



The Wasatch Wildflower

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of the Utah Native Plant Society

Utah Ladyfinger
Astragalus utahensis

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“One of the penalties of an ecological education is that one lives in a world of wounds. Much of the damage inflicted on land is quite invisible to laymen. An ecologist must either harden his shell and make believe that the consequences of science are none of his business, or he must be the doctor who sees the marks of death in a community that believes itself well and does not want to be told otherwise.”

Aldo Leopold

Anyone interested in leading the Salt Lake Chapter as the next Chapter President please contact Kipp Lee or Bill Gray cyberflora@xmission.com. I will be stepping down on December 31st after almost 3 years to focus on school. The structure of the chapter is in place, we just need an organized and dependent person to keep things running! Any candidate will also get full support in getting started, so you won't be jumping in blindly. If you have some extra time, good organizational skills, and enjoy UNPS, this is the position for you!

Our Annual Members Meeting was held at the Central Utah Water Conservancy District on Saturday October 20 and was hosted by the Utah Valley chapter. We had a “New World Potluck” featuring a turkey and assortment of homemade dishes and desserts. After the dinner, Susan Meyer spoke about the projects that she initiated such as the Heritage Garden Program and Utah's Choice. UNPS honored her with a plaque for 10 years of service in these programs. After the presentation, a new Board of Directors was elected (most of whom are members which stayed on from the previous year). See the next issue of the Sego Lily for details.

Thursday November 8th, 7:00PM Jack and Corinne Sweet Library-Patrick Nelson from the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation will talk about the rare plant surveys that were done this past summer in Big Cottonwood Canyon and other projects involving plants. This should be very informative and many UNPS members participated in the surveys and other various activities.

December (TBA)- We will have a guest speaker from the BLM discuss “The Great Basin Restoration Initiative”. This is a major project being undertaken by the BLM to restore many of the heavily damaged and overly used areas of the Great Basin. More details to follow.

The success of the Chapter is dependent upon its members. If you have any ideas for events or topics, or want to give a presentation, please contact Kipp at kipp_lee@comcast.net or 759-6204. Any ideas or recommendations are welcome!

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