

# CCSS Newsletter

## Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society

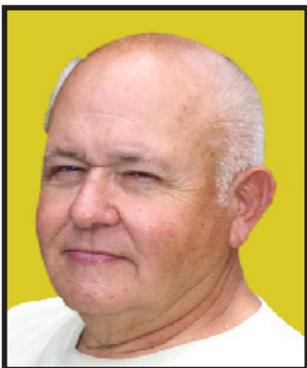
February 2009

### From the President

**W**E DID NOT HAVE MANY PEOPLE COME TO OUR annual Christmas get-together but those that were there made it a fun afternoon.

**John Leto** and his helper—sorry, I cannot recall his name—set up the dining area very nicely.

**Chris Allen** added to the holiday color by bringing in several poinsettias to add to the color of the holiday.



During the discussion time we found out how the greenhouse and environs came together. Back in 1986 when the area was turned over to Bridgeport, there were no plans for the greenhouse, so Chris Allen and John Leto came together and helped to get things

going. The club thanks them.

I know the weather was not the best. Maybe for the next holiday get together we might want to plan it in November when the weather is not as nasty. In spite of the weather, we did have a very good time with a wonderful variety of foods.

I hope that we are all thinking of what the membership can do for our annual show in April as **Dave Shultz** may not have much time to do all that he usually does for our annual shows. He is experiencing family health/medical problems which will require his attention.

I, myself, with my screwed up body chemistry, will have limited mobility reducing the assistance I can provide. My doctors are still trying to figure out what the problem is.

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### The Secretary's Report

**T**HE HARTFORD FLOWER SHOW IS IN MID-February. We will not have the usual booth, but instead, tables in the Garden Federation area thanks to **Helen Pritchard**. Please bring plants for these tables.

We also need people to handle the tables, and since **Ken Moser** is taking plants for the show, he needs someone to bring those tables to our show site.

**John Leto** gave us an overview of the history of the greenhouse at the zoo. In 1986, the greenhouse was "dumped" by the city of Bridgeport and taken on by the zoo. No money, no plants. **Chris Allen** came in to help, and donated many of the plants, and helped take care of them. This is why there are cacti at the zoo. John said we could tour after the meeting or come back on Friday after 2 PM.

**David Schultz** brought us up to date on the meeting he and **John Spain** had with people at Naugatuck Valley Community College about the 2010 Conference. They are shooting for April 9, 10, and 11 which are the same dates as our Sale and Show.

Chris Allen and the students in his Trumbull High School Horticulture Class grew one thousand poinsettias. He brought three large ones to our December holiday party for table decorations and then gave them away. Thank you Chris.



Respectfully Submitted,  
Becky Lynn  
Secretary pro tem

### From the President, continued

The membership is showing age and we need some new blood to assist the aging leadership to keep the club going. I know everyone cannot attend all the meetings, but we would like to see more people attend. If it is the cost of travel that is keeping attendance down, fuel prices have been reduced and carpooling is always a possibility.

The next meeting will be held on February 1. Matt Opel will be having a program for us at UConn in Storrs. Hope to see you all there.

Frank



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## Schultz Reports on Plans for 17th Eastern Cactus and Succulent Conference

The following is the e-mail report David Schultz sent to Dr. Matt Opel describing the meeting David, John Spain, and representatives of the Naugatuck Valley Community College held on November 6, 2008 at the college. The initial planning for the Eastern Conference, slated to be held April 9-11, 2010, was the subject of the meeting.

Matt,

John Spain and I met with the Naugatuck Valley Community College this past Thursday, November 6. The Dean of Math and Science—our college co-sponsor—and Lisa Calabrese, Space Facility Coordinator, were present from the college. It was a very productive meeting especially since it was the first time we had presented anything to them. They were very supportive and enthusiastic. We worked out a number of the “holes” and have a start for the others.

