

# CCSS Newsletter

## Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society

November 2010

### From the President

**W**E HAVE HAD A RUN OF GOOD LUCK WITH THE WEATHER IN recent years for October meetings at Lauray of Salisbury, and once again it was a beautiful autumn day for the trek up to **Judy Becker's** home and greenhouses. My talk on *Pelargonium* seemed to go over pretty well; at least nobody was obviously nodding off.



● It is exciting to have venues booked for the 2011 show, and for the Eastern Conference in 2012! It is going to take a lot of effort over the coming months to make these events a success, though.

● This month's meeting will feature **Fred**

**Kattermann** speaking about the deserts of northern Peru, and I think we can look forward to seeing some spectacular photographs of cactus plants in habitat. The meeting will be held at the University of Connecticut, in room 154 of the Torrey Life Science Building, so there will also be opportunities to check out the UConn greenhouses.

● The final meeting of 2010 will be our annual holiday party at Yale's Marsh Botanical Gardens in New Haven on December 5. Work was recently completed on the new cactus and succulent displays at Marsh, so the greenhouses will look even better than they did during our previous visit.

Sincerely,  
Matt Opel  
President



### The Secretary's Report

**O**N SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, **JUDY BECKER** OF LAURAY OF Salisbury graciously opened her home and greenhouse to us for our monthly meeting. The day started out cool and drizzly, but improved allowing us to hold the meeting on her open porch. Those of us who had been there before admired her new kitchen. Again, the plants in her greenhouse were very special, most of which were for sale.

● A report was given about the plans for our 2012 Conference. Since then it has been decided to have it at the Holiday Inn in Waterbury. That hotel is the one near Costco, and with the water park. It is off I-84 which makes it easy for people to get to. The fee for use of the large rooms (Sales, Show and Banquet) was less than that charged by other possible hotels. The Sales room will provide easy access for the vendors. Our thanks to **Joe Pawlak** and the rest of his site committee.

● **David Schultz** showed us the beautiful new big poster that will be featured at our table at the Connecticut Orchid Society show. The sign has 15 full-color pictures of succulents in bloom. It is quite an eye catcher that can be used again at the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show and other garden oriented events.

● **Matt Opel** gave a lecture on pelargoniums, with a great many live specimens he passed around among the attendees. Quite a few smelled nice, especially the geraniums' leaves.

● On November 7 **Fred Kattermann** will come up from New Jersey to give us an illustrated lecture on plants from northern Peru. Fred gave us a well-received lecture last December after our annual holiday feast.

● This year our holiday party will be at the Marsh Greenhouse in New Haven. We will be able to view the new Desert Room which opened on October 22.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Lynn  
Secretary

## New Members Welcomed at September Meeting



*Allyson Coughlan from Hartford was lost and now she is found returning after an absence of eight years.*

*Jackie Grandata, from Stamford, Connecticut, is a new member who attended her first meeting in September.*



*Remember that standard time returns on November 7. Set your clocks back one hour or you will be one hour early for our meeting.*

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, November 7:** The November meeting will be held in room 154 of the Torrey Life Science Building at the University of Connecticut on North Eagleville Road, Storrs, Connecticut. The building is directly across from a prominent cemetery also on North Eagleville Road. This month's meeting will feature **Fred Kattermann** speaking about the deserts of northern Peru,

**1:00 PM**

**Do Not Bring Chairs**

**Entrées: A–G**

**Appetizers/Sides/Salads: H–S**

**Desserts: T–Z**

**Sunday, December 5:** The December meeting and annual holiday party will be held at Yale's Marsh Botanical Gardens in New Haven.

**[January: No meeting or newsletter]**

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## Treasurer's Report

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| Income                  |                   |
| Book Sales at CSSM Show | \$ 83.00          |
| Dues                    | 36.00             |
| Expenses:               |                   |
| October Newsletter      | <u>230.31</u>     |
| Total Income (Expense)  | (\$2,070.31)      |
| Bank Balance            | <b>\$9,664.99</b> |

*[Correction: Last month's Treasurer's Report incorrectly listed the cost of the June NYBG coach trip to have been \$1,459.00; the correct cost was \$1,959.00.]*