

# CCSS Newsletter

## Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society

November 2009

### From the President

**B**y the time everyone reads this note the weather will probably be getting cold and gray, but those who made the trip out to Lauray of Salisbury in October can cheer themselves by recalling the perfect autumn weather and hints of fall color we had for the CCSS meeting. Thanks to **Judy Becker** for providing the meeting place and program.



I have recently been in contact with **Lisa Silvestri** of the Friends of Elizabeth Park. She is trying to gather small displays of plants from various garden clubs, to be placed in the Elizabeth Park greenhouse—in Hartford—along with educational material and

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club brochures. I think this might be a good public outreach project for the CCSS, and I plan on bringing over some plants for the effort. If you have a good-looking plant you would be willing to lend to Elizabeth Park from early November through January, consider bringing it to the November meeting, and I will add it to what I have set aside. The staff at the park will care for the display plants. But just in case, I would definitely not contribute anything irreplaceable.

**“This month’s meeting will be a special treat: . . .”**

This month’s meeting will be a special treat: **Fred Kattermann** will be presenting a slide show titled

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### The Secretary’s Report

**T**he October meeting was attended by twenty-four members at Lauray of Salisbury on a gorgeous, sunny day. **Judy Becker**, the speaker at the meeting, talked about the genus, *Sinningia*. She included plant samples from her own collection.

President Matt Opel announced the October 16 grand opening of the Naugatuck Valley Community College’s new greenhouse.

A motion was made and passed to give the NVCC two hundred and fifty dollars towards their expenses. This gift from CCSS would be mentioned in the grand opening program

**“On February 17, 2010 the Connecticut Flower Show opens.”**

**David Schultz** spoke about next year’s show. It will be held in the usual place. However, the cactus show area will include some pool tables, but they will be used as staging for plants so they present no problem.

On February 18, 2010 the Connecticut Flower Show opens. Matt asked for members to bring plants. [See schedule on pages 3–5.]

**“Friends of Elizabeth Park has requested plants from CCSS . . .”**

**Friends of Elizabeth Park** has requested plants from CCSS for display in Elizabeth Park in Hartford. The plants, along with CCSS information, would be displayed over the winter months in the park greenhouse. Any member interested in participation, contact Matt Opel.

● Our November meeting will be held at the **Golden Age of Trucking Museum** in Middlebury. **Fred Kattermann** will be the speaker.

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"My Travels in Baja California." Fred is a great photographer and extremely knowledgeable about cacti in their native habitats, so this should be an informative talk about spectacular plants in beautiful landscapes. The Golden Age of Trucking Museum will allow us to use their audio-visual room for the talk.

## “It is also not too early to start grooming show and display plants for the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show . . .”

In December, we will have our annual holiday party at the Beardsley Zoo, which has graciously allowed the use of meeting space free of charge. The first meeting of the new year will be in February, at the University of Connecticut. It is also not too early to start grooming show and display plants for the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show at the end of February, where the CCSS has been offered an oversized booth in the educational exhibit area.

Thank you,  
Matt Opel

## Internet Information for *Sinningia* Species

At our last meeting on October 4 at Lauray of Salisbury, Judy Becker discussed the genus *Sinningia*. She has kindly provided the following web sites for those seeking more information about this genus.

**The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History:**  
[persoonsiedu/gesneriaceae/checklist/](http://persoonsiedu/gesneriaceae/checklist/)

**Alan Lavergne's site:**  
[burwur.net/Sinns/Sinns](http://burwur.net/Sinns/Sinns)

**Also try:**  
[gesneriads.ca](http://gesneriads.ca)  
[brazilplants.com](http://brazilplants.com)  
[gesneriadsociety.org](http://gesneriadsociety.org)

## Correction

Editor

"The Secretary's Report" in the October issue of the CCSS newsletter misnamed Mr. Wayne Paquette's nursery 'Quakin' Bush Nursery'. The correct name is **Quackin' Grass Nursery**. We regret and apologize for this error. ○

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## Treasurer's Report

Income:	
Book Sales	\$41.00
Dues	24.00
FGCCT Honorarium to <b>David Schultz</b>	<u>20.00</u>
Total Income:	\$85.00
Expenses:	
NVCC Foundation Donation	\$250.00
October Newsletter	81.51
Food Supplies Reimbursement	<u>8.00</u>
Total Income (Expense)	(\$254.51)
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$9,063.88</b>

# Connecticut Flower & Garden Show™ 2010

Connecticut Convention Center  
February 18–21

Thursday–Saturday, 10AM–8PM

Sunday, 10AM–6PM

Theme of Show:  
**The Spice of Life**

## Division I: Horticulture— The Spice of A Gardener's Life

### Section A:

#### *"A Window Box Of Pansies Is Such A Happy Thing."*

(Eligible for The Connecticut Group Horticulture Award)

Consultant: **Kathrine Neville**, (203) 874-4752

[kgardens@optonline.net](mailto:kgardens@optonline.net)

4 Entries

**Class 1:** A window box, 23" long x 6" deep x 7 1/4" wide at top, planted with annuals and/or perennials, to include at least one fragrant genus. To be staged hanging on a railing of a gazebo, about 4' from the ground. A 4" x 6" key card listing plant material and exposure (north, south, east, west) is required.

