

On February 22nd, with dreams of a blue ribbon dancing in their heads, 25 members of the Wellington Garden Club met in member Kim Helms' backyard to learn how to make hypertufa planters brimming with succulents. Why blue ribbons? On April 14 and 15, the Wellington Garden Club will present to the community a National Garden Club Standard Flower Show "Tropical Heat Wave" to be held at the Wellington Green Mall. Succulents are one of the categories on the Flower Show schedule. So what exactly is hypertufa? It is an anthropic rock made from a mix of Portland cement, perlite or vermiculite, peat moss, and water, packed into a plastic mold or would-be planter, then cured for up to two months. Kim Helms, an accomplished succulent grower, provided the materials and the expertise. After making their hypertufa molds, the ladies returned a month later to unpack their molds and, with Kim's instructions, plant their succulents. Will one of them be a winner? Come to the Flower Show to find out!