### Show and Sales Area

The Show and Sales area that we have been using—Cafeteria East and West—will be used as previously. The only change is that I requested and suggested a place for additional sales vendors for this show. We will set up additional tables in the alcoves to both sides of the entrance to the cafeteria. Those are spaces we had been parking the carts in, so we will have to park them somewhere else.

### Reception Area

The reception on Friday evening will be in a room very close to the Show and Sales area on the fifth floor. This is a study

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## Zapatkas Grieve Loss of Loved One

**C**LAUDETTE G. (HAMELIN) ZAPATKA, AGE 65, of Oakville, Connecticut—formerly of Naugatuck—passed away peacefully Friday, January 16, after a long illness. Among many other relatives, she is survived by her beloved husband of 46 years, **Ronald**, and by her brother-in-law, **Frank Zapatka** and his wife **Jane**.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 21, at Saint Mary Magdalen Church. Burial followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Watertown.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Kidney Foundation, 6110 Executive Boulevard, Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852; or to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis TN 38101-9929. For more information, to light a memorial candle, or to send an online condolence, kindly visit [www.oneillfuneralhome.com](http://www.oneillfuneralhome.com).

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area associated with the library. There was discussion about refreshments for the reception. I would like to get the Hospitality program involved. The students are taking courses in providing hotel/convention hospitality, including hors d'oeuvres. It was suggested that we have something fancier than cheese and crackers as the students are required to attempt a more challenging request from us.

There is also the possibility that we would have the viticulture and vinology program involved which would include serving wine. Details must be worked out, but it is a promising beginning.

### Lecture Plans

The lecture series would be presented in either the Playbox on the third floor, which will seat 100, or in the music room on the fifth floor—very close to the Show and Sale—which will seat only 70.

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## April Show

By David Schultz

A new vendor will be joining us at our April show: **David Tifford** of *Fantastic Gardens* of Long Island. We look forward to his participation.

Our lecture schedule will include an unusual presentation by club member **Jon Wallace**: *Land Plant Evolution*. Jon will include some hands-on fossil evidence.

All club members are urged to participate in our show activities. If at all possible, plan to come Friday afternoon any time from 2:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. Come and stay as long as you can. "Many hands make light work."

We have rarely gotten out before 11:00 P.M., so more hands may get us home earlier. Volunteers are greeted with warm smiles and relief.

The majority of the set-up preparations are completed before we leave on Friday. Show plants should be brought in for entry on Friday. If you will not be able to do so, please contact me at (860) 489-8356 or **Helen Pritchard** at (203) 269-9478 to let us know how many plants to expect on Saturday morning before 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning at 8:00 A.M. we will be accepting those final plants for the show and performing the final arrangements for judging. The 9:00 A.M. deadline is to ensure that judging can be started in a timely fashion. ○

Start your cuttings and offsets  
for the club table or the free  
plants.

Watch next month's newsletter  
for more exciting offers to fill up  
your weekend.



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This discussion included the possibility of opening the lectures to students at Naugatuck Valley Community College and the University of Connecticut at discounted student rates either for the entire series or individual lectures. Again, details need to be worked out.

This opportunity gives even more incentive for the Naugatuck Valley Community College to feel enthusiastic as it gives something back to them.

There is the cinematography group on campus, so maybe they could videotape the lectures. More food for thought.

### Lodging

The College has had very limited success dealing with the *Hampton Inn* Directly across from the driveway. The *Hampton* has not really responded concerning an agreement with the college for reduced rates at any functions.

They will make another attempt for this conference, and if they are not successful, I will approach them myself before we call corporate headquarters to find out if they would feel different than the local management. Then we seek out other venues.

### Banquet Site

The banquet is still a stumbling block, although we do have a couple ideas.

The Greek Orthodox Church about one-half mile down the road from the College has a very nice, new recreation area that is plenty large for a banquet. The college has had functions there that involved the Hospitality group, so there is history. Lisa will be getting contact information for me from the Hospitality coordinator and we can pursue that.

