CSU Well-Represented at Springdale Earth Day Celebration

Conserve Southwest Utah had a three-booth presence at the Springdale Earth Day Celebration. Welcome to the twelve new members who joined CSU when they stopped by our booth. Over four dozen people signed the climate change petition at the Citizens Climate Lobby booth co-sponsored by CSU and staffed primarily by our board and members. CSU volunteer and native plant aficionado Norman Anderson staffed our third booth, getting contact information from 13 people interested in reactivating the Southwest Utah Chapter of the Utah Native Plant Society.

CSU’s SUNCLF volunteer group is acting as a catalyst for the reactivation of the Southwest Chapter of the Utah Native Plant Society for a number of reasons: 1) salvaging plants from construction sites to reuse in water-efficient landscaping, 2) recruiting NCA Stewards to help monitor habitat restoration plantings in the Red Cliffs and Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Areas, 3) training a group of volunteers to help collect native plant seed to be used for propagating more plants for habitat restoration, and perhaps most importantly, 4) enjoying the beauty and wonder of our many native plants by getting out and seeing them on our public lands.

We featured Stephen Trimble at the main CSU booth selling and signing, *Red Rock Stories*, a compilation by three generations of writers speaking on behalf of Utah’s public lands that he edited. *Red Rock Stories* is the trade version of *Red Rock Testimony*, which was first delivered to decision makers in Washington, D.C. as a limited-edition chapbook. Thanks to Steve for choosing our event to launch this new publication hot off of the Torrey House Press.

Steve gave a book talk at the Cosmopolitan in Silver Reef on the eve of Earth Day to a rapt audience of three dozen people, followed by a book signing. *Red Rock Stories* should be available soon in local bookstores and gift shops. If you don’t see it, ask. Please join us in thanking the businesses and individuals who helped sponsor Stephen Trimble’s visit with cash and in-kind donations: Zion Canyon Brewery, Zion Adventure Company, Bumbleberry Gifts, LoAnne Barnes, Martha Ham and Peter Mills, Lori Hunsaker, and Sarah Thomas.