### Section B:

#### *"As Bitter As Aloes"—Cacti and Succulents*

(Eligible for Award of Merit)

**Class 2:** Globular Cacti

**Class 3:** Columnar Cacti

**Class 4:** Epiphytic Cacti

**Class 5:** Anomalies (variegated, crested, or monstrous cacti)

**Class 6:** Miniature Cacti (pot less than 3")

**Class 7:** Other Cacti

**Class 8:** Crassulaceae

**Class 9:** Mesembryanthemaceae

**Class 10:** Euphorbiaceae

**Class 11:** Genera formerly classified within Liliaceae

**Class 12:** Anomalies (variegated, crested, or monstrous succulents)

**Class 13:** Miniature succulents (pot less than 3")

**Class 14:** Other non-cactus succulents

### Section C:

#### *"Lemon Balm to Calm"—Orchids*

(Eligible for Award of Merit) May be subdivided by pots up to 6" and pots over 6".

**Class 15:** Cattleya

**Class 16:** Cypripedium

**Class 17:** Cymbidium

**Class 18:** Dendrobium

**Class 19:** Phalaenopsis

**Class 20:** Oncidium—includes Miltonia/Miltoniopsis, Odontoglossum, and intergeneric hybrids

**Class 21:** Any other not listed

### Section D: *"Hail To The Garlic Bulb"—Forced bulbs, corms, tubers*

(Eligible for Award of Merit)

**Class 22:** Narcissi

**Class 23:** Tulipa

**Class 24:** Hyacinthus

**Class 25:** Hippeastrum (Amaryllis)

**Class 26:** Any other (Muscari, crocus, etc.)

**Section E: “Parsley, Sage, Rosemary & Thyme”—  
Container-grown foliage plants**

(Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award) May be subdivided by pots up to 6” and pots over 6”.

**Class 27:** Herbs

**Class 28:** Ferns

**Class 29:** Begonias

**Class 30:** Any other foliage plant

**Section F: “Laid Up In Lavender”—Container-grown flowering or fruited plants**

(Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award) Plants must be in fruit or flower. May be subdivided by pots up to 6” and pots over 6”.

**Class 31:** Gesneriads

**Class 32:** Pelargoniums

**Class 33:** Any other flowering or fruited plant

**Section G: Spicy Savories—Trained Plants**

(Eligible for Award of Merit)

**Class 34:** Standards

**Class 35:** Trained on a frame

**Class 36:** Grown on a stuffed form

**Class 37:** Espalier

**Section H: “Joyful Germander”—Arboreal Specimens**

(Eligible for Arboreal Award) Maximum length 30”

**Class 38:** Needled Evergreens

**Class 39:** Broadleaf Evergreens

**Class 40:** Dwarf Evergreens

**Class 41:** Other (forced branches or winter-blooming)

**Section I: Mint Medley—Collections and Displays**

(Eligible for Collector’s Showcase Award) Consultant: **Kathrine Neville** (203) 874-4752 [kgardens@optonline.net](mailto:kgardens@optonline.net)  
Limited to four entries in each class. Additional staging may be provided by exhibitor in each class.

**Class 42:** Arboreal Collection of at least five cut specimens in separate containers, not to exceed 30” in length, to be staged in a space 36” x 30”. A 4” x 6” key card listing specimens is required.

**Class 43:** Botanical Family Collection of at least five or more plants from one botanical family, staged in a space 36” x 30”. A 4” x 6” key card identifying plant material is required.

**Class 44:** Window Sill Collection of at least five different container-grown plants suitable for a window having a specific directional exposure, staged in a space 36” x 30”. A 4” x 6” key card with plant material and exposure is required.

**Section J: “Rosemary For Remembrance”—Heritage Plants**

**Class 45:** Plant must be over 5 years old.

**Section K: “Sweet Cicely For The Faint-Hearted”—Judges Challenge**

(Eligible for Award of Merit)

