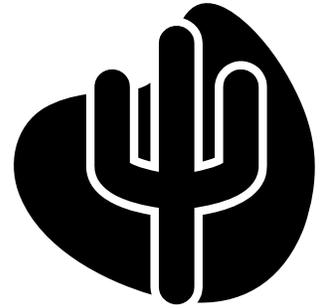


NEW YORK CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY



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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday April 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., at Jan Hus Presbyterian Church, 351 East 74th Street, NYC, Room 101 (above Lobby). The meeting will be from 6.00 PM to 7:45 PM.

PROGRAM

Fellow member Dr. Mark Schlesinger will give a digital presentation on the many succulents in his collection. This will be a pictorial journey through the world of succulents, which will show photos of wonderful shapes, forms, and flowers in Mark's collection, taken within the last five years. Mark will discuss the various habitats and adaptations succulents must endure, and their cultivation. Come and share Mark's vast experience with all sorts of succulents, as there will be something for everyone during this presentation.

CONNECTICUT SHOW

Quite a few NYCSS members (twelve to be exact, a great showing) took the trek to the Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society show and sale on April 5. By all accounts, a great time was had by all, as our members picked up some nice plants, and our webmaster Suzanne Bernhard took lots of photos to post on our website.

PLANT TABLE

The weather is getting warmer, so members are encouraged to bring in some plants for our plant table sale.

TO THE POINT- A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Laz Marrero

Too often, we take each other for granted, and speaking for the NYC&SS, I want to make amends to those members whose service we have taken for granted; thanks also to Cheryl Green, our membership secretary, for all her hard work. I want to thank Suzanne Bernhard, for continuing to be our ever diligent web mistress. Thanks to Mickey Deneroff, not to be confused with Mickey D of hamburger fame, for collecting the monies from the plant sale table - a job not for the faint of heart, and as if that wasn't enough, Mickey

keeps the attendance at all our meetings. We thank Richard Stone, who while absent in body, is present in spirit at all our meetings. Richard is the society's go-to money man, and he never lets us down. Ivan Black, what can I say about Ivan that hasn't been said before (good and bad), we can always count on Ivan for giving members rides to society outings, on his infinite knowledge of everything cacti and succulent -- he is a real trooper; which brings me to George "Meloman" Cambourakis. Without George, I shudder to think where we would be as a plant society. George epitomizes, no he embodies, the spirit of selfless public service. A friend more caring the society, and myself, have not seen in a long time. I want to give a general thanks to all those members who trek to our meetings month after month, and year after year, who form the core of the NYC&SS, without whom we would not have a society. Many thanks also to the newer members, whose enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge are refreshing, to say the least. And lastly, I want to thank the administration at Jan Hus, where we have been welcomed and treated so well, and so respectfully. Thanks to all, and to all a good night.



"Measles? Oh, no! I'm suffering from the golfer's 'hook-and-slice' disease!"