



# *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.*

## **October 2006 Newsletter**

**October 2006 Program: Friday, October 6, 2006, 7:30 PM**  
*Meeting Hall: MacKenzie Park, Off Los Positas at State*

### **“The Science of Growing plants: What Habitat Can Teach Us About Growing”**

**By Guy Wrinkle, Guest Speaker**

On one of the occasions which I had to ask a master musician a technical performance question he answered: “Even after all these years of playing, I would not attempt to tell you how you should position your hands.” He then played a bit and I was left with the same question I have always had, “So, how do I do that?” If you are interested in growing succulent plants, this presentation is to show you how you can do this. This is not an erudite dissertation but a program for everybody. I have made about a dozen trips to Africa and Madagascar as well as many trips to several Latin American countries. I have learned many things from these trips including the conditions under which plants grow in nature. With the instructive assistance of photographs I have taken of succulents in habitat and in cultivation, we will discuss how you can grow some of the most fascinating of these already these fascinating plants. Whether you are a new grower, an advanced grower or just love to see beautiful plants in habitat and cultivation, you will benefit from and enjoy this program.

### **This month’s speaker: Guy Wrinkle**



Guy Wrinkle teaches biology and related subjects such as human anatomy, genetics, molecular biology and ecology at the college level in the Los Angeles area of Southern California. In addition to this he runs a nursery in the same area which specializes in cycads, caudiciform plants, rare succulents and other exotics. He is interested in and studies a wide range of natural history related topics including, insects, reptiles, shells, fossils, minerals, artifacts etc. as well as several aspects of botany and horticulture. Current projects include chemical stimulation of growth and seed germination in cycads as well as new artificial propagation techniques for these plants. He has traveled and done extensive fieldwork in these areas, including twelve trips to Africa and Madagascar, several to Mexico, Central and South America as well as several countries in Europe. Three of the trips to Mexico were to find special Bromeliads. Once to the Toluca area to find Tillandsia superinsignis and to Michoacan to find Hectia glauca and one other.

He also has written several articles of a botanical nature in various journals, written a book on cycad culture and gives slide illustrated lectures to horticultural and natural history societies. His lecture “Succulent Treasures of the Winter Rainfall Area of South Africa and Namibia was given at the 2001 Convention of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America which was held on Los Angeles California and his two Power Point presentations on the Science and Art of Growing Plants was given at the 2005 CSSA Convention in Phoenix Arizona.

In addition to the above, Guy is also very interested in several aspects of art including the relationship of plants to art, botanical art, suiseki, gongshi, music and dance.

### **President’s Message from Mike McCammon**

Thanks to all the people who voted for the meeting location for next year. We had an excellent response from the email and regular mail solicitations as well as those at the September meeting. So far 66 members have told us their preferences. More on that at the next meeting. We should also have the nominating committee's report of the proposed slate of new officers. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor, but only if the nominee agrees!