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2003 Native Plant Propagation Workshops

Salt Lake City Workshop—March 22: It is that time of the year again! Come learn more about our native flora, plant and grow your own selection of native seeds. You can keep the plants you grow, trade them with other participants or donate some to our Heritage Garden Program.

UNPS will provide: native seeds (treated and ready to plant!), planting flat, information booklet, instructions, and excitement about native plants! Participants provide: interest in native plant propagation and \$10 per planting flat

March 22, 2003, 9 am and/or 1 pm (we are willing to hold two sessions if there is enough demand)
Liberty Park greenhouse (~1300 South and 700 East).

Limited to 20 people per session! Please call Mindy Wheeler at 801-699-5459 or E-mail mindy-wheeler@cs.com to reserve your spot!



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Cache Chapter - March 15: Sponsored by The Utah Native Plant Society – Cache Chapter and Cache County Master Gardeners

Saturday, March 15th, USU Teaching Greenhouses at 800 E & 1400 N in Logan Open to Master Gardeners, UNPS Members, and the general public.

Fee: \$5 for UNPS members and Master Gardeners, \$10 everyone else. ***Both workshops limited to 15 participants each***

Sessions: 9:00 am: Reserved for UNPS members and Master Gardeners. This workshop will offer the more experienced grower an opportunity to try propagating rarer or more difficult-to-grow species, as well as the chance to plant extra flats (\$5 each), depending on availability.

Native Plant Workshops, Cache Chapter cont.

1:00 pm: Open to anyone. The workshop will start with classroom instruction (workbook included) tailored to those new to growing Utah's native plants. You'll learn about each species we have chosen to grow this year as well as many of the secrets to successfully growing natives. You then will be able to plant prepared seeds in a special flat to take home and watch grow.

PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To sign up, please call Evelyn at the Cache County Extension office at 435-752-6263. If you attended last year's workshop, you'll see that we've halved the price this year to those of you who have worked hard to support Master Gardeners and the UNPS. The \$5 just about covers our costs.

For further info: Steven R. Ripple, Phone: 435-752-2732 steveripple@attbi.com, or Tami Coleman, (435) 258-0303, petetami@hotmail.com

Utah Valley Workshop—March 8: The workshop will be held at the Shrub Sciences Lab, 735 N. 500 E. in Provo. The date of the workshop is March 8, 1-3 pm. Please send \$10.00 to Celeste Kennard, 801-377-5918, 160 N. 400 East, Provo, UT 84606 to reserve a slot. We are only presenting one workshop this year and enrollment is limited to 20 people.

Plant Viewing Sites Project (Plant Identification for Dummies)

by Jess Wagstaff

Plants need friends and protectors but in order to be a friend you must first get to know the plant. In addition, to do that you have to find it. Maps and checklists are useful but often lack sufficient detail. I am here proposing a database of well-marked places in the state with lists and descriptions of plants found at each site. Each place should have such distinctive landmarks that the exact spot can easily be located within a few feet by even the most geographically challenged among us. Robert Louis Stevenson in Treasure Island taught us that X marks the spot. The treasure we seek is worth more than gold. I want to see it right under my nose. Roger Tory Peterson taught us how to know one when we see one and how to tell it from similar plants. I think his idea will fly.

Each viewing site should be publicly accessible with safe parking. Some can be on trails but most of them should be reachable by Arthritic Arthur. Spots like Albion Basin, Tony Grove and Bonneville Shoreline Trail come to mind. But these are big areas. Each of them could have several viewing sites. There are many other potential sites, e.g., Lookout Pass, Fish Springs, Crystal Peak, and Point of the Mountain. Did you say THE Point of the Mountain south of the prison? Yes, there are hundreds of beautiful plants that bloom there in the middle of the hottest driest summers. Even their names, Golden Aster and Blazing Star, are beautiful. Of course, the sites need to be on side roads or rest stops. There are enough accidents already on the Interstate; we do not need to encourage more.

Each plant should be listed with its distinctive field marks. How does this gray shrub differ from all of the other gray shrubs? What role does this plant play in the big picture? For our native plants, think water conservation if beauty itself is not sufficient reward to satisfy you.

Details need to be worked out but we can start now and get fancy as we grow. Databases are marvelous devices that can expand forever. Cross-references can be put in for such things as maps, photos, and interesting information about each place. Nature didn't make any bad places.

If these ideas interest you then email me at or telephone me at 801-785-5660 and away we go!

