



The Wasatch Wildflower

Newsletter of the Salt Lake Chapter
of the Utah Native Plant Society

Utah Ladyfinger
Astragalus utahensis

September 2007 News

Our meeting location is at **REI on 3285 East 3300 South** in the Wasatch Conference Room. This location is readily accessible from I-80 and I-215. One nice thing is that we will be able to have light refreshments and socialize more easily. REI also does a great job of publicizing their events, so look for new people just dropping in. Meetings will usually be the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 pm.

During the course of the summer, four hikes were held by the chapter. In May, several members visited the blooming Claret Cup cacti in the mouth of Parleys Canyon. During the hike, the members also enjoyed the native foothill wildflowers and several introduced Utah native penstemon species. In July, members hiked up to Twin Lakes in Big Cottonwood Canyon. The wildflowers were spectacular and the weather was very pleasant. Another hike took members up to the peak at Bald Mountain. Despite a late Spring, and dry conditions, many alpine plants were in full bloom, particularly the Sky Pilots. At the end of July, a hike was held in the Albion Basin in Little Cottonwood Canyon. The meadows were a carpet of color and contained paintbrushes, monkeyflowers, geraniums, delphiniums, bog orchids, eriogonums, erigerons, and penstemons. Participating members had a wonderful time!

Friday September 7th, 6:30 pm: Potluck Social at the Sugarhouse Garden Center, 1602 East 2100 South, SLC. After the Summer break, we will join the Wasatch Rock Garden Society for a potluck social and an opportunity to share photos of the plants you photographed this year. An old-fashioned slide projector will be available. For digital projection, please contact Bill Gray (582-3486) in advance so that he can facilitate that process with his equipment. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck. Any questions, call Cathy King 582-0432 or 867-3595.

Saturday September 8th, 8:00am-2:00pm: Garden Fair at the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District Demonstration Garden, 8215 South 1300 West, West Jordan. The SL Chapter will have a booth with information on native plants. There will be food, music, plant vendors, and experts on hand to answer all your questions about water-wise landscaping. For more information visit the website: www.ConservationGardenPark.org.

Wednesday October 3rd, 7:00pm-8:30pm: REI, topic to be announced.

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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