

The CCSS Thirty-first Annual Show and Sale Opens on Saturday, April 5

WE ARE INTO THE BUSIEST TIME OF year for the CCSS. Our informational booth at the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show looked fantastic, and included lots of interesting plants to attract visitors. Thanks to all of the volunteers who



set it up and staffed it. I am sure that we will be rewarded with some new attendees at our own show, and perhaps some new recruits for the club.

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● The March meeting at UConn included a talk on Sansevieria, the snake plants, by **Paul Carlberg**. The presentation featured plants from Paul's immaculately maintained collection, including many uncommon species and cultivars. It was fascinating to see a different side to a genus that is generally only known from few varieties of a



single species, *S. trifasciata*.

● The other main topic in March was our Annual Show and Sale, coming up the first weekend in April. No matter your level of expertise with cacti and succulents, your help would be greatly appreciated at any point during the show. Friday from 2:00 PM well into the evening we will be setting up, and this is also the time to enter show plants. During the day on Saturday and Sunday we will need greeters, security for the show, staffers for the sales tables, auction helpers and more. Please plan on attending if you are able; we will find something for you to do, and you will have a great time introducing people from Connecticut and around southern New England to your favorite plants.

● After the show closes for the day on Saturday there will be a pizza supper for club members and the vendors, followed by a brief business meeting, where we will nominate candidates for vice-president and treasurer, with elections to be held in May.

● I am considering the possibility of a Saturday, June 21 field trip to the Wave Hill Public Garden in the Bronx, New York. The trip would be in conjunction with the Cactus and Succulent Society of Massachusetts, and transportation would be carpooling. I will try to get a sense if there is sufficient interest in a June trip during the show in April.

Matt Opel
President

March Meeting Included a Lecture on Sansevierias and Final Preparations for April Show

By Becky Lynn, Secretary

WE HAD ANOTHER MEETING IN Storrs at the University of Connecticut, but this was in a nearby building next to our usual meeting site. The food was spectacular.

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To Be . . .

Saturday, April 5– Sunday, April 6:

The CCSS Thirty-first Annual Show and Sale at Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury.

[Map and directions on page 5; entry forms on page 8.]

On Saturday, at the closing of the Show and Sale—at about 5:00 PM—we will have a pizza supper followed by a business meeting.

Note, again, the revised Annual Show Rule #2, on page 6.

Sunday, May 4: To be announced



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March Meeting *continued from page 1, right column*

There the seating for eating was spare compared to that in the Torrey Life Sciences building. We had two guests, **Chris Jankot** and **Margaret Gradie**, [photo page 6] and **Paul Carlberg**, the lecturer from the Cactus and Succulent Society of Massachusetts.

● At the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show in Hartford, we got a second place for our booth. People working our booth remarked that there were not many plants in the Horticulture Division of the Show. Quite a few people found our booth; we hope to see many of those who took our flyer, at our Show.

- We can start setting up our Show at 2:00 PM on Friday, April 4.
- John Spain handed out a publicity article and photos to give to papers, and the club online site will give more pictures and information. Please put up flyers and send ads to your local newspaper.
- We will have three judges from Philadelphia and eight from Massachusetts, two of whom are learning how to judge.
- Please bring food for the food room both Saturday and Sunday; we will have pizza Saturday night and perhaps a meat and cheese platter on Sunday as well. Please look for boxes and bring them in for both days. They are needed to convey the plants purchased at the sale to the homes of show attendees.
- At the meeting Saturday, after the Show closes, we will have nominations for Vice President and Treasurer.
- **Paul Carlburg** was our speaker. He told us that his first succulent was an aloe that came with his house. Then he was interested in terrestrial

Treasurer's Report

Income:	
Books	\$211.00
Dues	24.00
Auction	5.00
Expenses:	
March Newsletter	187.95
Speaker Honorarium	150.00
Books	147.42
Plaque	102.95
Coir for Soil Mix	56.00
CSSA Membership	55.00
ctcactusclub.com	
Domain for Five Years	54.95
Federated Garden Club Membership	25.00
Total Income (Expense)	(\$539.27)
Bank Balance	\$9,933.67

bromiliads. He now mainly focuses on haworthias and today's plant topic, sansevierias.

● In winter he grows them under lights which almost touch the tops of the plants. Since sansevierias can get huge, he trims the taller leaves. Sansevierias are, to quote Paul, "tolerant of neglect." They were popular house plants in our grandparents' living room corners.

● The plants were probably named for the Prince of Sansevario—a fictitious place—but it is a common last name. There are 70–90 true species found in Asia, Africa and Madagascar. As of two years ago, they had been put in the asparagus family. The one we see commonly is *Sansevieria trifasciata* in many forms. They grow bigger and bigger with water and fertilizer.

● It is a characteristic of trifasciata to revert. The progeny can look very different and are not reliable replications.

