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Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society May 2020



Opuntia sp. Photo by Don Campbell

Virtual Plant Show(off)

Do you have photos to share? On the heels of this great stretch of spring weather our gardens are now bursting forth with blooms. The club invites you to showcase yours (your plant's) on our Facebook page



(www.facebook.com/chinlecactusclub/), in what, for lack of a better term, we are calling a Virtual Plant Show(off). And no, you need not limit yourself to your garden: indoor blooms, neighbor's blooms and blooms in habitat are all welcome. Please identify the plant and say something about where and when the photo was taken, along with any other information that you would like to share. Send photos 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. Here is a photo that Don Campbell sent in to inspire you!

Escobaria sneedii ssp. *leei* (Lee's Pincushion Cactus). Taken May 2020 in Don Campbell's garden.

Upcoming Space-Restricted Garden "Party"

First of all, a heartfelt **"thank you"** to the club members who have gotten out on their own to our demonstration gardens for spring clean-ups and weeding.

We are cautiously restarting our group Garden Parties with an event that we have scheduled for **Saturday** _____

May 23rd (9: 00 - 11:00 a.m.) at our CSU demonstration garden. As usual, Doris Schlichter will send out a reminder (to Grand Junction members) a few days before the event. What is not usual is that we are limiting the number of participants to 10. Contact Doris at djschlichter@gmail.com if you would like to be put on the list of gardeners for Saturday's event. She will also be organizing a wait list.

We will let you know when, and under what restrictions, we will be able to hold subsequent gardening events.

July Meeting

Our scheduled June monthly event has been canceled (no surprise there) but we will hold our first-ever **virtual** club meeting in July. The meeting will be conducted using Zoom conferencing software. Don Campbell and Loren Benoit will broadcast, from the comfort of their homes, two great 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 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. You will not need any special software or accounts ... just a browser and an internet connection. So mark your calendar to join in **Thursday July 9th 6:30 – 8:30 pm**. [The club board has used Zoom these last few months for our monthly meetings and it has worked just fine and it's really nice to see each other!]

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May

Saturday May 23th 9:00 - 11:00 **Space-restricted Garden Party** at the [CSU Extension Office](#). Contact Doris at djschlichter@gmail.com to arrange to attend.

June

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



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