

HISTORY OF MID-STATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCES

15 August 2016

2016 15th BIENNIAL MID-STATES CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCE: June 9-11 & June 12 optional. Hosted by Colorado C&SS—held at **Double Tree by Hilton, Aurora, Colorado**, \$104/night.

REGISTRATION FEES

Full-time registration fee: \$85/person if paid prior to 1 May 2016—\$100/person on and after 1 May 2016—includes (a) Thursday social gathering, plant and pottery sales & early entry to the sales area, (b) Friday conference sessions, plant and pottery sales, (c) Saturday conference sessions, plant and pottery sales, banquet, rare plant auction, (d) visit open gardens/public gardens.

Single-day registration fee: (a) \$45/person Friday Sessions only, (b) \$45/person Saturday Sessions, (c) No fee for Sunday — Field trips to Open Gardens, Local Public Gardens.

Saturday Banquet and Auction only fee: \$35/person.

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR: Woody Minnich—PRESIDENT of Colorado C&SS: Randy Tatroe

SPEAKERS

Bob Barth, Texas—Succulents & Semi-Succulent Oddities of the Canary Islands.

Leo Chance, Colorado—Cold Hardies for the Mid States.

Dave Ferguson, New Mexico—The World of Opuntias.

Kelly Griffin, California—Rare and Seldom seen Agaves and Aloes.

Kelly Grummons, Colorado—Propagation of Cacti and Succulents (hands on demo).

Panayoti Kelaidis, Colorado—Cactus & Succulents from Botanical Gardens around the World.

Steve Lovecky, Texas—The Cacti and Succulents of Texas.

Woody Minnich, New Mexico—1. The Hidden Treasures of Coahuila, Mexico. 2. It's all About the People (Saturday evening after-banquet speaker).

Marcia Tatroe, Colorado—Rocking with Cacti and Succulents.

Peter Walkowiak, California—Staging Cacti & Succulents for the Show (demo).

VENDORS

Cactus Data Plants, Edgewood, New Mexico (Woody Minnich), **Carol Wichern Ceramics**, Perryville, Missouri (Carol Wichern), **Ceramics**, Greeley, Colorado (Tim Preston), **Cold Hardy Cacti**, Colorado Springs, Colorado (Leo Chance), **Coldhardycactus.com**, Denver, Colorado (Kelly Grummons), **Crump's Greenhouse**, Buena Vista, Colorado (Mike Crump & Rita Auer), **J&J Cactus**, Midwest City, Oklahoma (Joyce Hochtritt), **Succulentia**, Phoenix Arizona (Steve Martinez), **PW Plants**, Escondido, California (Peter Walkowiak).

GARDEN TOURS (Optional on Sunday, June 12, 2016, 8am-5pm, on your own with directions):

METRO DENVER, COLORADO: **Joe McCleary**, Centennial; **Marchia & Randy Tatroe**, Centennial; **Panayoti Kelaidis & Jan Fahs**, Denver; **Mike Kintgen**, Denver; **Dan Johnson**, Englewood; **Dare Bohlander**, Littleton; **Rod Haenni**, Littleton;.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO:

Leo Chance.

PUEBLO, COLORADO:

Don Barnett.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Full registration opens Thursday, 9 June noon till 10pm; full & single day registration Friday 10 June all morning till noon; single day registration Saturday 11 June all morning till noon.
2. Thursday late afternoon into evening: Welcome and Get Acquainted Party.
3. Plant & Pottery sales: (a) Thursday evening (pre-sale ticket winners only 1/2 hour earlier) and (b) Friday and Saturday all day.
4. Saturday evening: Banquet Dinner — followed by program with Woody Minnich "It's all about the People".
5. Saturday evening after program: Plant, Pottery and Art Auction.
6. _____ attendees.

2014 — No Mid-States Conference this year.

2012 14th BIENNIAL MID-STATES CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCE: June 21–24. Hosted by *Kansas City C&SS*—held at **The Hilton Garden Inn, Independence, Missouri**, \$92/night.

REGISTRATION FEES

Full-time registration fee: \$85/person if paid prior to 1 May 2012—\$105/person on and after 30 April 2012—includes welcome reception, banquet & rare plant auction.

Daily registration fee per person: June 21 only, welcome reception & plant sale \$10—June 22 & 23 only, conference full day session \$40 each day—June 24 only, conference morning session \$20—June 23, evening banquet & auction only \$30.

