



The Beaver Tale

September 2010

The next meeting will be on September 2nd at 6-8
At the Moon-Sun Cactus & Koi Gardens

MOON-SUN CACTUS & KOI GARDENS

Labor Day Weekend Grand Opening!

(702) 208-9929

6430 McGill Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89122

Join us at 7:30 AM
Saturday, September 4th
for our Labor Day Weekend
Grand Opening Celebration!

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Head east on Tropicana
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Koi

Lilies

Pond Installation

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Mark Brightwell is the one who bought the Turner's inventory. Mark is providing club members with food and beverage. Please RSVP if you plan to attend so that Mark will know how much food and drink to order.
**Liz Askew dicnliz7067@cox.net
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**Lets all go to the Fall Flower Show (hmm that rhymes)
The show will be held at the garden center on October
23rd and 24th
the time is 12-4. Admission is free.
The theme for the show is "At the Movies"
Our club members are welcome to enter plants in this
show.**

**We want to thank Bob Furtek for all his work in setting up
the meeting room and taking it down, Thanks Bob!**

**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
BOARD MEETING
LORENZI PARK GARDEN CENTER
AUGUST 5, 2010**

Present: Jim Grothuesmann, Phil Lawton, Vicki Yuen, Ramona Lesley, Liz Askew, Dick Askew, Tim Soldan and Jay Nietling.

President Jim Grothuesmann called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. There was a quorum present.

Minutes of the July 1, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

TREASURER: Phil said finances are stable right now. The Nevada Garden Club dues needs to be paid and the CSSN subscription needs to be renewed. Nothing has been changed with the checking account. Phil recommended waiting until the end of the year and new officers have been elected to make changes. Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CSSN subscription: Jim tried to call CSSN but the number had been disconnected. He got an address and mailed a check, which was returned. Phil said he would pay the dues on line and be sure CSSN information is correct. The dues is now \$50.
2. Budget for 2010: Phil recommended just waiting until next year to prepare a budget.
3. Mail box: Phil has closed the post office box, and will have the CSSN Journal sent to Liz Askew. Tim volunteered the use of his post office box to the club; he checks it regularly. Jay will put this mailing address on the website.

MEMBERSHIP: Liz said Phil went through the old Treasurer's records to create a new membership list of about forty people. Liz mentioned that the old membership form needs to be updated. Phil suggested she make up the new form and bring it to the next meeting. Jay said he would help Liz with that.

WEBSITE: Jay said there is steady use of the website.

Dick found four boxes of CSSN business cards. Some information on them is incorrect.

Vicki mentioned that the Fall Flower Show will be in October if people want to participate.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. September meeting/program: Phil said Norm Schilling is willing to host the September meeting at his home. Phil made a motion to approve this meeting and to approve an expenditure of \$100 to Norm for the food. It will be a potluck with people bringing side dishes. It will be on Saturday, September 4. Vicki will work with Norm on setting up details. Motion seconded by Vicki, carried.

Phil said there had been some concern about CSSN status with IRS. CSSN needs to file an e-postcard with IRS by October. Phil said he would take care of getting the information to IRS.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: The next Board meeting will be in October. Vicki will get a speaker for the October general meeting. Phil mentioned that the Garden Club building will not be available after April 2011. Pete Duncomb had said he would like to have a meeting site for the Club at the Springs Preserve.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Ramona Lesley

Exhibiting Your Container Plant, or What the Judges Look For

One of the pleasures of growing plants yourself is entering them in a flower show. Our Nevada Garden Club has several shows every year, some of them geared to specific types of plants (such as chrysanthemums, roses, irises). Others are more general, open to all types of horticulture. The next general Flower Show will be on October 23-24, at the Lorenzi Park Garden Club Center. (Entries are to be submitted the day before.)

If you enter a specimen in a show, there are a few techniques to remember, to present your exhibit in its best light. The show judges are trained to look for certain things. These are especially important in a general show, where the judges might not be trained specifically to judge cactus, or irises, or whatever you are entering.

Container

They will look to see that the container is clean and unbroken. Judges will also consider the soil in the pot, if it is clean, salt-free and without dead leaves, etc. The proportion of the plant to the container is also important, and sometimes its color is taken into consideration - if the pot is very ornate or clashes with the plant, judges might find this distraction to be detrimental. Some beautiful pots can enhance the plant inside, but generally it is better to use a neutral-color pot. An attractive patina is acceptable. If your plant is in a pot which might be distracting, it is perfectly acceptable to put the pot inside another one, to hide the smaller one. However, the inner one should not be visible.

Plant

Plants should be average size for their type, or slightly larger. They should not have insect damage, dead parts, broken leaves, or water spots - though you are **not** allowed to use a leaf shine product to clean them. Distilled water is acceptable for cleaning leaves, and should be done a few days in advance. Plants which are diseased or have insects on them may be rejected - to avoid contaminating other plants.

Entry Card

It is also important to fill out the entry card correctly and legibly! Points are deducted if the botanical name is incomplete or incorrect. Genus and species should be given, first letter of genus capitalized and species lowercase (e.g. *Larrea tridentata*). Cultivar name should be given if there is one. You can also give the common name, but this is not necessary. Usually there is an Entry Chairperson who can help you, if you are unsure about the name.

Other Rules

Pay attention to the show's "schedule" (the pamphlet which outlines the classes and rules of the show). Container-grown plants generally must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days. Multiple plants of the same species in the same container are permitted unless the schedule prohibits them.

The Handbook for Flower Shows, printed by National Garden Clubs, Inc., lists these and other considerations for judging container-grown plants (among much other information).