

## Plant "Imagination"



*Prickly Pear Cactus*



*4th of July fireworks*

**Prickly pear** cactus represent about a dozen species of the **Opuntia** genus (**Family Cactaceae**) in the North American deserts. All have flat, fleshy **pads** that look like large leaves. The pads are actually modified branches or stems that serve several functions -- water storage, photosynthesis and flower production

**4th of July fireworks.** From "Little Canada Day's" celebration. Can you see a flower here?

Do you have an unusual plant? If so take several digital pictures and send them to me along with the Latin name.

***"Imagine" your favorite plant featured here!***