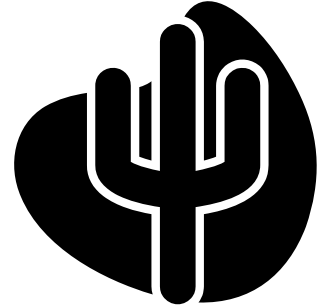


NEW YORK CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY



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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday February 19, 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

Due to the great turnout and enthusiasm at last month's meeting, where we had a slide presentation on caudiciform succulents, we will try to satisfy the demand for more succulent programs, for this month's meeting. This program will be on "Succulent plants of the Cape Province", a CSSA/John Lavranos slide show of 116 slides. It is a tour from Capetown and the Cape of Good Hope into the mountains east and northeast of Capetown to the Great Karoo and an abbreviated look at Bushmanland before going on to Namaqualand and the Richtersveldt. It is a cornucopia of succulent plants. Please join us for an enjoyable tour through the hot deserts of South Africa on a cold February evening in New York.

ANNUAL HICKS FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

This event at Hicks Nursery in Westbury, N.Y. has become one of our great annual outings. The show runs from Friday, February 29 through Sunday, March 9. The Long Island Cactus & Succulent Society will have a booth there on the weekend of March 8-9. Our usual gathering occurs on the first Saturday of the show (March 1), and we meet in Astoria, Queens at around 10AM., and drive out to Westbury and then back again for our members who then take the subway to Manhattan and Brooklyn. For those of you who wish to join us, please contact either Laz or George (See contact info. above). We need cars, so anyone that can drive and take some passengers will be a great help. On the way back, we can also have lunch at the Diner where everyone meets up.

The first weekend of the show is preferable, since the plant selection will be better. However, it would be really great to also visit our friends of the LICSS on the second weekend. If anyone is interested, again, contact Laz or George. Please let us know a few days in advance of each trip, since we need to ensure that enough cars are available. Details can also be discussed at this month's meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

This will be the last newsletter to be sent to members that have not paid their dues yet, so please mail in your dues as soon as possible to Richard Stone, 183 East 80 Street, N.Y., N.Y. 10021 or bring your dues to the next meeting. Remember, your check for \$25 should be payable to Richard Stone.

CALL FOR SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

We would love to have more of our members give presentations, and/or give us your ideas on presentations/programs you would like to see at future meetings. Give us your thoughts at the next meeting, or email Laz or George with your ideas.

PLANT TABLE

As always, members are encouraged to bring in some plants for our plant table sale.