

The Spine

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Directions to CBG

11030 East Blvd.
Cleveland, OH 44106

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Wade Park area of Cleveland, five
miles east of downtown.

From I-90 Lakeshore Memorial
Freeway: Exit at Martin Luther King
Drive and go south on MLK.

Cross E. 105th and take right curve.
Turn left on Jephtha (at art museum)
to Wade Oval.

CBG is across the park and at the
end of East Blvd. Note that when
working the Show and Sale, please
use an alternative parking garage.

2023 Spring Show and Sale

Over the past several months, club members have been preparing for this month's Spring Show and Sale, and it is already here! Specifics on this year's event are listed below:

Location: Cleveland Botanical Garden (see address and directions—lower left of page)

Dates: Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26

Times: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday and noon – 5 p.m. Sunday

Friday Setup: 3 – 6 p.m. *Note that prior to the main 3 – 6 p.m. setup time, volunteers are needed from 2 – 3 p.m. to place tablecloths on the tables and move stanchions into place. Thanks in advance to all helpers!

- Arrive earlier than the actual start time on Saturday and Sunday
- Please bring boxes/fast food drink trays and newspaper/plastic bags (newspaper is for box filler). Long, shallow boxes don't work well if not sturdy
- There will be several 15-20-minute educational talks presented by various club members; see Club President Kathy Smith for details
- New this year is a judging contest whereby club members can elect to have up to five of their finest plants on display and judged by individuals outside of the club. There are five sections of judging (Aloes, Agaves, Sansevieria, Cacti and Containers). Best in Section ribbons and a Best in Show plaque will be awarded. Details on this were discussed during the February meeting, and handouts on judging criteria were also provided. All plants must be properly labeled in order to qualify. See next bullet
- All display plants must have an accompanying label and must be correctly named/identified. See Doug Bacso or Tim Malinich for further details
- The Hershey Classroom will be available for members to leave their coats, purchased plants, etc.
- Only club members whose dues have already been fully paid for 2023 will receive the club member discount off of plants/items purchased at the Show and Sale
- Cashiers in particular are once again needed for this year
- Be sure to park in an alternative parking garage in the area, as the Cleveland Botanical Garden parking garage is for guests paying to enter the Garden (for this event)
- Contact Show and Sale Chairman Mike Briggs at (216) 375-7575 to get any questions answered, etc.

Thank you to everyone who is volunteering to work, sell, display and/or provide short educational talks. Refer back to informational emails already sent by Club Secretary Christie Briggs.

Welcome New Club Officers

As all club members rang in the new year, some also took on new club officer positions. They are listed below. Thank you to the outgoing officers for all of your time and talent invested over the past several years.

President — Kathy Smith (thank you Tim Malinich — immediate past president)

Vice President — Tim Malinich (thank you Bill Hendricks — immediate past vice president)

Secretary — Christie Briggs (thank you Zoltan Onutz — immediate past secretary)

Treasurer — Tammie Host (same position as last term — thank you, Tammie)

Thank you also to Andrew Perneti who recently assumed the role as CBG affiliate since Kathy Smith took on the role as club president.

Thank You

CSSA 2023 Convention

The Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) is hosting its convention July 12-16, 2023, at the Marriott Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO.

The convention program includes a traditional welcome evening, banquet, plant auction and world-class vendors with common and rare cacti and succulents for sale. Additionally, as always, nationally and internationally renowned speakers will be presenting on various cacti and succulent topics.

As far as the hotel goes, it offers many amenities, including a hiking trail that leads to the Garden of the Gods, Trip Advisor's number-one park in the United States.

Attendees can plan on partaking in activities outside of the convention, such as field trips to visit: remarkable gardens along the Front Range; wild cacti populations; the Cog railway to the top of Pikes Peak; Manitou Springs; the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo; Broadmoor Air Force Academy; and much more.

While this convention will be discussed during upcoming meetings, if interested, begin reading about it now [here](#). Club members who have attended this convention in the past have thoroughly enjoyed their experience and highly recommend other club members to attend.

