General Club Information

The Midwest Cactus & Succulent Society was organized in 1936 by a group of men and women who were interested in the study, collection and cultivation of cacti and succulents, and we continue to meet today. We are an affiliate of the national *Cactus & Succulent Society of America* (CSSA).

Our members live throughout northeast Ohio, from the west side of Cleveland to eastern Lake County and as far south as Canal Fulton. We are a very diverse group made up of men and women, teenagers and older, married and singles, housewives, businessmen, students and educated professionals.

Member expertise ranges from the beginner eager to learn, to the long time collector who loves to share knowledge and yet will tell you he is still learning. We grow our plants on windowsills, under lights, outside in summer, on porches and in greenhouses. Visit our website at *www.mwcss.com* for more information.

Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held September thru June on the third Sunday of the month, 1:00-4:00 p.m., at Cleveland Botanical Garden and occasionally at a member's home.

Programs

Monthly programs are prepared by members on various subjects such as general cactus and succulent care, propagation and disease control; specific plant varieties with their individual habits and care requirements; slide shows and travelogues related to cacti and succulents that further improve everyone's knowledge of these fascinating plants.

Other regular topics include Plant of the Month, where members have an opportunity to show off examples of their plants and discuss them. It is encouraged to bring books, catalogs and journals to meetings to share with other members. Through informal discussions we learn new tricks, solve problems, discover new plants and maybe take home a few.

Library

We have a library of many books and journals related to succulents that can be loaned to members. The



more popular items are brought to the meetings. For others, contact the librarian in advance of the meeting. A list is available.

Special Events

Each spring, our club holds a 2 day cactus & succulent show and sale at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. We have occasional one day field trips to visit growers or cactus and succulent shows. Each September we host a joint meeting with clubs from Columbus, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Michigan and in December we have our annual Holiday party, plant gift exchange and election of officers.

Annual Dues

Our local membership dues are \$20.00 yearly. Membership to the national CSSA is optional for \$50.00 and includes a subscription to the Cactus and Succulent Journal of America.

For More Information

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