



Santa Barbara Cactus and Succulent Society

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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.

July 2006 Newsletter

July 2006 Program, Friday, July 7, 2006, 7:30 PM
Meeting Hall: MacKenzie Park, Off Los Positas at State

Speaker: David Tufenkian ~ Topic: "General Growing and Maintenance Techniques"

At our July meeting, SBCSS member David Tufenkian will present basic cacti and succulent definitions of all types. He will also share information on growing from seed and propagating. A demonstration and discussion of showing and staging for shows and sales will round out his presentation. Here's a little more about David, in his own words.

"I've been growing plants since I was a kid. My parents had a back yard nursery specializing in members of the Geranium family. I was always drawn to the species Pelargonium and Sarcocaulon plant. My wife and I enjoy growing plants and our interest has evolved over the years toward succulent plants. The plants are great, but the people we've met through the plant hobby are even better. My favorite plants change as time goes on. I enjoy all sorts of plants but especially Haworthias, Ariocarpus, Cycads, bulbs, and various Caudiciforms. I don't spend nearly enough time with the plants and am trying to not expand the collection. I try to repot the plants every 2 years but this doesn't happen!"

Please mark your calendars!
Our Annual Summer Picnic will
be at the home of the Gunthers
on August 19.
(There is no August meeting.)

President's Message from Mike McCammon: Summer has finally arrived! I hope you can take advantage of the weather to get out and see what is blooming in your garden. We have a hanging basket of zygocactus which is covered with big pink and white blossoms. There will not be a program in August this year, but the Annual Summer Picnic will be at Gunther's wonderful garden on August 19. I hope you can all come.

At the request of several members, we are going to investigate the options for holding meetings at the Davis Center next year. When we last asked the members, it was about evenly split between staying at MacKenzie Park and going back to the Davis Center. Now that other clubs have moved to the Davis Center, many of you may have enjoyed that location. At the moment, the Friday night when we meet may not be available, but I will see what choices we have. **Meanwhile, please let me know, either at the meeting, by phone or email, what your preferences are.** Is there another day of the week which would be acceptable? Nothing has happened yet, I'm just checking.

Photos Wanted!

The SBCSS website is interested in developing a photo section that showcases cacti and succulents from the collections of the club's members. If you are interested in sharing your collection, please email photos in jpeg format to webmaster@sbcactus.org Please include your full name, as well as the name of the plant. Thank you!