Got Content?

Content is always needed for the quarterly newsletter, as well as the club's website (www.mwcss.com) and the club's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/mwcss). Please send any plant information/photos, upcoming event notices, etc. to Melisa415@hotmail.com and it will be distributed to the proper news source. Also, check out the club's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/@mwcss700) and Instagram page (<https://instagram.com/mwcss?igshid=NzAzN2Q1NTE=>).

Club Library

Did you know that the club has a library of books available to educate its club members? All members in good standing are invited to check out books related to cacti and succulents for one month at a time (they must be returned at the following meeting). If interested, please see Club Member Bill Hendricks at one of the meetings, as he usually has this "mobile" library with him.

Or, email him at bhendricks@klynnurseries.com.

Take a moment to review the library listing [here](#).



Exploring South African Bulbs

The program for the January meeting was titled “Exploring South African Bulbs,” and was presented by Club Member Bill Hendricks. Bill provided an informative PowerPoint presentation, with photos of the plants which eventually grow from the bulbs. Club members brought in some of their plants grown from these bulbs to pass around to the other club members to view. Bill is pictured below, observing and sharing information on one of the South African bulb plants brought in from Club Member Shawn Murdock. Also shown below are general photos of a handful of South African plants that have grown from bulbs. See the table on the following page for an extensive listing of South African bulbs, broken down by family, genus and common name. Thank you as always, Bill, for providing such an educational and interesting presentation!

Online Photos Source: Wikipedia



Drimiopsis maculata “Leopard Plant”



Veltheimia bracteata “Cape Lily”



Haemanthus albiflos (“Paintbrush Lily”)



Zantedeschia aethiopica “Calla Lily”



Eucomis species “Pineapple Lily”



Amaryllis belladonna “Belladonna Lily”



Crinum species “Spider Lily”

Exploring South African Bulbs, Con't.

Family	Genus	Common Name
Agapanthaceae	Agapanthus africanus	Lily of the Nile
Agapanthaceae	Agapanthus inapertus "Graskop"	African Lily Graskop
Agapanthaceae	Albuca altissima	Candelabrum Lily
Hyacinthaceae	Albuca namaquensis	
Hyacinthaceae	Albuca namaquensis "Spiralis"	Spiral Grass
Amaryllidaceae	Amaryllis belladona	Belladonna Lily
Amaryllidaceae	Ammocharis coranica	Karoo Lily
Amaryllidaceae	Boophane disticha	Tumbleweed or Bushman Poison Bulb
Hyacinthaceae	Bowiea volubilis	Climbing Onion or Sea Onion
Amaryllidaceae	Brunsvigia orientalis	Candelabra Flower
Amaryllidaceae	Clivia gardenii	Natal Lily or Bush Lily
Amaryllidaceae	Clivia miniata	Natal Lily or Bush Lily
Amaryllidaceae	Crinum species	Spider Lily
Iridaceae	Crocosmia "Lucifer"	Lucifer Crocosmia
Amaryllidaceae	Cyrtanthus species	Fire Lily
Iridaceae	Dierama species	Wand Flower
Iridaceae	Dietes vegeta	African Iris
Hyacinthaceae	Drimia haworthiodes	Drimia
Hyacinthaceae	Drimiopsis kirkii	Giant Squill
Hyacinthaceae	Drimiopsis maculata	Leopard Plant
Hyacinthaceae	Eucomis species	Pineapple Lily
Iridaceae	Ferraria crispa	Starfish Lily
Iridaceae	Freesia hybrids	Freesia
Iridaceae	Gladiolus species	Gladiolus or Sword Lily
Liliales	Gloriosa superba	Climbing Lily or Flame Lily
Amaryllidaceae	Haemanthus albiflos	Paintbrush Lily
Amaryllidaceae	Haemanthus Cocaluba Pink	Cocaluba Pink Paintbrush Lily
Amaryllidaceae	Haemanthus coccineus	Paintbrush Lily
Amaryllidaceae	Haemanthus diffusa	Paintbrush Lily
Amaryllidaceae	Haemanthus humilis	Paintbrush Lily
Asphodelaceae	Kniphofia species and hybrids	Torch Lily
Hyacinthaceae	Lachenalia species	Cape Cowslip
Hyacinthaceae	Ledebouria species	Silver Squill
Hyacinthaceae	Massonia species	Hottentot Bread
Iridaceae	Moraea ramosissima	Butterfly Iris or Cape Tulip
Amaryllidaceae	Nerine species and hybrids	Guernsey Lily or Spider Lily
Hyacinthaceae	Ornithogalum caudatum	Pregnant Onion or False Sea Onion
Hyacinthaceae	Ornithogalum dubium	Star of Bethlehem
Amaryllidaceae	Scadoxus multiflorus sbsp katherinae	Blood Lily
Iridaceae	Sparaxis hybrids	Harlequin Flower
Hyacinthaceae	Urginea (Drimia)	Squill
Hyacinthaceae	Veltheimia bracteata	Cape Lily
Iridaceae	Watsonia species	Bugle Lily
Araceae	Zantedeschia aethiopica and hybrids	Calla Lily



