



Midwest Cactus & Succulent Society

***** DECEMBER MEETING NOTICE *****

Location: Laura Noble
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Food: Potluck – the main dish
provided by the club

Date: Sunday December 2, 2012

Time: 1:00 – 4:00

Topic: Holiday Party & Staff Elections

Plant of the month: Plant Gifts

Happy Holidays!

Next Meeting: Our holiday meeting/party is this Sunday, December 2nd at Laura Noble's home in Bay Village. We will be having a plant exchange, so bring a wrapped cactus or succulent to give as a gift. The club will provide the main dish of beef tenderloin and drinks. As discussed last meeting (see minutes below), bring an appetizer, vegetable, or salad *and* your special someone! Please remember to RSVP Laura or Karen.

Program: Bill Hendricks will present *Northern Italy*, a piece of his 2012 summer nursery conference trip.

Plant of the month: If you want to be included in the plant gift exchange, bring a wrapped (gift bags work best) cactus or succulent (from your collection or purchased) that you would like to give as a gift. Don't spend a lot of money, give away your favorite/special plants, or anything too big to carry easily. Bring a nice, healthy plant (maybe 3 - 6" size pot or a couple if smaller) that you would be happy with if given. Come prepared to talk about what you bring.

Website links:

- * The Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) www.cssainc.org
- * CSSA 2013 convention www.cssa2013.com
- * Central Ohio Cactus and Succulent Society <http://columbus-cactus-club.webs.com/index.html>
- * Cleveland Botanical Garden www.cb garden.org
- * The Amateurs' Digest www.theamateursdigest.com
- * The Cactus and Succulent Plant Mall www.cactus-mall.com
- * Henry Shaw Cactus Society www.hscactus.org
- * Out of Africa www.out-of-africa-plants.com
- * Midwest Cactus & Succulent Society www.mwcss.com

Minutes November 18, 2012 Meeting:

- * The meeting was held at CBG. There were a record number of attendees.
- * Nominating committee (Beverly Dahms and Annie Kitral) proposed the following for 2013 officers: President Bill Hendricks, Vice President Joe Kulick, and Secretary/Treasurer Karen Snell. There were no nominations from the floor. This slate of officers will be voted on at the December meeting.
- * Treasurer's report: \$
- * Secretary/Treasurer Karen Snell will be granted up to \$600 from the club treasury to upgrade her computer and purchase new software. This was briefly discussed and unanimously approved by members present, all of whom recognize that without Karen's contributions we could not function.
- * The date of the February 2013 meeting has to be changed from February 17 to February 24 due to scheduling conflict for the Smith Classroom at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. This will be our important planning meeting for the club's annual Spring Show and Sale on March 23-24 2013.

Minutes November 18, 2012 Meeting Cont:

* Laura Noble, hostess of the club's Holiday Party on December 2, passed around a sign-up sheet for pot luck contributions. She stressed that members should bring either an appetizer or a vegetable or salad side dish. Last year there was an excess of desserts and insufficient side dishes. As usual the club will provide the main dish and drinks.

* Bill Hendricks led a lively Show and Tell. Gwen Fenty brought in 2 large Opuntias going into dormancy (No, not dying!) Dan Moreno had a flowering Rhipsalis. Bob Olekson demonstrated a Thanksgiving cactus in riotous bloom. Bill had a large tray of Aloes, Lithops, a Mesemb and a Trichodiadema, all in bloom. As usual there were side comments and discussions. This time Bill identified a seed pod and removed the seeds from one of the Opuntias and then told us how to clean and dry seeds. Haworthias and Gasterias are now in their growth season and this is the best time to transplant or divide them.

* Dues for 2013 are now due! Only approximately half of the membership has paid the \$ 20 for local club membership. At the holiday party there will be another opportunity to pay up and not be in arrears. Optional membership in the national society, the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, is \$ 50, which includes a colorful journal, an additional practical quarterly bulletin with more basic articles and reduced registration fee at the upcoming biennial meeting in Austin, Texas in June 2013.

* The meeting program consisted of Bill Hendricks describing the club library, which contains numerous classic and newer books on cacti and succulents. He brought a representative sampling of books from the collection, all of which are available for checkout. This club library is housed in Bill's home, so it is necessary to contact him before a meeting and ask that a particular book be brought to the meeting for check-out. There is a list of the holdings, which exceeds more than 200 titles. In the past, some books were checked out and the club member apparently forgot they had the book(s), a problem well known to all school and public libraries. In an attempt to prevent this, there is now a new club policy that the member must bring the book to the next monthly meeting and either return it then or renew it, but it must be physically located and brought to the next meeting.

FYI: Cleveland Botanical Garden Affiliate Night at WinterShow: Glow is Wednesday December 5, 2012 5-8 pm in the new event hall. I've been told they have done a beautiful Christmas display this year. I need to send the names of those attending by 12/1/12, so let me know if you're interested. I have some names from last meeting.

This is truly a very special group of people. There are no words to express how I feel.
Thanks to Beverly for all your help and support!

See you next Sunday at the party!

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