UNPS Lifetime Member Update

Four of our members joined UNPS "for life" in either late December/early January and in celebration of our 25th year as an organization: **Margaret Malm, Bill Varga, Anne Desjardins & Tim Slocum, and Tony Frates**

They join the following lifetime members: **Rick DeLappe and Cheryl Decker, Larry and Corky England, Karen Halliday, J. Keith & Lillian Hayes, Leila Shultz, Phil Wannamaker**

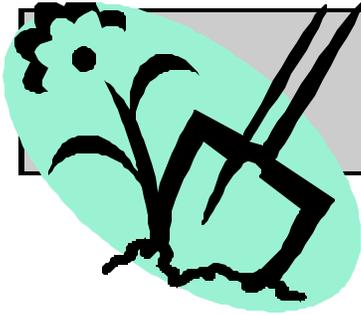
We appreciate the support that these members have shown in the Utah Native Plant Society and these funds will be put to good use. Members are encouraged to consider joining the growing ranks of lifetime Utah native plant advocates (see the January/February 2003 newsletter for all of the reasons why). To become a lifetime member, you can send a check for \$250 to:

Utah Native Plant Society, P.O. Box 520041, Salt Lake City UT 84152-0041

Or go to our web site at www.unps.org and click on Membership and then Membership (Renewal or New) Application and scroll down to "Lifetime" and click on PayPal to pay via credit card.

New Center for Plant Conservation Website

T. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 18, 2003 - The Center for Plant Conservation has launched a new Web site that provides comprehensive information about the country's native, imperiled plants. The plant profiles, available at www.centerforplantconservation.org and <http://www.centerforplantconservation.org>, include photos of plants in the National Collection of Endangered Plants. Each profile contains a description of the plant, its distribution and conservation status. A complete bibliography follows each plant profile, and the pages contain more than 5,000 references. "We are delighted to maintain such a vast educational resource on our Web site," said Kathryn L. Kennedy, Ph.D., president and executive director of the Center. "The Web site gives people throughout the world the opportunity to learn about the imperiled plant resources in the United States." Each plant profiled is included in the Center's National Collection of Endangered Plants. The Collection, one of the largest of its kind in the world, contains plant material for more than 600 of the country's most imperiled native plants. An important conservation resource, the Collection is a back-up in case a species becomes extinct or no longer reproduces in the wild. Its also an important resource for the scientific study of plant rarity, rare plant life cycles and rare plant storage and germination requirements. The Center offers donors the opportunity to make a personal investment in plant conservation by sponsoring a plant in the National Collection. Chicago Botanic Garden, partnering with the University of Illinois - Chicago, coordinated the project. The Center's participating institutions, located across the country, supplied content and photographs for the profiles. Funding for this project came from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The Center for Plant Conservation is dedicated solely to preventing the extinction of America's imperiled, native flora. The center is a network of more than 30 of America's leading botanical institutions. By conducting conservation programs in horticulture, research, awareness and information exchange, the center's network is striving to save America's rarest plants from being lost forever. For more information about the Center for Plant Conservation, please visit the Web site at www.centerforplantconservation.org <http://www.centerforplantconservation.org>.



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Gorgeous Utah Native Plants for Landscaping

Free class at Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. Taught by Susan Meyer. Saturday, April 12th, 10 to noon. Registration is required. Call 1-877-728-3420.

Great Plants to Replace Your Bluegrass Lawn

Free class at Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. Taught by David Rice. Thursday, April 17th, 6-8 pm. Registration is required. Call 1-877-728-3420.

Tree Selection and Care for Salt Lake

Free class at Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. Taught by Anne Dorsey. Saturday, April 26th, 10 to noon. Registration is required. Call 1-877-728-3420.

Utah Valley Chapter Meetings

Our chapter of the Utah Native Plant Society will be holding its first general potluck and meeting of 2003. The date is February 21, starting at 6 p.m. with the potluck dinner, then at 7 p.m. with the meeting. The location will be the conference room of the Federal Building, 88 West 100 North in Provo.

Terri, our Volunteer Coordinator, will update us on recent and future volunteer activities. We will discuss holding a chapter seed and plant exchange, and organizing a website-based seed exchange for the UNPS. Other possible topics include holding a plant sale, and propagation workshops.

This is the first of four planned chapter meetings in 2003. The others will be held in May, August and November. We are trying for the third Fridays of those months. Mark your calendars!

Refuge Discovery Weekend Seminars

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the first national wildlife refuge, the Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge, in conjunction with the Utah Museum of Natural History will be sponsoring Refuge

Discovery Weekend on May 10-11, 2003. Over the course of those two days, the Refuge will offer "mini seminars" on a wide array of natural history topics.

These seminars will be primarily in-the-field on the Refuge and will be conducted by some of Utah's foremost experts. One of the seminars offered will be field/ethnobotany and will be co-instructed by Ann Kelsey, Curator of the Garrett Herbarium and Elaine York, Conservation Programs Manager for the Utah Office of the Nature Conservancy.

Other activities include a group potluck, a evening campfire presentation on the amazing story of your national wildlife refuge system, and a star and planet gazing program put on by the Clark Planetarium. More information can be obtained on the Refuge's website at <http://fishsprings.fws.gov> or by contacting the Refuge during from 7:30 am to 4 pm Mon-Fri. at (435)831-5353, ext. 4.

