



The Beaver Tale

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NEWS FLASH – not a traditional Newsletter

Circumstances are slightly more under control this month for your Newsletter Editor, but not entirely! Cox is coming to my new abode again this Wednesday. This time, they will run a new line for access to the internet. I obviously have some access now, or the e-mail would not come through. Believe me, access is limited. Connection to our server to provide a newsletter is good for about a minute at time. So here's a news flash:

Meeting is as usual: At the Garden Center; BOD at 6:00; regular meeting at 7:00 October 2

Program: Joseph Betzler will present photos and information relative to his most recent work "field trips" in the area. This should be quite interesting and close to our hearts. (see Coach Phil's Message)

Up and Coming: The SHOW! Please, let's bring out our best and make a scene! Even though I've lived in my new home only since the 20th of August, I've got some stuff to strut. Please participate. OCTOBER 25 and 26 I hope to have -more information available at the meeting. If I don't, I will get it to you via e-mail prior to the event.

AND FOREMOST: As advertised in an earlier e-mail on our yahoo group account: Dave and Kris over at Turner-Greenhouse are having a Final Fall Fest October 4 and 5! It's mostly plants, plants, plants, and mostly their own, but a few surprise vendors might be hawking other unique stuffage. Best news: 40% off everything and anything at Turner's. If you have a hot spot where absolutely nothin' grows – why not pick up a steel ocotillo? Why not pick up a piece of colored glass to put right next to that outdoor light near your walkway (catch an eye)? You all know how to grow cactus and succulents. Pick up some reserve plants to serve as replacements for what Mother Nature may take away? Why not break down and buy one of the only 2 left "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" type bicycle planters? (PS from this insider: there are a few things on sale at 50% off. There's a "super sale bench" with deeply discounted items on it. No further discount applies to the "specials.") Snatch stuff up, folks. When it is gone . . . it is gone. And we will miss, and already miss, this place. If absolutely nothing else, show your respects and go say hello to Pepper and Zazoo and Sweetie and Amigo! They have been faithful followers and loving pet friends. The weather will be great. See you!

Here's a note from our "Pres.", COACH PHIL!

From the President:

Plan B for October's program. Author Stephen Ingram who was supposed to be our presenter has had to postpone—until sometime next spring most likely—but our own Joey Betzler has agreed to do

a presentation. It will be a slide show, according to Joey, "...put together about my spring trips to the four points of the Las Vegas Valley: Gass Peak, Frenchmen Mountain, The Real Balck Mountain and Red Rocks' Mt. Wilson."

Sounds like a winner to me. I'm looking forward to it.

I don't have much more to pass on except huge kudos to Bill and Paula Garrett for hosting our September social gathering at their home in Henderson. Their gardens were fabulous, and it was a great setting and perfect weather to sit outside and scarf down the goodies.

I'm so used to a cookout comprised of hamburgers and hot dogs that I had forgotten what else can be cooked on the "barbie," as the Aussies say. Fresh salmon? You have got to be kidding me. What a treat! Actually, everything was great: pork, chicken, and fish. What else could anyone ask for? Thanks, you two. You have set a high standard for the next social get together. And thanks to the rest of you who showed up as well. It was very, very nice.

Hope to see you all at our meeting on the 2nd of October. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00, right after our Board meeting at 6:00. I'll plan to arrive at 5:30 for those who can come early and help set up things.

Oh, one last thing...we're still kind of desperate for someone to step forward and agree to take over as Treasurer for 2009. If you would be willing to take on the task and serve as a voting member of our Board, please contact me or Susan Kent, our Nomination Committee Chair.

Phil Lawton, President

Susan Kent

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