

CCSS Newsletter

Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society

April 2012

From the President

The Eastern Conference is almost upon us! Our planning meeting at Woodland Gardens went well, and I think that we are on track for a great weekend of talks and social events with fellow cactus and succulent enthusiasts. We are going to need all hands on deck in April to pull it off, though, especially with the annual Show and Sale running at the same time, in different rooms at the conference center. Please plan on spending as much time at the conference/show as your schedule allows, starting with set-



Matt Opel

up at noon on Friday. We need as many CCSS members as possible to staff the registration and sales tables, police the show, and answer questions from the public. If in doubt, just show up at Coco Key the weekend of April 13-15, and we will find something helpful and fun for you to do.

- The last planning meeting for the conference and show will be on

April 1 at 1:00 PM at **John Spain's** house. The officers and committee chairpersons will be there, and the meeting is open to anyone else who is interested in helping out.

- As always, the CCSS needs donations of cactus and succulent plants for the early bird giveaways and for the auctions and club sales table. This year I will also be collecting small, easy-to-grow succulents to be donated to **The Pilot House**, a charity for special needs children in Fairfield, which is conducting a south-of-the-border themed fundraiser in May.

- Elections for vice-president and treasurer are scheduled for our May meeting this year. If you have ideas for club members who might be willing to serve in these positions, please inform me and the other officers of your possible nominees, preferably by the end of the conference. In particular, our current vice-president, **Jeanine Loya**,

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The Secretary's Report

The Thirty-first Annual Connecticut Flower and Garden Show went very well. We had a lot of plants on our table, spoke to a lot of interested visitors and passed out a lot of fliers for the conference. There was a large number of cacti and succulents entered in the judged show, the best showing for cacti and succulents in years.



Ray London

- We gained a new member this month, **Ray London**, from South Windsor, Connecticut.

- The Pilot House (a support program for families with children with developmental disabilities) is having a fundraiser and asked the club for about 100 small cacti and succulents to sell. Members can donate them by bringing them to the April conference.

- We also need 100 small cacti and succulents to give away to the first 50 families at the conference, so please bring plants for that as well.



Devan Parker

- In May we will have elections for vice president and treasurer. If you are interested in running for either of these offices or to find out more about what is involved please talk to the officers at the April Show and Sale.

- The **Rose Weekend** at Elizabeth Park is coming up on June 23 and 24. If anyone is willing to do it, we have been invited to present an educational plant display and pass out fliers about the club.

- The Annual Timber Press discount order has been placed. However, there will be a follow-up order at our April Show and Sale at the club's book booth. Books will still be available with a very generous discount of 40% off list price. Please contact **David Schultz** at the show to order.

- We had a conference planning meeting before the start of the March meeting. The following information was presented for all members:

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Treasurer's Report

Income	
Conference Registrations	\$600.00
Banquet Registrations	360.00
Conference Seed Money	200.00
Conference Pamphlet	
Advertisements	175.00
Dues	94.00
Auction	69.00
Pumice	20.00
Expenses:	
Conference Items	\$250.74
March Newsletter	233.50
#3 Grit	69.00
Mailing Labels for Newsletter	64.86
Conference Badge Holders	27.53
Postage Stamps for Treasurer	27.00
Badge Refills	24.45
"For Deposit" Stamp	<u>6.30</u>
Total Income (Expense)	\$814.62
Bank Balance	\$17,794.08

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1. There will be one last meeting for conference planning on April 1 at 1:00 PM at **John Spain's** house, 69 Bayberry Road, Middlebury.
2. Cocoa Key will not allow us to have food on the floor where the show, sale, and talks will be. Instead, we will have a hospitality area with food and drink in the presidential suite. Many people who normally bring food for the hospitality area will not be able to do so this year due to conference responsibilities, so we need other members to bring food and drinks each day. We also voted to appropriate \$200 to buy food for the hospitality room.
3. We will need a lot of people to help with the set up on the Friday afternoon and evening of the conference, April 13. Any one who can make it is asked to help. Even if you are not attending the conference, please help with the set up.
4. All plants for the show must be delivered by 7:00 PM on Friday, April 13. Any plants that arrive after that will not be accepted into the show.
5. Plants must arrive with tags already filled out with all of the information requested. If some plant identification assistance is needed, it will

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6. be available when you bring your plants.
6. On Friday afternoon at the CCSS Show and Sale, April, 13, additional talks will be presented. These are intended to entertain visitors at the Conference, keeping them out of the way of those setting up the Show. [see page 5]
 - We need volunteers to man the registration table Friday afternoon and from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM on Saturday during the conference.
 - The show and sale areas will be locked at night thus everything in them is secure. Please get your plants ready for the show and bring lots of them!
 - John Spain requested that members take a copy of a story and photo he prepared about the conference and to hand deliver them to their small, local newspapers for publishing. He also requested that members take a few show fliers and post them on community boards in their local areas.

