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October 2020 News

Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society

October Club Meeting - Nova/PBS "Rise of the Mammals", Part 2

At our regular meeting on Thursday October 8th at 6:30 pm club member Ken Weissenburger will give the second of two presentations on recent fossil discoveries in eastern Colorado. Ken will respond in depth to a couple of frequently asked questions. He will also use the history and timelines of the project as an example of the pace of science and provide bonus coverage of people, business considerations, etc. If you missed last month's presentation or would like to watch the video again, here is the link: <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/video/rise-of-the-mammals/>



The October meeting will be held as a Zoom webinar. **To attend, register in advance at:** https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yqdBcJ_jS8aLOVPbgypJDg

If you have any difficulties registering or joining the event please call or text Kate at (970) 270-5345.

Club Photo Contest: Deadlines and the New Format

The long-awaited photo contest entry deadline is finally (almost) here. In lieu of our annual November in-person photo viewing and judging session we will hold the event virtually. The photo submission deadline is the same as previously announced (**October 31st: Halloween**), but digital photos only are to be submitted. No paper copies. Submit your photo entries to Kate via her club email (kate@chinlecactusclub.org) or (preferably) arrange with her ahead of time to use a different method of your choosing (e.g., shared Google Drive, Dropbox, flash drive, DVD). *Do not send emails with attached photos whose collective size is greater than 50MB.*

On **Monday November 2nd** all club members will be sent a compilation of the photo submissions for viewing along with a scoring card for voting. The deadline for returning the score cards will be **November 11th (Veterans Day)**.

On **Thursday November 12** we will have our regular monthly meeting where we will 1) have a slide show of all of the entries and 2) announce the 1st place and 1st runner-up in each category. This meeting (unlike the formal presentations of the past few months) will be held as a Zoom Meeting (not Webinar) to facilitate attendee participation and conviviality.

As a reminder, the ten photo categories are:

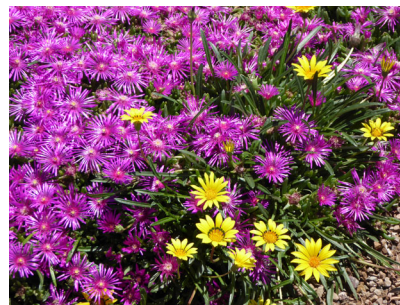
1. A pattern or texture in nature
2. Natural scenery/landscape
3. Man-made feature (buildings, roads etc.)
4. Cactus/succulent plants in a natural habitat
5. Plants in a developed setting (indoor/outdoor)
6. Animal
7. Close-up showing detail
8. Whimsical/humor
9. Abstract (whatever this means to you)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

You may download a one page pdf summary of **Categories and Entry Rules** [here](#).

Club Demonstration Gardens

With all that has happened in the valley this year it is nice to be able to report that the gardens have fared surprisingly well. Thank you members who helped out at the WCBG and CSU Extension gardens this month: **Loren & Maryann Benoit, Don Campbell, Lois Davidson, John Hall, Sara Hein, Kim Krueger, Marj McKenna, Pam Romig, Doris Schlichter and Kate & Ken Weissenburger.**

This month we will have the last of the 2020 gardening events at our two gardens: **Wednesday October 7** (9:00 - 11:00) at the WCBG and **Saturday October 17** (9:00 - 11:00) at our CSU Extension garden. Snacks will be provided at both events and the weather should be glorious. Come out, socially distance and help put the gardens to bed for the year.



Agave lophantha

It is always a treat to see an agave in bloom. Reed and Bobbi Irwin sent us these photos of a currently blooming agave in their garden. The plant was a gift from John Moore several years ago.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

October

Monday October 5 6:30 pm Zoom **Board Meeting**.

Wednesday October 7 9:00 - 11:00 **Garden Party at the WCBG** (note changed date from original schedule).

Thursday October 8 6:30 pm **Regular Meeting of the Chinle CC&SS: Rise of the Mammals Part 2**. Pre-registration to Zoom Webinar required: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yqdBcJ_jS8aLOVPbgypJDg.

Saturday October 17 9:00 - 11:00 **Garden Party at the CSU Extension**.

Saturday October 31 Chinle C&SS 2020 photo contest **Submission Deadline**.

November

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

Wednesday November 11 **Deadline for Returning Photo Contest Voting Cards**

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

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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