

Our Annual Festive Picnic to be Held at the August Meeting in Middlebury

OUR HYPERTUFA-POT WORKSHOP in Andover was a success, and we enjoyed cloudy but dry weather for our sculpting endeavors and garden tour.



● Most of us seemed to be working on plain pots

built up around deli containers, but I noticed a couple of more experimental free-form troughs and pots with fern fronds pressed into their sides. I am looking forward to hearing about how everyone's creations turned out! Thanks to **Ken Mosher** for hosting the CCSS meeting as well as organizing the workshop.

● In August, the CCSS will assemble at **John Spain** and **Becky Lynn's** home for our annual picnic. John's winter-hardy cactus beds, rock gardens and greenhouse are well known to Connecticut gardeners, and will also be inspiring to see. Perhaps we might consider bringing something special for the potluck lunch.

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● This autumn's activities for

the cactus club will be a September 7 meeting at the Manchester History Center, where we will have a free raffle of haworthias and other plants that are active in cool weather, obtained from **Steve Hammer's** nursery.

● On October 5 we will be hosted by **Judy Becker** at Lauray of Salisbury.

● Other cactus and succulent themed activities around the region will include the **Cactus and Succulent Society of Massachusetts** show and sale in September and the **Eastern Conference** in October, organized by the Philadelphia club.

Matt Opel
President

July Meeting an Occasion for Hypertufa Workshop

By Stirling Saucier, Acting Secretary

The July 13 meeting was held at **Ken Mosher's** home in Andover; there were thirteen attendees.

The potluck lunch, provided by members, was followed by the business meeting led by President **Matt Opel**.

● Matt said a few words about our June meeting, a visit to Wave Hill Public Gardens in Bronx, New York. There were ten attendees: eight from the CCSS and

two from the CCSSM.

● Matt explained that the Gardens, which overlook the Hudson River, were once an old Victorian estate. They now house many small gardens—including monocotyledon and dry-land gardens—and greenhouses. Matt said that the botanical spectacle was well worth the long drive to get there.

● After the business presentation,

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To Be . . .

Sunday, August 3: Our August meeting and annual picnic will be held at the home of **John Spain** and **Becky Lynn** at 69 Bayberry Road in Middlebury. (203) 758-9549.

1:00 o'clock

Bring Chairs

Entrées: S-Z

Appetizers/Sides/Salads: A-G

Desserts: H-R

WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING SOMETHING A LITTLE SPECIAL FOR OUR POTLUCK PICNIC.

Sunday, September 7: Our September meeting will be held at the Manchester History Center, 175 Pine Street, Manchester.

Sunday, October 5: Our October meeting will be held at **Judy Becker's** Lauray of Salisbury greenhouse in Salisbury.

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Treasurer's Report

Income:	
Dues	\$24.00
Expenses:	
July Newsletter	56.48
Connecticut Flower and Garden Show Parking	
Reimbursement	36.00
Hypertufa Supplies	<u>24.08</u>
Total Income (Expense)	(\$92.56)
Bank Balance	\$14,576.05

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Ken Mosher led the hypertufa workshop. Members combined a mixture of perlite, peat moss, and fiber glass with Portland cement and water. This mixture was then placed over inverted containers of various sorts to provide a form to the final product. After being cured for about a month, the resulting pots will be light weight, weather proof, and look like rough rock. The ingredients were provided by the CCSS.

- *The tentative dates for our show and sale next year are April 11–12 with setup on April 10. It is most likely that these dates will be authorized at Naugatuck Valley Community College, but we await final approval.*

- **Jerry and Bea Barad** wish to host their annual picnic at their home in New Jersey. Unfortunately, they have had to postpone their invitation until Bea feels better after an illness.

- It was proposed and unanimously passed that the CCSS fund and order plants from **Steve Hammer** of southern California for fall- and winter-growing plants. He will provide an interesting variety of healthy, pest-free plants. At the September 7 meeting, at the Manchester History Center, we will have a free raffle for these plants.

- September 13–14 the **Massachusetts Cactus and Succulent Society** will hold their show and sale at the AMERICAN CIVIC CENTER, 467 Main Street, Wakefield, Massachusetts. It is about one hour north of Worcester near the junction of I-95 and I-495. Members of CCSS will be going to help judge and clerk. [See June 2014 CCSS Newsletter pages 2 and 4 for details.]

- October 10–12, the **Eighteenth Eastern Conference** will be held in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Philadelphia Cactus and Succulent Society. [See the March 2014 CCSS Newsletter, pages 2, 3, and 4 for details. They are available on our Web site if you do not have your hard copies.]



A very few of the gorgeous flowers adorning **Ken Mosher's** gardens.
 1. Liliium 'Purple Prince' 2. Gerbera daisy 3. Gazania rigens 4. Hemerocalis 'Night Embers', a daylily

Photos by Herbert (Sully) Sullivan