



Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society

***** JANUARY 2013 MEETING NOTICE *****

Location: Cleveland Botanical Garden
Smith Classroom
11030 East Blvd
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

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Food: Finger foods / snacks

Date: Sunday January 20, 2013

Time: 1:00 – 4:00

Topic: Overview of basic cactus culture

Plant of the month: Any for discussion

Next Meeting: The January meeting will be at Cleveland Botanical Garden in Cleveland's University Circle area. The Smith Classroom is on the parking garage level, down the hall past the security office. Garage parking is \$6 paid at ticket vendor by security or \$5 when paid at main entrance info desk; there is no CBG admission fee to attend club functions. Bring snacks to share. Guests are always welcome.

Program: Joe K and Bill H will present an overview of basic cactus culture, info for beginners to experienced (and forgetful!) growers.

Plant of the month: Bring any succulent examples for the discussion topic to show normal basic cactus structure, unique species habitat adaptations, plant changes caused by cultivation, environment or exposure, or any you want to show or talk about.

Minutes (December '12 Meeting):

* The December Holiday party and meeting was held at Laura Noble's house in Bay Village. Attendance hit a new high for this event. The potluck items were abundant and delicious. Thank you to all who contributed to the success of this party! Laura, thank you for all the hard work you did and sharing your home with us.

* Joe Kulick, outgoing president, led the meeting. The slate of officers for 2013 was voted on and the following were elected: Bill Hendricks president, Joe Kulick vice president and Karen Snell secretary/treasurer.

* Treasurer's report: club balance is \$3293, but should be larger since some members have yet to pay dues of \$20 for 2013.

* Our yearly Show and Sale at Cleveland Botanical Garden, March 23-24, will coincide with the Botanical Garden's new event "Big Spring" which will run from 3/22-4/28. This represents a change from our having the show/sale concurrently with Orchid Mania. Bill Hendricks has been negotiating with the Botanical Garden re the details of our new location in the building and other details. We will set up Friday afternoon 3/22. There will be no regular meeting that month and in February we will meet 2/24/13, the 4th Sunday,

* Tim Malinich made a plea for member photo contributions to our website, www.mwcss.com of which he is the web master. The website is especially in need of jpeg photographs of plants in our collections. Very few are posted now and more would definitely enhance the site and potentially attract new members. Tim requests that they be sent to him as an email or email attachment at: timj@hearthstonefarm.net

* Bill Hendricks reiterated the new rule re books borrowed from our library: Any member may request and borrow books but the books must be brought into the next meeting after the member receives the books. They may be renewed after a month but must be brought in to a meeting to be renewed. This rule was put in place because members forget they have books outstanding and some have disappeared, lost in the mists of time. A list of holdings was distributed at the November meeting.

* Program: Bill Hendricks presented a travelogue "Villas and Gardens of Northern Italy" from his last year's trip there with the Dutch and English Conifer Society. There are many centuries old villas there, especially around Lake Maggiore and on the many lake Maggiore islands. Some date back to the Renaissance and many are large, elaborately formal and terraced gardens built into hillsides in the foothills of the Alps. Many have been restored by private, institutional and government hands and are open to the public. Bill's superb photographic abilities captured the riotous summer colors of the annual plantings and illustrated outside wisteria, southern magnolia and chamaecyparis specimens much larger than would be seen in the US. He has an eye for finding the cactus and succulent displays, which were mostly in large pots set into the landscape since they are not winter hardy there.

* Many thanks to Beverly Dahms for recording and submitting the December meeting minutes!!

Happy New Year! See you next week.

Get well Jim Bell!

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Directions to Cleveland Botanical Garden:

11030 East Blvd in the University Circle/Wade Park area of Cleveland, 5 miles east of downtown

From I-90 Lakeshore Memorial Freeway:

Take Martin Luther King Drive and go south on MLK.

Cross E 105th and follow the traffic circle to East Blvd. CBG is at the end of East Blvd.