The Hospitality group has new facilities on campus in the new building, but the space will only seat 70. I believe there is actually a second space in the same area which would seat an additional 70, but

that would require breaking up the dining area, if the participants increased to more than 70, which is certainly what we expect. So, that dilemma is still to be resolved.

### Another Possibility

The college will have a new greenhouse, new gardens, and redesigned grounds by the time of the conference and would be interested in providing tours to anyone interested.

I believe that this covers everything. Bonnie Simon and Lisa both kept coming up with other ways to involve the different programs at the college, so it was encouraging. ○



# Upcoming Events

**Sunday, February 1:** The February meeting will be held at Torrey Life Sciences Building, 75 North Eagleville Road, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut.

Park along North Eagleville Road. The Torrey Life Sciences Building is diagonally across from the cemetery. We will meet in Room 154, which is in the center of the Torrey Life Sciences Building.

**1:00 P.M.**

**Do Not Bring Chairs**

**Entrées: A—G**

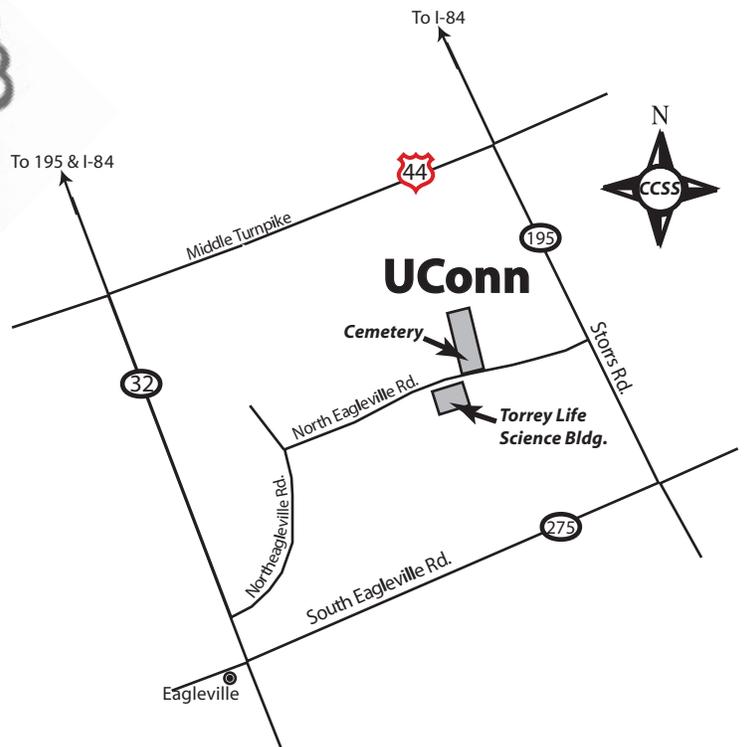
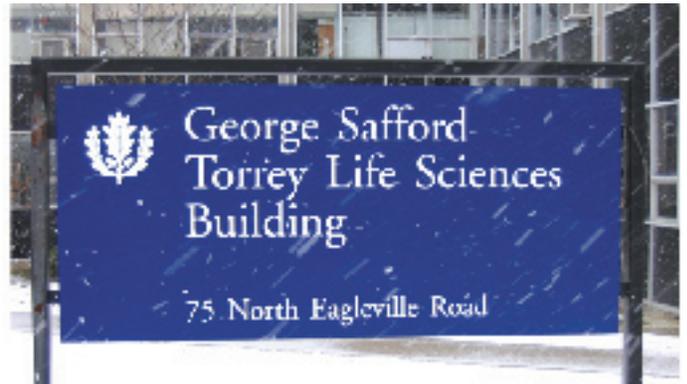
**Appetizers/Sides: H—S**

**Desserts: T—Z**

**Sunday, March 1:** To be announced



Torrey Life Sciences Building



Take Exit 68 off I-84 and get onto Route 195 south to UConn, about 8 miles. There is a prominent sign on I-84.