2022 Christmas Party Recap

This past winter's Christmas party was once again a great success. Held on Dec. 4 at Harry's Steakhouse in Independence, OH, club members first enjoyed an informative presentation (with accompanying slides) from Club Member Bill Hendricks on his trip to Belize. Then a delicious lunch was served, followed by assorted desserts. See the pictures on this page and on the following pages. Thank you to all who donated plants and helped organize this fun and special event.



A succulent tree created by Club Member Jeff Havel is on display. This tree was later used to represent the MWCSS club at Cleveland Botanical Garden's winter show, called "Twinkle in the 216."





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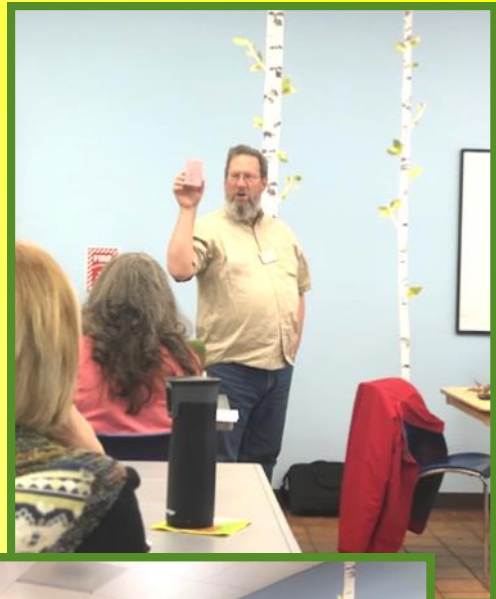
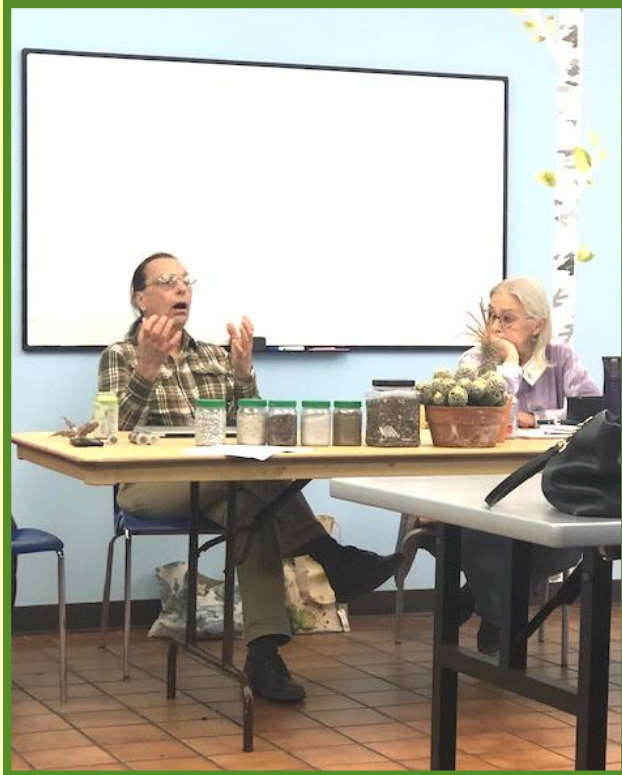




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Recent Random Candidids...





