



Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society News

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDWEST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY MAY 2016

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May Meeting Info.

The May meeting will be held **Sunday, May 22** at **1 p.m.** at Laura Noble's House. Please see information to the right for details.

May Meeting Information

The May meeting will be held **Sunday, May 22 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. There will also be a pot luck lunch, so please bring a healthy dish (no junk food) to share.

If interested in attending, please RSVP to Karen Snell, club secretary/treasurer at (440) 983-4624 or at kdsnell@roadrunner.com. She will provide directions and additional information.



Note that the May plant of the month is cacti in flower. Please feel free to bring any plants you have that are in flower to the meeting to display and pass around to show.

April Meeting Minutes

- There was no complete treasury report, as expenses from the March show and sale still needed paid out. This was a record-breaking sales year, which was beyond any expectation. On the Saturday of the show weekend, approximately 1,700 people attended the event, and on Sunday, approximately 1,200 people attended. Bill Hendricks, club president, stated that the club might possibly move the show room to Clark Hall for 2017, but he needs to speak to Cynthia first at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Tim Malinich, club vice president, suggested to have a 'standing' monthly meeting agenda item for the 2017 Show and Sale. Different aspects of the show and sale will be covered during different months throughout the year (as prep).
- Club member Tammy Host suggested club members read the book "Cactus and Succulents – a Care Manual" by Tony and Suzanne Mace. She stated it was in a concise, easy-to-read format, and that it wasn't a book for beginners but more of a "refresher course." Bill Hendricks said more club members should read such types of books and share information with club members so they, too, will be interested in reading them.
- Pat Ballo, president of the Cleveland Indoor Garden Society, stated that several MWCSS club members were involved in designing a kid's pot for the CBG Children's Garden. This year's theme is "The Senses." Please see page two for final end-result photo of this display.
- A presentation titled "Patterns in Nature, Argentine Cactus and Other Curios" was given by Curt Hanson, Hemerocallis Society member. It was very informative and all members in attendance enjoyed the colorful slide presentation that was provided.

Other Important Club News

Club Content Needed for Various Info. Sources

MWCSS club information/content is always needed for the following:

Online:



- Club Website – Email all content to timj@hearthstonefarm.net to be added to the www.mwcSS.com website.
- Club Facebook Page – Email all content to kessmith913@gmail.com to be added to the [MWCSS](https://www.facebook.com/MWCSS) Facebook page.

Print:



- Club Newsletter – Email all content to Melissa415@hotmail.com to be added to the monthly newsletter.

Christmas Party Venue Needed

This year the club will be hosting its annual Christmas party in a public venue, and recommendations are needed. We are looking for a restaurant with a private room that could accommodate approximately 35 people for a meal/meeting and the ability to present a PowerPoint program. Somewhere along or near I-480, I-271 or I-90 on the east side is preferable. If anyone has any suggestions, please share them during the May meeting.

June Meeting Information

The June meeting will be a field trip to Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens in Akron. Club member Joe Mehalik will provide a program on the conservatory and a tour of the grounds. Further details will be provided during the May meeting. Note the June meeting (field trip) will be the second Sunday of June (June 12), as the third Sunday is Father's Day.

MWCSS Out and About and Representin'...

Right: A big thank you to those club members who participated in planning, picking out the plants for, and potting the container for this year's Children's Garden at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens. This year's theme is 'the senses,' and our club's display is appropriately named the 'The Prickly Desert,' as seen in the photo to the right.



Above: Some club members selling plants at the The Holden Arboretum Plant Sale. Photos credit: Kathy Smith