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR: Eva Allen—PRESIDENT of Kansas City C&SS: Eva Allen

SPEAKERS

Neil Bohlman, Missouri—1. Somalia: What Can We Learn from This Rugged Country? 2. Cultivation and Propagation of the Succulent Euphorbia of Somalia.

Doug Dawson, Arizona—1. South Africa: Noord-Kaap Part I. 2. South Africa: Noord-Kaap Part II.

Dr. Panayoti Kelaidis, Colorado—1. Hardy South Africans. 2. Stellar New Ways to Highlight Hardy Succulents in Your Garden (Some Lessons from Denver).

Dr. Dan Mahr, Wisconsin—1. Stranded on a Desert Island, Island of Bonaire. 2. Succulents of the Kaokoveld.

Woody Minnich, New Mexico—1. The Great Southwest, 40 Years of Field Work in Seven States. 2. 40 Years of Field Work Around the World.

Dick Schreiber, Iowa—Recent trips to Nurseries of Southern California.

Dr. Rob Wallace, Iowa—1. Succulent Sex 101: An up-close and personal view of flowers, fruits, seeds and seedlings. 2. An Overview of the Cactus Family: Diversity and Classification.

FIELD TRIP: To **Judy Pigue's** outdoor and indoor c&s plants on June 23 at her home—no cost.

VENDORS

Cactus Data Plants (Woody Minnich, New Mexico), **J&J Cactus & Succulents** (Joyce & Jim Hochtritt, Oklahoma), **Rio Grande Cacti** (Socorro Gonzalez, New Mexico), **ExoticPlantBooks.com** (Daiv Freeman, Minnesota), **Pottery** (Brian Klapmeyer).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Speaker programs and plant sales for registrants & general public on Friday, Saturday & Sunday morning.
2. Thursday (June 21): Registration in afternoon and evening—welcome reception and plant sales for attendees only.
3. Friday Evening (June 22): Cactus & Succulent Show and Best Shot Photo Contest Judging by Rob Wallace, Dan Mahr & Woody Minnich (silently observed by attendees).
4. Saturday Afternoon (June 23): Cactus Club Concerns and New Ideas—group discussion led by moderator Eva Allen.
5. Saturday Evening (June 23): Banquet and Rare Plant Auction with auctioneers Rob Wallace and Woody Minnich.
6. 107 attendees—14 States: AR (2), CO (3), DC (1), IA (10), IL (4), IN (1), KS (4), MN (2), MO (59), NE (11), OK (1), NM (3), TX (5), WI (1).

2010 13th BIENNIAL MID-STATES CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCE: June 10–13. Hosted by Henry Shaw Cactus Society—held at **Drury Inn & Suites, St. Louis, Missouri**, \$99.99/night with complimentary breakfast and snack/meal evenings.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$85/person, includes welcome reception, banquet & rare plant auction.

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR: **Mike Hellmann**—**PRESIDENT** of Henry Shaw Cactus Soc: **Nikki Murdick**.

SPEAKERS (Introductions by Eric Driskill)

Susan Amoy, New York—1. Bonsai With Succulent Plants (Part 1). 2. Bonsai With Succulent Plants, *Pachypodium bispinosum* Workshop (Part 2).

Eric Driskill, Missouri—Group Discussion: Cactus and Succulent Judge Training.

Chuck Hanson, Ecuador—1. 40 Years of Succulent Safaris. 2. From Cloud Forest to Desert, a Look at the Cacti and Succulents of Ecuador.

Dr. Dan Mahr, Wisconsin—1. Growing Cactus and Other Succulent Plants: Lessons from Nature (Part 1). 2. Growing Cactus and Other Succulent plants: Lessons from Nature (Part 2).

Mike Massara, Florida—1. Madagascar, North to South and Places in Between (Part 1). 2. Madagascar, North to South and Places in Between (Part 2).

Woody Minnich, New Mexico—1. Rio Grande do Sul, Grasslands and Gulches. 2. Shows, Showing and Judging.

Armand Randrianasolo, Missouri—Community-Based Sustainable Development in Madagascar.

Pam Schnebelen, Missouri—Group Discussion: Building a Successful Cactus Club.

Dr. Rob Wallace, Iowa—1. Succulent Plants and Xerophytic Adaptations. 2. Visit to Succulent Habitats—What can be Learned for Cultivation?

FIELD TRIP: Missouri Botanical Garden, including herbarium and library facilities Saturday afternoon (June 12)—cost \$5/person.

