

Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society

June 2014

June Field Trip Planned to Wave Hill Public Garden in the Bronx, New York

IT SEEMED LIKE A LONG WINTER THIS YEAR, but it was definitely looking like spring last month for the CCSS



meeting at **Broken Arrow Nursery** in Hamden. I had a chance to do some shopping before the club activities started, but did not have

enough time to see all of Broken Arrow's extensive collection of unusual perennials, trees and shrubs.

At the business meeting, the membership elected **Chris Allen** as vice president, and **Ken Mosher** as treasurer for another two years. **Devan Parker** then gave an informative and timely presentation on "Growing Cacti and Succulents from Seed." Devan and I brought in some packets of seed to give away, and I hope to hear that some of you have pots of new seedlings started this spring.

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This month the CCSS will be making a field trip to the **Wave Hill Public Garden**, in the Bronx, New York, in lieu of our usual meeting. Wave Hill

hosts a large and eclectic collection of plants, including outdoor rock gardens, woodland plantings, and herb gardens as well as exotic orchids, ferns and succulent plants under glass. Some friends from the Cactus and Succulent Society of Massachusetts will also be traveling to Wave Hill that day.

The Wave Hill field trip will be Saturday, June 21. I will plan on arriving at 11:00 AM, and convening with the CCSS and the CSSM at the picnic area at noon. Admission is free that day if you arrive before noon. There is parking at the garden as well as off site with a shuttle bus.

The drive is about an hour and a half from the Waterbury area. Bring your own lunch, or take advantage of the cafe on the garden grounds. I hope to see you there; Wave Hill is a group of very interesting gardens in a spectacular setting, and should be well worth the trip.

Matt Opel
President

Lesson at Meeting on Growing Plants from Seed

By Becky Lynn, Secretary

THE MAY MEETING WAS HELD AT BROKEN ARROW NURSERY AT 4:00 P.M. on May 4. People who came early had a chance to look for purchases or

ramble about the gardens. As always, the nursery had wonderful plants.

We had a short business meeting, mainly about the trip in June to Wave Hill Public Garden. We also elected **Chris Allen** as Vice President, and **Ken Mosher** as Treasurer.

The speaker was **Devan Parker**,

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To Be . . .

Saturday, June 21: Our June meeting will be a field trip to **Wave Hill Public Garden**, West 249th Street and Independence Avenue, the Bronx, New York (Main Entrance.)

This trip will be coordinated with the Cactus and Succulent Society of Massachusetts. Transportation will be by carpool. (*Driving Directions are on page 3.*)

Visitors arriving **BEFORE NOON** will be admitted **FREE** of charge.

Telephone: (718) 549-3200

www.wavehill.org/visit/

Of course, there will be no potluck lunch. Bring your own, or take advantage of the cafe on the garden grounds.

Sunday, July 13: Our July meeting will be held the **SECOND** Sunday of July. The first Sunday is on the July Fourth weekend. The location of the meeting—yet undetermined—will be announced in the July newsletter.

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who spoke on the raising of plants from seed. She suggested looking at how the specific plant species grows in the wild: when should it be moist; how much moisture; the length of day light needed; what temperature; when is it dormant? Then note these conditions and try to duplicate them.

- You need good seed, not damaged or overheated. Dust-like or tiny seeds can be sprinkled on top of the soil. Larger seeds can be buried to the depth of the size of the seed. For germination, you need moisture at the very start.

- Smaller or shallower pots dry out faster. Also clay pots dry out faster than plastic.

- For nutrients, use non-urea fertilizer. One good one is Better-Gro® Orchid Plus® Fertilizer, 20-14-13. Do not forget you also need good drainage.

- For insect pests, she recommends Bayer® products or something with imidacloprid, a nicotine-derived systemic insecticide.

CSSM Schedules 2014 Show and Sale

By Lau Magner, President CSSM

THE ANNUAL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF MASSACHUSETTS **2014 Cactus and Succulent Show** will

take place in September of this year. After months of intensive searching in the Greater Boston area, we think we have found the perfect location: the *Americal Civic Center* in Wakefield, Massachusetts.

