

Cactus and 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 and study and conservation of succulent plants; and to provide opportunities for the exchange and exhibition of succulent plants.

January 2010

Friday January 8, 2010

6:30PM

DON'T FORGET: It is not this Friday the 1st

* Note on January meeting. Just to let you know that this meeting will be on January 8th, NOT January 1, as our schedule generally calls for, so plan ahead for another exciting event at the Davis Center.

Speaker: Rob Skillin
The Succulent Karoo

Many of the plants we treasure here in Santa Barbara came from this part of the world. The Succulent Karoo of South Africa and Namibia boasts the richest succulent flora on earth as well as remarkable endemism in plants with 69 percent as endemics.

Editors' message

During the past year Sandy and I have collaborated to produce the monthly newsletter that has been quite a blast. Many years ago I (Jim) did one for the Stockton Audubon Society that involved typing, the inevitable and tedious correcting then mimeographing - given the computer world as it is now it's been a breeze. We want to welcome David Burby as our new editor! He will bring to us a new view of the club and a refreshing change in our letter.

New Editor's message

Thank you, Jim & Sandy. First and foremost, I would also like to thank everyone for their help with the December Potluck: the wonderful food, the festive decorations, and the great selection of plant donations for the raffle. Also a big thank you to Randy Baldwin for his informative and entertaining talk on Agaves. I look forward to keeping the group well informed in a clear and creative way in 2010. Please feel free to contact me by email with information, or any other contributions, you would like to see in our newsletter. Have a Happy New Year!

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Succulent Karoo – as listed in Biodiversity Hotspots (Conservation International).

<http://www.biodiversityhotspots.org/xp/hotspots/karoo/Pages/default.aspx>

Wikipedia Entry for Succulent Karoo.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Succulent_Karoo

Karoo National Park

<http://www.sanparks.org/parks/karoo/>

Tankwa Karoo National Park

<http://www.sanparks.org/parks/tankwa/>

South Africa: September 2008 – Images posted by a tourist, some interesting ones here.

<http://picasaweb.google.com/jdfridley/SouthAfricaSeptember2008>