



# Succulent Morsels

News of the Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society  
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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*

## OCTOBER PROGRAM

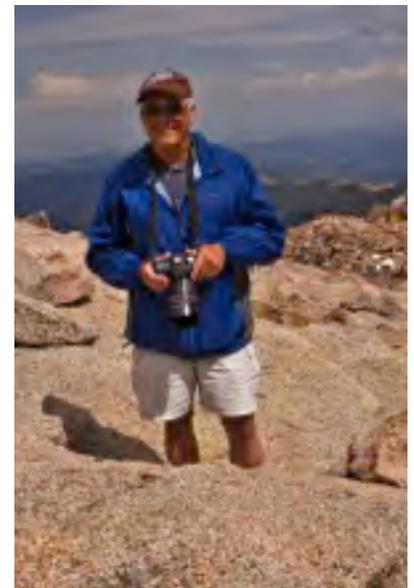
### **"Using Cacti & Succulents in Commercial Plantings, and a visit to Southern California botanic gardens and missions."**

Members are in for a treat at the Regular Meeting of the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society on October 10th with special guest speakers for the program, Marcia and Randy Tatroe, from Denver. As you can see from the program description, the program will be educational, interesting, and filled with beautiful images that illustrate their talk. **Please note we will be meeting in the Jockey Club Room, same time, Mesa County Fairgrounds.**



Author of best-selling *Perennials for Dummies*, Marcia Tatroe writes the monthly "Mountain Garden Checklist" for *Sunset Magazine*, a weekly gardening column in *The Denver Post* 'Grow' section, and is a frequent contributor to *Colorado Gardener* and other gardening publications. She has been gardening in Centennial CO for over 25 years. Her garden has been featured in numerous books, magazines and nationally televised gardening shows. She lectures throughout the West focusing on garden design, perennials, xeriscape, and incorporating native plants into gardens and landscapes. In her recent book, *Cutting Edge Gardening in the Intermountain West*, she advocates using drought-tolerant and native plants and indigenous materials to create a gardening aesthetic unique to this region.

Randy Tatroe retired from two careers, hospital administration and university administration. He currently spends his time volunteering for various national and local non-profit organizations and traveling and is president of the Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society – Denver Chapter. He supports his wife in her garden by doing the heavy and mindless work and in her speaking endeavors by providing images and AV expertise for her presentations.



We are fortunate to have such distinguished guests bring us the October program. Don't miss it!



## PLANS UNDERWAY FOR OUR ANNUAL DINNER MEETING!

Judy McCart, Coordinator for the 2013 Annual Dinner Meeting, says this year's event will again be one of the highlights of the Chinle C&SS year! A delightful buffet dinner is planned with cash bar, Silent Auction items, door prizes, and gift plants for all the attendees. Judy encourages members to sign up right away in order to establish a head count for both prizes and dinner reservations. The winners of the photo contest will also be announced.

Members who have cactus or plant related items they wish to donate for door prizes need to let Judy know as soon as possible to facilitate her planning process. In general, unisex items are preferred since we never know if a guy or gal's ticket will be pulled out of the hat!

The best part of the evening is the time to socialize with other members in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. However, an important part of the evening is the Annual Meeting, at which time the 2014 Board of Directors is elected and a general review of Society activities presented.

## SEPTEMBER GARDEN PARTIES!

A nice crowd of Chinle gardeners attended the Garden Party on Saturday, September 7th, to include Maryann & Loren Benoit, Tom Burrows, Don Campbell, Janet & Bill Hassell, Kate Kossa, Deb & Glenn Mallory, Kathy Murdock and Kenton Seth. As a result of having "many hands", the very weedy WC Botanical Garden was nicely taken care of, and is looking quite neat and tidy!



Kate Kossa is ready to dig!



Kathy Murdock, Maryann Benoit & Deb Mallory



Bob Bubel & Loren Benoit on bucket brigade



Kenton Seth & Bill Hassell on break



Maryann & Kenton enjoy a laugh



Tom Burrows, Don Campbell, Kate Kossa, Loren Benoit, Maryann Benoit & Deb Mallory enjoy break-time.

