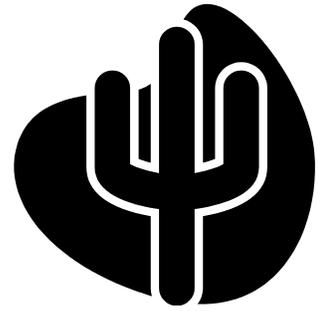


# NEW YORK CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY



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## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is on Thursday June 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., at Jan Hus Presbyterian Church, 351 East 74<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC, Room 101 (above Lobby). The meeting will be from 6.00 PM to 7:45 PM.

## PROGRAM

For all of us, June means the growing season is well underway, but June also signals the end of our "meeting" season, with no meetings during July and August. So, to pay homage to summer and to another successful year for our Society, we will have our annual plant contest and wine and cheese party. Members are requested to bring in their best cactus or succulent plant, one plant per member. Only one plant will be chosen for "Best in Show". Plants will be judged by all members in attendance, by writing down their choice on a piece of paper and tossing it into a hat. Plants should be judged for unblemished appearance, healthy growth, and overall presentation. The prize will be the 2008 issues of the CSSA journal (three issues in total). These journals are really special with beautiful color photos and great articles.

Members can peruse the plants and ponder their choice while enjoying some wine and cheese, so please bring in a bottle of your favorite wine, some cheese and crackers, and don't forget the corkscrew and glasses/cups! Please join us for a fun evening, as we won't see each other until September!

## PLANT TABLE

This is our last chance at the plant table until the fall, so bring in some plants!

## BARAD PICNIC

July would not be complete without a day at Dr. Barad's place for touring his wonderful greenhouses and enjoying the company of fellow enthusiasts from the northeast area. As of this writing, the date is not known, but the event is usually the weekend after July 4, which would put it on July 10. This date should be verified during the June meeting. Directions are included in this newsletter.

Flemington, NJ USA 6/11/2008

To all of our cactus and succulent friends in the northeastern United States.

We had our first open house when we moved to Hunterdon County, New Jersey in 1957. That makes this years picnic the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual Barad event!!

We will have some plants to sell and will also have our latest cactus mix (with Diatomite) available for those who need it. I have given up on Pumice since my visit to Mike Massard's "Out of Africa" last August and have followed his lead on using "Diatomite" stone instead. The material is very expensive since it has to travel all the way from Australia via Buffalo, NY but the results have been outstanding especially with the more difficult fleshy rooted Haworthias. Take a look at their website [www.diatomiteusa.com](http://www.diatomiteusa.com).

Any of you with extra propagations to sell are welcome to set up in our tail-gate seller's area. This is only for your own special propagations! I don't want to make this a commercial event with the reselling of plants you have bought elsewhere. The pool is functioning better than ever since I changed the sand in the filter, so bring your bathing suits. Most of the folks who come have been coming for years and know the way to get here. If you have not come before, e-mail me ([gsbarad@earthlink.net](mailto:gsbarad@earthlink.net)) and I will send directions from your starting point. Plan on arriving around noon and follow the signs I will put up to get you to the parking area. Bring your lunch and drinks. We have tables and chairs for the picnickers. Children are welcome but must be supervised by their parents in ALL areas. We will all be hoping for a nice clear day and not too much heat.

Regards to all, Jerry and Bea Barad.

**DIRECTIONS:**

Take whatever roads are most convenient to reach the New Jersey turnpike. Get off at exit 14 and follows signs to New Jersey 78 West. Travel west to the intersection with 287 south. Take Route 287 south a few miles to the Somerville, NJ area where you will get off onto Routes 202, 206. Keep to the left and follow signs to Flemington on Route 202, South (approximately 15 miles). There are three traffic circles in Flemington. At the first one, get off on Route 12 traveling west toward Frenchtown. After a short distance you will reach the second circle where you will go half way around and continue on route 12. From the third Flemington traffic circle (Routes 12, Mine Street and Route 523), take Route 523 south toward Stockton (about three quarters of the way around the circle). Watch for the small green mile markers which start with mile 9. These mile markers descend as you travel toward Stockton. Our lane is a left turn just before you reach the mile 5 marker. I will have a sign "Barad" at the garden entrance to our lane. Follow the signs on trees to the parking area and then walk back to the garden following the little signs.

Any problems, call 908-782-5571