

Cactus and Succulent Society

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

October 2009

October Garden Tour

Saturday, October 17, 2009 – 10:00am – 2:00pm

Garden of Diane Dunhill

3673 San Gabriel Lane, Santa Barbara

Letter from past President Diane Dunhill:

Succulents have always been a major focus of my plant collection since I began collecting at the age of sixteen. Having joined the Santa Barbara Cactus and Succulent Society at its inception, I held many positions within the club, which along with all the great meetings, turned into an amazing learning experience. Working with all the other volunteers was always very rewarding.

I designed my home's landscape to house my large plant collection and have recently built several new outdoor rooms. The garden is home to a large assortment of cacti, succulents, bromeliads, ferns, orchids and begonias.

A plant clearance sale will be taking place as well as a tour. Feel free to bring friends. My plant and animal cards will also be available. Hope to see you on October 17th, between 10am – 2pm.

Directions:

From Las Postitas turn onto McCaw Ave, one block south of State St., and go to stop sign. Turn right onto Ontare Rd. and in 20 ft. turn left on San Jose Ln. ,San Jose Ln. turns into San Gabriel Ln.



Heartfelt thanks to those who continue to provide refreshments as well as set out and clean up so that we can enjoy such delectable goodies at our monthly meetings. Special thanks to Karen Davidson, Jennifer Schwarz, and Deborah Stanfield who did this in my absence last month.

Delia Smith, Refreshment Chairperson

Friday October 2, 2009 7:30 pm

Louise Lowry Davis Recreational Center

De la Vina at Victoria

Speaker: Craig Fry

Topic: "Growing Lithops and other Difficult Plants"

Slide show and short demonstration on planting, soil, watering and rerooting. My wife will accompany me, and we will bring plants for show, and for sale.

Craig Fry has been growing seriously for 15 years, and is mostly interested in rare and slow growing cacti and succulents. He and his wife have two green houses and about 3000 species, many grown from seed. They also grow Haworthias, gasterias, aloes, euphorbias, small cacti, and most other difficult succulent plants.

In addition to plants, they sell top dressing and staging rocks at club meetings, to other nurseries, and to other enthusiasts at their house. Our company name is Gem Natural Gravel, or GNG.

2009 Officers - President: Paul Mills, **Vice President & Program Coordinator:** Rob Hofberg, **Secretary:** Loretta Berlin, **Treasurer:** Jim Foster
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Website: Ramon Escobedo. SRCSS welcomes submission of material or suggestions. All address information is confidential not to be sold

Second Page

This month we are continuing the "Second Page" feature for those of you who receive our newsletter by email. The page will mainly be confined to pointing out web sites which may be of interest to our readers who want to know more about the plants they have or want to have. If you have any interesting sites you would like to share with our readers please forward the URL to me, fosterjp@cox.net. I'll see to it that it appears in a following newsletter.

Many of these groups require you to join which is a way of keeping things civil...

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

Wikipedia has something to say about Lithops

But if you want more detail

<http://www.lithop.supanet.com/>

And cousins by the dozens!

<http://www.plantzafrica.com/plantklm/mesembs.html>

Of course the Huntington has something to say about them

<http://www.huntington.org/huntingtonlibrary.aspx?id=494>

Finally, a site starring our speaker

www.occss.org/pdfnewsletters/occss200810.pdf