



Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society News

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April Meeting Info.

The April meeting will be held **Sunday, April 17** at **1 p.m.** at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Directions can be found on page two.

April Meeting's Presentation

April's meeting will be a joint-club meeting with the Cleveland Indoor Garden Society. A presentation titled "Patterns in Nature, Argentine Cactus and Other Curios" will be presented by Curt Hanson, Hemerocallis Society member. Here is a short bio on Curt:

- Fine arts background (Cleveland Institute of Art, sculpture major)
- Owns a mail order Daylily business called Crintonic Gardens in Gates Mills where he offers many of the great hybrids he has introduced plus many other fine cultivars of Daylilies
- Has a broad interest in a wide variety of plants and travels to various parts of the United States and South America to observe plants in habitat
- Began to dabble in hybridizing Rhododendron and Magnolias, which then expanded to Hosta and Hemerocallis (for the past 35 years)
- Misc.: A recent trip to Indiana afforded him the opportunity to do some botanizing in southern Ohio

Be sure to attend this month's meeting to hear Curt's presentation!

2016 MWCSS Cactus Show and Sale a Record-Breaking Success



This year's MWCSS Cactus Show and Sale, which was held on March 19 and 20 at the Cleveland Botanical Garden, was a record-breaking success. With an unprecedented crowd of 1,700 people on Saturday and 1,200 on Sunday, many visitors came to the Cleveland Botanical Garden exclusively for the cactus show and sale.

MWCSS President Bill Hendricks stated, "I want to personally thank all those members who helped with the show and sale. We could not have predicted the overwhelming response to the show inspired by Kathy Smith's TV segment and amazing job with Facebook. Thank you Kathy! A special thanks to the cashiers Nancy Hendricks, Laura Noble, Beverly Dahms and Tammy Host, as well as Mike and Christie Briggs for jumping in and making a difference. Thank you Karen Snell for the work you had to do sorting the labels (a monumental job)."

And a big thank you to all other club members who gave their time and talent with setup, assisting customers, cleaning and teardown. And, of course, thank you to all club members who brought in items from their personal collections to have on display for all customers to view.

The club generated a lot of great new leads for prospective new club members. Current club members who were present at the show and sale and took photos are asked to please bring them in to the April meeting and give them to Karen Snell so she can make copies for club archive purposes (she will have her laptop and can download them right at the meeting).

Current club members are also asked to think of ways that next year's show and sale can be improved upon from this year. While there won't be much time to cover this topic during the April meeting, club members are asked to write their thoughts down and share them at a future-club meeting (possibly May).


Again, thank you to EVERYONE for such a huge success this year! Please see photos on page two.

Other Important Club News

MWCSS Website/Facebook Page Info. Needed

Remember to check out our club's website at www.mwcss.com for club schedules and meeting info. Also, email any web content to timj@hearthstonefarm.net. Fresh content is also always needed for the MWCSS Facebook page. Please email any cactus or club content/photos, etc. to kesmith913@gmail.com.

May Meeting Information

The May meeting will be held at Laura Noble's house. She will provide the program of the month; a video of the Sonoran Desert that she purchased at the Desert Museum in Tucson, AZ. Directions to Laura's house and further information on the May meeting will be discussed during the April meeting. Note that the May plant of the month is cacti in flower. 

Suggestions Needed for December Holiday Party Venue

Although it's spring and the holidays are a far-distant look ahead, this year the club will be hosting its annual holiday party in a public venue, and it's never too early to put in for reservations. Any and all suggestions are welcome! Please start thinking of some places and we will discuss all suggested options during upcoming meetings.

Cleveland Botanical Garden (CBG) Info.

11030 East Blvd.
Cleveland, OH 44106
Smith Classroom (for club meetings)

Directions: 11030 East Blvd. in the University Circle/Wade Park area of Cleveland, five miles east of downtown.

From I-90 Lakeshore Memorial Freeway:

Exit at Martin Luther King Drive and go south on MLK. Cross E. 105th and take right curve. Turn left on Jephtha (at art museum) to Wade Oval. CBG is across the park and at the end of East Blvd.

2016 MWCSS Show and Sale Photos



Record-breaking attendance!