Respectfully submitted,
Devan Parker
Acting Secretary

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is interested in retiring this year.

● I hope that everyone will be recovered from the conference and show in time for the May meeting, which will be hosted by **Wayne Paquette** at Quackin' Grass Nursery in Brooklyn, Connecticut.

Sincerely,
Matt Opel
President



The spectacular florescence of Anigozanthos manglesii, the floral emblem of Western Australia and a member of the kangaroo paws. The plant was auctioned off at our March meeting.

Photo by Hebert (Sully) Sullivan

CCSS Needs YOU

We need your help, even if you are not able to attend (participate in?) the Conference at the Coco Key in Waterbury, April 14–15.

● The Show and Sales areas, which are open to the public, are in need of **staffing**.

● In the Showroom, **hosts** are needed to answer questions and to keep people from touching the plants. **Plant checkers** are needed to collect and keep plants that visitors may have brought.

● In the Sale area you are needed to help at the **Club Table**, to staple boxes, and to be available to give the vendors a brief break.

● At the Lecture Room **entrance**, you are needed to allow only those with conference name tags to enter.

● You are needed in the **Hospitality Suite** to keep things available for club members and vendors.

● If you have time on Saturday, the fourteenth and/or on Sunday, the fifteenth, from 9:30–5:30, get in touch with Helen Pritchard. (203) 269-9478 or dpritchard@ashlarvlg.org.

CCSS Show and Sale Free Lectures

SATURDAY

- Noon **Cactus and Succulents from Seed**
by Dan Downey, CSSM
- 12:45 **Auction**
- 1:30 **Cactus and Succulents 101**
by Art Scarpa, CSSM
- 2:15 **Potting Mixes for Succulents**
by Ken Mosher, CCSS
- 2:45 **Auction**
- 3:15 **Travels in the Galapagos Islands**
by Lee Miller, NCCSS

SUNDAY

- Noon **Old and New Methods of Cultivation**
by Chris Allen, CCSS
- 12:45 **Auction**
- 1:30 **Hardy Cacti for the Connecticut Garden**
by John Spain, CCSS
- 2:15 **Pachypodiums**
by Rich Carlson, CCSS
- 3:00 **Haworthias**
by Paul Carlberg, CSSM

Each lecture lasts approximately twenty minutes.



David Schultz describes botanical publications offered at a generous discount to the membership.

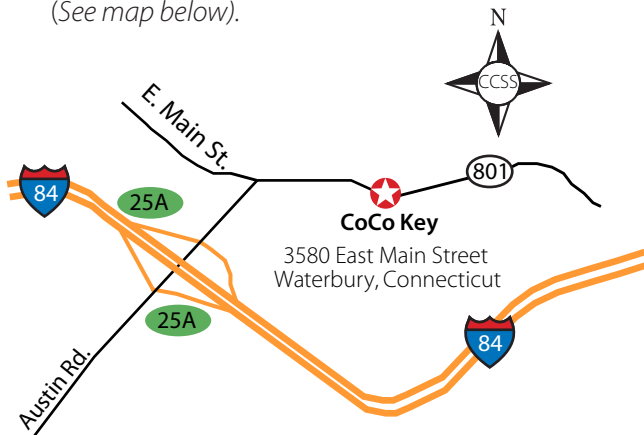
Directions to CoCo Key

Traveling West on I-84

1. Take Exit 25A and turn right onto Austin Road.
2. In about 800 feet, turn right onto East Main Street.
3. In about 1000 feet, CoCo Key will be on your right.
(See map below).

Traveling East on I-84

1. Take Exit 25A and turn left onto Austin Road.
2. In about 800 feet, turn right onto East Main Street.
3. In about 1000 feet, CoCo Key will be on your right.
(See map below).



Show Time

By David Schultz

We will have a final conference committee meeting, open to all interested members, at John Spain's home on Sunday, April 1, at 1:00 PM. This will allow any final holes in the dike to be at least bandaged, if not plugged.

