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November 2020 Newsletter of the **Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society**

November Regular Meeting

On **Thursday November 12th** starting at 6:30 pm we will hold our annual Photo Contest event featuring a slide show of all of the entries and an announcement of the winners and 1st place runner-up photos. This event (unlike the formal presentations of the past few months) will be held as a **Zoom Meeting** (rather than a Zoom Webinar) to facilitate attendee participation and conviviality. Using this format all participants will be able to see and hear all of the other participants at least those who care to speak and/or share their video.

As with our previous events, you will need to pre-register ahead of time for this meeting. Click [here](#) to register. This registration link will also be published on our website: www.chinlecactusclub.org. After you register you will receive an email with a link and password that you will use to attend the meeting on the 12th. If you run into any difficulties please call or text Kate at (970) 270-5345.

The Photos are In! Exercise your Right to Vote by November 11th

Halloween has come and gone and the Club Photo Contest has at long last closed. The Photo Contest Committee received a near record-setting number of photos, 114 in all, representing a number of interesting interpretations of what was meant by each of the 10 categories. Photos rolled in right up to the last minute. Many thanks to everyone who participated: Loren Benoit, Maryann Benoit, Juli Bursi, Tyne Bush, Don Campbell, Janet Hassell, Susan Honea, Leslie Joanis, Helen Kempenich, Deb Mallory, Marj McKenna, Larry McKenna, Doris Schlichter, Kate Weissenburger and Ken Weissenburger.

Now, the fun begins. The photos have been compiled into a gallery on our club website at <http://chinlecactusclub.org/2020-photo-contest/>. At the top of the gallery there is a link to a "scoring sheet" that lists all of the photos by category ... you may find this useful to keep track of

the entries. You can also access it [here](#). **Your** assignment is to judge the photos and to submit to the Photo Contest Committee your two (2) favorite photos in each category. This is essentially what we have done in previous years "in person." But instead of throwing your score card into a basket we ask that you vote either by email or by leaving a phone message:

info@chinlecactusclub.org

-or-

(970) 773-7637 (the club's number)

The **voting deadline is November 11th**. Have fun looking at the photos. The winners and 1st place runner-ups will be announced at our Regular Meeting on November 12th.



Photos from the 2019 contest by Janet Hassell and Marj McKenna

Heads-Up: Our 2020 Auction Will Open for Bidding November 19th

This year, in lieu of the traditional Silent Auction that we hold at our club's Annual Dinner, we will hold an online auction. Don Campbell, Doris Schlichter and Kate Weissenburger were "volunteered" to be the Auction Committee; Don writes:



"Please return with me to those thrilling days of yesteryear...way back when we had in-person annual dinner meetings that included the always exciting and suspenseful silent auction. Back when you could bid on an exotic plant, or a bottle of wine, or a beautiful

book, or a gift basket, or some delicious goodies, or beautiful hand-crafted art, or a personally guided field trip, or even a mysterious brown-bag special. Remember, if you will, all those big happy beautiful smiles worn by the participants, as they savored the thrill of the bidding and visualized going home with one or more of the much coveted 'prizes' on the auction tables. There



was even open-mouthed amazement as members realized the awesome quality and variety of items offered in the auction.



Of course the reason our silent auctions of yesteryear were so popular is because members like you donated all of the amazing stuff that generated such wild enthusiasm and frenzied bidding activity.

It's critical to the well-being of the Chinle C&SS to remember that the annual silent auction is the primary source of income that allows us to achieve many of our goals & objectives as a society. It's also important to remember that all of the items in the silent auction are donated by the membership.

Unfortunately the COVID 19 virus has forced the CCSS into virtual meetings and extreme social distancing. So, this year we will have a virtual, online auction. We have a number of stunning plants that we received from Lilly McAnally, and members have donated some outstanding items including: wine, services, specimen plants, coffee-table-quality books, gift baskets, hand-crafted items and objet d'art."

Thank you members who have donated items for the auction in response to our October solicitation! We hope that the event will generate the usual irrational bidding exuberance. **Look forward to more details at our November Regular Meeting (November 12th) and the opening of the event on November 19th.**

Club Demonstration Gardens

October saw the final club gardening event of 2020 at each of the club's two demonstration gardens: at the Western Colorado Botanical Gardens and the CSU Extension office. It has been a rough gardening summer with extraordinary heat, smoke and COVID-related restrictions. But despite the challenges the gardens look great. Thank you October garden volunteers: Maryann & Loren Benoit, Don Campbell, Lois Davidson, Leslie Joanis, Helen Kempenich, Marj & Larry McKenna, Doris Schlichter, Bret Seligman and Kate Weissenburger.

Last month volunteers also worked with Lois Davidson to move cacti from her place to the CSU garden where they (the cacti) will hole up for the winter. Thank you Don Campbell and Marj McKenna for your help.

PayPal



Good news! Joining the club, paying the modest annual dues or even donating to the club has gotten even easier. Simply login to your PayPal account and "Send" your dues to paypal@chinlecactusclub.org as the recipient. If you are paying this way we ask that you add \$1 to cover our processing fees (which is only a very small bit more than a postage stamp and an envelope would have cost you). In the

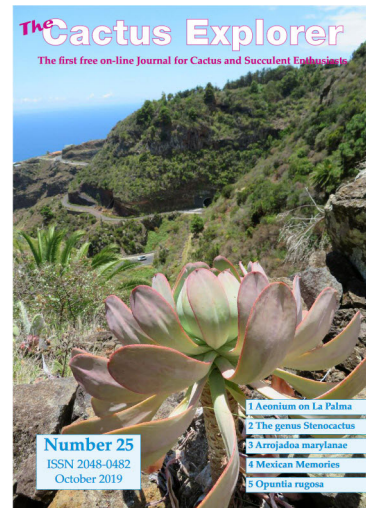
very near future there will be an option to pay directly from our website that will not require that you have a PayPal account.

The Cactus Explorer

Shame on me for failing to call to your attention this gorgeous (free) issue of The Cactus Explorer back when it was issued in 2019: [The Cactus Explorer Number 25](#), Grab a hot chocolate and take a virtual tour ... starting in Brazil and ending up in the Canary Islands.

Contents

- Short note on *Arrojadoa marylanae* a stunning columnar cactus from Bahia, Brazil
- Photos of *Borzicactus sepium* growing near Quito, Ecuador
- *Opuntia rugosa*: a seldom-encountered California species
- Discussion of the Mexican genus *Stenocactus* (or *Echinofossulocactus*, depending on your viewpoint)
- My Mexican Memories (1), the first of a series about the travels of Zlatko Janeba in Mexico
- A lavishly illustrated and detailed description of *Aeonium* species and five natural hybrids of La Palma (Canary Islands)



Calendar of Upcoming Events

November

Monday November 2 6:30 pm Zoom **Board Meeting**.

Wednesday November 11 **Deadline for Returning Photo Contest Votes**

Thursday November 12 6:30 pm **Regular Meeting of the Chinle CC&SS** Virtual photo viewing and judging results via Zoom Meeting.

Thursday November 19 **Silent Auction Opens** for bidding

December

Monday December 7 6:30 pm Zoom **Board Meeting**

Thursday December 10 **Silent Auction Closes** for bidding

Thursday December 10 6:30 pm **Regular Meeting of the Chinle CC&SS** Don Campbell speaks about the Gordon Trail.

As always, check our calendar for any updates: www.chinlecactusclub.org/calendar

We welcome your comments and/or contributions to our newsletter or web content. You can reach us at info@chinlecactusclub.org or me directly at kate@chinlecactusclub.org.



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