

*The Davis Botanical Society Presents*

*Judy Jernstedt*

# *Stalking the Wild Welwitschia*

*Thursday, May 3, 2018*

*Blanchard Room, Davis Public Library*

*315 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Davis*

*DBS elections 6:45 pm; lecture 7:00-8:00 pm*

Business Meeting 6:45 p.m.: Report on year's activities – Neal Williams, President; announcement of 2018 student grant recipients; election of 2018-2019 officers:

President:	Jeffrey Clary	Secretary:	Chris Walden
President-elect:	Elina Niño	Treasurer:	Robert Rhode
Past President	Neal Williams	Member at Large:	Cherilyn Burton
V.P. for Membership:	Kate Mawdsley, Tom Starbuck and Johanna Kwan	Member at Large:	Steve Schoenig
		Student Member:	Ross Brennan

*Professor Judy Jernstedt will give a talk on what may be the most bizarre plant species on the planet, one that should be on every plant lover's bucket list. Welwitschia mirabilis is native to a narrow region of southern Angola and the Namib Desert of southwest Africa yet is fairly widely cultivated in greenhouses and conservatories. Dr. Jernstedt will discuss the unique combination of morphological and physiological characteristics that allow Welwitschia to survive in extremely arid regions, as well as its curious evolutionary placement on the green tree of life. Dr. Jernstedt is a plant anatomist and morphologist in the Department of Plant Sciences at UCD. Her research focuses on the structure and development of crop plants, with some non-crop species thrown in for variety. Stay and enjoy good company and our fine refreshments after the talk. Parking at the library is free. For more information, please call the UC Davis Center for Plant Diversity, 530 752 1091.*