- At the meeting we will check to see how we have done for April 13.
- Set up will begin at noon. Remember that we are at the CoCo Key Water Resort Hotel and Convention Center in Waterbury this year—Exit 25A off I-84.
- With the increased responsibility of the Seventeenth Eastern Cactus and Succulent Conference combined with our Twenty-ninth Annual Show and Sale, we have had to make some adjustments:

Upcoming Events

Friday–Sunday, April 13–15: The Seventeenth Eastern Cactus and Succulent Conference at CoCo Key Water Resort Hotel & Convention Center, 3580 East Main Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. Exit 25A off I-84. Phone: (203) 706-1000.

Saturday–Sunday, April 14–15: CCSS Twenty-ninth Annual Show and Sale, CoCo Key Water Resort Hotel & Convention Center, 3580 East Main Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. Exit 25A off I-84. Phone: (203) 706-1000.

Sunday, May 6: The May meeting will be held at Quackin' Grass Nursery in Brooklyn, Connecticut.

Sunday, June 3: (To be announced)

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, and in such a manner that the exhibitor's name does not show. Window sill 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 the annual show.

1. All judged plants **MUST** be entered by 7:00 PM on Friday. Our judging will actually start at 8:00 AM on Saturday. The judging must be completed by 10:00 AM in order to allow the judges to attend the first conference lecture.
2. Our Hospitality Room will be in the Presidential Suite. All members are requested to bring food to share both Saturday and Sunday.

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Connecticut
Cactus and Succulent Society
29th Annual Show & Sale
April 14–April 15, 2012
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, Mediobolivia
22. Sulcorebutia, Weingartia
23. Lobivia, Denmoza, Echinopsis, Acanthocalycium
24. Matucana, Submatucana, Oroya
25. Eriogyne Group, including Neoportheria, Neochilenia, Horridocactus
26. Copiapoa
27. Frailea, Blossfeldia
28. Epiphytic cacti—Disocactus, Epiphyllum, Hatiora, 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—Aloinopsis, 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, 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 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.

Opportunity Is Knocking!

By David Schultz

One of the speakers, **Colin Walker** from Great Britain, will be spending Sunday night at the Coco Key and then will be making his way to Boston on Monday.

● Would anyone like to offer him a ride? He will be a very entertaining guest enroute to the Boston area. Let me, Ken Mosher, or Matt Opel know if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity. ○

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● The Society will be supplementing the food with items purchased at the local Costco or BJ's. Coffee will be set up along with sodas. We do not yet have the room number, but we will have signs to lead us there. Also, the restaurant at the Coco Key will be open and is planning a specialty/theme dish that we should all try.

● We need shallow boxes as well as bags for the sales area. HELP! Volunteer to sell at the club plant and book tables, man the security, membership, and registra-

Additional Talks at CCSS Show and Sale

By David Schultz

We are pleased to inform you that we have made arrangements to have the Promenade Room available 3:00–7:00 PM, Friday, April, 13, for informal talks presented while we set up our Show and Sale.

● **Devan Parker**—with **Matt Opel**—will lead off the show with a slide presentation of their visit to **Steve Hammer's** Sphaeroid Institute. This presentation will depict what is probably the finest collection of South African succulent plants outside of South Africa. Devan promises that the show will include the most beautiful and best grown lithops, conophytums, gasteria, haworthia, and mesembs that many of us will have ever seen.

● **John W. Story** of Meadowbrook Farm, will give an informal slide show on his visits to cactus and succulent nurseries in Southern California.

● Anyone wishing to add slide shows or present a topic to the informal discussions is encouraged to do so. We will have a projecting computer set up for Powerpoint. To date, no formal listing of what is being offered is available. Please join in! ○

From the Bookshelf

By David Schultz

The Timber Press order has been placed and will be available at the Show and Sale weekend.

● GOOD NEWS! I have made arrangements for a repeat order to be placed at the show with the same pricing terms. So we can place an additional order for Timber Press/Storey Books at the 40% discount off the list price.

● I will have catalogs at the book sales booth. If you did not see the advance photocopy of the upcoming Agaves book, check it out! ○

tion areas. Be visible to answer questions.

● Friday come and help carry plants into the vendors' and show areas; set up the show staging and arrange the show plants. There will be plenty to do and someone to give directions

● For conference attendees, we have arranged for the Promenade Room to be available 3:00–7:00 PM for informal talks. [See bottom of page 5] If time permits and there is room, members are welcome to present their own slide programs.

**Connecticut Cactus and
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2012 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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Exhibitor's Name _____

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