



The Beaver Tale

January 2009

From the President and Newsletter Editor:

This is a short newsletter. Just like the rest of you, my December has been filled with family (18 members I think!) and friends (##!?). They come from near and far to enjoy the Las Vegas weather for Christmas. What a mistake this year! Wow have we had moisture for a change. My plants in pots as well as the ground are saturated. I'm hoping we don't now get incredibly cold and freeze for several days. Not everything in my collection is cold hardy in wet conditions. In spite of all the rain and snow and visitors, I trust you enjoyed whatever holiday you celebrate(d) and will have a safe and Happy New Year!

The January meeting of the CSSSN is special this year, and I hope to see you. It will combine business with socializing. In an informal atmosphere we will have a chance to collect dues, talk about our plans and wishes for club activities, as well as responsibilities this year. **We are meeting on January 1st at my house from 4:00 PM to 7:00PM (both sharp!): 4935 Cedar Lawn Way, Las Vegas, NV 89130 Phone 702 656 1786 Los Prados Golf Community - entrances on Ann Road as well as Lone Mountain**

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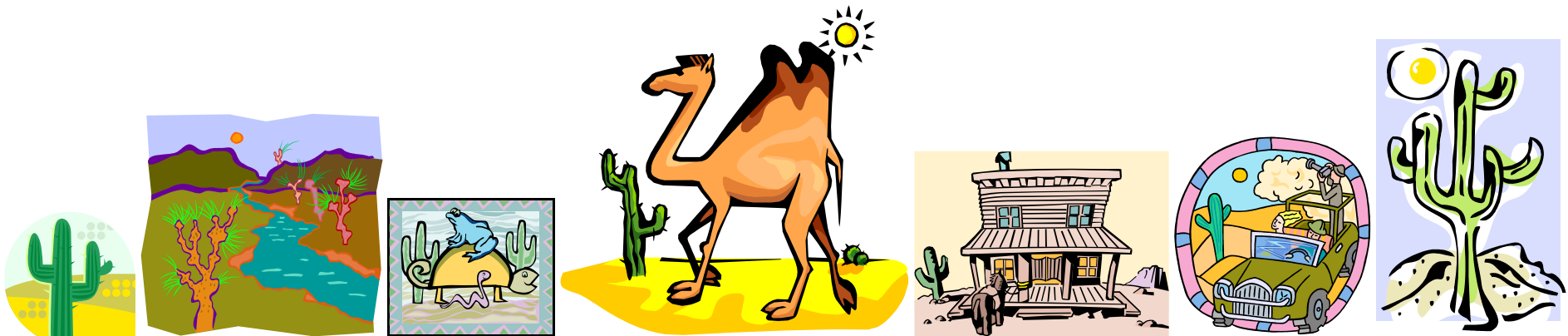
WARNING: I have a cat and 2 birds, scented candles, house dust, and likely a dirty furnace filter! If you have allergies, take your meds before entering!!!!!!

I will have some tasty morsels available, but don't be shy: If you wish, bring your suitable leftovers and odds and ends from your own festive gatherings. If you have a traditional New Year's dish that you want to share, let's sample that as well! I have a couple of TV's. We can turn them on if sports enthusiasts insist! If you have a favorite beverage, bring it. I will have tea and coffee and water (maybe a little wine) available.

The CSSSN calendar is listed on the following pages. It does not include speakers or topics of monthly meetings. I'll add those details as they become available. I have included all of Donnie's "Cactus Flower Overload" dates. The calendar will not always be included in the newsletter, but will be maintained on the website. To stay right up to the minute, though, please consider joining the "group" site on Yahoo. Many of us still have full time jobs, attend school, care for family members, etc., and don't have time to call everyone with changes and reminders of events. Today's fast paced living removes some of the "personal caring" associated with being in a "club." Dislike it as you may, technology provides a means to communicate in this crazy 24/7 world in which we live. Give it a try. Ask one of us to talk you through signing up (free). We would be glad to help. <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/CSSSN/cal///group/CSSSN/?v=61&t=1228003200>

Most of the events listed are hikes that lead to plant discovery. Here's an idea to enlarge our associated activities with the "Hiker Dudes." The hikers are somewhere almost every weekend. Those of us who can't hike as fervently might consider trying to do a "tail gate" activity that either sends the group off in the morning or welcomes them back in the afternoon/evening. I'm sure they would welcome the support and share their stories. More of us would be out there in the fresh air enjoying at least the areas near the trail heads. Cameras, hot coffee, water, and sharing what we've done would be a good thing.

