



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.

June 2007 Newsletter

Program: Friday, June 1, 2007, 7:30 PM
Meeting Hall: Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center
De la Vina and Victoria Streets—entrance on Victoria

Show Favorites

The show vote for popular favorite was Diane Duhill's *Dioscorea elephantipes*. In the Aesthetically Challenged (Ugly) Category, it was a tie between Delia Smith and the Davidsons' plants. There were eleven different plants voted on for the favorite and seven entries for the ugly.

June 2007 Meeting Speaker:

Charles Spotts

Topic:

"Lesser Known Opuntias"

Our Club is 30!

by John Bleck

It was summer 1976 when John and Grace Hopkins were saying, "We should have a cactus and succulent club in Santa Barbara!" My response of "Yes, we should!" was not enough for Grace. She said, "What would it take to get it started?" I said, "Finding a place to meet and setting a day and time." Grace pursued the details while her husband, John, was working in Biological Research at UCSB. They were English transplants. I still have my notebook from that year of Board Meetings. Our charter year was 1977. Current members still around from those early days are: Joan Haggard, Bernie and Miyako Storch, Diane Dunhill and John Bleck. Other charter members still are Tim Doles, Don and Dave Harris, John LaFleur, Rob Lane, Jim Rose, John Trager and Bruce VanDyck. It is satisfying to see that those early efforts of forming the club have grown into the present viable club that we are.

MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENTS

KAREN DAVIDSON AND BETTE ELIASON

Our Annual Show and Sale was a big success! We topped our sales of last year. We'd like to say a big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers and contributors. Your dedication, hard work, and generosity have paid off once again. In terms of community outreach, there were 9 new members who joined on the spot, and many others who await membership packets in the mail. Next year we will bring many more packets! The spectacular plants that were on display certainly motivated many of the new memberships, and if we weren't already members, we would have definitely joined as well! We have considerably fewer unsold plants this year, compared to previous years, and they will be added to the raffle tables during the coming months. Does this count as recycling? We look forward to seeing you all, and to our next meeting at the Davis Center on Friday.