of adverts, news, journal synopses, society pages and items for sale you’ll find:

**The Problematic Horridocactus kunzei**

“Grzegorz Matuszewski has a great interest in the cacti of Chile and has explored there on a number of occasions. Like others before him, he is fascinated by the application of the name *Echinocactus kunzei* C.F. Forst. and here tells us the story.”

**Opuntia cacanapa ‘Ellisiana’**

As the title suggests, systematics of *O. cacanapa*, a species indigenous to south Texas with unusual recurved leaves.

**What is Lobivia krahn-juckeri?**

Martin Lowry describes Bolivian travels in search of *Lobivia krahn-juckeri* and transfers it to *Echinopsis*.

**Travel with the Cactus Expert (21)**

“Zlatko Janeba continues his popular series of articles about exploring the American South West, this time searching for *Sclerocactus nyensis*.” And encounters many reptiles and a not-so-great restaurant.

**‘Cow’s Tongue’ Opuntia, a Garden Form**

An interesting cultivar from the American southwest also known as ‘Lengua de Vaca.’ You can probably guess what shape the cladodes have.
Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

December

Monday December 3 Board Meeting 6:30 pm at Kate Weissenburger’s home

Thursday December 13 Annual Dinner Meeting of the CC&SS 5:30 - ~8:30 pm Unitarian Universalist Congregation (downstairs), 536 Ouray Ave., Grand Junction

January

Monday January 7 Board Meeting 6:30 pm at Kate Weissenburger’s home

Thursday January 10 Regular Meeting of the CC&SS 6:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Congregation (upstairs), 536 Ouray Ave., Grand Junction - Program by Janet Hassell: The Ancients of Chaco Canyon: Their Achievements, Their Collapse

Minutes from the Regular Meeting

November 8, 2018

President Don Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:30. Tonight’s program was the Annual Photo Contest. At the start of the meeting, members were already enjoying all of the beautiful photos and deciding on their favorites, so Don encouraged everyone to get a score sheet and start voting. As voting was taking place, Kate Weissenburger briefly explained the order of the evening. When everyone had a chance to finish voting, we had our refreshment break, complete with Tom Burrows’ excellent pineapple cookies. During the break, Kate Weissenburger and Shari Skeie tallied the score cards. Following the break, we had the plant raffle, which included some ceramic planters that had been donated by Julie Bursi.

Don conducted a short business meeting after the refreshment break. The first order of business was a possible field trip to Moab in May. Don and Ken Weissenburger had made a short trip to Moab and already have a few places in mind to find cactus that might be blooming in May. There is considerable general interest in a spring trip. Options are still under investigation pending timing and hotel availability.

The financial report was given by Treasurer Loren Benoit. He reminded everyone that payments are due for the Annual Dinner Meeting which is being held in December.

Don gave a brief summary of upcoming programs for the beginning of 2019, since Program Chairperson Shari Skeie was involved in counting the photo contest ballots. We have a good line-up of speakers already in place for 2019, with only one or two months that are still to be determined.

Don also reported on Lynn Dunham’s plant sale that took place in October. The sale was a success and the Club benefited by receiving most of the proceeds from the sale. Don thanked Kate and Janet Hassell for all the hard work they did to make this such a success.
After allowing Ken Weissenburger time to get the winning photos organized into a slide show, Kate announced the winners and runners-up for all 10 categories. Each of the winning photos were projected on the screen as Kate announced them. There were a total of 127 entries and 19 people participated. Everyone agreed there were many beautiful photos, and remarked on how enjoyable it was to view so many different views of the world. A vote was taken to do this again next year and it was overwhelmingly approved among the members. Kate asked permission to post the photos on the web site.

Don mentioned a few final items. He encouraged everyone to sign up and pay for the Annual Dinner Meeting if they hadn’t already done so. He also mentioned that we have been invited to attend the Archaeological Society meeting in December. The program will be about native plants on the Navajo Reservation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,
Shari Skeie, Program Chairperson

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2018 Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society Board & Appointees

President: Don Campbell   Vice President: Bret Seligman
Secretary: Deb Mallory   Garden Activities Coordinator: Lois Davidson
Treasurer: Loren Benoit   Newsletter Editor: Kate Weissenburger   Member at Large: Marj McKenna
Program Committee: Shari Skeie   Past President: Janet Hassell
Facebook: Lisa Hamilton   Web Site: Kate Weissenburger

The Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society usually meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Meetings are held in the Unitarian Universalist Church, 536 Ouray Ave., Grand Junction, CO. Guests are always welcome. For information about upcoming meetings, please check our website.

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