



Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society

***** FEBRUARY 2015 MEETING NOTICE *****

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| Location: Cleveland Botanical Garden Smith Classroom 11030 East Blvd Cleveland, Ohio 44106 | R.S.V.P: 440-415-3949 or kdsnell@roadrunner.com |
| Date: Sunday February 22, 2015 | Time: 1:00 – 4:00 |
| Topic: Show Prep | Plant of the month: In bloom or favorite |

Next Meeting: is this Sunday, February 22nd at Cleveland Botanical Garden in Cleveland's University Circle area. We meet in the Smith Classroom located on the parking garage level, down the hall past the security office. There is no CBG admission fee to attend club functions, but garage parking is \$6 when paid at 1st floor main entrance info desk; do not use ticket machine by security office elevator as it may cost more at the hourly rate. Bring a snack to share. Guests are always welcome.

Program: We will work on March Show's setup details and walk the show area. If you plan on showing or selling plants, have an idea of table space needed, available setup day, show attendance schedule, any job requests. *** If showing plants, I'll need a list to print table display labels ASAP***

Website links:

- * The Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) www.cssainc.org
- * Central Ohio Cactus and Succulent Society <http://columbus-cactus-club.webs.com/Newsletter.htm>
- * North Coast Gesneriad & African Violet Club newsletter <http://gesneriadsociety.org/current-gleanings/>
- * Cleveland Botanical Garden www.cb garden.org
- * The Amateurs' Digest www.theamateursdigest.com
- * The Cactus and Succulent Plant Mall www.cactus-mall.com
- * CactiGuide Cactus Forum www.cactiguide.com
- * Desert-Tropicals.com www.desert-tropicals.com
- * Henry Shaw Cactus Society www.hscactus.org
- * Cactus Explorers Club <http://www.cactusexplorers.org.uk/> free online journal or .pdf download
- * Plant Delights.com <http://www.plantdelights.com/> N Carolina nursery, variety of plant types
- * Xeric World Forums <http://www.xericworld.com/forums/home.php>
- * Gardens on the Edge Photo gallery and blog links <http://www.pbase.com/edgegallery>
- * Out of Africa www.out-of-africa-plants.com
- * Midwest Cactus & Succulent Society www.mwcoss.com

Minutes (January '15 Meeting):

- * Meeting was held at CBG. It was an exceptionally informative and well attended along with several guests. Program was a discussion on plant record keeping.
- * Treasurer's report: \$4819.17; 2015 club member dues now due
- * Need program topics for fall 2015 meetings. Updated schedule was passed and will be discussed further. For the April joint meeting program with Cleveland Indoor Garden Society, Pat Ballo suggested growing succulents under lights.
- * Remember, you can check our website (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

* 2015 Spring Show & Sale will be at CBG on March 21st 10 am – 5 pm & 22nd 12 – 5 pm, with the opening of CBG's Big Spring Show on Saturday. We'll set up Friday afternoon March 20th and finish Saturday 8 am if necessary. Show details and layout will be very similar to last year. Show program TBA.

* Next meeting show flyers will be available for members to post at local sites. I can also email the document file if anyone wants to print their own copies or email. Let me know about any new advertising or posting sites you find.

* Everyone...start saving material for boxing customer purchases; sturdy small & medium boxes, fast food drink trays, newspaper, bubble wrap, paper and plastic bags. Long, shallow boxes aren't sturdy and don't work well. We always run out of boxes so we can't have too many; any extra are used for other club's sales. PetSmart and Auld's are good places to check.

January Program review: Bill Hendricks and Joe Kulick led a discussion on the importance of good record keeping for your plant collection. How do you track your plants? Every plant needs a label, even if you have only one. At minimum the plant name, where and when received and dates repotted should be written with pencil, using both sides of the label and clay pot. As our collections grow so does the time, effort, satisfaction, mistakes, heartbreak and \$. Without record keeping we forget what we did or didn't do, miss patterns and don't learn what we need to. Records are also a surprising and fun plant diary to look back on. More involved records can be hand written in log books or kept on computer spreadsheets or database programs (Bill uses MS Access).

Some Info records include:

- Plant name –genus, species, cultivar
- Source – when and where obtained, how and cost
- Type of plant material received - cutting, seed, grafted, bare root, in pot and condition
- Culture - growth cycle, water, temp, light, fertilizer and soil type
- Geographical data – habitat locations
- Dates – repotted, fertilized, pruned, bloomed, disease and treatments, died
- General comments about plant

FYI: N Coast Gesneriad & African Violet club is having 2 Plant Seminars by Mel Grice 3/14/15 in Strongsville. Programs are "Elements and Principles of Design Demystified" and "Sharing My Methods of Propagating Gesneriads". No charge, but you need to rsvp soon. I'm forwarding the email with info. Also will be forwarding you event emails from CSSA, CBG and The San Antonio Cactus & Xerophyte Society.

See you Sunday!

Karen Snell
Secretary, MWCSS
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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.