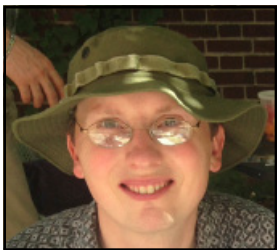


Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society

July 2014

Annual Hypertufa Workshop Planned for Our July Meeting in Andover

WE COULD NOT HAVE ASKED FOR more perfect weather for our informal CCSS field trip



to **WAVE HILL PUBLIC GARDENS** in the Bronx. The gardens are located on a spectacular nineteenth-century estate

overlooking the Hudson River and the Palisades, where Mark Twain made his home for several years.

● The gardens are an impeccably maintained mix of sweeping vistas, ancient specimen trees, modern greenhouses, and specialized gardens tucked into odd niches. The alpine house was particularly impressive, and the cactus and succulent collection included some unexpected rarities such as a large *Aztekium ritteri* and a lovely collection of *Lithops*.

● Turnout for the Wave Hill meeting was fairly light, with only seven CCSS members making the journey, and a few additional cactus club regulars coming down from Massachusetts. While the drive to the Bronx is a long one for most of us, I think that everyone who attended thought that the gardens were well worth the trip.

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● The July meeting will be held on the second Sunday of the month, the thirteenth. We will convene at **Ken Mosher's** house in Andover.

● Ken will run our—more-or-less—annual hypertufa-pot workshop. The CCSS will provide all of the ingredients to make the hypertufa, a lightweight concrete mix that looks like weathered rock.

You should plan on bringing a sturdy base to hold your pot (e.g., an old tea tray or 2×2-foot scrap of plywood), a 3–6-inch pot or bowl to mold the pot around, and a large plastic bag to keep everything moist for the month-long curing process.

● Hypertufa can also be used to create free-form sculptures, to fill all sorts of different molds, or can be decorated with shells or stones. Feel free to bring additional supplies and ideas for projects.

● **Jerry Barad's** annual picnic and succulent plant tailgate sale, originally scheduled for this month, has been postponed, with a new date to be announced. His wife, **Bea**, has been ill. We wish her a speedy recovery!

Matt Opel
President



To Be . . .

Sunday, July 13: Our July meeting will be held at the home of **Ken Mosher** at 8 Bailey Road, Andover; (860) 642-8899; e-mail: ken@spatulacity.com. The meeting will include a hypertufa-pot workshop.

1:00 o'clock
Bring Chairs

Entrées: A–G
Appetizers/Sides/Salads: H–R
Desserts: S–Z

Sunday, August 3: Our August meeting will be held at the home of **John Spain** and **Becky Lynn** in Middlebury.

Orchid Society Invites CCSS To Annual Show

THE CCSS HAS AGAIN BEEN INVITED TO have an information booth at the Connecticut Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Show, October 17–19, at Van Wilgen's Garden Center, 51 Valley Road, North Branford.

● Barbara and David Schultz have taken charge of this for quite a few years, but this year the orchid show conflicts with the Eastern Conference which they will attend.

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Treasurer's Report

Income:	
Dues	\$ 96.00
Book Sales	35.00
Expenses:	
Book Purchases	380.00
June Newsletter	<u>102.33</u>
Total Income (Expense)	(\$351.33)
Bank Balance	\$14,674.91

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● If anyone else is interested in setting up a booth for us, please contact **Cheryl Mizak**: (203) 264-6096; e-mail cmizak@alcher.com.

Set up: Thursday, October 16,
 10:00 AM–5:00 PM
 Show: Friday October 17, 2:00–5:00 PM
 (premier shopping)
 Saturday, October 18,
 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
 Sunday, October 19,
 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
 Judging, ribbon, and trophy, Friday,
 October 17, 8:00 AM–noon
 Take Down, after 4:00 PM, Sunday,
 October 19 ○



A *Huperzia phlegmaria* (Tassel Fern) found in one of the greenhouses at the WAVE HILL PUBLIC GARDENS. It is a spore-bearing epiphyte that grows on the branches of rainforest trees in the Old World tropics.

Photo by Herbert (Sully) Sullivan



Matt Opel and Devan Parker resting and enjoying lunch as they take a break from their tour of the WAVE HILL PUBLIC GARDENS in the Bronx, New York. The tour was in lieu of our regular meeting for June and was attended by members of both the CCSS and the MCSS. Matt thought the gardens' maintenance was exemplary and described them as including sweeping vistas, ancient specimen trees, modern greenhouses, and specialized gardens he found tucked into odd niches.

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