From the President's Desk...



Kathy Smith

Can you believe it, another year has passed and it's 2023. It seems the older I get, the faster time flies. While many of us enjoy the warmer seasons, one thing I like about the winters of northeast Ohio, is it's time to slow down and take a break from the typical plant care and outdoor garden chores. Since I don't have an outdoor greenhouse, and my collection lives in the basement (under lights) for the colder months of the year, I don't do too much propagating or transplanting this time of year, so I can focus on my other "crafty" hobbies. I personally like to take a break from the plants, so I don't get burned out. That way I'm always excited to get back into growing and propagating.

This year, my husband and I were lucky enough to spend time in the desert southwest for the months of January and February. While we weren't running around in shorts, it was still better than the freezing temps and gray skies of northeast Ohio. It's always fun to visit other botanical gardens and arboretums. Many of the succulents we grow in 4" and 6" containers are landscape-sized plants in the southwest. I always get inspiration from various succulent nurseries. It's fun to see how people have used succulents in their landscape and containers. One thing I've noticed, while it's fun to visit the desert southwest, I do enjoy our rolling hills, green trees and grass!

It never takes much for me to get back into the growing mode. I'm always looking for something new...will it work in my growing conditions, outside for the summer and inside under lights for the winter? If the plant is too fussy, it probably isn't for me. When the collection gets to a certain size, I don't want to have to "baby" something too much...it will most likely get ignored and just die. But that's a lesson too. What doesn't work for me might work great for someone else.

For me, a new year means trying to grow something different, and at the same time, learning more about the hobby. I don't think this would be nearly as much fun if it wasn't for the club giving us the opportunity to share our growing experiences and techniques along with our various failures and successes.

As the new MWCSS president, I'm looking forward to the upcoming year, especially our Show and Sale. I welcome any comments or suggestions for the benefit of the membership and growth of our club.

- Kathy Smith
MWCSS Club President

Editor's Note: This is Kathy's first article as the new club president. Thank you, Kathy, for volunteering for this position, and best of luck at the helm!

~ Windswept in Time Orchids Open House Event ~

There will be an open house event at Windswept in Time Orchids over Memorial Day weekend. This is the first of two open house events this year (the second one will be held in November). The open house event runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28. The address is Windswept in Time Orchids, 8066 Skyline Drive, Broadview Heights, OH 44147. Be sure to stop by and check out some beautiful orchids and succulents/cacti.

Upcoming Meetings *Note all meetings begin at 1 p.m.



April

Date: April 16 — CBG

Program: “Travelogue in Washington State” by Zoltan Onutz/Show and Sale recap

May

Date: May 21 — Note that this meeting is being held at the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library in Independence, OH. The library address is:

6361 Selig Drive
Independence, OH 44131

Program: “Fertilizer Finesse” by Tim Malinich

June

A field trip is currently being planned. Look for upcoming emails for further details.

MWCSS Mission:

Cactus and succulent collectors and hobbyists helping each other succeed.

New Membership Information:

Contact Tammie Host at itamara@sbcglobal.net for new membership info.

Other Club Resources:

www.mwcsc.com — Fresh content is always needed for the club’s website. Email Tim Malinich at timj@hearthstonefarm.net.

<https://www.facebook.com/mwcsc/> — Fresh content is always needed for the club’s Facebook page. Email Kathy Smith at kessmith913@gmail.com.

MWCSS Club Officers:

Kathy Smith — Club president/club publicity

Tim Malinich — Club vice president/webmaster

Christie Briggs — Club secretary

Tammie Host — Club treasurer

Other:

Andrew Perneti — CBG affiliate

Melissa Mezgec — Club newsletter writer/editor

Club Meeting Information

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