VENDORS

Cactus Data Plants (Woody Minnich, New Mexico), **J&J Cactus & Succulents** (Joyce & Jim Hochtritt, Oklahoma), **Out of Africa** (Mike Massara, Florida), **Pottery by Robin Stearn and Eric Driskill** (Missouri) and **Rio Grande Cacti** (Socorro Gonzalez, New Mexico) + t-shirts from Henry Shaw Cactus Society.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Speaker programs and plant sales for registrants & general public on Friday, Saturday & Sunday morning.

2. Thursday (Jun 10): Registration afternoon and evening—welcome reception and plant sales for attendees only.
3. Saturday evening (June 12): Banquet and Rare Plant Auction with auctioneers Rob Wallace and Woody Minnich.
4. Saturday evening (June 12): After-banquet and prior to Rare Plant Auction speaker Dr. Armand Randrianasolo, Missouri Botanical Garden (see Speakers above).
5. 123 attendees—22 States & Ecuador represented: AL (3), AZ (1), CA (1), CO (3), DC (1), FL (1), IA (8), IL (13), IN (2), KS (5), MI (3), MO (45), NE (5), NM (3), NC (2), NY (1), OH (11), OK (3), PA (2), TN (2), TX (4), WI (3), Ecuador (1).

2008 12th BIENNIAL MID-STATES CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCE: June 12–15. Hosted by Chinle Chapter of the Colorado C&SS—held at **Double Tree Hotel, Grand Junction, Colorado**, \$99/night.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$85/person, included welcome reception, banquet and rare plant auction.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORS: Reed & Bobbie Irwin—PRESIDENT of Chinle Chapter of Colorado C&SS: **Dieter Kubisch**

SPEAKERS (Introductions by David Spenny from new Walking Stick Chapter of Colorado C&SS in Pueblo, Colorado).

Don Campbell, Colorado—1. Colorado Plateau Cacti, Scenery, Etc. 2. Tour of Baja California.

Jan Emming, Arizona—1. Weeds & Wildfire in the Desert Southwest. 2. Building Towards Forever.

Dr. Panayoti Kelaidis, Colorado—1. Ice Plants of Skiis. 2. Succulents Come Out on Top.

Woody Minnich, New Mexico—1. Socotra, An Island in the Arabian Sea. 2. Bolivian Highlands.

Dr. Rob Wallace, Iowa—1. Succulent Sex 101. 2. Succulent Plant Adaptations.

Jim Weedin, Colorado—1. Cacti & Succulents of the Big Bend Region: A Photo Tour of the Northern Chihuahuan Desert. 2. Colorado Cactus & Succulent Society Winter Hardy Study.

FIELD TRIPS on Sunday: (Choice of one, including lunch with #1.)

#1: Native Cacti in Habitat—cost \$30/person.

#2: Two Area Public Gardens in Grand Junction maintained by the Chin Chapter of Colorado C&SS—cost \$20/person.

#3: Do-It-Yourself Driving Tour (handouts provided).

This was the first Mid-States Conference to provide a choice of Field Trips.

VENDORS

J & J Cactus & Succulents (Joyce Hochtritt, Oklahoma), **Cactus Data Plants** (Woody Minnich, New Mexico), **Crump Greenhouse** (Mike Crump and Rita Auer, Colorado), **Stone Path Gardens** (Leo Chance, Colorado Springs), **Rio Grande Cacti** (Socorro Gonzalez & Daniel Perry, Socorro, New Mexico), **Cactus Prints** (by Sandy King, Grand Junction), **Blown Glass Pots** (by Peter Newbury, Grand Junction), t-shirts, and books.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Speaker programs and plant sales for registrants & general public on Friday & Saturday.
2. Thursday (June 12): Registration in afternoon & evening—welcome reception & plant sales in evening for registered attendees only.
3. Friday evening (June 13): Judging Seminar with Don Campbell, Woody Minnich, Bob Barth, Joyce Hochtritt, Connie Staples and Chuck Staples serving as judges of various c&s plants with audience participation: Just What Are The Judges Looking for??
4. Saturday Evening (June 14): Banquet and Rare Plant Auction.

5. 103 attendees—15 states + England represented: MO (4), CO (58), TX (5), CA (1), OK (4), AZ (1), NM (12), NE (1), NV (3), IL (1), NJ (2), AR (2), IA (6), KS (1), PA (1), UK (1).

