

CCSS Newsletter

Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society

April 2011

From the President

THE SPRING BULBS ARE POPPING UP AND THE SNOW IS JUST ABOUT gone, even here in the hills of northeastern Connecticut.

● My entertainment for the past month has been backyard maple sugaring which has yielded a couple of quarts of syrup. The season is probably nearing its finish: it is getting too warm for good sap flow.



● The Connecticut Flower and Garden Show at the end of February went really well. The number of visitors was in the neighborhood of a

The Secretary's Report

WE HAD A NEW MEMBER COME TO A MEETING FOR THE FIRST time. **David Silver** from Morris, Connecticut had joined at the last Show and Sale and said he could help at the upcoming April show. Thank you, David. Also thanks to all who worked and/or brought plants for our table or the judged Connecticut Flower and Garden Show in Hartford. Members of our club received ribbons.

● A preliminary date of March 20 was set for mixing the soil to be sold at the Show and Sale. This will be done at Storrs so that the greenhouse mixer can be used.

The Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society's Twenty-eighth Annual Show and Sale April 9-10

record high, and the CCSS booth was able to draw a steady stream of people curious about cacti and succulents.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered, and to those who provided plants for the fantastic display at the club's table.

● There was a good turnout for the show-planning meeting at Woodland Gardens in March, and I think that we are pretty well set for the twenty-eighth CCSS Annual Show and Sale, at Naugatuck Valley Community College, the second weekend in April. If you are able: post flyers around your town; set aside extra plants for sales and auctions; groom your best specimens for the show; wear your name tag and society or cactus-themed shirts; bring empty boxes and bags for visitors to carry their new plants. But most important of all, show up that weekend, and Friday afternoon for setup! Do not worry if you have not helped out at the show before, we will find something for you to do.

● Formal nominations for President and Secretary will be held in April at the meeting held after the show closes on Saturday, April 9. Elections will be at our May meeting.

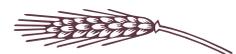


Art Scarpa will talk at that meeting on his recent trip to South Africa.

● Helen Pritchard requested people to volunteer as clerks to work with the judges. Massachusetts people will come down to work with a few other judges from other places, as usual, but this year they are trying to

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● Saturday, after the show closes, we will have a pizza dinner courtesy of the CCSS, and a short business meeting. This will be the time for nominations for president and secretary of the society. Secretary **Becky Lynn** and I are willing to continue as officers for another term, but any ambitious club member is welcome to run.

● The May meeting will be held at the University of Connecticut, with a slide show by **Art Scarpa** about his recent trip to South Africa. We will also vote for club president and secretary, and have an opportunity to tour the UConn biology greenhouses.

Thank you,
Matt Opel
President

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have four sets of judges to make judging quicker, and each set will need two clerks. Helen also reminded us that people are needed to work in the show room, after it opens, as security walkers and also some to answer questions.

Respectfully submitted
Becky Lynn,
Secretary



David Silver from Morris, Connecticut, had joined the CCSS at the last Show and Sale in 2010. At our last meeting he said he could help at the upcoming April show. Thank you and welcome, David.



Members at the March meeting at Woodland Gardens in Manchester finish their lunch just before the business meeting is to begin.

Photo by Herbert (Sully) Sullivan

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Looking from above at the Thirtieth Annual Connecticut Flower and Garden Show held at the Convention Center in Hartford, February 24-27.

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Christian Lesage mans the CCSS booth at the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show in Hartford last February. Christian is our youngest member and one of our most enthusiastic.

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Becky Lynn and John Spain enjoy themselves as they oversee the CCSS booth at the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show.

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Judy Becker, of Lauray of Salisbury, waits on her customers at the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show.

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Upcoming Events

Saturday April 9: At the closing of the Show and Sale at Nagatuck Valley Community College—about 5:00 PM—we will have our pizza supper followed by a business meeting.

5:00 PM

Do Not Bring Chairs

Sunday, May 1: The May meeting will be held at the University of Connecticut, with a slide show by **Art Scarpa**. Elections for club president and secretary will be held.



Treasurer's Report

Income	
Dues	\$120.00
Auction Sales	90.00
Pumice Sales	40.00
Expenses:	
March Newsletter	\$211.92
#3 Grit for Soil Mix to be sold at Show	67.00
Refreshments	<u>26.84</u>
Total Income (Expense)	(\$55.76)
Bank Balance	\$6,885.15

REMINDER!

The annual show is also membership renewal time. See the front table at the show to take care of this little detail. Thank you.

Show Time

By David Schultz

OUR TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE HAS ARRIVED. I hope you are all rested and ready to go. After the winter we have had, the “breath of spring” that we offer to the public will be welcomed with increased visitation.

● We will begin setup on Friday, April 8 at 2:00 PM, so come in your work clothes and we will perform the usual magic of transforming the college’s cafeteria into a cactus and succulent wonderland.

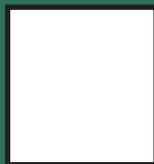
● If you are a first-time volunteer, please ask and tasks will be pointed out. You are welcome to come all three days to help and you can do different chores each day, if you want some spice in your life. No help is refused, only channeled.

● We will have club T-shirts available on Friday if you do not already have the club’s “official” uniform. Come and enjoy the shared tasks and camaraderie. ○

From the Bookshelf

By David Schultz

THE TIMBER PRESS ORDER HAS ARRIVED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR pick up at the show. There are also several “new” books added to the inventory: *Baking with Agave Nectar*; *Australian Succulent Plants*; and also, by Gordon Rowley, *The History of Succulent Plants*; and *Succulent Compositae*. ○



Helen Pritchard is looking for people to be on the floor during our April show to protect the plants and to answer attendees’ questions. Contact Helen early at the show and be sure to wear your name tag and T-shirt.

Annual Show Rules

1. No field collected plants permitted
2. Plants must be placed on the show benches by 9:00 AM, Saturday, April 9. 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 the owner’s possession for six (6) months prior to the show.
5. Exhibitors 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.

Plant Police Needed for April Show

We need volunteers to watch over our plants at the April show. See Helen Pritchard early at the opening of the show. She is desperate for security assistance and needs your help. ○



The CCSS booth at the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show in Hartford last February.

Photo by Herbert (Sully) Sullivan

**Connecticut Cactus and
Succulent Society
2011 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 _____

Award: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ HM _____

Judges' Comments _____



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Cactus and Succulent Society
28th Annual Show & Sale
April 9–April 10, 2011
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, Aylosteria, Mediobivia
22. Sulcorebutia, Weingartia
23. Lobivia, Denmoza, Echinopsis, Acanthocalycium
24. Matucana, Submatucana, Oroya
25. Eriocyce 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, Bowiea, Massonia, etc.

Agavaceae

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

Nolinaceae

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

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 of 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.

Directions to Naugatuck Valley Community College

Going West on I-84

1. Take I-84 to Exit 18 which will take you to West Main Street in Waterbury.
2. At traffic light, turn left onto West Main Street until you come to Janwood Drive on the right in about a half-mile. This is the entrance to NVCC. Follow the cactus signs to parking. (See map below.)

Going East on I-84

1. Take Exit 18 which will take you to Chase Parkway in Waterbury.
2. Turn right onto Chase Parkway; drive over I-84.
3. Turn left onto Chase Parkway and drive for about a quarter of a mile until you come to Janwood Drive on the right. This is the entrance to NVCC. Follow the cactus signs to parking. (See map below.)

