



Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society News

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Summer Break



The June meeting/
field trip will be the last
meeting until the fall
season. Enjoy your
summer, and, as always,
happy planting and
gardening!

Got Content?

Summer is an excellent time to reflect upon certain articles/features you'd like to see published in the fall and winter months ahead. Please give this some thought and submit any ideas, articles, photos and plant information to Melissa Mezgec, newsletter editor, at Melissa415@hotmail.com. All suggestions and content is welcome.

June Meeting/Field Trip

The June meeting will actually be a field trip to the **Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens** in Akron. It will be held **Sunday, June 12**, which is the second Sunday of the month (the meeting was moved up a week due to the Father's Day holiday being the third Sunday of June).

MWCSS member Joe Mehalik will take fellow club members on a private tour of the hall and gardens following a short club meeting.

While there is no charge to the club, everyone must RSVP to Karen Snell, club secretary/treasurer, at kdsnell@roadrunner.com, by **Wednesday, June 8**, if planning on attending. She will need a complete listing of names for admission.

Those going will need to either drive individually or organize their own carpools. Please see the club member roster attached to the email in which this newsletter was sent.

Club members are welcomed to bring their own snacks with them. A café at the hall and gardens is available also for food and drink purchase.

Be sure to wear good shoes, as there will be much walking and touring! Feel free to view the Stan Hywet website at <http://www.stanhywet.org/>. See you there!

Stan Hywet Address/Other

714 N. Portage Path
Akron, OH 44303
Phone: (330) 836-5533
888-836-5533 (Toll Free)

Questions to: info@stanhywet.org

Club Content Needed

MWCSS club information/content is always needed for the following:

Online:



- Club Website – Email all content to timj@hearthstonefarm.net to be added to the www.mwcoss.com website.
- Club Facebook Page – Email all content to kessmith913@gmail.com to be added to the [MWCSS](#) Facebook page.

Print:



- Club Newsletter – Email all content to Melissa415@hotmail.com to be added to the monthly newsletter.

May Meeting Minutes



- The May meeting was a joint meeting with the Indoor Gardening Society and was held at MWCSS club member Laura Noble's house. Thank you, Laura, for your hospitality and the program of the month, which was a video of the Sonoran Desert that she purchased at the Desert Museum in Tucson, AZ.
- The treasurer's report, as well as the show and sale financial report, was discussed.
- There was discussion on the 2016 show and sale, which was held in March. Issues regarding the large crowd were mentioned. It was decided that a show committee needs formed to reorganize/improve items for next year.
- The June meeting/field trip to Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens in Akron was discussed/finalized. Please see details above in the "June Meeting/Field Trip" section.
- Regarding The Holden Arboretum plant sale that was held in May, this was done for club exposure, not for profit. The Holden Arboretum fee was 20 percent of sales. The setup area was small but manageable, in a low-traffic area in the craft building. Bill Hendricks, MWCSS club president, sold about 2/3 of his plants. The staff at Holden was extremely helpful.
- The Christmas holiday meeting will be held Dec. 11. Club members voted to have it at Henn Mansion in Eastlake. Club member Beverly Dahms has a personal contact there. The rental fee is \$300 plus a \$100 deposit; so \$400 will be paid at booking. Club members are asked to bring a pot luck dish, and the club will purchase the main course (spiral ham).
- The possibility of holding a club meeting at The Holden Arboretum next year was discussed. Bill Hendricks will speak to Holden workers on this.
- Club members expressed much interest in using club money to attend the Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) convention in Tempe, AZ. The convention runs from July 26-31, 2017 (next year). Further discussion will be held in the upcoming months.
- A MWCSS Facebook page update was provided by club member Kathy Smith. The page currently has approximately 295 followers. To be effective, frequent updates need made. This includes posts, pictures, articles and website links (C&S plant sites, blogs, clubs and newsletters, etc.). Please contact Kathy at kessmith913@gmail.com for updates to the page. Also, if possible, CC Karen Snell copies of any pictures being sent to Kathy. This is for club archiving purposes. Karen can be reached at kdsnell@roadrunner.com.