



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.

April 2007 Newsletter

Program: Friday, April 6, 2007, 7:30 PM
Meeting Hall: Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center
De la Vina and Victoria Streets—entrance on Victoria

MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENTS KAREN DAVIDSON AND BETTE ELIASON

Preparations for our club's 30th Anniversary Succulent and Cactus Show and Sale, on May 6, 2007, are now monopolizing the agenda! An energetic, small group has been organized to travel south on April 26-27 with one truck and 2-3 cars to purchase common and uncommon succulent and cactus plants from selected whole-sale nurseries. We are collecting "flat-sized" cardboard packing boxes to take with us in order to safely transport the plants, and we welcome any and all such donations. Please call one of us to arrange pick-up.

Please be sure to add your names to the sign-up sheets that will circulate during our May 4 meeting, specifying your hours and choice of jobs. Your involvement will determine our success!

The "Show" part of the day will include our own home-grown plants which members will bring and exhibit. In addition to the vote for the "favorite" exhibited plant, we will also have a vote to select the "most aesthetically challenged" (i.e.: weird) plant in the show. This is a new category!

The plant labeling and pricing party is set for Sunday, April 29, 10am-5pm, at Carol and Harold's home. (Please contact the club for the address.) We will have a supply of reference books (for plant identification) as well as labels and soft pencil markers. Additional books as well as refreshments for sharing would be great! This is sure to be educational as well as fun.

We are excited about the up-coming Show and Sale, which will fund our club's rent, speakers, audio-visual equipment and library books. It will also be a day for sharing, learning, and goodwill between our members and the Santa Barbara community.

April 2007 Meeting Speaker: **Duke Benadom**

Topic: **"Plants of Baja, California"**

Duke served the Cactus and Succulent Society of America as Director from 1991 to 1995, as Vice President from 1995 to 2000, and as President from 2000 until 2005. Duke is a recipient of CSSA's Superior Service Award and their Special Service Award. He is 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.