



## *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.*

### **August 2007 Newsletter**

*No meeting this month.*

*Details regarding the Annual Potluck & Picnic are below.*

### **SBCSS Annual Potluck/Picnic Saturday, August 25, 12:00 PM**

*At the home of SBCSS member Bonnie Freeman  
5200 Austin Road, Goleta*

*Please note the following important information: If your last name begins with letters A through G, please bring a main dish. If your last name begins with letters H through M, please bring a salad. If your last name begins with letters N through Z, please bring dessert. Bring your own plate and flatware. Drinks and cups will be provided. Please RSVP to Cathy McCammon, 966-0536(after 8/3/07), or Lila Trachtenberg at 687-5324 by August 20, so that adequate tables and chairs may be arranged. Directions: Bonnie's house at 5200 Austin Road is past the S. B. Orchid Estate on Patterson, up on Moore Mesa to the last street. Turn left. It is the last house on left side. Parking is prohibited at end of cul-de-sac due to fire lane. Car pooling would be advisable. Phone: 683-1878.*

#### **MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENTS KAREN DAVIDSON AND BETTE ELIASON**

August is upon us and that means it's a time to get together for the Annual Summer Potluck Picnic. Be sure to heed the RSVP instructions as we will need to organize the seating requirements before hand. Remember to bring your plates and flatware, and maybe a sweater. So come, and enjoy the interesting gardens of Bonnie Freeman, whose home is on the last street overlooking the Santa Barbara Channel. Bonnie has put her practical ideas to work with her raised beds and divided plots. And let us dedicate our joyful time to the memory of those lost, but whose gifts are with us still.

## In Memoriam



David Davidson, M. D.

We reflect with sorrow on our loss in the passing of David Davidson, M. D. on July 1. David was an enthusiastic member of the SB Cactus and Succulent Society and served as Co-Librarian and support team for our Co- President, his wife Karen Davidson. The great loves of his life were his partner and wife, Karen, his children and grandchildren, and the great companion dog, Aslan.

His dedication to his patients and profession and his energy and mastery as a surgeon are well known in our community.

His passion for music was a source of joy and sustenance to him which he shared generously. He sang with the Santa Barbara Choral Society for many years and in the Men's Group of the Santa Barbara Boys Choir. David loved the Camarata Pacifica and was active in his support of the Music Academy of the West. He served on the Boards of both.

An avid cyclist, he could be found Saturday mornings on long rides with his cycling friends.

A dedicated and gifted gardener, he shared his plants and his knowledge happily. The garden he and Karen put their love and energy into is a bounteous reflection of that hands-on, joyous work. Their fascination with cacti and succulent plants is reflected in the recent renovation of their garden. It is a place of serenity and is an exquisite showcase for a fantastic variety of these plants. David was quoted as saying, "Put a shovel in my hand and I 'm a happy man."

David, we miss you greatly. Your gifts and influence continue with us. You are in our hearts. Karen, our hearts go forward with you.

--Delia Smith