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40. 2010 President of Mid-Iowa C&SS: Dick Schreiber. Meetings were held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm.

a. Officers: President: Dick Schreiber
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   Secretary: Connie Staples
   Treasurer: Cynde Schreiber
   Editor: Denny Rehder
   Show Director: Rebecca Hoeppner
   Affiliate CSSA Rep: Dick Schreiber


c. No meeting in January or February this year; however, newsletter continued as in the past.

d. Denny & Pat Rehder traveled to "Adventures in Costa Rica".

e. MICSS members toured Reiman Gardens in Ames, Iowa.


Chuck Hanson, Dan Mahr, Mike Massara, Woody Minnich, Rob Wallace. Vendors: Cactus Data Plants (Woody moved from California to New Mexico last year), Eric Driskill & Associates (MO), J&J Succulents (OK), Out of Africa (FL), Rio Grande Cacti (NM).

g. July: MICSS members Rebecca Hoeppner, Dick & Cynde Schreiber, Connie Staples judged the Henry Shaw Cactus Society Show in St. Louis, Missouri.

h. August: MICSS judged Show/Sale in Merle Hay Mall at Merle Hay Road & Douglas Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Judges from Kansas City C&SS: Barb Roy, Eva Allen (observer), Linda Tamblyn, Judy Pigue.
Denny Rehder won his 3rd Sweepstakes Award.

i. September: **Tri-Club meeting** in Des Moines at Dick & Cynde Schreiber’s home -- KC C&SS, MICSS, River City C&SS.

j. Rebecca Hoeppner & Dick Schreiber joined the CSSA sponsored tour to Oaxaca, Mexico.

**41. 2011 President of Mid-Iowa C&SS: Dick Schreiber.** Meetings were held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm.

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   - Secretary: Connie Staples
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   - Editor: Denny Rehder
   - Show Director: Rebecca Hoeppner
   - Affiliate CSSA Rep: Chuck Staples


c. No meeting in January due to cold & snow.

d. Denny Rehder in the Florida Keys.

e. March: Melissa Holst joined.

f. Denny Rehder gave a program to students at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa.

g. April: **CSSA Convention** in San Diego. Dick & Cynde Schreiber attended from MICSS.

h. August: **MICSS judged Show/Sale** in Merle Hay Mall at Merle Hay Road & Douglas Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Judges from River City C&SS: Kathy Bokelmann, Carolyn Dukat, Nancy Mulholland.

Dick Schreiber won his 2nd Sweepstakes Award

i. September: **Tri-City Get-together** in Papillion, Nebraska hosted by the River City C&SS with special guest Woody Minnich for Kansas City C&SS, River City C&SS & MICSS.

j. September: Denny & Pat Rehder celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a unique gift.
4 2. 2012 President of Mid-Iowa C&SS: Dick Schreiber. Meetings were held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm.

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   Vice President: Roger Brannian
   Secretary: Connie Staples
   Treasurer: Cynde Schreiber
   Editor: Denny Rehder
   Show Director: Rebecca Hoeppner
   Affiliate CSSA Rep: Chuck Staples


c. No meeting in January due to cold & snow.

d. Denny & Pat Rehder cruised parts of the West Indies where they saw succulent plants at various islands. Here is a many headed Melocactus. ➞

e. Dick Schreiber's 10-year collection of cactus salt & pepper shakers.

f. February:
   Dick & Cynde Schreiber toured Bluebird Nursery in Clarkson, Nebraska for succulent plants with a local nursery couple in Norwalk, Iowa.

g. May: MICSS participated in the Des Moines Botanical Center flea market type plant & book sale in their parking lot -- Connie & Rebecca busy.


i. July: Judges at the Henry Shaw Cactus Society Show in St. Louis was Rebecca Hoeppner, Dick & Cynde Schreiber, Connie Staples.

j. August: MICSS judged Show/Sale in Merle Hay Mall at Merle Hay Road & Douglas Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Judges from Henry Shaw Cactus Society, St. Louis, Missouri: Pam Schnebelen, Tom Degnan, Lillian Giessow. Denny Rehder won his 4th Sweepstakes Award.
k. Former member → Jenny Rehder’s blooming Agave in Georgia.

l. Rebecca Hoeppner & Dick Schreiber took a CSSA-sponsored tour to Northwest Argentina in the Fall.

