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Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society June 2020



Club Demonstration Gardens

The long-overdue garden "party" at our CSU Extension garden last month was fully subscribed and we got a huge amount of weeding done. Thank you volunteers. Extension personnel have tidied up the paths there and the garden looks stunning. A group of us also got out to our demonstration garden at the Western Colorado Botanic Garden for a morning of maintenance in late May.

We will have a garden party at the Extension garden (as originally planned) on **Saturday June 20th** (8:00 - 10:00 am). This will again be limited to 10 participants. Doris Schlichter will send out a reminder/invitation a few days before the event. If you plan on attending, please contact Doris (djschlichter@gmail.com) so that you can be put on the list of attendees.

The previously scheduled June 6 garden party at the Botanic Garden has been canceled. We will let you know when, and under what restrictions, we will be able to hold the next group gardening event there.

And finally, "**thank you**" to the club members who have gotten out on their own to each of these gardens for weeding and tidying.

Club Meetings

Don't forget that our regular June meeting is canceled.

The July meeting will be conducted using Zoom. Don Campbell and Loren Benoit will broadcast, from the comfort of their homes, two presentations. Don's will be on "The Great Southern Arizona Convergence of 2020: When Chinle cactophiles and Cacti Gathered in the Desert" and Loren's will be on "Experiencing the Electric Desert" from the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix. We will send out a Zoom invitation

closer to the date for members and guests to join the meeting. Mark your calendar for **Thursday July 9th 6:30 – 8:30 pm**.

Upcoming Webinar by Woody Minnich

The Cactus and Succulent Society of America is hosting a webinar by Woody Minnich on **Saturday June 13th at 10:00 am** (Pacific Daylight Time) entitled "Socotra, a Secret Island in the Arabian Sea."

As described on the CSSA webpage: "This presentation will include some of the fantastic endemic succulents of the Island of Socotra. These plants will include the famous *Dracaena cinnabari*, the "Rolls-Royce" of Adeniums, *Adenium socotranum* and other wonderful caudiciforms including: *Dorstenia gigs*, *Dendrosicyos socotrana*, various Boswellias (Frankincense), Euphorbias and Asclepiads and numerous reptiles. This magical place is one of the three most exciting islands in the world. Being under the control of Yemen, it has become almost impossible to visit for numerous years, and it may be many, many years before anyone from the USA will be able to once again tour this incredible region".

The link to pre-register for this Zoom meeting is on the CSSA home page here:

<http://cactusandsucculentsociety.org/>

Virtual Plant Show(off)

We have had a great response to our invitation to submit photos for our Facebook page. Keep them coming! Send photos along with a brief description to Maryann Benoit, our Facebook admin, via email: mxbenoit@bresnan.net. If you don't know what the plant is, send it along anyway with location information and we can try to identify it. Check out our page: www.facebook.com/chinlecactusclub/.

Chinle C&SS Photo Contest

The deadline for photo submission is Halloween and one way or another we will have a viewing and judging event on Thursday November 12th as planned. As a reminder, the ten photo submission categories are:

1. A pattern or texture in nature
2. Natural scenery/landscape
3. Man-made feature (buildings, roads etc.)
4. Cactus/succulent plants in a natural habitat
5. Plants in a developed setting (indoor/outdoor)
6. Animal
7. Close-up showing detail
8. Whimsical/humor
9. Abstract (whatever this means to you)
10. Open (1st place winner in this category receives 10 note cards made from their photo)

Calendar of Upcoming Events

June

Monday June 1 6:30 pm Zoom **Board Meeting**

Saturday June 6 8:00 - 10:00 **Canceled** Garden Party at the WCBG.

Saturday June 13 10:00 am (PDT) **CSSA Webinar** by Woody Minnich. Pre-registration required:

<http://cactusandsucculentsociety.org/>.

Saturday June 20 8:00 - 10:00 **Garden Party** at the [CSU Extension Office](#). Contact Doris at djschlichter@gmail.com to arrange to attend.

Saturday June 27 **CSSA Webinar** by Jackson Burkholder. Details to be published at

<http://cactusandsucculentsociety.org/>.

July

Monday July 6 6:30 pm Zoom **Board Meeting**,

Thursday July 9 6:30 pm **Regular Club Meeting via Zoom**, Don Campbell on "The Great Southern Arizona Convergence of 2020" and Loren Benoit on "Experiencing the Electric Desert."

Wednesday July 22 8:00 - 10:00 **Garden Party** at the [CSU Extension Office](#).



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