2006 11th BIENNIAL MID-STATES ~~STICK-TOGETHER~~ CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCE: June 15–18. Hosted by Central Oklahoma C&SS and C&SS of Tulsa—held at **Clarion Meridian Hotel & Convention Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**, \$69/night or \$79 mini suites.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$85/person, includes welcome reception, banquet and rare plant auction.

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR: Ralph Shadid—PRESIDENT of Oklahoma City C&SS: **Ralph Shadid.**

SPEAKERS

Bob Barth, Texas—1. Cacti of Chile. 2. Copiapo.

Mike Douglas, Oklahoma—1. The Climate of Succulent Plant Habitats (Part 1). 2. The Climate of Succulent Plant Habitats (Part 2).

Mike Keeling, Oklahoma—1. "Why I Graft". 2. Grafting Demonstration.

Dr. Dan Mahr, Wisconsin—1. Succulents of Namibia. 2. Succulent Trees of Madagascar.

Woody Minnich, California—1. Bolivia to Patagonia. 2. Texas to Tamaulipas...New Miniature Cactus Discoveries.

Wade Roitsch, Texas—1. Succulents along the Way. 2. Wild Bulbs of South Africa and Brazil.

Bob Smoley, Florida—1. Hoyas. 2. Succulent Nurseries from Around the World.

FIELD TRIP: To Will Rogers Park and Conservatory in late afternoon on Friday, June 16.

VENDORS

Bob Smoley's Gardenworld (Florida), **LoWilla Wilson Succulents** (Oklahoma), **Snake Farm Cactus** (Mike & LaWanda Keeling, Oklahoma), **J & J Cactus & Succulents** (Joyce Hochtritt, Oklahoma), **Rio Grande Cacti** (Socorro Gonzalez, New Mexico), **Cactus Data Plants** (Woody & Kathy Minnich, California), **Yuccado Nursery** (Wade Roitsch, Texas).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Speaker programs and plant sales for registrants & general public on Friday, Saturday & Sunday morning.
2. Thursday (June 15): Registration in afternoon and evening—~~Stick-Together~~ party and plant sales in evening for attendees only.
3. This ~~Stick-Together~~ Mid-States C&S Plant Conference was dedicated to Lynn Wilson (1934-2006) who with LoWilla operated a top-of-the-line nursery for many years in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
4. Friday evening (June 16): Meeting on judging—sharing between clubs, expenses, criteria, etc.—conducted by Connie and Chuck Staples.
5. Saturday afternoon (June 17): Results of judging educational displays by attendees.
6. Saturday evening (June 17): ~~Stick-Together~~ Banquet and Rare Plant Auction.
7. 63 attendees—16 states + England & Yugoslavia: AR (1), CA (2), CO (2), DC (1), FL (2), GA (2), IA (7), KS (1), LA (1), MO (7), NE (6), NM (2), OK (17), PA (4), TX (5), WI (1)—16 C&SS represented: Atlanta, Austin, Central Oklahoma, Central Texas, Colorado, Henry Shaw, Kansas City, Mid-Iowa, National Capital, New Mexico, North Texas, Philadelphia, River City, San Antonio, Tulsa, Wisconsin.

2004 10th MIDWEST CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCE: June 11–13. Hosted by River City C&SS and Mid-Iowa C&SS—held at **Ramada LTD Convention Center, Council Bluffs, Iowa**, \$49.95/night.

REGISTRATION FEES

Ful-time registration fee: \$75/person if paid prior to 1 May 2004—\$90/person on and after 1 May and prior to 6 June—\$100 on and after 6 June and at door—includes welcome reception, banquet buffet and rare plant auction.

Daily registration fee: Friday (June 11), Saturday (June 12) & Sunday (June 13) on sales and lectures only (does not include Saturday evening banquet or rare plant auction)—\$35/person each day.

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR: Chuck Hanson—PRESIDENT of River City C&SS: Claude Smith. PRESIDENT of Mid-Iowa C&SS: Denny Rehder.

SPEAKERS

Dennis Cathcart, Florida—1. Terrestrial Earthbound Bomeliads. 2. Caribbean Caudiciforms....Exploring Coastal Venezuela.

Dr. Mark Dimmitt, Arizona—1. The Exploding Popularity of Adeniums. 2. Extreme Local Succulent Diversity in Central Baja California.

Dylan Hannon, California—1. Socotra: A Natural History. 2. Soft But Tough, the Manfredas.

Chuck Hanson, Iowa—Madagascar Succulent Safari (Part 2).

