



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.

March 2010

General Meeting

March 5th @ 7:30

Louise Lowry Davis Center

Dr. Guillermo Rivera

Cacti and Bromeliads of Peru

March brings us Dr. Guillermo Rivera, an avid plant lover and birdwatcher, whom will present on the cacti and bromeliads of Peru. Among the cacti genera on tap are: Matucana, Oroya, Lobivia/Echinopsis, Haageocereus and Trichocereus. The bromeliads will include Puya raimondii, also known as Queen of the Andes, which can reach heights of 30 feet. Other points of interest will be the ancient archeological ruins of Machu Picchu and the geoglyphs of the Nazca Desert.

Guillermo holds an undergraduate degree in Biology, a Masters in Marine Biology and a Ph.D. in Botany. He is the owner and operator of South America Nature Tours, formerly known as Cactus Expeditions, that specializes in guided tours of Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru.

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Note from the President

Last year's plant show and sale was such a success largely due to all the help we received from many members and all the wonderful plants that were donated for the sale and that went on display for the show.

May 16th will be here before we know it, so please start thinking about how you would like to contribute to this year's show and sale. As always we will need help setting up and breaking down the venue, volunteers to help with the labeling of the plants, help during the event, boxes, etc.

We will be passing around sign up sheets at upcoming meetings.

Thanks, Paul

Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again – time to renew your SBCSS membership for 2010. Annual dues are \$14 for the Family and \$12 for Individuals. Benefits include a monthly newsletter, library privileges and a free plant (one per membership) at our annual December Holiday Party & Potluck. For more information or any questions regarding your membership status, please send an email to [membership AT sbcactus.org](mailto:membership_AT_sbcactus.org).

We hope you will continue your support of the SBCSS and renew your membership for 2010, if you have not already done so. Please be aware that the membership year is from January to December. Memberships will be active from the date of receipt of payment through December 2010.

Editor's Note

I would like to thank you for the positive feedback I received on the recent changes to the newsletter format. As I get more organized I will begin to expand the breadth and scope of the articles. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions, as well as any content you would like to share with the group.

March Links

South America Nature Tours, formerly known as Cactus Expeditions.

www.southamericanaturetours.com

Wikipedia entry for the Genus Matucana

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

Desert Tropicals' page on Oroya peruviana

<http://tinyurl.com/y9w8dca>

Wiki entry for the Genus Lobivia/Echinopsis

The Lobivia genus has been merged to Echinopsis

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

Wiki entry for the Genus Haageocereus

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

Los Angeles Times Garden Blog

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/home_blog/

Books

Desert Wisdom: Agaves and Cacti

CO₂, Water, Climate Change

<http://tinyurl.com/ydqjkjb>



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