**Connecticut Cactus and  
Succulent Society  
2009 Plant Show Entry Form**

Division \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Genus \_\_\_\_\_

Species \_\_\_\_\_

Var., Fma., and/or Cv. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Seed Raised \_\_\_\_\_ Windowsill-Grown \_\_\_\_\_

Plant's age, if known, or years owned \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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Award: 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ HM \_\_\_\_\_

Judges' Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Fold Up**



Exhibitor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Exhibitor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Connecticut  
Cactus and Succulent Society  
**26th Annual Show & Sale**  
*April 4–April 5, 2009*  
**Plant Show Categories**

## **Division I—Cacti**

### **Cactaceae**

1. Astrophytum
2. Ariocarpus
3. Obregonia, Encephalocarpus, Aztekium
4. Echinocereus, Wilcoxia
5. Ferocactus, Homalocephala
6. Stenocactus (Echinofossulocactus)
7. Echinocactus, Leuchtenbergia
8. Coryphantha, Thelocactus
9. Turbinicarpus, Strombocactus
10. Pediocactus, Pelecyphora, Sclerocactus, Epithelantha
11. Neolloydia, Echinomastus, Gymnocactus, Escobaria
12. Mammillaria—single head
13. Mammillaria—hook-spined, clusters
14. Mammillaria—clusters
15. Melocactus
16. Discocactus
17. Uebelmannia, Buiningia
18. Columnar Cacti—Carnegiea, Cephalocereus, Cleistocactus, Espostoa, Myrtillocactus, Neobuxbaumia, Pilocereus, Stetsonia, Stenocereus, Trichocereus, etc.
19. Opuntiae—Opuntia, Tephrocactus, Pterocactus
20. Parodia Group, including Notocactus
21. Rebutia, Aylostera, Medioblobia
22. Sulcorebutia, Weingartia
23. Lobivia, Denmoza, Echinopsis, Acanthocalycium
24. Matucana, Submatucana, Oroya
25. Eriosyce Group, including Neoporteria, Neochilenia, Horridocactus
26. Copiapoa
27. Frailea, Blossfeldia
28. Epiphytic cacti—Disocactus, Epiphyllum, Hattoria, Rhipsalis, Selenicereus, etc.
29. Gymnocalycium
30. Other genera of cacti
31. Variegated cacti
32. Crested cacti
33. Monstrose cacti
34. Winter hardy cacti

## **Division II—Succulents Other Than Cacti**

### **Crassulaceae**

35. Crassula
36. Adromischus
37. Aeonium, Sempervivum, Orostachys, Greenovia, Aichryson
38. Cotyledon, Tylecodon, Kalanchoe
39. Echeveria
40. Pachyphytum, Graptopetalum, Tacitus
41. Dudleya
42. Sedum
43. Other genera of Crassulaceae — Monanthes, Sinocrassula, etc.

### **Mesembryanthemaceae**

#### **Aizoaceae**

44. Lithops, Dinteranthus
45. Stone mimics: Argyroderma, Fenestraria, Gibbaeum, Lapidaria, Pleiospilos, etc.
46. Conophytum.
47. Other mesembs:
  - a. Shrubby types—Ruschia, Delosperma, etc.
  - b. Rough/tooth-leaved types—Aloinopsi, Titanopsis, Faucaria, etc.
  - c. Others—Monilaria, Cheiridopsis, Mitrophyllum, Glottiphyllum, etc.

### **Euphorbiaceae**

#### ***Euphorbia species endemic to Madagascar***

48. Millii type—beharensis, delphinensis, duranii, horombensis, millii, etc.
49. Stem type—leuconeura, lophogona, pachypodioides, perrieri, stenoclada, viguieri, etc.
50. Thickened root or caudex type—decaryi, capsaintmariensis, francoisii, cylindrifolia, etc.