Tom Knapik, California—1. Cacti and Other Succulents of Minas Gerais, Brazil. 2. Chile, a Closer Look.

Mike Massara, Ohio—1. Succulent Plants of East Africa. 2. Madagascar Succulent Safari (Part 1).

Mark Sitter, Arizona—1. Cacti and Succulents of Southeastern Arizona. 2. An Insider's Look at an Arizona Cactus Farm.

VENDORS

Arid Lands Iowa (Chuck Hanson, Iowa), **Cactus Patch** (Wolfgang Werk, Wisconsin), **BJ Pottery** (B.J. Whitmore, Florida), **Out of Africa** (Mike & Maureen Massara, Ohio), **Wilson's** (Lynn & LoWilla Wilson, Oklahoma), **Earth Shanti** (Mark Schiller, Ohio) and **Tropiflora** (Dennis Cathcart, Florida).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Speaker programs and plant sales for registrants & general public on Friday, Saturday & Sunday morning.
2. Friday all day (June 11): Registration all day.
3. Friday evening (June 11): Slide show by attendees.
4. Saturday noon (June 12): Optional Deli Buffet—\$10/person.
5. Saturday afternoon (June 12): Open show judging for plants entered by attendees.
6. Saturday evening (June 12): Banquet and Rare Plant Auction.
7. Sunday afternoon (June 13): Optional trip to Arid Lands Iowa Greenhouses.

2002 9th MID-AMERICA REGIONAL CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCE: June 7–9. Hosted by Kansas City C&SS—held at **Holiday Inn Mission/Overland Park, Mission, Kansas**, \$74/night

REGISTRATION FEE: \$75/person if paid prior to 1 May 2002—\$90/person on and after 1 May and prior to June 6—\$100/person at door—includes welcome reception, banquet and rare plant auction.

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR: Judy Pigue—PRESIDENT of Kansas City C&SS: Judy Pigue.

SPEAKERS

David Bird, Missouri—1. Quirky Containers.

Chuck Hanson, Iowa—1. Cacti of the Atacama Desert. 2. Tropical African Succulent Safari.

Bob Harris, Missouri—1. Succulent Bonsai (Part 1). 2. Succulent Bonsai (Part 2).

Kathy Malon, Missouri—Spoon Garden Workshop.

Bob Smoley, Florida—C&S Greenhouses Around the World.

John Spain, Connecticut—1. Cactus of the High Country. 2. Winter Hardy Cacti—Then and Now.

Dr. Rob Wallace, Iowa—1. Succulent Sex 101. 2. Homage to the Bearers of Glochids.

VENDORS

Chuck Hanson (Iowa), **Bob Smoley** (Florida), **Lynn & LoWilla Wilson** (Oklahoma), **Carol Wichern** (Colorado), **Joyce Batemann-Hochtritt** (Oklahoma).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Speaker programs on Friday, Saturday & Sunday morning.
2. Judged show for attendees.
3. Thursday (June 6): Registration in afternoon and evening.
4. Friday all day (June 7): Vendor sales for registrants only.
5. Friday evening (June 7): Welcome reception.
6. Saturday morning (June 8): Vendor sales for registrants only.
7. Saturday afternoon (June 8): Vendor sales for registrants and general public.
8. Saturday late afternoon (June 8): Growers Panel with moderators John Spain, Chuck Hanson, Bob Smoley, Lynn & LoWilla Wilson, Joyce Bateman-Hochtritt.
9. Saturday evening (June 8): Banquet and Rare Plant Auction.
10. Sunday morning (June 9): Vendor sales for registrants and general public.

2000 8th MID-AMERICA CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCE: June 9–11. Hosted by Henry Shaw Cactus Society—held at **Viking Conference Center & Holiday Inn, St. Louis, Missouri**, \$83/night.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$75/person, includes welcome reception, banquet and rare plant auction.

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR: Mike Hellmann—PRESIDENT of Henry Shaw Cactus Society: **Mike Hellmann.**

SPEAKERS

Dr. Jerald Barad, New Jersey—1. Madagascar. 2. Chilean Cactus.

Chuck Hanson, Iowa—Plant sex, for fun and profit.

Dr. Dan Mahr, Wisconsin—1. Big Bend Desert Trip. 2. Adansonias and Giant Plants.

Mike Massara, Ohio—Ethiopia, Thirteen Months of Sunshine.

Mark Olson, Missouri—What Does Cultivation Contribute to Conservation of Succulents?