## SEPTEMBER 18TH PARTY AT CSU!

Despite having a mid-week garden party at CSU, there was a good turnout of Chinle Gardeners for the event that included Maryann & Loren Benoit, Bob Bubel, Glenn Mallory, & Kenton Seth. They attacked the spurge with a vengeance, but may need to have a second garden party to finish the cleanup. (Photos by Loren & Maryann Benoit)



Bob Bubel hides behind a cholla!



Maryann puts a few finishing touches on the CSU garden.



Attack those gazinias!!!



Gardening weather was perfect!



Hi, Kenton!



Tom Burrows with his Attack Shop Vac!



Glenn Mallory "outstanding in his field!"

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO "GET INVOLVED"-- CHANGES IN BYLAWS

As the end of 2013 approaches, it is time for the Society to look to the members for prospective leaders for the 2014 year. President Bill Hassell has appointed a Nominating Committee (Joy Bush & Deb Mallory), and if one of them calls you to serve, please seriously consider saying yes.

Another change upcoming for the 2014 year, which is clarified in the By-Laws update, is that the elected positions on the Board are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member-at-Large. The current Newsletter Editor and Garden Committee Chair are actually not elected positions, but appointed positions by the President, and are voting members of the Board.

Because monthly programs and activities are such a vital part of the Society, the Board is considering having an appointed Program Chair. The elected Vice President would then have somewhat broader responsibilities. This would include being a support person for the President and other members of the Board; managing publicity, marketing and public relations; and becoming familiar with the operations of the Society to move up into the President position at some time.

The Board also recommends changing the ByLaws so that terms of office for those elected officers are for one year with no term limit provision.

***A copy of the proposed changes to the By-Laws, which will be discussed at the October Regular meeting, is provided on page 17-19. Be sure to look it over!***

Following are descriptions of the duties of each of the Society officers.

### ***President***

1. Presides at all general membership meetings of the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society.
2. Presides at all Board of Directors meetings.
3. Is an ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee.
4. Provides general overall management of the affairs and business of the Society.
5. Coordinates with Member At Large to maintain liaison among the Society Board and the general membership.
6. Ensures appropriate and timely goals and objectives for the Society are established and achieved.
7. After his/her term is completed, as Immediate Past President, assists the Board in maintaining continuity for the Society by attending Board of Director meetings.
8. Performs other duties as assigned by the Board for the benefit of the Membership.

### ***Vice President***

1. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform all of the duties of the President.
2. On an on-going basis, the Vice President shall assist the President and other committee chairpersons as needed, assist the Member-At-Large with the Annual Dinner Meeting, and be an integral part of the operations of the Society.

3. Additionally, the Vice President is responsible for publicity, public relations and marketing of the Society to the community.
4. Upon the President's completion of his/her term of office, the Vice President will move up into the position of President of the Society, and a new Vice President elected by the membership.

**Secretary**

1. Is the official secretary and recorder of all meetings and activities of the Society.
2. Provides summaries of appropriate activities to the Newsletter Editor.
3. Makes minutes of the monthly meetings available to members of the Society via e-mail or hard copies, as needed, in a timely manner.
4. Records all activities and actions of the Board of Directors meetings and distributes the minutes to the members of the Board in a timely manner.
5. Maintains the official membership roster of the society and notifies Board Members and other Society members as needed of changes in membership.
6. Sends appropriate cards or other correspondence as directed by the Board of Directors.
7. Signs appropriate documents required for bank accounts.

**Treasurer**

1. Responsible for managing all funds and financial activities associated with the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society.
2. Communicates with the Secretary regarding paid or unpaid members.
3. Reports the Society's financial status to the general membership at their monthly meetings as well as to the Board of Directors at their regular meetings.
4. Keeps full and accurate records of all financial transactions and activities and shall make such records available to the Board as required.
5. Is a signatory on the Society's checking account.
6. Assures the timely and accurate filing of all financial reports, taxes, insurance payments, and other financial responsibilities of the Society.