#### ***Euphorbia species NOT endemic to Madagascar***

51. Medusae-head type—caput-medusae, gorgonis, decepta, esculenta, pugniformis, flanaganii, etc.
52. Caudiciform type—stellata, micrantha, tortirama, squarrosa, knuthii, groenwaldii, tuberosa, etc.
53. Stem type (solitary or clustering)—polygona, fasciculata, obesa, suzannae, mammillaris, abdelkuri, columnaris, stellaspina, etc.
54. Shrub type—cooperii, cactus, grandicornis, pseudocactus, poisonii, weberbaueri, etc.

### Other Genera of Euphorbiaceae

- 55. Monadenium, Synadenium
- 56. Pedilanthus, Jatropha, etc.

### Aloaceae

- 57. Aloe
- 58. Haworthia—single plant
- 59. Haworthia—clumps of plants
- 60. Haworthia—columnar
- 61. Haworthia—hybrids
- 62. Gasteria
- 63. Other Genera of Aloaceae

### Asclepiadaceae

- 64. Stapelia, Orbea, Caralluma, Huernia, Stapelianthus, Piaranthus, Echidnopsis, etc.
- 65. Hoodia, Trichocaulon, Pseudolithos, Whitesloanea
- 66. Fockea, Brachystelma, Raphionacme, Petopentia
- 67. Other Asclepiadaceae genera—Hoya, Ceropegia, Dischidia, etc.

### Asphodelaceae

- 68. Bulbine

### Hyacinthaceae

- 69. Albuca, Bowia, Massonia, etc.

### Agavaceae

- 70. Agave
- 71. Furcraea, Hesperaloe, Yucca, etc.

### Nolinaceae

- 72. Beaucarnea
- 73. Calibanus
- 74. Other genera of Nolinaceae—Nolina, Dasylirion

### Dracaenaceae

- 75. Sansevieria, Dracaena

### Apocynaceae

- 76. Pachypodium
- 77. Adenium

### Bromeliaceae

- 78. Abromeitiella, Deuterocohnia, Dyckia, Hechtia, Tillandsia, etc.

### Compositae

- 79. Senecio, Othonna, etc.

### Convolvulaceae

- 80. Ipomoea, Turbinia

### Cucurbitaceae

- 81. Ibervillea, Kedrostis, Gerrardanthus, etc.

### Dioscoreaceae

- 82. Dioscorea, Testudinaria

### Didieraceae

- 83. Alluaudia, Didierea, Decarya, etc.

### Fouquieriaceae

- 84. Fouquieria, Idria

### Geraniaceae

- 85. Sarcocaulon, Pelargonium

### Passifloraceae

- 86. Adenia

### Portulacaceae

- 87. Anacampseros, Portulacaria, Portulaca, Ceraria, etc.

### Vitaceae

- 88. Cissus, Cyphostemma

### Miscellany

- 89. Succulent shrubs and trees not in other categories—Bursera, Operculicarya, Pachycormus, Ficus, Bombax, Commiphora, etc.
- 90. Herbaceous succulents not in other classes—Begonia, Peperomia, Brighamia, Myrmecodia, Plectranthus, Dorstenia, Hydnophytum, Gonolobus, etc.
- 91. All other genera of succulents
- 92. Variegated
- 93. Crested
- 94. Monstrose
- 95. Winter-Hardy Succulents

## Division III—Special Exhibits

- 96. Bonsai
- 97. Collections—5 to 15 plants of one genus or common characteristic (All plants must be properly named/numbered. Key card is required.)
- 98. Miniature—a mature plant—inside pot diameter less than 3 inches
- 99. Dish Gardens or Troughs (All plants must be properly named/numbered. Key card is required.)