Bob Smoley, Florida—Cactus & Succulent Greenhouses.

Dr. Rob Wallace, Iowa—1. Overview of Cactus. 2. Lithops.

FIELD TRIP: Missouri Botanical Garden, including herbarium and library facilities Saturday morning (June 10)—cost \$5/person.

VENDORS

Arid Lands (Chuck Hanson, Iowa), **Burks' Nursery** (Arkansas), **Crump's Nursery** (Mike Crump & Rita Auer, Colorado), **Drummond's Nursery** (Missouri), **Lynn & LoWilla Wilson** (Oklahoma), **Bob Smoley's Gardenworld** (Florida), **Joe Wujcik pots** (California).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Henry Shaw Cactus Society dedicated the program to the memory of Harrison Howe (1928-2000).
2. Henry Shaw Cactus Society members special plant display for attendees enjoyment.
3. Friday evening (June 9): Cocktail Reception & Autograph Party.
4. Saturday afternoon (June 10): Growers Panel with moderators Chuck Hanson, Bob Smoley, Mike Massara, Bob & Lois Burks, Lynn & LoWilla Wilson.
5. Saturday evening (June 10): Banquet and Rare Plant Auction with auctioneer Bob Smoley.

1998 7th MIDWEST CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCE: June 12–14. Hosted by Omaha C&SS—held at **Ramada Inn, Council Bluffs, Iowa**, \$48/night.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$45/person if paid prior to 16 April 1998—\$60/person after 15 April 1998—includes welcome reception and rare plant auction. See Misc. below for cost of banquet.

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR: Chuck Hanson—**PRESIDENT** of The Omaha C&SS: **Kathy Bokelman Zeeb**

SPEAKERS

Miles Anderson, Arizona—1. Grafting Cacti and Succulents (talk & demo).

Dr. Jerry Barad, New Jersey—1. Thorn Forest of Madagascar. 2. Somali Succulent Safari.

Bruce Bayer, South Africa—1. Haworthia – Why the Controversy? 2. Haworthias in the Field as Seen by J. D. (Kobus) Venter.

Steven Hammer, California—1. Namaqualand in Winter. 2. Mabel and the Seven (Hundred) Dwarfs.

Chuck Hanson, Iowa—1. Succulents of the Sea of Cortez.

Fred Kattermann, New Jersey—1. The Cacti of Chile. 2. The Genus Copiapoa.

Dr. Rob Wallace, Iowa—1. Cactus Classification: The Basic Background (Not Negating Necessary Names) and How to Understand It (a Recurring Revelry of Relevant Ranks). 2. The Biology of Lithops: Masters of Desert Adaptation.

VENDORS

Arid Lands (Chuck Hanson), **Burk's Nursery** (Lois Burk), **Cactus Data Plants** (Woody Minnich), **Crump's Cactus Greenhouse** (Mike Crump & Rita Auer), **Lynn & LoWilla Wilson's Succulents**, **Miles to Go**, **Pottery by Joe Wujcik**, **Mary Odette Books**.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Friday evening (June 12): Welcome reception and attendees slide shows.
2. Saturday afternoon (Jun 13): **a.** Growers panel discussion with moderator Roger Brown that included Miles Anderson, Lois Burk, Mike Crump, Mike Massara and Lynn Wilson. **b.** Open show judging of attendees cactus & other succulent plants.
3. Saturday evening (June 13): **a.** Autograph party. **b.** Banquet—\$15/person. **c.** Rare Plant Auction with auctioneers Chuck Hanson and Jerry Barad, assisted by Tom Bruning.
4. Sunday afternoon (June 14): Optional trips to Arid Lands Greenhouses and Roger Brown's Greenhouse.

1996 6th MID-AMERICA REGIONAL CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCE: June 21–22. Hosted by Colorado C&SS—held at **Executive Tower Inn, downtown Denver, Colorado**, \$65 single/night, \$70 double.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$50/person if paid prior to 1 May 1996—\$60/person if paid on or after 1 May 1996. See Misc. for cost of Banquet.

SPEAKERS (with unlimited time for each program – most from 1½ to 1¾ hours long)

Dr. Jerry Barad, New Jersey—A Journey Through the Thorn Forests of Madagascar.

Don Campbell, Colorado—Colorado Natives.

Dr. Panayoti Kelaidis, Colorado—Plants in The Denver Botanic Garden rock garden and Succulent Flora of South Africa (Banquet Speaker)

Dr. Alfred Lau, Mexico—Unusual and Rarely Seen Cacti.