**Member-at-Large**

1. Coordinates with President to maintain liaison between and among the general membership and the Board of the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society.
2. Provides coordination and liaison with the activities of other Colorado organizations such as the Colorado Cactus & Succulent Society which have interests, goals & objectives similar to the Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society.
3. Functions as the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society Affiliate Representative to the Cactus and Succulent Society of America.
4. Is the Historian for the Society
5. Coordinates the Annual Dinner Meeting

**Appointed Members of the Board**

**Garden Committee Chairperson**

Coordinates all activities necessary to ensure the various gardens supported by the Society are maintained at acceptable levels that reflect favorably on the Society.

**Newsletter Editor**

Prepares and distributes the Society's Newsletter and meeting notifications on the frequency prescribed by the Society's Board of Directors.

**Program Chairperson (new appointed position)**

The Program Chairman coordinates with the Board of Directors to establish a program schedule for the Society and makes/coordinates any arrangements necessary to provide quality, educational, and interesting programs for the Society.

**Nominating Committee**

1. Annually, at least six weeks prior to the Annual Dinner meeting, the Nominating Committee provides the Board of Directors a list of one or more nominees for each position on the Board.
2. The Nominating Committee provides the list of nominees to the Newsletter Editor for publication to the general membership in the November newsletter.

***Being on the Board is a rewarding experience, during which you participate in the success of the Society, interact with other Board members, and help to follow the Mission Statement found under the mast head of the newsletter. Think about saying "yes" when you are called!***

# PLANT OF THE MONTH: ALBUCA SPIRALIS

Photos and story by Don Campbell



*Albuca spiralis* - 9/6/13  
Showing the pale yellow flowers

*Albuca* is an African genus of more than 100 species belonging to the [Hyacinthaceae](#) family and includes some species more recently included in [Ornithogalum](#).



*Albuca spiralis* - 9/6/13



*Albuca spiralis* - 9/6/13  
Showing the 'onion-like' bulbs and spiraling leaves

All *Albuca* species grow from bulbs, and most have a dormancy period after flowering whereby they lose their leaves. The flower scape is unbranched. The flowers are white and yellow and are embellished with a green to brown stripe down the middle of each outer petal.

*Albuca spiralis* was described from the Western Cape Province but also occurs in the Northern Cape Province, South Africa. The flowers are green with pale yellow margins, nodding, sweetly scented, reportedly of butter and vanilla! The smell can be quite strong on a warm sunny day. Leaves are narrow, wavy like a snake to spirally twisted with glandular hairs. The degree of spiral depends on the clone and the amount of sunlight the plant receives when the leaves started growing. The peduncle also has glandular hairs at the base. Flowering late winter to mid-spring. Plants are winter-growing and summer-dormant.

# ENTRIES FOR THE 2013 PHOTO CONTEST

The following photos have been selected by their photographer(s) for entry into the 2013 photo contest. Photographers could submit up to five photographs for the contest.

Photographs were taken in 2013 and appeared in a Chinle newsletter in 2013. As in last year's contest, the judging will be done by a non-Society member with expertise in photography. The judge this year is John McElroy, an excellent photographer from Grand Junction with his own photographic website to which he and his wife, Valerie, contribute their photographs. Criteria for judging will be the same as last year. First, Second & Third Prizes will be awarded as well as a Grand Prize. Winners will receive a framed version of their photo and a ribbon.

*Criteria for judging will use the elements below as used by The Photographic Exhibitions Committee (PEC) of Professional Photographers of America to define a merit image:*

**Impact** is the sense one gets upon viewing an image for the first time that can evoke awe, imagination a story, beauty, or the feeling of "wow", does the photo "knock your socks off."

**Technical excellence** is the quality of the image relative to focus, lens selection, . Retouching, manipulation, sharpness, exposure, skillful use of lighting and correct color qualities are included in technical excellence.