## Division IV—Novice and Junior Growers

*(Young people through high school)*

- 100. Cacti—Novice
- 101. Cacti—Junior
- 102. Succulents other than cacti—Novice
- 103. Succulents other than cacti—Junior
- 104. Dish gardens or troughs—Novice
- 105. Dish gardens or troughs—Junior
- 106. Group exhibit by school, class, or other organization—Junior

## Division V—Educational Display

107. Displays of a particular genus, family, or group of plants sharing a specifically defined character(s), and/or horticultural technique, which educate the general public. Eligible for the *Cactus and Succulent Society of America Educational Award*.

## Division NJ—Non-judged Classes

*Plants entered for display only*

A plant entered in this division is for display only and is **not to be judged**.

The class numbers in this division correspond to the class in which the plant would be entered in the judged show, but with the addition of NJ to the class number.

The plant may be allowed entrance and/or removal from the show—**with the prior consent of the show chair**—at times the entrant deems necessary.

The plant must have a valid entry card and be passed by the show committee.

## Annual Show Rules

1. No field collected plants permitted.
2. Plants must be placed on the show benches by 9:00 a.m., Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. No plants will be accepted for judging after that time.
3. The Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society reserves the right to reject any plants which appear infected or infested.
4. All plants must have been in owner's possession for six (6) months prior to the show.
5. Exhibitor must completely fill out entry cards, placing them with the appropriate plants, in such a manner that the exhibitor's name does not show. Windowsill grown plants should be clearly marked as such.
6. Exhibitors are asked not to be in the show area during judging. A judge having a plant in any class is expected to not judge in that class.
7. A novice is a person who has not exhibited before in this show.

## Judging Scale of Points

Condition of	75
Staging	20
Nomenclature	5

## From the Bookshelf

*By David Schultz*



*With the winter in full swing, it is time to look forward to spring.*

Our yearly group order to *Timber Press* and *Storey Books* is fast approaching. I will have copies of the most recent catalogs to look through at the February meeting.

The actual order will be placed immediately following our March meeting.

We will be able to place orders for any books in their catalogs at 40% off the list price. You can also check their catalog listings on-line. Please pay me when you place your order. ○

## Longtime Sales Vendor Dies

This past December, **Ron Byrom** of *Real Rebutias*, was killed by a hit-and-run taxi cab driver in Panama, Central America. Ron was on vacation at the time.

We join the Pittsburgh Cactus and Succulent Society in mourning his untimely death. We will miss him at our shows

His Rebutias were always a special part of the sale plants at our shows and the Eastern conferences. Plants that he entered in the shows were always award winners. Ron's always friendly smile, offbeat lifestyle and humor, and his longtime participation in our annual show and sale will not soon be forgotten. ○

# The Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society's

## 26th Annual Show and Sale\*

Saturday, April 4 – Sunday April 5, 2009

10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

## Free Admission

- Judged Show
- Refreshments
- Auctions
- Lectures and Demonstrations
- Leading Cactus and Succulent Vendors
- Book Sales
- Free Plant to First 50 Families Each Day

Saturday, April 4		Sunday, April 5	
<b>Noon</b>	Wow! Look at <u>That</u> Haworthia! <b>Bob Carlberg, CSSM</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Euphorbias: Some of My Favorites <b>Judy Becker, CCSS</b>
<b>12:45</b>	Auction	<b>12:45</b>	Auction
<b>1:15</b>	Land Plant Evolution <b>Jon Wallace, CCSS</b>	<b>1:15</b>	Hardy Cacti for the Connecticut Garden <b>John Spain, CCSS</b>
<b>2:00</b>	Growing Succulents Under Lights <b>Dan Downey, CSSM</b>	<b>2:00</b>	Potting Mixes for Succulents <b>Ken Mosher, CCSS</b>
<b>2:40</b>	Auction	<b>2:40</b>	Auction
<b>3:15</b>	Living Stones <b>Dr. Matt Opel, CCSS</b>	<b>3:00</b>	Happiness Is a Well Tended Succulent. <b>Chris Allen, CCSS</b>

\*Naugatuck Valley Community College, Art and Music Center Cafeteria, Fifth Floor  
750 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, Connecticut, Exit 18 off I-84

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