



Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society

***** NOVEMBER 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 November 17, 2013

Time: 1:00 – 4:00

Topic: Preparing Plants for Winter

Plant of the month: Winter Blooming

Next Meeting: The November 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 admission fee to attend. Bring snacks to share. Guests are always welcome.

Program: Bill Hendricks and Tim Malinich will talk about the "how to and why and don'ts" for surviving winter in our northern climate and ensuring strong plants come spring.

Plant of the month: Please bring your flowering cacti/succulents and any others you would like to show.

October Meeting Minutes:

* Our joint meeting held at CBG with the Indoor Gardening Society was a huge success with over 35 attending. We may meet again next April; suggested program topics were basic plant structures, adaptations and taxonomy. IGS meets monthly on Tuesdays at CBG, Pat Ballo is president. About 6 members belong to both MWCSS & IGS.

* Need program and field trip ideas for 2114 meeting schedule

* Our 2014 spring Show and Sale will be on March 22 and 23rd, coinciding with the opening of the Botanical Garden's annual Spring Show. Setup will be similar to this year.

* \$20 club dues next month

October Program Recap: by Bill Hendricks

Winter Growing Succulents and Bulbs

At the October meeting we had an open discussion with members of the Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society and the Indoor Gardening Society of Cleveland led by Bill Hendricks.

Several genera of succulents and bulbs favored by succulent collectors grow and flower in the winter making worthy candidates for growing on windowsills and under lights.

Many examples from the attached list (pg 2) were shown and discussed. Most of these plants come from areas of the world where moisture is available in winter and summers are very dry thus the plants grow in winter. Most of these plants want less water in summer while some must be kept totally dry and allowed to rest totally dormant until they start to grow in autumn. Most are relatively easy to grow on windowsills or under lights rewarding us with active growth and flowers at an otherwise dreary time of year.

See you at the meeting!

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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.

Winter Growing Succulents & Bulbs			
Genus	winter	fall/spring	Comment
Adromischus		x	
Aeonium	x		summer dormant
Aloe	many flower in winter & grow in summer		A. erinacea, melanacantha, pillansii, plicatilis, ramosissima are winter growers
Anacampseros		x	I find them winter dormant
Astroloba	x	x	
Bowiea	x	x	
Bulbine	x		
Ceraria	x		
Conophytum	x		
Cotyledon	x		
Crassula	x		some are summer growers
Dioscorea			I find them winter dormant
Dudleya	x		
Faucaria		x	
Fenestaria	x		
Gasteria	x	x	
Gibbaeum	x		
Graptopetalum	x	x	
Graptoveria	x	x	
Haworthia		x	some winter growers
Kalanchoe	x		
Neohenricia	x		
Othonna	x		
Pachycormus	x	x	
Pachyphytum	x		
Pachyveria	x		
Pelargonium	x		some species are summer growers
Peperomia			some species are summer growers
Sansevieria		x	
Sarcocaulon	x		
Sedeveria	x		
Senecio	x		some species may grow all year
Stomatium	x		
Talinum	x		
Tylecodon	x		
Bulbs			
Albuca	x		
Boophane distichum	x		
Ferraria crispa	x		
Haemanthus	x	x	
Lachenalia species	x		
Massonia species	x		

Ornithogalum bulbosum	x		
Veltheimia	x		
Hippeastrum species	x		Though they are summer growers they keep their foliage all winter and want enough water to keep them evergreen unlike amaryllis that need to go fully dormant.