



Chapter Newsletter *(please rename me)*

Newsletter of the Salt Lake Chapter
of Utah Native Plant Society

Utah Ladyfinger

Astragalus utahensis

February 2007 News

Our new meeting location will be 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.

Our December meeting featured Dorde Woodruff and her presentation on a unique Sclerocacti population in southern Utah. She did a wonderful job of educating us on the effects grazing can have on plant populations. It was also a treat to have a live example of a 'little barrel' cactus brought in by Fred White of Grantsville.

January Meeting: Our potluck social and slide-show went very well, with a mix of about 40 people from UNPS and the Wasatch Rock Garden Society.

February Meeting: Wednesday, February 7th 7:00pm, Tony Frates, Conservation Co-chair of UNPS will give a presentation titled "Saving Utah's Native Plants: rare, medium rare, and the rarely rare." Tony has spent countless hours fighting on behalf of Utah's most endangered plant species, particularly several in Washington County and the Uintah Basin.

March Meeting: Wildflower Photography Workshop. Ray Taggart, owner of Pixel's Foto and Frame Shop in Sandy, will present a program on the fundamentals of digital photography and the applications of digital in wildflower photography. Following, Dr. Paul Zuckerman will give a brief presentation on the use of alternate lighting.

April Meeting: Amber Richman, USDA-APHIS-PPQ Biological Control will discuss various biocontrols used on several invasive species in the state of Utah. She will talk about how biocontrols are tested before being released and the impacts that they have on the environment.

We are interested in suggestions from our members. If there is a topic, activity, or speaker you would like featured, please let us know!

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