CSSA tour to Argentina October & November 2012
Trichocereus atacamensis (passacana)

43. 2013 President of Mid-Iowa C&S Dick Schreiber. Meetings were held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm.

a. Officers: President: Dick Schreiber
Vice President: Roger Brannian
Secretary: Connie Staples
Treasurer: Cynde Schreiber
Editor: Denny Rehder


c. No meeting in January due to cold & snow.

d. January: Dick Schreiber was re-elected to the CSSA Board of Directors for another 4 year term.

e. March: Dick & Cynde Schreiber attended a flower show in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where there was a section on c&s plants.

f. April: Denny Rehder made a trip to Cuba.

g. June: CSSA Convention at the Sheraton in Austin, Texas. MICSS attendees were Dick & Cynde Schreiber, Chuck & Connie Staples -- Andrew Staples from Texas. Dick Schreiber joined the CSSA sponsored pre-convention tour to the Big Bend National Park area of Texas.

h. July: Andrew Staples joined.

i. July 3: Norma Lee passed away. She had a small collection of c&s plants in a solar sunroom built by Gene at the back of her house in 1984 -- enjoyed her plants and the interaction with club people.
j. August: MICSS judged Show/Sale in Merle Hay Mall at Merle Hay Road & Douglas Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Judges from River City C&SS: Kathy Bokelmann, Carolyn Dukat plus Rita Auer from Buena Vista, Colorado (our retail nursery lady & her plants from Crump Greenhouse).

k. September: Tri-City Get-Together in Kansas City with KCCSSA as host.

l. October: Special guests Dan & Susan Mahr from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin gave talks at the Des Moines Botanical Center (Susan) and at the MICSS meeting (Dan).

4. 2014 President of Mid-Iowa C&SS: Dick Schreiber. Meetings were held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm.

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   Secretary: Connie Staples
   Treasurer: Cynde Schreiber
   Editor: Denny Rehder
   Show Director: Rebecca Hoeppner
   Affiliate CSSA Rep: Robert Mapes
   Historian: Chuck Staples


c. No meeting in January due to cold & snow.

d. January 4: Member Pat Rehder passed away. MICSS member Pat was supportive of her husband Denny's interest in the cactus and succulent plant hobby. She was most interested in the people Denny associated with in the hobby.

e. April: Teresa Parker joined.

f. April: Dick & Cynde and Dan & Susan Mahr took a trip to Florida -- among other sites there they saw nurseries with succulent plants.

g. May: MICSS road trip to Henry Doorly Zoo and Mulhall's Garden Center in Nebraska:
h. May: Dick Schreiber joined the CSSA sponsored tour to the Canary Islands.

i. June: MICSS road trip to Reiman Gardens in Ames, Iowa

j. June: Dick & Cynde Schreiber traveled to the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California to participate in the CSSA Show/Sale, working with others at the sale.

k. August: MICSS judged Show/Sale at the north end near Sears in Merle Hay Mall at Merle Hay Road & Douglas Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Judges from Kansas City C&SS: Judy Pigue, Bran Middendorf, Mike Hisey.

l. August: Mel Hrubetz donated his 37-year-old cactus to the Des Moines Botanical Garden succulent bed -- where he and Dick Schreiber planted it.

m. September: Tri-City Get-together at Denny Rehder’s home in Des Moines, Iowa hosted by MICSS for Kansas City C&SS, River City C&SS & MICSS.

45. 2015 President of Mid-Iowa C&SS: Dick Schreiber. Meetings were held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm.

a. Officers: President: Dick Schreiber
   Vice President: Andrew Staples
   Secretary: Denny Rehder
   Treasurer: Cynde Schreiber

c. No meeting in January due to cold & snow.

d. March: MICSS members, Rebecca Hoeppner, Andrew Staples and Chuck Staples attended a March Kansas City C&SS program by Woody Minnich on Madagascar at Jacob Loose Park in Kansas City, Missouri.

e. April meeting: MICSS Historian Chuck Staples handed out a history of the Club and Society from its beginning in 1970 through 2014. It was good to see former members Don Flockhart and Barry & Betty Lynch at this meeting.

f. May: MICSS members visited Opuntia macrorhiza in habitat at a cemetery near Polk City, Iowa and then to the Harvey Greenhouses in Adel, Iowa.

g. June: CSSA Biennial Convention at Pitzer College in Claremont, California June 14-19, 2015. MICSS members attending were Dick & Cynde Schreiber, Denny Rehder and Chuck & Connie Staples. This was Denny’s first CSSA convention. Chuck Staples was honored at this convention with the prestigious CSSA Fellow award. It was a pleasure for Chuck to receive the award from Judy Pigue an old friend of the Kansas City C&SS and new 2015 president of our national CSSA organization.