John Trager, California—Landscaping with Cacti and Succulents at The Huntington.

VENDORS

Mike Crump & Rita Crump (Crump Greenhouse, Buena Vista, Colorado), **Lynn & LoWilla Wilson** (Broken Arrow, Oklahoma).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Thursday evening (June 20) & Friday morning (June 21): Registration.

2. Friday evening (June 21): **a.** Cocktail hour with Cash Bar & Hors d'oeuvres. **b.** Banquet—\$30/person.

1994 5th MIDWESTERN CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCE: June 16–19. Hosted by Kansas City C&SS—held at **Holiday Inn Mission-Overland Park Holidome, Mission, Kansas**, \$64/night main bldg or \$59/night outlying bldg with complimentary breakfast.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$45/person if paid prior to 16 May 1994—\$50/person if paid after 15 May 1994— includes Saturday evening banquet plus a noontime barbecue Sunday at Stan Peterson's—mini-show for all attendees—rare plant auction.

SPEAKERS: **Woody Minnich** (Calif), **Mike Massara** (Ohio), **David von Goss** (Kansas City), **Mary Jo Gusset** (Texas & CSSA President), **Rick Malone** (Nebraska), **Mike Hisey** (Kansas City), **Stan Peterson** (Kansas City).

VENDORS: **Cactus Data Plants** (Woody Minnich, California), **Highland Succulents** (Ohio), **Arid Lands** (Chuck Hanson, Arizona), **Living Stone Nursery** (Arizona), show pots from California, jewelry & tee shirts.

1992 4th MID-STATES STICK-TOGETHER CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCE: June 20–21. Hosted by C&SS of Tulsa—held at **Sheraton Inn-Tulsa Airport, Tulsa, Oklahoma**, \$45/night.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$35/person, includes welcome reception, lunch & dinner Saturday—judged show for all attendees—rare plant auction.

SPEAKERS:

Bob Barth, Texas—The Richtersveld in South Africa.

Dr. Roger Brown, Nebraska—His Greenhouse of movable shelves, electronic temperature controls and spotlessly clean.

Mac Clarke, Tennessee—Stapeliads.

David Eppele, Arizona—1. Arizona Cactus & Succulent Research, Inc. in Bisbee Junction, Arizona. 2. Various stages of Cactomania.

Mary Jo Gussett, Texas—IOS Congress in Phoenix, Arizona and slides of Biosphere 2.

Mike Keeling, Oklahoma—Grafting Plants.

Stan Peterson, Kansas—Ariocarpus.

VENDORS: Not sure who. ?Chuck Hanson (Arid Lands), Lynn & LoWilla Wilson Succulents?

1990 3rd MID-AMERICA CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCE: May 25–27. Hosted by Henry Shaw Cactus Society—held at **Forest Park Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri**, 2 people \$45/night, 3 people \$50/night, 4 people \$55/night.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$35/person, includes welcome reception, lunch on Saturday and rare plant auction.

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Jerry Barad, New Jersey—Pollination of Stapeliads.

Pat Fusaro, Iowa—Vegas: What’s there for me.

Chuck Hanson, Arizona—Plant Sex For Fun and Profit.

Anita Holst, Missouri—Cacti Crests.

Dr. Larry Mitich, California—Cactus Hobby in the 19th Century.

Joe Moreno, Missouri—Travels in Kenya.

VENDORS:

Crump Greenhouse (Mike Crump & Rita Auer, Colorado), **Ron Studier** (Texas), **Drummonds** (Missouri), **Bart Steward** (Omaha, Nebraska) with cactus jewelry made by him.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Friday evening (May 25): Welcome Reception with Hors d’oeuvres Buffet.

2. Saturday (May 26): Rare Plant Auction.

3. Sunday (May 27): Missouri Botanical Garden on your own from 8am.

4. 105 attendees—19 States: AZ (1), CA (3), CO (2), IL (4), IN (3), IA (12), KS (5), KY (4), MD (1), MI (5), MN (2), MO (35), NE (11), ND (1), OH (5), OK (2), PA (1), TN (5), TX (3).