**Creativity** is the original, fresh, and external expression of the imagination of the photographer. Is it a fresh presentation of an old subject, did the photographer successfully "break the rules."

**Style & Composition** is important to the design of an image, bringing all of the visual elements together to express the purpose of the image. Proper composition holds the viewer in the image and prompts the viewer to look where the creator intends, often by eliminating distracting elements, attractively grouping subjects, using rule of thirds and leading lines.

**Color Balance** is when the color tones work together, supporting the image and enhance its emotional appeal.

**Center of Interest** is the point or points on the image where the maker wants the viewer to stop as they view the image. There can be primary and secondary centers of interest. Occasionally there will be no specific center of interest when the entire scene collectively serves as the center of interest.

The photos appear alphabetically by photographer.

*Submitted by Loren Benoit:*





*Submitted by Maryann Benoit:*

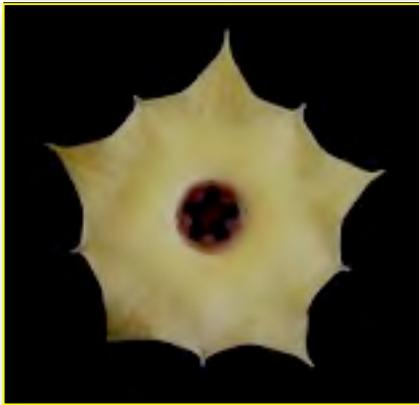




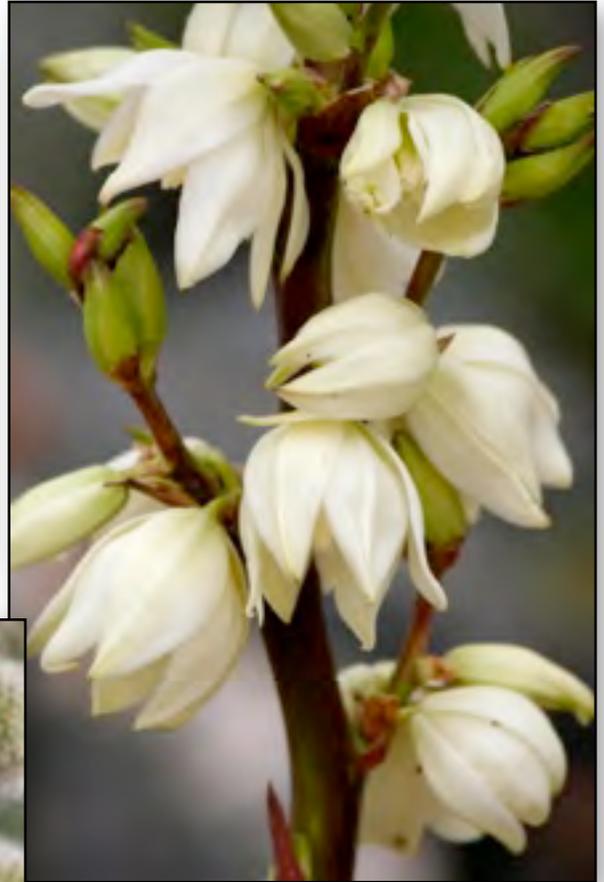
*Submitted by Tom Burrows*



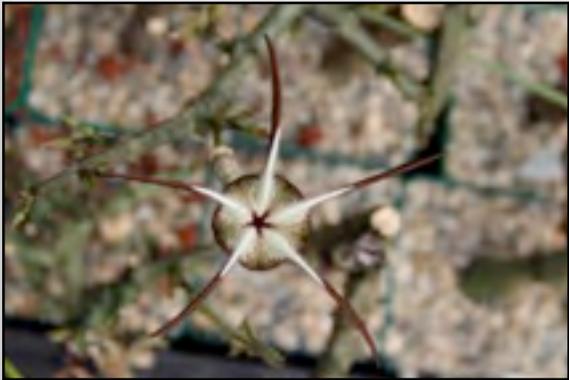
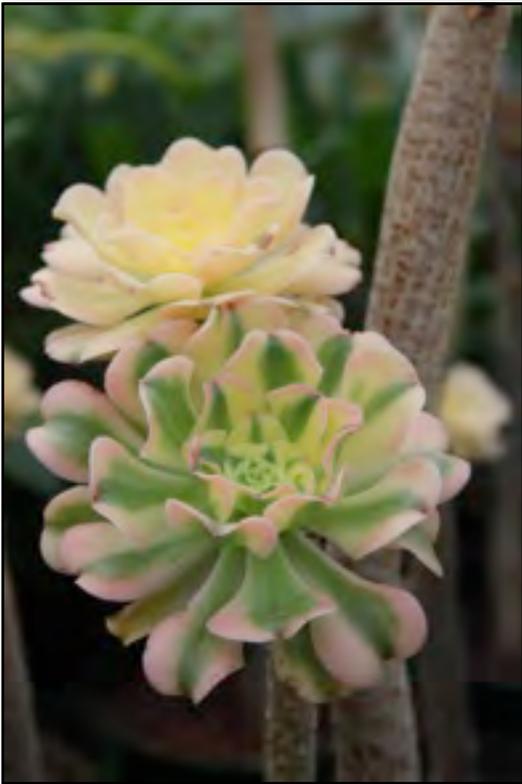
*Submitted by Don  
Campbell:*



*Submitted by Janet Hassell:*



*Submitted by Glenn  
Mallory:*



*Submitted by Judy McCart:*



*Submitted by Pat Severson:*





*Submitted by Janet Schaeffer:*





## FREE COLD-HARDY CACTUS AVAILABLE

Don Campbell shares that Marrian Farrell, and her husband Bob are selling their house, located at 2220 Orchard Ave. The Farrells were among the original members of the Chinle Club. Their house is on a corner lot at the intersection of Orchard Ave. & Linda Lane. The prospective buyers are uninterested in the cacti and plan to have them all removed.