Denny Rehder and Dick Schreiber took the pre-convention trip into central Mexico.

h. August: MICSS judged Show/Sale at the northeast end of Merle Hay Mall near Sears, Merle Hay Road & Douglas Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Judges from the Henry Shaw Cactus Society (St. Louis, Missouri) were: Don Lesmeister, Chris Walker and Pam Schnebelen.

Dick Schreiber won his 4th Sweepstakes Award.

i. August: Long-time member Lorraine Eldredge passed away. Lorraine was one of the very early members of the Society.

j. September: Tri-City Get-together at Carol Ann & Claude Smith’s home in the northern part of Omaha, Nebraska — hosted by the River City C&SS for the three societies, Kansas City C&SS, Mid-Iowa C&SS and River City C&SS.

k. November: Joe & Linda Hoch re-joined MICSS.

l. December: The annual MICSS Christmas Party was held at the Café at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa, with the entree provided by MICSS and side dishes and desserts from members. There was the normal “Dirty Santa” gift exchange that has been going on for years. (Each person that brings a gift of under $15 draws a number — #1 goes to the table of gifts and takes one — #2 can either take a gift from the
Table or the gift #1 took while #1 then again takes
one from the table — #3 can either take a gift from
the table or gift from either #1 or #2 — etc., etc.,
until all are gone from the table. This usually
results in a lot of laughs and a few groans.

m. 45 is quite a few years since MICSS was
organized as The Family Cactus and Succulent
Club of Des Moines in 1970.

46. 2016 President of MICSS:
Dick Schreiber. Meetings held on the
3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm.
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b. Members during Society Calendar Year: Roger
Brannian, Tatiana Christian, Tina & Olivia Cook,
Joe & Linda Hoch, Rebecca Hoeppner, Mel & Bev
Hrubetz, Robert & Helen Mapes, Teresa Parker,
Denny Rehder, Dick & Cynde Schreiber, Paul
Schwink, Thomas Schwink, Andrew Staples,
Chuck & Connie Staples, Hazel Zimmerman.

c. No meeting in January due to cold & snow.
d. February 21: MICSS program was "Revisiting
tanzania — A look at the plants I saw during my
time in East Africa" by Denny Rehder.

e. March 4: Early Club member Helen
Rachel Miller, 96, passed away on 4
March 2016. Helen and Normal Albert
Miller were married for 75 years before

he passed away. She was the mother of Patricia
Kramersmeier, Family C&S Club of DM President
1976 & 1977. Helen was one of the early members
of the Club.
f. March 20: MICSS program was "Important
Succulentists and Their Transportation" by Chuck
Staples. Chuck passed out a CD with this MICSS
history from 1970 through 2015, many photos in
color.
g. April 17: Tina
and Olivia Cook,
mother and
daughter,
respectively,
joined the Society.
h. April 17: MICSS
program was
"Succulents -
What's New?" by
Cynde Schreiber. Crump's Greenhouse from
Colorado, our long-time vendor for our shows &
sales (usually in August) will no longer be with us
this year. With pictures at this meeting of a
donation of some excellent specimen cacti from a
collector in North Liberty, Iowa, who wants to give
up her collection, will help our show and sale in
August 2016.
i. March-April Newsletter gave us club Presidents
and Show Plant Sweepstakes winners history by
Chuck Staples, MICSS Historian:

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n. August 19-21: MICSS judged 45 Annual Show/Sale at the northeast end of Merle Hay Mall near Sears, Merle Hay Road & Douglas Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Judges were from the River City C&SS, Omaha, Nebraska were:
Denise Evans,
Kathy Zeeb
and
Robert Martin.
A Large cactus collection was donated to MICSS by Carol Gallagher of North Liberty, Iowa, who was looking forward to retirement and moving to Florida. The excellent mature cactus plants were all gone by the end of the show/sale for more than $800 — a wonderful donation to our club treasury.

m. July 29-August 16: Dick Schreiber on a CSSA sponsored tour to Peru.

j. May 22: Club members field trip to Mulhall's Greenhouse in Omaha.


l. June into July: Dick and Cynde Schreiber spent a few days attending the national CSSA show and sale at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California—and helping at the checkout in the sales area.

p. September 18: Tri-City Meeting of Mid-Iowa, River City and Kansas City C&SSs at the home of Judy Pigue in Raytown, Missouri (suburb of KC). Attending this meeting of people, plants and potluck from Mid-Iowa C&SS were: Rebecca Hoeppner, Tatiana Christian, Andy Staples and Cynde & Dick Schreiber.