Susan Kent



CSSSN Events 2008-2009 GRAB SOMEONE & GO

Notes from Donnie about the **Cactus Flower Overload**

[MARCH/APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2009 Cactus flower overload](#)


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Sun Dec 21, 2008 8:40 pm (PST)

*I have decided that I will be doing an extreme amount of field work in these months; mainly in the badlands called the Great Basin. Below is a schedule of the places I plan to go. Every weekend I will be headed out in search of the few rare cacti I need photos of (*Sclerocactus nyensis*, *S. schlesseri*, *S. pubispinus*, *S. blaineyi*, *S. polyancistrus*, *Opuntia pulchella*, *Pediocactus simpsonii*). So this means I will not be going hiking with my usual crew. This is a heads up if you want to go. Be aware these are all day long activities usually 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Some are subject to change due to weather and fuel prices. All are welcome to attend. Contact me with questions or concerns.*

Date Range	Name	Location, Links, Info
1/1/2009	SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Home of Susan Kent, 4935 Cedar Lawn Way, Las Vegas, NV 89130 http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Las+Vegas&state=NV&address=4935+Cedar+Lawn+Way&zipcode=89130-3618&country=US&latitude=36.257967&longitude=-115.210176&geocode=ADDRESS
2/5/2009	MONTHLY MEETING 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Garden Club Center, 333 W. Washington, Las Vegas, NV 89106 Lorenzi Park-Enter on Twin Lakes http://maps.google.com/maps?f=s&utm_campaign=en&utm_source=en-ha-na-us-bk-gm&utm_medium=ha&utm_term=google%20maps
2/14/2009	San Diego Winter Show & Sale	Casa del Prado Balboa Park Downtown San Diego. http://www.sdcss.com/

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3/5/2009	MONTHLY MEETING 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Garden Club Center, 333 W. Washington, Las Vegas, NV 89106 Lorenzi Park-Enter on Twin Lakes http://maps.google.com/maps?f=s&utm_campaign=en&utm_source=en-ha-na-us-bk-gm&utm_medium=ha&utm_term=google%20maps	
3/22/2009	Cactus Flower Overload	Christmas tree pass/Searchlight, NV.	Looking for Echinomastus johnsonii ssp. lutescens and taking a drive through Christmas tree pass if time allows. Associated species- dudleya arizonica, nolina parryi, Opuntia chlorotica, Opuntia bigelovii
3/29/2009	Cactus Flower Overload	Victor's favorite place to go. Victorville/Oro Grande and Barstow,CA area if time.	Looking for Sclerocactus polyancistrus in a dying region. Other species associated Dudleya, Echinocactus polycephalus and Penstemon spectabilis
4/2/2009	MONTHLY MEETING 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Garden Club Center, 333 W. Washington, Las Vegas, NV 89106 Lorenzi Park-Enter on Twin Lakes http://maps.google.com/maps?f=s&utm_campaign=en&utm_source=en-ha-na-us-bk-gm&utm_medium=ha&utm_term=google%20maps	
4/5/2000 ?	Cactus Flower Overload	This one depends on my schedule for the Springs Preserve Plant sale. Beatty, Yucca Mtn., Rhyolite, and Daylight Pass.	Looking at several Large populations of sclerocactus polyancistrus and echinocactus polycephalus
4/10 to 4/15, 2009	CSSA's 33rd Biennial Convention	Westin LaPaloma Resort, Tucson, AZ	http://www.cssainc.org/
4/11/2009?	Plant Sale (and Show?)	Springs Preserve	Details? (Pete D.)
4/12/2009 (EASTER) ?	Cactus Flower Overload	This one depends on my schedule for the Springs Preserve Plant sale. Barstow/Ft. Irwin and Red Rock Canyon State Park, CA	. Looking for Sclerocactus polyancistrus and observing local wildflowers.
4/19/2009	Cactus Flower Overload	Tonopah, Goldfield and Beatty.	Checking on Sclerocactus polyancistrus and Sclerocactus nyensis populations.
4/26/2009	Cactus Flower Overload	Panaca, Bennet Springs, Cathedral Gorge State Park, Canyon Springs Summit, Caliente.	Will be viewing Sclerocactus Schlesseri, Echinocereus mojavensis, and Opuntia whipplei. Very interesting place to go.
5/3/2009 This is either a long trip 12-14 hrs or 2 days. Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th. Pending?	Cactus Flower Overload	My favorite place to go in the world. House Rock Valley, Jacob Lake, Fredonia, AZ.	Looking for 4 endangered Pediocactus. P. bradyi, P. Paradinei, P. sileri, P. peeblesianus, Sclerocactus parviflorus, Echinocereus canyonensis, Agave kaibabensis.
5/7/2009	MONTHLY MEETING 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Garden Club Center, 333 W. Washington, Las Vegas, NV 89106 Lorenzi Park-Enter on Twin Lakes http://maps.google.com/maps?f=s&utm_campaign=en&utm_source=en-ha-na-us-bk-gm&utm_medium=ha&utm_term=google%20maps	

