



The Beaver Tale

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From the President and Newsletter Editor:

Updates are being made on the website, but an official newsletter is again in the form of this communiqué! We are sorting out what and how we will make information available to you. Thanks for your patience.

I hope you are all well and that none of us had the feverishly dreaded “pig flu.” Those of us that sold plants or pottery or gourd work and helped as cashiers and “advisors” during April and May are recovering from the “sale rush” and striving to catch up on the rest of our life that was put on hold for about 6 weeks. **In spite of all the hard work, I think those of us that participated, had fun! THANK YOU!**

Our meeting on Thursday, June 4, brings us **Chris Roberts: National Park Service**

He will be telling us about the Newberry Mountains, NV's southernmost mountain range, NW of Laughlin, W of Lake Mohave, east of CAL/NEV/ARI. They include Spirit Mountain, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and are a Native American Traditional Cultural Property. This should be a very interesting meeting. If you wish, go online or go to the library and check out some of the area yourself.

The Board meeting starts at 6PM; the general meeting starts at 7PM. Bringing healthy, light refreshments is always optional. But we will count on everyone bringing:

- 👉 active enthusiasm,
- 💰 money for raffle tickets, and
- 💰 money, maybe for an auction plant!



Things to leave at home: your worries, on the doorstep!

News about Liz Askew: she's on the mend. I think she'll be at the meeting with her walker, but so much better than a few months back. GOOD ON HER!

News about “Doc” Robert Lynch: He's a miracle man. Who could survive multiple life support situations over just a few months time? He not only did it, but he's on the comeback. He's moved from Silver Hills to

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We did a one day event Saturday, May 16, at Plant World. What a nice “laid back” event. They did the advertising, chairs and tables! We were in the shade. We sold a bit of material and gave out lots of information. Plant World is trying to listen to us with respect to types of cactus and succulents to carry in their inventory. It's a step in the right direction. Last I saw, the Silver Torch and San Pedro and “Hairy Old Man” cacti they ordered, were selling like hot cakes. This brings me to a larger concern: The Valley does not have the resources of Turner Greenhouse any longer.♥ The retail access to reliable cactus and succulent landscape plant material, plant husbandry, and collector specimens is gone. Interest in cactus and succulent material and membership in our club will continue to shrink unless we make exceptional effort to appeal to thousands of people. In spite of our effort at the Springs Preserve, CSN, and Plant World, our membership failed to increase even 5%. We need to find effective ways to market our hobby to the masses and offer them something exciting. If we already lack the resources and ability to THINK AND ACT outside the box, our little club will just slowly go into retirement. I look forward to your out of the box ideas.

Happy growing,
Susan K.

♥ At the time of this writing, Dave and Kris still do have landscape plants (especially Agave, Nolina, and small Yucca) along with a gazebo full of house and patio plants.