Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society

******* OCTOBER 2013 MEETING NOTICE *******

Location: Cleveland Botanical Garden R.S.V.P: 440-259-3501

Smith Classroom

11030 East Blvd

Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Food: Finger foods / snacks

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Date: Sunday October 20, 2013 **Time:** 1:00 – 4:00

Next Meeting: will be a joint meeting with the Indoor Gardening Society on Sunday, October 20th at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Meet your plant club neighbors and discover there's plant life beyond cactus world. The Smith Classroom entrance is on the parking garage lower level, down the hall past the security office. Garage parking is \$6.00; there is no admission fee. Bring snacks to share. Guests are always welcome!

Program: is "The Culture Care and Selection of Winter Growing Succulents & Bulbs. Bill Hendricks will talk about the succulents and bulbs that are active when most are dormant. He will focus on the South African bulbs (Velthemia, Haemanthus, Clivia, Ledebouria, Amaryllis...) that do well in succulent collections.

Plant of the month: Winter growing succulents and bulbs. Please bring yours to the meeting and other's you would like to show.

September 2013 Meeting Recap: by Beverly Dahms Record attendance was achieved at the September meeting, held at Klyn Nursery in Perry OH with president Bill Hendricks officiating and Nancy Hendricks serving as chief greeter and organizer of the pot luck lunch. Representatives of the Columbus, Michigan and Pittsburgh clubs were in attendance as well as returning members and new faces including members of the West Side Orchid Society. There was a general discussion prompted by questions on members' favorite poison for treatment of pests and other topics. Bill Hendricks showed a colorful and beautifully photographed presentation "Hiking Sedona (Red Rock Country.)" He documented his findings while hiking six different trails at varied altitudes with vertical ascents of up to 2500 ft (Go Bill!) and was impressed how the plant populations changed as he ascended. Arizona cypress, junipers, pines, Manzanita, Opuntia, Yucca, Echinocereus and Agave were shown in a stunning habitat of colorful rock pinnacles, bridges and mountain views.

Our next meeting will be 10/20/13 and is a joint meeting with the Indoor Gardening Society in Cleveland. They are interested in learning about which cacti and succulents are particularly suited to growing as house plants.

The topic of our November 17 monthly meeting will be "Preparing plants for winter."

Our 2014 spring Show and Sale will be on March 22 and 23rd, coinciding with the opening of the Botanical Garden's annual Spring Show.

The meeting ended with a tour of Bill's hobby greenhouse and his generous annual gifting of special plants to all in attendance. Thank you Bill and Nancy for a fine afternoon and very successful meeting!

Thanks to Bill and Nancy for hosting the meeting and Beverly for covering my absence.

See you at the meeting!

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<u>Directions to Cleveland Botanical Garden:</u>

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.