Marrion asked me to invite members of the Chinle Cactus Club to drive by their lot and inspect the garden which is easily accessible on the street side of the house. Members are welcome to dig or take cuttings of any cactus or succulent plants in the garden. No need to ask permission or knock on the door.

**MEMBER NEWS:** *Judy and Lawrence Kolz, long-time Chinle members have notified us that they have moved to Colorado Springs to be closer to their family. We will certainly miss them!*

## ANN BARRETT PRESENTED GREAT IDEAS FOR COMPANION GARDENING

Our program in September was given by Ann Barrett of Meadowlark Gardens. She presented an entertaining and informative talk accompanied by lovely slides that showed the xeric non-cacti/succulent plants that can be used artistically with cacti and succulents to enhance our gardens.

Of course she emphasized the importance of paying attention to soil, sun and watering needs for both the companion plants and the cacti to assure their compatibility. And another aspect of her talk were aspects to consider when adding trees to our landscaping--i.e., using thin-leaved trees (such as honey locust) in areas that have plants that do better in filtered light.

Members had brought a large variety of plants to share and swap, as well as interesting ones for the Silent Auction.



Ann sported her "Cactus Tie" for her talk!



Nice to have the Murdock sisters attend!



Lilly McAnally (Rt) returned after her neck injury with the help of her friend, Gabrielle Russell (L).



Bill Hassell, President, welcomes a nice group of members and guests to the meeting.



Speaker, Ann Barrett (L), Vice President Lynn Dunham, and Treasurer/Media Expert Loren Benoit, help get ready for the program.



Bill Hassell and Julie Bursi ponder over something extremely important (we think!)

## Happy Birthday, Maryann!

The Chinle Board surprised Maryann with a birthday cake and birthday wishes at the September Board meeting. Her age, of course, is a closely guarded secret!!!