**Class 46:** Amaryllis

**Class 47:** Pelargonium graveolens var.—Scented Geranium Grey Lady Plymouth

**Class 48:** Pelargonium ‘Toronto’—Scented Geranium Ginger



1. Horticulture classes are open to all amateur gardeners. Advance registration is requested. Please enter everything you think might be ready at show time. There is no penalty for withdrawing material that is not show-ready. Entries may be registered no later than Saturday, February 13, 2010. Send advance entries to Ronnie Schoelzel (address, phone and E-mail on next page.)
2. Horticulture entries will be accepted at the Connecticut Convention Center on Tuesday, February 16, noon–7PM and Wednesday, February 17, 8AM–11AM. Late entries will not be accepted.
3. All entries must be well groomed. Diseased or infected plant material will not be accepted. All entries must be fresh and have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least ninety (90) days (11/18/09), except for multiple plantings in Class 1 that must have been in the exhibitor’s possession for at least six (6) weeks. Water thoroughly before bringing entries to the show. TLC will be given to all specimens. Clean, neutral colored pots, with saucers, are preferred for container-grown plants. Bottles and wedging will be provided for cut specimens. All entries must be botanically named, with variety if possible. Top Awards cannot be given to improperly named entries. Classes 1, 42, 43, and 44 must be accompanied by a typed or printed key card correctly identifying all plant material.
4. More than one entry per class may be made by exhibitors provided each entry is of a different cultivar, color, or type. Classes will be subdivided by cultivar, color, and type if it aids in judging.
5. Refer to the 2007 edition of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, pp. 270–271 for the appropriate scale of points when selecting your entries. ➔



➡ **The Award of Horticultural Excellence** may be given to the named exhibit judged to be the finest in the entire Horticulture Division. Only one may be awarded.

**Grower's Choice Award** may be awarded to container-grown plants and/or combination plantings in Sections E and F. Two may be awarded.

**The Award of Merit** may be given at the discretion of the judges to the named blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in each of Sections B, C, D, G, and K. A total of five may be given, only one in each Section.

**The Collectors Showcase Award** may be given to the named blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in Section I. Only one may be awarded.

**The Arboreal Award** may be given to the named blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in Section H. Only one may be given.

**The Connecticut Group Horticultural Award** may be given in Section A for a blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above. Only one may be awarded.

**The Elisabeth Swain Memorial Propagation Award** may be given to an outstanding named blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above, propagated by an exhibitor, in the Horticulture Division. Only one may be awarded. ○

Please enter any horticulture you think may be ready at show time. Enter by February 13, 2010 to:  
**Ronnie Schoelzel, 194 Chestnut Hill Road, Litchfield, CT 06759. Ph: (860) 567-8518. E-mail: spots@snet.net**

Please e-mail, phone, or mail your entry information and include:  
 NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, E-MAIL, CLASS and SECTION NUMBERS, BOTANICAL and COMMON NAMES of specimen. ○



Judy Becker is seen using one of her *Sinningia* species as an example of that genus at our October meeting.

Photo by Herbert (Sully) Sullivan

## From the Bookshelf

By David Schultz



The Society was pleased to receive a donation from a member, **Robin Magowan**. His gift was a number of very desirable books as well as some rare books.

I am listing these books below and will bring them to the next meeting in November. Remember, there is only one of each of these books, so if you decide you need any of them, call me to reserve it. **David Schultz @ (860) 489-8356**

<i>Book of Cacti &amp; Other Succulents</i>	
by C. Chidamian	\$5.00
<i>Cacti</i> by J. Borg	\$15.00
<i>Cacti &amp; Succulents, A Care Manual</i>	
by T. & S. Mace. Hardbound and autographed	\$15.00
<i>Guide to Cacti &amp; Other Succulents;</i>	
Simon & Schuster	\$8.00
<i>The House Plant Expert</i>	
by D. G. Hessayan	\$5.00
<i>The Succulent Garden</i> by Y. Cave	\$12.00
<i>Succulents Illustrated Dictionary</i>	
by Sajeva and Costanza. Hardbound, DJ, scarce First edition. Out of print.	\$40.00

### The Secretary's Report *continued from page 1*

- Our December meeting will be held at Bridgeport's Beardsley Zoo.
- David Schultz brought boxes of plastic pots and books for sale and as giveaways.
- **Robin Magowan** donated twenty books to the Society. David Schultz is offering them for sale to members.
- Timberpress will publish a new book, *Succulent Container Gardening*. David will be taking orders from the membership.
- David Schultz presented a lecture to another club and donated his fee to the CCSS.
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Respectfully Submitted  
 Jeanine Loya  
 Acting Secretary

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, November 1:** The November meeting will be held at The Golden Age of Trucking Museum in Middlebury, Connecticut. (203) 577-2181

**Fred Kattermann** will be presenting a slide show titled, "My Travels in Baja California."

**1:00 PM**

**Do Not Bring Chairs**

**Entrées: H-S**

**Appetizers/Sides/Salads: T-Z**

**Desserts: A-G**

**Sunday, December 6:** The December meeting will be held at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

## Directions to The Golden Age of Trucking Museum

1. Get onto I-84 at a point most convenient for you.
2. Going either east or west, get off I-84 at Exit 16. At the end of the ramp take a right onto Route 188. The museum is only about a half mile from Exit 16. (See map, below.)