Wetlands meetings

Beginning on the last Thursday of February, the Society of Wetland Scientists will be initiating a series of talks and field trips on high altitude wetlands in Utah. The first talk will be by Steve Jensen on the hydrology of Albion Basin and Brighton Canyon, Thursday 27 Feb 2003 at the Salt Lake Public Library, Conference Room B, 209 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT.

Prior to the meeting, you are welcome to meet for dinner and social at 73 E. 400 South at Taj India (just a block west of the library/SLC Building and on the north side of 4th - yes, they have vegetarian)

The next talk will be on willow taxonomy and ecology by Sherel Goodrich, on March 27 at 7:00 at the Heber Ranger District in Heber.

There will also be at least two field trips to the Strawberry Valley streams to look at riparian ecology (one at elevations @ 7,000; and one at 9,000'+) and other talks on this topic. Please email either Leslie Gecy at lesliegecy@aol.com or Ann Neville (president-elect of the SWS) at kanevill@kennecott.com if you plan on attending either of the lectures so that we can make sure that there is sufficient space. This will be particularly important for the talk in Heber as the room only holds approx 15 people. Also please email if you would like to be put on the list for future talks and field trips.

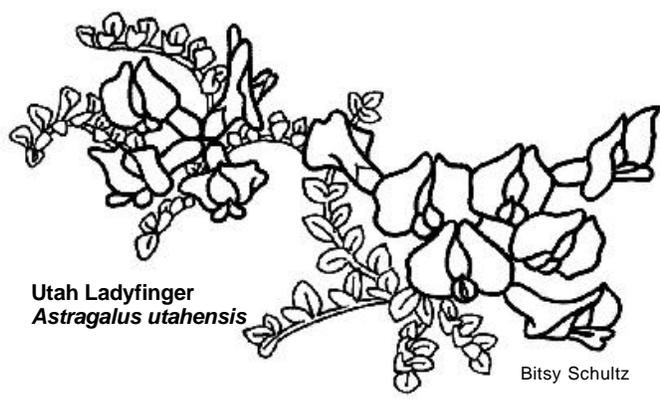
Rock Canyon Volunteer Projects – 2003 Schedule

All projects will begin at **9:00 a.m.** We will usually finish around 1:00 p.m. Volunteers do not need to come to crew leader meetings – unless you would like to be a crew leader! Please wear appropriate clothing. Layers (a t-shirt, then sweater, then coat) are great in case a project gets changed! We may go from warm greenhouse to cold canyon without notice. Last year a lot of people got cold or hot or couldn't work because they were unprepared. Hats are good! Please bring water bottles to drink – dehydration is no fun and we want you to have fun! Please bring work gloves if you have them or can borrow them. ***Thank you for your help and enthusiasm!!***

Date	Activity	Location
Jan. 25	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Feb. 22	Tree planting party!	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Mar. 1	Crew Leader meeting	F. S. Shrub Lab
Mar. 8	Planting out	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Mar. 22	Planting out	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Mar. 29	Planting out	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Apr. 5	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Apr. 12	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Apr. 26	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
May. 3	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
May. 10	Crew Leader meeting	F. S. Shrub Lab
May. 17	Potting mix	F. S. Shrub Lab
May. 24	Potting mix	F. S. Shrub Lab
Jun. 7	Potting mix	F. S. Shrub Lab
Jun. 14	Plant seedlings	F. S. Shrub Lab
Jun. 21	Plant seedlings	F. S. Shrub Lab
Jun. 28	Plant seedlings	F. S. Shrub Lab
Jul. 5	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Jul. 12	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Jul. 19	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Jul. 26	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Aug. 9	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Aug. 16	Crew Leader meeting	F. S. Shrub Lab
Aug. 23	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Aug. 30	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Sep. 6	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Sep. 13	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Sep. 20	Planting out	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Sep. 27	Planting out	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Oct. 4	Planting out	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Oct. 11	Fire pits, trails	Rock Canyon Trailhead
Oct. 18	Crew Leader meeting	F. S. Shrub Lab
Nov. 1	Potting mix	F. S. Shrub Lab
Nov. 8	Potting mix	F. S. Shrub Lab
Nov. 15	Potting mix	F. S. Shrub Lab
Nov. 22	Plant seedlings	F. S. Shrub Lab
Nov. 29	Plant seedlings	F. S. Shrub Lab
Dec. 6	Plant seedlings	F. S. Shrub Lab
Jan. 10, 2004	Crew Leader meeting	F. S. Shrub Lab

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www.unps.org

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Please direct all suggestions, articles and events for the newsletter to Paula Mohadjer at paulam@jvwcd.org. **The deadline for next issue is April 15.**

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