### PROPOSED CHANGES TO CURRENT CHINLE C&SS BYLAWS:

Sec. 3.04 Scheduled Meetings

Advance notification of date, time and location of all monthly programs, meetings, special activities and field trips will be sent to each member in good standing via the most expedient method, (regular mail, e-mail or telephone).

Sec. 3.05 Quorum

A quorum at any meeting of the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society requiring a vote of the general membership shall consist of at least twenty percent (20%) of the members in good standing.

Sec. 3.06 Organization

The President shall normally preside over all meetings of the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society. [In the President's absence, the chain of authority shall be: first, the Vice President; second, the Secretary; third, the Treasurer; fourth, the Member-at-Large; and fifth, a chairperson chosen at the meeting.](#) The Secretary or a designated substitute shall maintain a written record of all meetings. [\(Deleted Newsletter Editor as the fourth officer in the chain of command.\)](#)

#### Article IV Board of Directors

Sec. 4.01 Membership

The Board of Directors of the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society shall consist of [\(delete: at least seven members which includes\)](#) the President, Vice President, [Program Chair, Garden Committee Chair,](#) Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Member-at-Large. In addition, the immediate past president shall be a member of the Board.

Sec. 4.02 Vacancies

The Board of Directors of the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society may at any meeting appoint a member in good standing to fill any vacancy on the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4.03 Meetings

The Board of Directors of the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society shall meet as often as necessary to ensure the smooth operation of the Society. Meetings shall normally be held at the call of the President, but may be called at the request of three or more members of the Board of Directors. All Board members shall be notified at least seven days in advance of all Board meetings.

Sec. 4.04 Quorum

A quorum at any Board of Directors meeting for the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society shall consist of a simple majority of Board members.

Sec. 4.05 Powers

The operations of the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the following powers:

1. To make and change rules and procedures which are consistent with these By-laws for the routine operation and management of the Society.
2. To select an appropriate depository for the funds of the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society and who shall be authorized to conduct the necessary financial functions of the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society.
3. To delegate any powers of the Board of Directors as deemed appropriate.
4. To approve applicants to membership and to suspend members, subject to Sec. 2.04
5. To make, alter and amend standards of conduct for members of the Society and for the governing procedures of the Board.

Sec. 4.06 Remuneration

Members of the Board of Directors shall not receive any salary or other compensation for their services as directors. The Board may, depending upon the availability of funds, authorize reimbursement of actual expenses incurred by individual members for activities directly related to the activities of the Society.

Sec. 4.07 Ethics

Ethical behavior is expected of all Board members.

Article V  
Officers

Sec. 5.01 General (delete: Number)

Officers of the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society shall be elected by the general membership and include a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member-at-Large. The voting members of the Board of Directors consist of the elected officers, the immediate Past President, the Appointed Members of the Board to include the Program Chairperson, the Newsletter Editor, the Garden Committee Chairperson, and up to three additional members as appointed by the President.

Sec. 5.02 President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society and shall be ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee. The President shall provide general overall management of the affairs and business of the Society. The President will maintain liaison among the Society Board and the general membership and will ensure the objectives of the Society Board are achieved. The President may appoint additional members to the Board of Directors as needed in conformance with Sec. 5.01. The President also serves as the Immediate Past President for one year following completion of his term of office.

Sec. 5.03 Vice President

The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform all of the duties of the President. On an on-going basis, the Vice President shall assist the President and other committee chairpersons as needed, and be an integral part of the operations of the Society. Additionally, the Vice President is responsible for publicity, public relations and marketing of the Society to the community. Upon the President's completion of his/her term of office, the Vice President will move up into the position of President of the Society, and a new Vice President elected by the membership.

Sec. 5.04 Secretary

The Secretary shall act as the official secretary and recorder of all meetings and activities of the Society. The Secretary will also provide summaries of appropriate activities to the editors of the Society's Newsletter.

Sec. 5.05 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds and financial activities associated with the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society. In addition, the Treasurer will maintain a current membership listing. The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate records of all financial transactions and activities and shall make such records available to the Board as required.

