



Santa Barbara Cactus & Succulent Society

Our mission is to provide opportunities for fellowship and exchange of information among persons sharing an interest in succulents; to encourage, promote and support all aspects of the responsible collection, culture, study and conservation of succulent plants; and to provide opportunities for the exchange and exhibition of succulent plants.

April 2010

General Meeting

April 2nd @ 7:30

Louise Lowry Davis Center

Carl Carter

*"Landscape and Companion
Bromeliads for Cactus and
Succulent Growers."*

The spring lecture series brings Carl Carter to the SBCSS. Carl is an electrical engineer from the San Francisco Bay Area, who will share with us some interesting facts about bromeliad biology and talk primarily about the genera and species most appropriate for Southern California's dry gardens.

Raised in the wonderful sunny climate of San Diego, Carl became interested in plants as a teenager and spent time rescuing Dudleyas from surrounding developments which he then gave safe-harbor in a greenhouse he designed and built in his parents backyard. Over the years, Carl has traveled extensively to Central and South American tropical regions and tends a collection various aloes, orchids and bromeliads.

Carl is President of the Bromeliad Society of San Francisco, a post that he has held for the last six or seven years.

Plant Sale Events - Down South

April 10-11 South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale. South Coast Botanical Gardens. 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Palos Verdes. For info call 310-832-2262.

April 17-18 Green Scene Plant Sale, Fullerton Arboretum. 1900 Associated Rd. in Fullerton, CA 92831.

May 2 South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show and Sale, 9-4pm. South Coast Botanical Garden. Call 310-833-6823 for info.

May 1-2 Sunset Succulent Society Show and Sale. Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave. Culver City. Call 310-822-1783 for info.

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Bromeliads

Bromeliaceae (the bromeliads) is a family of Monocot flowering plants of around 3,170 species native mainly to the tropical Americas, with a few species found in the American subtropics and one in tropical West Africa, *Pitcairnia feliciana*. It is the one of the basal families within the Poales and is unique because it is the only family within the order that has septal nectaries and inferior ovaries. These inferior ovaries characterize the Bromelioideae, a subfamily of the Bromeliaceae.

The family includes both epiphytes, such as Spanish moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*), and terrestrial species, such as the pineapple (*Ananas comosus*). Many bromeliads are able to store water in a "tank" formed by their tightly overlapping leaf bases.

April Links

Bromeliad Society of San Francisco

www.sfbromeliad.org/

Bromeliad Society International

www.bsi.org/

Bromeliaceae - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bromeliaceae>



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