Denny Rehder won his 6th Sweepstakes Award.

q. October 4: Sad news today was the death of 39-year-old Cynthia Robinson who was deeply involved with CSSA as a Director of the Board -- and who was the daughter of long time friend Judy Pigue from the Kansas City C&SS.

r. October 16: MICSS program for this meeting was "Lights for Succulent Plants" by Robert Mapes.

s. October 25: Long-time MICSS member 88-year-old Thomas M Schwink passed away on this day due to Parkinson's disease. Thomas (with Hazel) joined MICSS in 1989. He was interested in many things regarding growing c&s plants from seed to maturity. He began writing interesting technical articles for the MICSS Newsletter in 1990, beginning with seed growing that branched out into types of pots to grow them in, insecticides and growing mediums, along with various lighting types for his plants during the winter months.

There were 2 periods in Thomas' life growing succulent (including cactus) plants from seed to maturity -- 1960s into the 1970s -- and 1980s up to about 2010. After the earlier period his mature plants were donated to the Des Moines City Greenhouses (prior to the DM Botanical Center).

t. November 20: MICSS program for this meeting was "Travels in Peru" by Dick Schreiber.

u. This year 2016 will be the last year of Dick Schreiber's time on our national CSSA Board of Directors that began 2009 -- 8 years. Both Dick and the late Bill Woodard from this club had donated their time.
on the national Board. Former member, Mindy Fusaro, was the Treasurer for the national society for a number of years — and Chuck Staples became the national historian from 2005 — quite an accomplishment for our small (in number of members) club in direct volunteer work with our national organization CSSA.

In additions former members Mindy & Pat Fusaro and member Chuck Staples received the national Superior Service awards for their service to CSSA. Later Mindy also received the national Special Service award and Chuck Staples the national Fellow award — both awards the highest awards and most prestigious the national organization (CSSA) can give to people.

There was the normal "Dirty Santa" gift exchange that has been going on for years. See December 2015 on how "Dirty Santa" does this. However, this is the first time all 10 members went to the gift table and no one from #10 on down took a gift from a member of a lower number. That was still a reason to laugh but no groans this time. Although an exchange of gifts between Tatiana and Rebecca took place later.

It was good to see longtime member Mel Hrubetz at the Christmas Dinner. Mel became a member sometime between 1970 and 1978 -- before records were kept when a club newsletter started in 1978. The editor at that time, Chuck Staples, remembers being invited by the late Bill Woodard to Chuck's first club meeting at the home of Mel & Bev Hrubetz way back in 1978.

v. December: The annual MICSS Christmas Party was held at the Café at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa, with the entree & side dish provided by MICSS and desserts from members. We thank Denny Rehder for obtaining the Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy and green bean casserole from HyVee grocery store — and all members for bringing the delicious desserts.

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b. Members during Society Calendar Year: Kathy Bokelman, Roger Brannian, Tatiana Christian, Olivia & Tina Cook, Denise Ferrell Evans, Rebecca Hoeppner, Mel & Bev Hrubetz, Yurii, Gubina & Alina Hubyn, Mike & Janette Lang, Randy Lewiston, Robert & Helen Mapes, Denny Rehder, Dick & Cynde Schreiber, Andrew Staples, Chuck & Connie Staples.

c. No meeting in January due to cold & snow.

d. January: Dick Schreiber agreed at the CSSA Board meeting to stay on the Board one more year.

e. February: MICSS member since 2002, Roger Brannian passed away. His hobby included mostly succulent plants, especially caudex-type plants. He was also a member of the Orchid Society.
Through the generosity of Roger he had asked that many (most?) of his succulent plants be shared with members of our Society.

f. April: Olivia Cook plant stand with Roger Brannian plants included: (See next page.)

g. May 20; Road trip for members to Omaha to visit Lauritzen Gardens and Mulhall's Garden Center.

h. June: 1. Cyndy Schreiber broke a bone in her foot and the Tacofest at the Schreiber's on the 18th was a little less fun for her. Members at this meeting also discussed and prepared for the August show and sale.

   2. Kathy Bokelman and Denise Evans from Omaha joined MICSS at this meeting.

   3. In the later part of this month Dick Schreiber attended the CSSA show and sale at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, working at the cashier's table.

i. July: 1. Dick Schreiber, Denny Rehder and Connie Staples went to St. Louis, Missouri to judge the Henry Shaw C&SS show early this month.

   2. July 26-30 was the CSSA 37th biennial convention hosted by the Central Arizona C&SS in Tempe, Arizona. Among the number of speakers at this convention were Chuck Hanson, Woody Minnich and Dr Rob Wallace that some of you may know. MICSS members Dick and Cynde Schreiber attended this convention.

