



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.

December 2007 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Friday, December 7, 2007
Potluck Dinner: 6:00 PM Program: 7:30 PM
Meeting Hall: Mackenzie Park Club House,

Located on State Street Between Los Positas and De La Vina Streets

Happy Holidays from the Santa Barbara Cactus and Succulent Society!

Co-Presidents' Message

By Karen Davidson and Bette Eliason

The Holiday Season has arrived! Hopefully, the retail clamor will be moderated by our essential needs for "peace on earth and good will towards men," women, and children. If only the conservation of the earth's resources, the preservation of plant and animal species, and the reversal of global climate changes could be on our shopping lists and available with gift wrap. In any event, at present, I would settle for some soft, but drenching rain! There is also some very good news to report. The cactus and succulent whole sale nurseries and growing fields in Southern California miraculously escaped fire damage. Many had fire on all sides, but the fires were contained, and remained several miles away.

Now, back to the home front: we have managed an exemplary set of elections, with out a single hanging chad, no name calling, and zero campaign expenditures. (Somewhere, there is a lesson here...) We will miss our retiring membership chairperson, Sandy Russell, but we warmly welcome Will Silver, who will assume this role. We are very grateful for all of the extra projects Sandy has undertaken, and have benefited greatly from her expertise and impressive skills.

Our next meeting, on **Friday, December 7**, will be our annual **Holiday Potluck Dinner**. In order to avoid the parking difficulties caused by the yearly State Street Christmas Parade, **we will meet at the Club House in Mackenzie Park**. Plan to arrive at **6 PM**, and **bring a dish to share with 8 people, along with your own plates and flatware**. Drinks will be provided, but you may also bring wine if you like. Remember, only members who have renewed their club membership for 2008 (or renew at the meeting) will receive a raffle ticket. Charles Spotts will present a program on Haworthia, and will also bring some specimens to sell. We look fore ward to seeing you all and to a wonderful feast!

December Meeting Program

Speaker: Charles Spotts Topic: Haworthia