- The dates are Saturday and Sunday, September 13–14, with setup on Friday. If you would like to participate in this year's show, drop me a line. And please, if you have any questions at all, do not hesitate to ask.

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Treasurer's Report

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| Income: | |
| Dues | \$168.00 |
| Vendor Commissions | 149.80 |
| Book Sales | 100.00 |
| Expenses: | |
| May Newsletter | 208.16 |
| Broken Arrow Nursery | |
| Facility Fee | 75.00 |
| Name Tags | 17.00 |
| Total Income (Expense) | \$117.64 |
| Bank Balance | \$16,518.32 |

Outreach Opportunity

By David Schultz

AT OUR APRIL SHOW AND SALE THIS year, we had a request from **Leslie Mastrianna** for a program on cacti and succulents for ages 5–10 at a school.

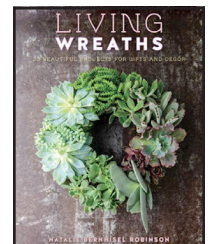
- We believe the program will be in the Danbury area, but interested persons should check with Leslie directly at (203) 758-9799. It is a good opportunity to get the word out to younger potential enthusiasts!

The Book Shelf

By David Schultz

WE HAVE RECEIVED A NEW BOOK, *Living Wreaths* by **Natalie Bernhisel-**

Robinson which has a number of chapters involving various succulent plants. It is an interesting book and replaces a somewhat similar book now long out of print. We will have copies at the July meeting.



18th Eastern Conference Announced

By David Schultz

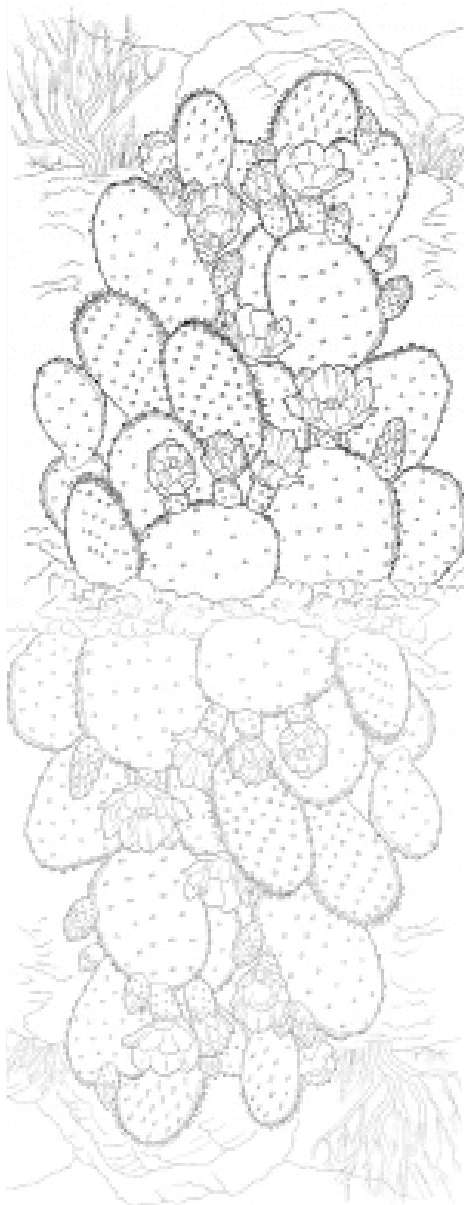
THE EIGHTEENTH EASTERN CACTUS and Succulent Conference will be held on October 10–12, 2014 in the Philadelphia area in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The CCSS will be represented by **David** and **Barbara Schultz** setting up and selling cactus and succulent books for the CCSS. Any

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Members **Seth P.**, and **Beverly W. Harris**, pose with their daughter, **Ginger J. Harris**, at our May meeting at Broken Arrow Nursery in Hamden. This was Ginger's first attendance at our meetings. The Harris residence is in Bloomfield.

Photo by Herbert (Sully) Sullivan



Book Bonanza Offered by TCSS

By Val Little, TCSS Board Member

DEAR CSSA AFFILIATE, AS YOU MAY know, **Helen** and **Kevin Barber** of *Rainbow Gardens Book Shop* have donated their entire inventory of new books, out of print books, and journals to the **Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society**. Their generosity allows us to offer these books and journals at very reduced prices.

