



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.

February 2006 Newsletter

February 2006 Program, Friday, February 3, 2006, 7:30 PM
Meeting Hall, McKenzie Park, Off Los Positas at State

Speaker: Duke Benadon ~ Topic: "Namibia and Namaqualand- Part Three"

Namibia and Namaqualand is one of three programs developed as a result of a trip through South Africa, Namibia, Swaziland, Mozambique, and Botswana. The second program of this series was presented to the Santa Barbara club a few years back.

Duke has been on the CSSA board since 1990 as Director, Vice President, and President; the author of *Cacti and Succulents for the Amateur* (later named *Superb Succulents*); CSSA's convention chairman for five conventions; and a shower, grower, judge and a lover of succulent plants. Duke will bring a few flats of plants for sale to the February meeting.

Message from President Mike McCammon: We have a new newsletter editor! Ramon Escobedo, with some help from Kirsten, has agreed to take on this responsibility. You are looking at his first newsletter now. I'm delighted that he has volunteered to take on this important job.

The Davis Center is now not projected to be available until at least April, so we have signed up for the MacKenzie Park location. Remember to bring a cushion if the metal folding chairs on too hard on your seat.

The annual show and sale is set for Sunday, May 7. Anyone who can donate plants for the sale, whether started from seed, cuttings, or plants from you garden, should plan to have them ready by then. If you need pots, please see Cathie McCammon at the next meeting. There will be many other jobs to be done as the show date approaches. All members are encouraged to prepare some of their best potted plants for display.

Notes from the Library:

- Books are loaned for 30 days and due back at the next meeting. Notify the librarians if you wish to renew the book.
- If you see a book or journal at the library table that you want to look at, sign out for it, even if you only plan to look at it at your seat during the meeting.

Refreshments: Thank you to Cathie McCammon who set up the coffee and to Bernice Joseph who brought a cake at the January meeting. For February, Bette Eliason has signed up to do the setup.

Volunteer Opportunity: Casa de Herrero is welcoming new volunteers to participate in acquiring, planting and maintaining new additions to the cactus and succulent gardens. There will be more information at our February meeting.

Membership: There have been requests for an updated member roster that includes member name(s), home phone, and email. The plan is to have them available at the March meeting. This roster is for use of SBCSS members only, and not for commercial purpose. If you would like to update your current contact information, add your email address, or prefer not to be listed, please contact Sandra Russell.

Editor's Note: Newsletters will now be emailed in PDF format. Hopefully this will encourage members to receive newsletter via email. If you have any questions about how to view files sent in this format, please contact the editor at re@escobedo97.com .