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5/10/2009 This will be a very long day maybe 12-14 hr day.	Cactus Flower Overload	Rachel, Warm Springs, Hancock summit and Currant (AKA middle of nowhere) The way we return may be through hwy 375(ET) or hwy 95 via Tonopah.	I will be looking for several very small Sclerocactus (about the size of a 50 cent piece), Agave eborispina, Echinocereus mojavensis and Opuntia pulchella.
5/17/2009	Cactus Flower Overload	South of Tonopah, Silver Peak, Columbus mine and Lida if time allows.	Looking at Sclerocactus nyensis, Opuntia pulchella and sclerocactus polyancistrus
5/24/2009	Cactus Flower Overload	Death Valley National Park: Auggerberry Point & Surprise Canyon. Enter through Pahrump side.	Sclerocactus polyancistrus, Dudleya, Echinomastus johnsonii, Echinocactus polycephalus, Ferocactus acanthodes, Mimulus rupicola and Salvia funerea.
5/31/2009	Cactus Flower Overload	Lida Summit, Oasis summit, Goldfield summit.	Highest population of Sclerocactus polyancistrus, Opuntia pulchella, Penstemon floridus ssp. austinii, yucca brevifolia and maybe lewisii rediviva ssp. minor
6/4/2009	MONTHLY MEETING 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Garden Club Center, 333 W. Washington, Las Vegas, NV 89106 Lorenzi Park-Enter on Twin Lakes http://maps.google.com/maps?f=s&utm_campaign=en&utm_source=en-ha-na-us-bk-gm&utm_medium=ha&utm_term=google%20maps	
6/7/2009	Cactus Flower Overload	Ely, Sacramento pass, Baker, Great Basin National Park, Skull Rock Pass, UT and Kings Canyon, UT. If I do not get photos of Sclerocactus blaineyi near Currant, NV we will return through 375 via 93.	Pediocactus simpsonii, Sclerocactus pubispinus, Sclerocactus spinosior, Opuntia pulchella, Echinocereus mojavensis, Penstemon nanus, Penstemon confusus, Penstemon immanifestus, Penstemon barnebyi and Penstemon dolius.
6/14/2009	Cactus Flower Overload	Off. Day after my 21st BDAY	
6/21/2009	Cactus Flower Overload	Longest day of the year. Back to Great Basin National park for a hike to the top of the second highest mtn. in NV.	Plan to look for Pediocactus simpsonii at 11,200 ft. Many Alpine flowers and good to escape Las Vega's Heat.
6/28/209	Cactus Flower Overload	Bonanza Trail at top of Lee Canyon.	Plan to go for a good hike so I can see Pahrump and Las Vegas at the same time
7/2/2009	SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING?	To Be Announced	
8/7/2009	VACATION – NO MEETING?		
9/3/2009	SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING?	To Be Announced	

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10/1/2009	MONTHLY MEETING 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Garden Club Center, 333 W. Washington, Las Vegas, NV 89106 Lorenzi Park-Enter on Twin Lakes http://maps.google.com/maps?f=s&utm_campaign=en&utm_source=en-ha-na-us-bk-gm&utm_medium=ha&utm_term=google%20maps
11/5/2009	MONTHLY MEETING 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Garden Club Center, 333 W. Washington, Las Vegas, NV 89106 Lorenzi Park-Enter on Twin Lakes http://maps.google.com/maps?f=s&utm_campaign=en&utm_source=en-ha-na-us-bk-gm&utm_medium=ha&utm_term=google%20maps
12/3/2009	YEAR END DINNER MEETING 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Garden Club Center, 333 W. Washington, Las Vegas, NV 89106 Lorenzi Park-Enter on Twin Lakes http://maps.google.com/maps?f=s&utm_campaign=en&utm_source=en-ha-na-us-bk-gm&utm_medium=ha&utm_term=google%20maps

CSSSN Board Members, & "Point People"		
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Vice President	-	Victor Lindsey
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5 At Large Board Members and Committee "Point" People to be Finalized January 1! STAND UP & VOLUNTEER: PUT YOUR NAME HERE! If your name is here, are you still willing?????????		
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Set Up	-	
Clean Up	-	
Sunshine ?	-	
Historian ?	-	
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CALENDARS

If you don't have a 2009 calendar yet, at least look at the Month by Month Gardening in the Desert Southwest by Mary Irish (Sam's Club?). One can always put their own twist on "what to do when and how." This puts a stake in ground and might get your mind thinking about your own yard and doing what needs to be done there.

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