1988 2nd MID-AMERICA REGIONAL CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT CONFERENCE: June 17–19. Hosted by Mid-Iowa C&SS—held at **Airport Inn, Des Moines, Iowa**, \$34 single/night or \$36 double/night + \$4 per extra person in room.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30/person, includes picnic type lunch—home or botanical center tour—rare plant auction.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORS: Pat & Mindy Fusaro—PRESIDENT of Mid-Iowa C&SS: **Pat Fusaro.**

SPEAKERS

Neal Bohlman, Missouri—Euphorbias of Madagascar and their Culture.

Frank Bowman, Wisconsin—Cactus & Succulent Dirt, Soil and Soilless Mixes.

John Donald, England—Sulcorebutias.

Dr. Seymour Linden, California—A Succulent Trip to the Sudan.

Woody Minnich, California—Northwestern Mexico or AT&T.

Dr. Bill Nixon, Massachusetts—Some Favorite Alpine Plants Including Sempervivums.

VENDORS: Lynn & LoWilla Wilson (Oklahoma), Mike Crump (Crump Greenhouse, Colorado), Ron Studier (Texas).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Saturday evening (June 18): Rare Plant Auction with auctioneer Frank Bowman.
2. Sunday (June 19): Visit to private collections and/or Des Moines Botanical Center.
3. 97 attendees—20 states + England (1): AZ (3), CA (6), CO (2), IA (30), IL (1), IN (1), KS (6), MA (1), MD (2), MI (1), MN (3), MO (9), ND (3), NE (13), OK (2), OR (2), TN (2), TX (7), WI (2), WV (1) — 16 C&SS represented: Arkansas, Colorado, Fargo, Fort Worth, Greater Kentucky, Henry Shaw, Houston, Indiana, Kansas City, Maryland, Michigan, Mid-Iowa, Omaha, Oregon, Tulsa, Wisconsin.

1986 1st MID-STATES (Mid-West) CACTUS and SUCCULENT PLANT PICNIC and MINI-CONFERENCE (Cactus People Stick Together): June 20–22. Hosted by Omaha C&SS (now known as ‘River City C&SS’)—**various motels in the area**, \$25 to \$60 single/night—lectures & slide programs were held at Dave Weeks’ Family Practice Office.

REGISTRATION FEE: None—see cost for family picnic on Saturday below.

SPEAKERS

Malcolm Burleigh, Minnesota—Cacti of the Southwest.

Frank Bowman, Wisconsin—Cacti and Succulents in Bonsai.

Dr. Seymour Linden, California, CSSA President—1. Somalia. 2. Kenya and Zimbabwe.

Vincent Lopresti, California—Mexico.

Peg Spaete, Oregon—Propagation.

VENDORS: None. Plant swap. Visits to greenhouses of: Skip & Retha Adkins, Sue & Bart Steward, Dave Weeks, Delores Kirk, and Rick Malone’s commercial greenhouse.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Friday & Saturday evenings (June 20 & 21): Two speaker programs.
2. Friday late morning into all afternoon (Jun 20): Welcome at home of Skip & Retha Adkins.
3. Saturday noon into all afternoon (June 21): **Family picnic** at Hanscom Park Pavillion—meat (hamburger & hot dogs), buns, potato salad, baked beans, iced tea, lemonade & table service furnished—**cost \$7.50/person (\$20 max/family)**. Attendees bring your own pop & whatever you wish for the potluck portion of the picnic. Grills are set up to cook your choice of meat. Mini plant judged show contest this afternoon.
4. Sunday morning (June 22): Two speaker programs.
5. 60 attendees—12 states—7 cactus & succulent societies.

1st Mid-States Conference: The following “feeler” along with a questionnaire went out to the various affiliate societies in the mid-states area in 1985—from Skip and Retha Adkins of the Omaha Cactus and Succulent Society. This became the beginning of the biennial mid-states conferences—held during the even-numbered years between the national convention odd-numbered years.

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1st ANNUAL CACTI SOCIAL
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Would members of your club be willing to attend a pot-luck picnic on a late Saturday afternoon in June or July of '86 for the mid states cactus and succulent society affiliates (Nebraska, Iowa, North/South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Arkansas)? It seems to us that our problems are different, shopping places limited, and the need to meet and know one another is great.

Our goal is to keep it as inexpensive as possible for everyone—meet you—and have a lot of fun.

Membership in one of the affiliate societies in the states listed above is encouraged but not required. There are no dues other than dues to join an affiliate society and/or costs associated with each individual mid states conference. The boundaries of the states involved in holding a mid states conference at this time are listed above—by affiliate societies in the states—the next conference place selected at the current conference. However, people from all over the world are encouraged to attend a mid states conference.