● Please take a look at the TCSS Book Bonanza web page to see the complete list of inventory and the great prices. Full instructions for ordering are also to be found there: http://www.tucsoncactus.org/html/book_bonanza.html

● Effective May 1, we lowered the prices even more: the entire inventory is now **75% OFF!**

● We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your support of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society.

Best,
Val Little
TCSS Board Member

This letter was received by our Newsletter editor as an e-mail on Sunday, May 25.

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other members of our society attending are welcome and encouraged to spend some time at the book-sales table lending a hand. If you have not registered, visit www.philacactus.org to check out the speakers and register. Hope to see you there.



Directions to Wave Hill Public Garden

In Connecticut, take the Merritt Pkwy. (Route 15) to New York State. In New York, Route 15 becomes the Hutchinson River Pkwy.

In about 10.5 miles take Exit 15 onto Cross County Pkwy. West toward the George Washington Bridge.

In about 4.7 miles take the Saw Mill Pkwy. South/New York City exit to the left onto Saw Mill Pkwy. South

In about 1.8 miles continue onto Henry Hudson Pkwy.

In about 1.3 miles take Exit 22, W. 254 St.

In about 375 ft., turn left onto W. 254 St.

In about 377 ft. turn left onto Henry Hudson Pkwy. W.

In about 0.3 miles, turn right onto W. 249 St.

In about 1/4-mile you will be at the Wave Hill Public Garden, main entrance.



The membership attending the May meeting at Broken Arrow Nursery in Hamden listens intently to Matt Opel conducting the business meeting.

Photo by Herbert (Sully) Sullivan

The Cactus and Succulent Society of Massachusetts

Annual Show and Sale

September 13–14, 2014

Vendor Information

LOCATION

America's Civic Center, 467 Main Street, Wakefield, Massachusetts

POLICIES

What You Can Sell

We ask that you sell mostly cactus and succulent plants and related accessories, though selling some non-succulent plants is fine.

Vendor Set Up Time

2:30 –9:00 PM, Friday, September 12
8:00–9:00 AM, Saturday, September 13

For show setup and take down, you may park anywhere that is convenient. There is a large parking lot to the left of the building and on the right side of the building, there is a large drive-up loading ramp with direct access to the hall. We will try to have a crew of volunteers on hand to assist in loading and unloading.

You must be completely set up by the start of the show at 9:00 AM, Saturday morning.

Sales Locations and Tables

Vendor spots will be given on a first come, first served basis. Vendors will choose their own spots upon arrival. No spots are reserved. Even so, you should have plenty of room to show your plants and wares. The hall is very large and will easily accommodate both sales and show.

You should plan on bringing your own tables or, if that is not possible, you can rent eight-foot long tables at a very reasonable rate. We have made arrangements with *Camelot Rentals* of Wakefield to have a number of tables available at the Civic Center for a very reasonable weekend rate of \$10.00 per table. Please let us know how many tables you would like to rent and we will have them waiting for you when you arrive.

Security

While volunteers from the CSSM are happy to relieve you for short breaks, you are responsible for running your booth and collecting money. Your booth will be set up inside the Civic Center's main hall. This facility is very secure as it is closed and locked at night so no one will have access to your booth while you are not there.

Cost to Attend as a Vendor

There is no set cost for selling at our show. However, we ask that you pay a 10% commission to the Society on what you sell during the show. Envelopes will be provided to each vendor and they should be handed in only to our treasurer, **Margot Hammer**, or her designee at the end of the day on both Saturday and Sunday.

Your Information

For those of you who will be vending at the show, would you please send me the following information so that I can put it on our website:

1. Your name
2. Your business name
3. What you will be selling
4. Your Web site address, if you have one; we can link it to our Annual Show page.
5. When you expect to set up
6. What days you will selling
7. How many tables you want to rent, if any

If you have a plant or two that you would like to donate to the show auction, we would be most grateful. And, of course, we would give you full acknowledgement when we actually auction off the plant.

Thank you everybody. From the way folks are responding to our first show announcement, it looks as if there will be a lot of vendors and a lot of fun.

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