



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.

March 2006 Newsletter

March 2006 Program, Friday, March 3, 2006, 7:30 PM

Meeting Hall, McKenzie Park, Off Los Positas at State

Speaker: Mark Muradian ~~ Topic: "Sights, Sounds and Smells of Soqotra"

Traveling from Yemen, Mark Muradian visited the remote island in the Indian Ocean for two weeks in January 2001. He was accompanied by an international group of plant enthusiasts that included Dylan Hannon and Myron Kimnach. Mark will show us a variety of fantastic species including *Dracena cinnabari*, the dragon blood tree, *Dendrosicyos soqotrana*, the cucumber tree, *Dorstenia gigas* and *Adenium soqotranum*. He will share with us some local music and burn frankincense and model the local clothing. Mark is also an accomplished potmaker, and he will make available a variety of pots. This will be a very special cultural presentation, and you won't want to miss out!

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: Message from President Mike McCammon: It's March already, time to get ready for the annual show and sale. We :
: have had several programs with speakers such as Larry Grammer and Karen Ostler telling us how we can stage :
: our plants for an impressive display. Please consider finding some of your nicest plants (not too big), and :
: find a special pot to move them into for our show. The more members who can bring plants, the better the show :
: will be. We can entice our friends and neighbors who come to the sale to buy more. Remember the :
: date: Sunday, May 7. :
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Have YOU paid your 2006 SBCSS dues yet? If so, a BIG thanks to you. To those of you who need to do so, please write your check to SBCSS for \$12 for an Individual Membership, for \$14 for a Family Membership. We will be collecting money at the meeting, or you may mail your dues to our treasurer, Jim Foster.

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 Bette Eliason who setup refreshments for the February meeting. Ronald and Rachael Doctors and Louise Anagnoson are in charge for the March 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 .