Sec. 5.06 Program Chairman

The Program Chairman works with the Board of Directors to establish a program schedule for the Society for the year and coordinates any arrangements necessary to provide quality, educational, and interesting programs for the Society.

Sec. 5.07 Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for preparing and distributing the Society's Newsletter and

meeting notifications on the frequency prescribed by the Society's Board of Directors.

Sec. 5.08 Immediate Past President

The Immediate Past President shall assist the Board in maintaining continuity for the Society and perform other duties as assigned by the Board for the benefit of the Membership

Sec. 5.09 Member-at-Large

The Member-at-Large shall be responsible for maintaining liaison between and among the general Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society membership and the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society Board and shall provide coordination and liaison with the activities of other Colorado organizations such as the Colorado Cactus & Succulent Society which have interests, goals and objectives similar to the Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society. The Member-at-Large is the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society Affiliate Representative to the Cactus and Succulent Society of America.

The Member-At-Large is the Historian for the Society and coordinates arrangements for the Annual Dinner Meeting.

Sec. 5.10 Garden Committee Chairperson

The Chairperson of the Garden Committee is appointed by the President and serves as a member of the Board of Directors to provide coordination between the Board and the Garden Committee to ensure continuing management of the gardens entrusted to the Society's care.

Sec. 5.11 Society Webmaster

The Society Webmaster is appointed by the President for an indefinite term to manage the Society's website and any operations connected thereto.

Sec. 5.12 Elections and Terms of Office

Officers of the Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society must be members in good standing. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member At Large (See Section 5.01) shall be elected at the December general membership meeting.

The term of office for all Officers shall be one year. (Deleted: Individual Officers may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms in any one office plus the unexpired portion of a departed Officer's term.)

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



The sofa shown in the photo shown above (contributed by Lynn Dunham), is an excellent way to get hubby off the couch and out in the WCBG and CSU Gardens pulling weeds!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER 2013 - DECEMBER 2013

- OCT 5 GARDEN PARTY - WCBG - Saturday, 8 am
- OCT 7 Chinle C&SS Board Meeting - 10 am  
2666 Summer Hill Ct., GJ
- OCT 10 Regular Meeting of the Chinle C&SS  
Program: Randy & Marcia Tatroe  
"How Cacti & Succulents are used in Commercial Plantings, and  
Southern California botanic gardens and missions."  
**Note Change:**  
6:30 pm - **Jockey Club Room** - Mesa County Fairgrounds
- OCT 16 GARDEN PARTY - CSU EXTENSION - Wednesday, 8 am
- OCT 26 LAST GARDEN PARTY FOR 2013- WCBG - Saturday, 8 am
- NOV 14 Chinle C&SS Board Meeting - 10 am  
2666 Summer Hill Ct., GJ
- NOV 7 Regular Meeting of the Chinle C&SS  
Program: Members to discuss favorite species; demonstrations on  
propagating by seed; photographing cacti & succulents; & other  
topics  
6:30 pm - Sagebrush Room - Mesa County Fairgrounds
- DEC 2 Chinle C&SS Board Meeting - 10 am  
2666 Summer Hill Ct., GJ
- DEC 12 CHINLE ANNUAL DINNER MEETING  
The Iron at Tiara Rada  
5:30 pm - Registration, Social Hour, Silent Auction Bidding  
6:30 pm - Dinner  
7:30 pm - Business Meeting, Election of 2014 Officers  
8:30 pm - Door Prizes, Gift Plants & Silent Auction Winners  
9:30 pm - Adjourn

### 2013 Chinle Cactus and Succulent Society Board

President: Bill Hassell  
970-263-0910

Secretary/Web Master: Tom Burrows  
970-462-6767

Treasurer: Loren Benoit  
970-254-7471

Vice President: Lynn Dunham  
970-243-1822

Member at Large: Judy McCart  
970-623-9279

Newsletter Ed: Janet Hassell  
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Garden Committee: Maryann Benoit  
970-254-7471

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