

- Cactus & Succulent Society of Massachusetts

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Hi Chuck,

Margot Hammer, our immediate past president, forwarded your message to me.

I am the CSSA Affiliate Rep. for the CSSM - ***Cactus & Succulent Society of Massachusetts.***

I was one of the founders of the club and our first meeting was on Sat. November 16, 1991 in Wellesley, MA.

We had 39 people attend our first meeting (we have the original sign-in-sheet) and our membership quickly grew to over 75 people. A number of those original attendees are still active in the club at our monthly meetings. Our current membership is still over 75 people and we generally have about 50 at our meetings at Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston, MA on the third Saturdays of the month.

There was a small group of cactophiles who formed the short-lived *Massachusetts Cactus & Succulent Society* (note the different placement of the name) back in the 1960's or 1970's but it reportedly never got off the ground and disbanded after a year or two. There is only one surviving member that I know of.

I am not aware of any other previously existent C&S clubs in the six New England states. Our neighbor club is the very active Connecticut C&SS.

Paul Carlberg is our club's historian and has been an active member since the first meeting. pcarlberg@yahoo.com

Best regards,

Art Scarpa