



The Wasatch Wildflower

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

Utah Ladyfinger
Astragalus utahensis

October 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 unless otherwise indicated.

On Friday September 7th, we had a Potluck Social at the Sugarhouse Garden Center with the Wasatch Rock Garden Society. Besides the wonderful food, we enjoyed several slide shows of native wildflowers and cacti taken by various members during the summer. The pictures were wonderful and the speakers very knowledgeable about their subjects.

On September 8th, the Salt Lake Chapter hosted a booth for the Garden Fair at the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District Demonstration Garden in West Jordan. The event was well attended and we provided information on native plants and invasive species. If you haven't seen the wonderful display of native and drought tolerant plants, check out the demonstration garden which is open to the public (contact the JVWCD for hours). The chapter also raised \$70.00!

Maggie Wolf recently held 4 native plant propagation workshops in which native plants grown from seed were sold. The classes brought in over \$530 to the chapter. Way to go Maggie!

The Salt Lake Chapter is in desperate need of an event coordinator to help organize topics and speakers for chapter meetings (generally 7 per year) and 2 fundraising events. If you would like to be considered or know of someone you would like to nominate, please contact me at kipp_lee@comcast.net or call me 759-6204. This position requires some time commitment, nothing too overwhelming, and will have back up support from other members. You know you want to volunteer!

Saturday October 13th: Walk in City Creek Canyon Nature Preserve. Enjoy the fall leaves as we will spend an hour or two identifying native trees and shrubs along the road and stream. Meet at the gate to the Canyon at 10:00am. To get up to the entrance, take B street up to 11th Avenue (in the Avenues of Downtown) and follow the road up above Memory Grove to the Canyon mouth. Please RSVP if you plan on attending this event. May be postponed or cancelled in the event of poor weather.

Annual Members Meeting: Our Annual Members Meeting is to be held in the Provo area on Saturday October 20, hosted by the Utah Valley chapter. This is the occasion when members statewide get together to enjoy good food (a traditional "New World" pot luck dinner), hear an expert speaking on some topic of Utah's native plants, and elect a new slate of members to our board of directors. To receive more details, please contact Celeste (801-377-5918; celeste.p.kennard@gmail.com), Mindy (801-699-5459; wheelermindy@yahoo.com) or Bill (801-532-3486; cyberflora@xmission.com).

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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