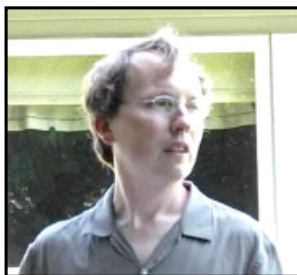


CCSS Advised on Two Approaching 2014 Outreach Opportunities

WE HAD PERFECT AUTUMN WEATHER for our November meeting at the Southbury Public Library, but the library was experiencing a

power outage. There was plenty of natural light and the blackout was not an issue for lunch, but



we were worried that **Fred Kattermann** would not be able to give his scheduled slide show on the plants, animals and historical sites of East Africa and Zimbabwe.

● Fred was looking into the possibility of putting his electrical engineering expertise to use and tapping into the library's emergency backup power for his projector when the electricity was restored. The meeting continued without incident, and everyone enjoyed Fred's beautifully photographed travelogue.

... two big public outreach events coming up early next year:

● As 2013 is drawing to a close, it is time to start thinking about the CCSS's two big public outreach events coming up early next year:

1. We will have a booth at the

Connecticut Flower and Garden Show, February 20–23, and will need display plants, and people to staff the booth and hand out flyers. We will also need cactus and succulent entries for the judged show. Details and contact information are elsewhere in the newsletter. [See page 3.]

2. Our own annual cactus and succulent show and sale will follow shortly thereafter, on the first weekend in April.

● For December, **Dave Garinger** has invited the CCSS back to Yale's spectacular Marsh Botanical Garden. This will be our holiday party, and the potluck lunch offerings will no doubt be festive and abundant.



Dave Garinger

● There will also be a gift swap. If you wish to participate in the swap, bring a wrapped present that is in the ten-dollar value range, and that you anticipate will be of general interest to the members of the cactus club.

Matt Opel
President



Kattermann Presentation Included Spectacular Photos

By Becky Lynn, Secretary

OUR NOVEMBER MEETING WAS HELD in a new place, the Southbury Library. It provided us with a spacious room, used often for movie viewing, but, for us, included tables for our food and a few set up at which to eat. Most of the back wall was

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Sunday, December 1: The December meeting and holiday fête will be held at Yale's Marsh Botanical Garden at 227 Mansfield Street, New Haven. (203) 432-6320

[Map and directions on page 3]

1:00 o'clock

Do Not Bring Chairs

For Potluck, Bring Any Festive Holiday Food.

January 2014: No Meeting; No Newsletter

Sunday, February 2:
(To be announced)

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Treasurer's Report

Income:	
Books	\$183.00
Auction	48.00
Dues	36.00
Expenses:	
November Speaker Honorarium	200.00
November Newsletter	173.30
Books	70.00
Flyer Printing	51.05
Flyer Shipping to Big E	13.00
Zip-lock Soil Bags	8.47
Beverages	5.57
Total Income (Expense)	(\$254.39)
Bank Balance	\$13,194.01

windows which was great because there was a power outage that lasted until a few minutes before **Fred Kattermann's** program. We had a few ceiling lights, but no power to any wall plugs.

- **Doreen Nelson**, a recent member from Bethlehem, was in attendance.
- The December holiday party will include a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. The suggested value is about ten dollars.
- **Bob Smoley** plans to be a vendor at our April Show and Sale. Pictures of him and his dog in his greenhouse were passed around. When someone showed surprise that he would be well enough to make the journey, another voice replied that he had made an eight and a half-hour train trip to see his new grandson.

● The Connecticut Flower and Garden Show starts on February 20. The Tuesday and Wednesday prior are days to set up our booth. There will be free entry for those who can oversee the club table, so let Matt know ahead of time so he can place your name on the list. We will need plants for our table at the Special Exhibits booth and for the show. Be sure to register your plants for the flower show.

● **Fred Kattermann** and his wife, **Kathleen**, went to Africa more than 20 years ago during which they went to at least four preserves.

● One of the places they stayed at was called Tree Tops Lodge in Kenya. It was three stories high allowing visitors to safely observe many animals. Unfortunately, cape buffaloes were about the only animals they saw.

● They next went to Maasai Mara, a game preserve in Kenya. If you want-



Euphorbia Tree

ed to walk about, someone with a gun went with you as protection from aggressive wildlife. Here they saw tree-size thirty-foot euphorbias in bright yellow bloom, and many colorful birds



Black Crowned Crane

including weaver birds and crowned cranes.

● Fred showed some village life with bins full of vegetables and fruit raised on stilts to keep the food away from hungry animals, and women carrying 100- pound loads on their heads. He showed natives (the only ones allowed to hunt) in body paint, dancing.

● They went in a van to see other animals and plants, during which the van was charged by a rhinoceros.

● The next stop was Ngorongoro Crater, a meteor-impact crater, which is 60 miles across.

● Some of the things Fred saw and had photos of were bat-eared foxes, vervet and blue monkeys, dyk dyks (the world's smallest antelope), cheetahs, a cerval cat, elephants, termite mounds, 12–15 foot diameter trees, lots of aloes with red blossoms, a rare black rhino, and huge *Sansevierias*.



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● Migration had just started when the Kattermanns arrived. Fred had pictures of part of this phenomenon. He explained that 500 to 700 thousand animals go north travelling 200 to 300 miles when the climate turns dry and food is scarce.

● Their next adventure was to explore some archeological sites. They had heard about some cave paintings. With the help of some local boys and farmers, they got to see them. Finally, they went to Victoria Falls and then home.

● We had quite a journey through photos. Fred said—before he even started—that the photos did not include many plants, but were dominated by exotic animals. It was an exciting and beautiful show. Thank you, Fred. ○

Map to Marsh Botanical Garden



New Haven

From the North or South on I-91

1. Take Exit 3 onto Trumbull Street.
2. At second traffic light, turn right onto Whitney Avenue.
3. At second traffic light, turn left onto Edwards Street.
4. At top of hill, turn right onto Prospect Street, then make quick left onto Hillside Place.
5. Take next right onto Mansfield Street.
6. The entrance to Marsh gardens is about one block on Mansfield Street. Our Meeting is in Greenhouse #1.

Using Route 15, the Wilbur Cross Parkway, Going North or South.

1. From the north, take Exit 62 and turn left onto Whitney Avenue. (From the south, take Exit 61 and turn left onto Whitney Avenue.)
2. In about 4 miles, turn right onto Edwards Street.
3. Continue with direction #4, above.

The 33rd Annual Connecticut Flower and Garden Show

On February 20–23, 2014, the Thirty-third Annual Connecticut Flower and Garden Show will adorn the Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut. Our members are invited to enter among the following classes:

Division I: Horticulture – *Garden Getaway*

Section B – *Succulent Delights* – 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-cacti succulents

(For questions about the entry process to the flower and garden show, contact **Ronnie Schoelzel**; for questions about our Special Exhibits booth (Division III, Class 3, Exhibit 9), contact **Maureen Carson**. See below.

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We need volunteers to set up and maintain our CCSS information and special exhibit display booth at the show. Submit your name to Matt Opel. Once volunteers' names are listed, they will receive name tags which will allow them free entrance to the show on the day they volunteer. This is a \$16.00 value. Your generous help is greatly needed and will be very much appreciated.

