



# Santa Barbara 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 collection, culture and study of succulent plants; and to provide opportunities for the exchange and exhibition of succulent plants.*

## April 2006 Newsletter

**April 2006 Program, Friday, April 7, 2006, 7:30 PM**

**Meeting Hall: McKenzie Park, Off Los Positas at State**

**Speaker: Charles Spotts ~ Topic: "A View of Peru"**

Charles Spotts from Paso Robles will present a slide lecture, "A View of Peru." Charles is a retired Professor of Biology from CSU Northridge. Two of his special interests are Opuntias and Haworthias. He has been on trips to Central and South America including Peru, Argentina, Guatemala and Mexico. His presentation will cover a recent rip to Peru with a focus on Archeology, Anthropology, and of course, plants.

### Message from President Mike McCammon

Hope you were at the last meeting. Mark shared not only pictures of Soqotra and its plants, but music, costume and incense to help set the mood. See the story elsewhere in this newsletter about the April talk by Charles Spotts. **As we talked about last month, the annual sale is fast approaching. It will be on Sunday, May 7.** There will be lots of help needed, so I hope all members will try to get involved in some way. The first thing is to grow plants for the sale. If you have them ready, and need help getting them labeled, bring them to the labeling party at John Bleck's home on Saturday, April 29, from 10AM on. There will be many other plants there, purchased for the sale from our buying trip to Vista. Anyone who can operate a pencil is needed; it's a great chance to learn plant names and a vital job to get done before the day of the sale. Of course, we hope everyone can come to the sale, and please sign up for a shift helping set out plants, fill out sales slips, carry plants to cars, and clean up at the end. There will be signup sheets at the April and May meetings.



Mark Muradian, the speaker at our March meeting, modeled the native Soqotra clothing.

**A note from John Bleck:** *At the December meeting, tiny seedlings of Massonia were distributed. I said that we should use the name M. pustulata until they get bigger and we can tell if they are that species or not. The other possibility is M. depressa. The last slide that I showed at the end of the talk was of M. pustulata.*

**Have you paid your 2006 dues?** For those receiving this newsletter via postal mail, please check the mailing label on the front of your newsletter. If it reads **"Please Pay 2006 Dues,"** please plan to bring payment to the April 7 meeting. If you have questions, please contact the treasurer, Jim Foster, at [fosterjp@cox.net](mailto:fosterjp@cox.net).

**Refreshments:** Thank you to Ronald and Rachael Doctors and Louise Anagnoson who helped set up refreshments for the March Meeting.

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