



# Midwest Cactus & Succulent Society

\*\*\*\*\* 2014 OCTOBER ANNUAL JOINT CLUB MEETING \*\*\*\*\*

**Location:** Bill and Nancy Hendricks  
Klyn Nursery  
3322 S Ridge Rd (RT 84)  
Perry, Ohio 44081

**R.S.V.P:** 440-259-3815  
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**Food:** Potluck

**Date:** Sunday October 19, 2014

**Time:** 1:00 – 4:00

**Topic:** Santa Fe & Mesa Gardens

**Plant of the month:** Your choice

**Vrooman Rd detour directions on last page!**

**Next Meeting:** Our annual joint meeting with Ohio area cactus clubs and NE Ohio horticulture groups will be October 19, 2014; all local plant clubs and visitors are invited. Hosted by Bill and Nancy Hendricks at Klyn Nursery 3322 South Ridge Rd. Perry (Lake Co), Ohio and. This special meeting is always well attended, please RSVP. Club members; please bring a dish for the potluck dinner. Guests are always welcome!

**FYI:** If anyone wants to buy soil mix from Bill at the meeting let him or I know a few days before.

**Agenda:** Open discussion of common club issues and solutions, meeting and program ideas, events, resources, plant info... Bill Hendricks will show us Santa Fe New Mexico & Mesa Gardens, from his recent venture to the US southwest deserts. We'll visit Bill's cactus greenhouse after sharing a potluck meal.

**Plant of the month:** Bring a favorite or unusual plant to show and any you have questions about.

## **From September '14 meeting:**

\* Was held at CBG and well attended. Thanks to Bill Hendricks and Joe Mehalik for presenting program.

\* Treasurer's report: balance is \$4801.01. Any dues paid now will be applied to 2015

\* Date change for December holiday meeting will be 12/7/14 location to be determined. If you know of a central location such as a restaurant dining room or hall let me know ASAP so I can check availability and discuss it next meeting. Bill H will also consider his nursery meeting room if the group wishes.

\* Will be updating the club library list and sending copies to all members for reserving material prior to upcoming meetings.

\* Remember, you can check our website ([www.mwcoss.com](http://www.mwcoss.com)) for club schedules and meeting info. We need to populate our blog and keep it current with photos, comments, questions, and links. Bring them to the meeting or email them to Tim M at [timj@hearthstonefarm.net](mailto:timj@hearthstonefarm.net)

## **September Program Review: Potting Media**

\* Desert soil is mineral based and gritty in natural cactus and succulent habitat and organic based commercial mixes need to be modified to drain fast, hold minimal moisture, break down very slowly and remain airy for good root function and healthy plant growth.

\* Good materials to use are coarse, gravelly and gritty pea gravel, pumice, fired type material such as hydrox, perlite, coir coconut husk fiber (make sure it's salt free), composted hardwood bark and green pine bark.

\* Avoid peat based commercial cactus potting mix as peat can dry out, compact and not rewet easily.

\* Avoid fine sand which compacts and clogs air pockets choking roots. If buying builder grade sand, ask if it was washed with water or kerosene when processed.

\* Do not add rock inside bottom of pot, causes soil to actually hold water and not drain.

\* To see if you have a good potting mix recipe, check you plant's root system during growing season. When you repot, look for healthy roots growing into the bottom of the pot with good color, no rot and root tips with fuzzy new growth.

\* Only difference between Bill's and Joe's mixes is Bill's hold a bit more moisture where Joe's is very fast draining and drying so it can be watered every day during growth to take guesswork of overwatering.

Let me know if you have any questions or help with directions.  
See you at the meeting!

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**Directions:** From east or west take Interstate 90 in northeastern Ohio to Lake County:

From I90 East: exit at Madison Route 528 exit #212, turn right (north) and go 0.8 miles to stop light at RT84 (S Ridge Rd). Turn left and go 6.5 miles; nursery is on the left (south) side. Park and enter behind office.

From I90 West: If you would normally exit at Vrooman Rd, be aware that **Vrooman Rd northbound is closed due to bridge damage. You can take:**

- I90 east to RT 44 north to RT 84 east to Klyn's or
- I90 east to RT 44 north to RT 2 east to RT 20 east, turn right onto Narrows Rd, straight at 4 way stop to RT 84 and turn left to Klyn's or
- I90 east and exit at Madison RT 528 (next exit past Vrooman), turn left off exit, turn left onto RT 84 at light in village and go 6 miles to Klyn's. This adds 15 miles to your trip.

