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TODAY'S EDITOR:
SCOTT BURKHOLDER

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The Colorado Cactus & Succulent Society promotes education, enjoyment, cultivation, and conservation of cacti and other succulents among our members and the larger community.



Native Bee in Opuntia Blossom
Roswitha Moehring Photo

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 9th, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Gates Hall
Denver Botanic Gardens
1007 N York St
Denver, CO 80206

Presentation: Michelle DePrenger-Levin -
"Current Research at the DBG"

Details:

She will discuss the scientific studies of the Research department that spans evolution and systematics to population ecology and single species demographics.

SUCCULENT BITS

Gates Hall Update!

The good news is that the Denver Botanic Gardens will let us meet in Gates Hall! The bad news is that it's only available on the second Tuesday of each month. This month's meeting on Jan 9th.

Save those Dates!

February's Meeting!

As indicated in the adjacent box, we have moved our meetings to the second Tuesday of the Month. February's meeting will be held on Feb 13th.

Save the Date!



Botanizing in Florida
Scott Burkholder Photo

Happy New Year!



2024 Show and Sale!

The 2024 Show and Sale is April 27 & 28. We are starting prepare the CCSS's part, creating committees and such, and will hold a meeting very soon.

If you are interested, and you should be, contact Scott Burkholder!

March's Meeting!

Panayoti Kelaidis & his Team are planning a plant symposium for March. Scheduled date is Saturday, March 16th, at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

Save That Date!

NOTES FROM THE POTTING BENCH

2024 President Tatroe wrote this for December's newsletter. Since I didn't get sent out, I'm using it this month. Sorry Randy! - Ed.

This is my first President's column in many years. First, I want to thank Scott Burkholder for his years as president, newsletter editor, show and sale chairman, etc., etc., etc. He has ushered the club through some exciting times and continues to serve as Newsletter Editor and Show and Sale Chairman.

The new board and I look forward to the coming year with great expectations and excitement. We are considering some novel approaches to club activities while continuing some traditional ones. We hope to have more field trips, both in Colorado and in nearby states, and more cactus garden and nursery tours. We also would like to see more active participation from club members by having them conduct hands-on demonstrations and by reviving mini plant shows at monthly meetings, as well as providing excellent presentations by locals and out-of-towners.

We plan to promote our club at local events, like the upcoming one at the Aurora Water-Wise Demonstration garden in May 2024. Another thing the club members can help the board with is finding projects that CCSS can help financially that promote our mission. This could include funding demonstration gardens, grants/stipends for research, tuition for students, purchasing plants for botanical gardens, just to list a few.

If you have any ideas to help the board plan out the next year, please contact one of us. Hope to see you at the Xmas Potluck and member's image show on December 17th.

Randy Tatroe
2024 CCSS President
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Scott and Randy at the Show and Sale >>

THIS MONTH'S PRESENTATION

Michelle DePrenger-Levin, Research Associate, studies applied plant conservation at Denver Botanic Gardens. She conducts field research on plant population dynamics and models species distributions, population level genetic structure and responses to climate change.

Michelle will discuss the scientific studies of the Research department that spans evolution and systematics to population ecology and single species demographics. This breadth and depth of scientific explorations enable us to conserve plant species and communities. Collaboration within our department played a key role in the recent delisting of a Federally listed Threaten cactus, *Sclerocactus glaucus*.



Michelle DePrenger-Levin in the Field
Michelle DePrenger-Levin Photo

DECEMBER'S POTLUCK SERVICE AWARDS

We have had a lot of folks really step up and contribute over the past couple years. Covid-19, etc, has made life difficult for the club, as we thought a few awards are in order:

Tu Le:	Claret Cup Award (brings life to the party!)
Mike Dorske:	Saguaro Award (tallest member)
Adrian Saunders	Golden Barrel Award (intrepid treasurer through some rough years)
Panayoti Kelaidis:	Opuntia Award (so many travels...next stop the Moon, like the Opuntia!)
Kritika Dwivedi	Newly Described Cactus Award (new member involvement)
Jackson Burkholder:	Old Man of the Andes Award (great love of Andean cactus, not actually old)
Ed and Karen Morell:	Lithops Award (always helping behind the scenes)
Harriet Olds Rita Saunders Suzanne McNamara Marcia Tatroe Randy Tatroe Ken Sipse	Cold Hardy Cactus Awards

(These are CCSS Steadfast, or Cold Hardy Cactus, Awards for those members who have helped year round for many years but don't always get the recognition. Thank You!)



Michael and Devra Roll accepting
the Maryanne Heacock Award
Scott Burkholder

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

January 9th - CCSS Monthly Meeting at Denver Botanic Gardens

February 13th - CCSS Monthly Meeting at Denver Botanic Gardens

March 16th - Projected Date of the Symposium

April 27th & 28th - CCSS & RMC-NARGS Plant Show and Sale

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