   3. Dick Schreiber joined the pre-convention tour to Northeastern Mexico July 15-25 with other CSSA members:

j. August 18-20: MICSS show and sale near Sears store at the Merle Hay Mall at Douglas Avenue and Merle Hay Road. There were 229 entries in the show by 10 MICSS members. Judges were from Kansas City C&SS: Linda Tamblyn, Judy Pigue and Karen Couch.

Denny Rehder won his 7th Sweepstakes Award here presented to him by Rebecca Hoeppner, MICSS Show Director.

k. September 17: Mid-Iowa C&SS hosted the Tri-City get-together with Kansas City C&SS (4) and River City C&SS (4) clubs attending at Denny Rehder's home. Conversations, good food and the auction was fun for all (total of 16 attendees).
September 21: The 2 pictures below show the unusual number of Ariocarpus species in flower by Dick & Cynde Schreiber of MICSS and by Judy Pigue of KCCSS, all on the same day.

October 24:

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c. No meeting in January due to cold & snow.

d. January: Dick Schreiber attended his last meeting as a member of the CSSA Board of Directors.

e. February:
   (1) The CSSA Recording Secretary & Librarian, Lee Miller, passed away on the 11th due to a fall down his home stairs. Connie & Chuck Staples worked with Lee in the CSSA Library for a number of years from about 2006 to 2015, mostly in January.
   (2) Rebecca Hoeppner gave a program on the 18th at the MICSS meeting on "Argentina and Chile: a South American Adventure".

f. March: Denny Rehder gave a program "The Genus Turbinicarpus" at the MICSS meeting on the 18th.

g. April: The MICSS meeting for the 15th was cancelled due to icy conditions.

h. May:
   Longtime member, Mel Hrubetz, passed away. He joined MICSS sometime between 1970 and 1979 and attended meetings in the early years and a few more recent years.

i. June: No meeting due to Mid-States C&S Conf. on June 21-24 in St. Louis, Missouri sponsored by Henry Shaw C&SS. Members attending were: Denny, Dick, Cynde, Rebecca, Kathy, Andy and Connie. Dick Schreiber attended the annual CSSA Show & Sale June 29-30 & July 1 at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in Calif working the register for sale plants.

j. July: It was "Tacos & Sundaes" meeting at the Schreiber's. Cynde Schreiber was back home after hip surgery in May.

k. August: Our Show and Sale August 17, 18 & 19 at a new place in the Merle Hay Mall -- down by the Food Court. Chaos Cactus from Oklahoma was our vendor. Denny won Sweepstakes Award.

Judges came from the St. Louis Society:
I. August: The Tri-City Meeting was held in Omaha at Kathy Bokelman’s home. MICSS members attending were: Dick & Cynde Schreiber, Rebecca Hoeppner, Denny Rehder, Robert & Helen Mapes, Connie & Andy Staples.

m. November: Another of our club members passed away on the 4th: Robert Mapes. Robert was on the MICSS Board of Directors as the CSSA Affiliate Rep. He and Helen joined in October 2009. Robert was always bringing either plants or photos of his plants to meeting and talking about them to the enjoyment of members at the meetings. He will be missed. Our condolences go out to Helen and their families.

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   Historian: Chuck Staples.

b. Members during Society Calendar Year: Kathy Bokelman, Denise Evans, Rebecca Hoeppner, Helen Mapes, Denny Rehder, Dick & Cynde Schreiber, Andrew Staples, Chuck & Connie Staples.

c. June: Dick & Cynde attended the CSSA Show & Sale June 29 & 30 in California working at the sale table most of the time.

d. July: Dick & Cynde represented the MICSS at the CSSA Annual Convention July 17-20.
Dick Schreiber received the prestigious CSSA Special Service award plaque from Woody Minnich for his time on the CSSA Board of Directors and his long time association with our national Cactus & Succulent Society.

e. Aug: MICSS held their annual Show & Sale in mid-August with Denny Rehder winning the overall Sweepstake award with the most points of the show here receiving his plaque from Show Director Rebecca Hoeppner.

f. October: Denny Rehder passed away on 25 October. He joined MICSS in late 1993. Denny held the office of President 2003 & 2004. He became the Newsletter Editor from 2009. Denny was a Sweepstakes winner many times over the years. He was a dedicated member of the MICSS. He will be greatly missed by all MICSS members.

g. December: The Christmas Party was held at the Pizza Ranch in Des Moines with the following attending:

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