



Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society

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Did You Know?

The Orchid Cactus (Epiphyllum spp.) is often a botanical paradox. It isn't genuinely a particular type of orchid, as it appears to be a lot more just like a grape vine compared to a type of cactus. Most of these plants tend to be indigenous to the forests associated with Central and South America, where they are cultivated within the remote rainforest canopy.

Source:

www.cactusfacts.com

Check out our club at

www.mwcSS.com

Happy New Year!

Wishing all club members a happy and healthy 2016! Cheers to successful planting and gardening!



December Meeting Minutes

- Last month's (December) holiday meeting was held at Klyn Nursery. A California Conifer Tour (from Sept. 2015) program was presented by Bill Hendricks. All guests in attendance (29) enjoyed this program.
- New club member Paul Schwinn of New London, OH was recognized at the meeting. He is a friend of Kevin White. Welcome, Paul!
- The club's treasury balance is \$5,235.03.
- 2016 club dues are due. They are \$20 per person/family. Approximately 1/3 members still owe their dues.
- Club officer elections are postponed until the 1/17/16 meeting. Please see members Sean Diamond or Jeff Havel as soon as possible if interested. Tim Malinich is interested in the vice present position. Kathy Smith is interested in club publicity and Melissa Mezgec will stay on as club newsletter editor. Karen Snell will remain secretary/treasurer at this time.
- The 1/17/16 meeting topic will be growing cacti and succulents from seed. Be sure not to miss this exciting discussion!
- The 2016 spring show and sale at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens is on Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20. As in years past, setup for this event will occur on Friday, March 18. More details to come in future club meetings.

Other Important Club News

January Club Meeting

The January meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 17 at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Directions are to the right of this column.

January Elections

As mentioned on page one within the 'December Meeting Minutes' section, club officer elections will take place at the January meeting. Please reference potential new club officer names within this section (as well as who to contact if interested in running for a position).

MWCSS Website Reminder/Content 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.

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.

Thank You

December Holiday Meeting/Plant Gift Exchange

A big thank you goes out to Bill and Nancy Hendricks for hosting the much-anticipated and well-attended yearly December holiday meeting. A delicious lunch was served, Bill provided an engaging presentation and then the highly anticipated gift exchange occurred. Thanks to everyone for making this meeting a fun success!



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Be sure to check out the Cactus and Succulent Society of America website. It is chock-full of interesting information and photos. Also, sign up on the website to become a new member or to renew your yearly dues (if already a member). Note this is the national organization and not the Midwest chapter.

<http://www.cssainc.org/>

New Year's Resolutions

For many, along with a new year comes new year's resolutions – things a person resolves to achieve, whether they are throughout the course of the new year or even longer.

Are there any 'gardening' or 'growing' new year's resolutions that you have that you would like to share with the club during the January meeting? Perhaps your resolutions are in the form of past trial and error experiences you've learned from that might be of great benefit for other club members.

Put on your thinking caps and share with us! And, of course, happy new year!



Questions or suggestions for the club's newsletter? Please contact Melissa Mezgec, editor, at Melissa415@hotmail.com. All input is welcomed.