● The leaves can be flat, round like a pencil, or spoon-like. They can have a single leaf or up to eight or nine. Most have scented blooms. There is one with long hyacinth-scented inflorescence; another that looks like a shaving brush.

● A special set of sansevierias are the Bird's Nest Sansevieria (Gold Hahnii). They came from the trifasciata but are unusual, not naturally occurring, and were first found in New Orleans.

● Sansevierias are easy to grow. Paul adds a gritty material to Metro-Mix® and plants most of them in plastic pots. In the spring he puts them under shade cloth, then a translucent covering in summer, and waters with a hose.

● Propagation is by leaf cuttings which need to dry off for a few days and then put in a pot of perlite in the same vertical direction as they grew in the first place. Paul indicates this by cutting at an angle so that he knows to put the pointed end down. You can also break up a plant carefully and the roots will stay with the leaves. ○



**The Connecticut Cactus and
Succulent Society's
31st Annual Show & Sale
*April 5–6, 2014***

Plant Show Categories

Division 1—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. *Turbincarpus*, *Strombocactus*
10. *Pediocactus*, *Pelecypora*, *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, *Pilosocereus*, *Stetsonia*,
Stenocereus, *Trichocereus*, etc.
19. *Opuntiae*—*Opuntia*, *Tephrocactus*, *Pterocactus*
20. *Parodia* Group, including *Notocactus*
21. *Rebutia*, *Aylostera*, *Mediolobivia*
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—*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, stellispina, etc.

54. Shrub type—cooperi, 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.

Asteraceae

79. Senecio, Othonna, etc.

Convolvulaceae

80. Ipomoea, Turbinia

Cucurbitaceae

81. Ibervillea, Kedrostis, Gerrardanthus, etc.

Dioscoreaceae

82. Dioscorea, Testudinaria

Didiereaceae

83. Alluaudia, Didierea, Decaryuia, etc.

Fouquieriaceae

84. Fouquieria, Idria

Geraniaceae

85. Sarcocaulon, Pelargonium

Passifloraceae

86. Adenia

Portulacaceae

87. Anacampseros, Portulacaria, Portulaca, Ceraria, etc.

Vitaceae

88. Cissus, Cyphostemma

Miscellanea

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, Hydrophytum, 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

(*NOVICE: a first-time exhibitor; JUNIOR: an exhibitor in high school or younger*)

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 form and be passed by the show committee.

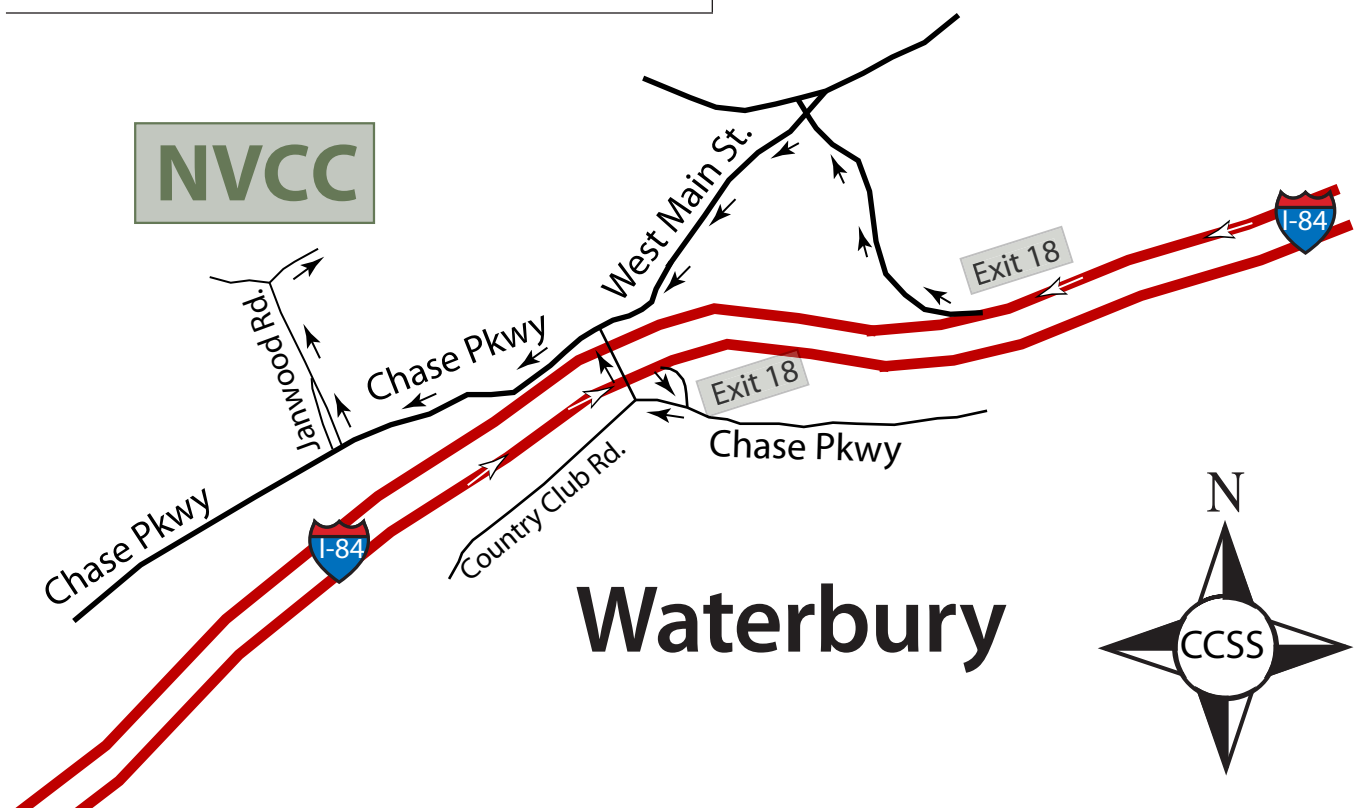
Directions to Naugatuck Valley Community College

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.)



Show Time 2014

By David Schultz, Show Chairman

It has arrived, the event we have all been waiting for, sitting on the edges of our seats! Will we have even more visitors than last year? Will the vendors and the show plants do us proud? Are we ready?

- Show plants for judging must arrive on Friday before 9:00 PM to be entered in the judged area. Plants just for display are also welcome. Our goal is to display as large a selection of the plant material as possible to show the huge range and diversity of these plants. Join in and be a part of a tradition.

- We have been contacted by a photographer who is in the process of producing a book on cacti and he plans to come and take photos of some of our plants. This is for cacti only, so if you have one you had not decided to enter yet, rethink that decision. That plant may make it into the book.

- We have many tasks that require members' help. Please plan to spend as long as you are able. It is definitely very enjoyable to help the public become familiar with the plants we all feel so strongly about. We need members for security (see **Linda McMullen**) including as many as possible just wandering around in the show area keeping an eye on the plants. The club plant sales and book sales tables, the membership/sign-in area, and the club auction could all use helping hands. You can also offer to help the vendors with their booths to give them a brief food break. If you are at a loss, **David Schultz** can usually put you to work. Also, our lectures both days are free and you are welcome to join in.

- Speaking of food, we do have a separate room for our society hospitality and refreshments for Saturday and Sunday. This is for the use of members, guests, judges, and vendors. Please bring a dish to share so that we can all keep our energy levels up. The pos-

sibility of buying sandwich makings for Sunday was approved at the last meeting, but we need a volunteer willing to make the arrangements. A cold-cut platter from COSTCO, BJs or a grocery store would need to be ordered beforehand. Please call David at (860) 489-8356 if you are able to do that.

- On Saturday evening, following the show closing time of 5:00 PM, we will have our annual pizza party. Please plan to attend as this year we have a special surprise in store! No hints but come and find out! We take names as the day progresses to make sure that we have enough pizza. If you will not be able to arrive until after 5:00 PM, call one of the members and make sure we know you should be counted. ○

The Book Shelf

By David Schultz

OUR TIMBER PRESS/STOREY BOOKS group order arrived and will be available for pick-up at the April show.

- *The Plant Lovers' Guide to Sedums* will be published in early April and will likely arrive in time for the May meeting. ○

Want to Join Rare-Bulb Order?

MEMBER **MARYANNE GRYBOSKI** is interested in placing an order with *Telos Rare Bulbs* (www.telosrarebulbs.com), a nursery offering hard-to-find bulbs, specializing in species native to the Western United States, South America, and South Africa. If you wish to participate in this order, you can contact her at jlkinfranklin@aol.com or speak with her at the CCSS show on Sunday, April 6th. ○



Annual Show Rules

1. No field collected plants permitted
2. Plants must be placed on the show benches between 2:00 and 9:00 PM on Friday, April 4. 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 forms, [page 8] placing them with the appropriate plants. The form's bottom must be folded back so 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 first-time exhibitor. A junior is a person in high school or younger.



Margaret Gradie, with her mother, Chris Jankot, came from Putnam to attend our March meeting.

Photo by Herbert (Sully) Sullivan

Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society

31st Annual Show and Sale

2014



SATURDAY, APRIL 5 & SUNDAY, APRIL 6
 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
11:30 AM	Hardy Cacti for the CT Garden	11:30 AM	Raising Succulents from Seed
12:30 PM	Auction	12:30 PM	Auction
1:15 PM	Succulent Bromeliads	1:15 PM	Pseudolithos
2:15 PM	Cacti & Succulents 101	2:00 PM	Living Stones
2:45 PM	Auction	2:45 PM	Auction
3:30 PM	Growing Succulents under Lights		

Each lecture lasts approximately 20 minutes. Programs subject to change. For more information, visit www.ctcactusclub.com

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*2014 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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