



# *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.*

## **March 2007 Newsletter**

**Program: Friday, March 2, 2007, 7:30 PM**  
**Meeting Hall: Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center**  
**De la Vina and Victoria Streets—entrance on Victoria**

### **March 2007 Meeting Speaker: Guy Wrinkle** **Topic: "How to Grow Succulents, Part II"**

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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. He also runs a nursery which specializes in cycads, caudiciform plants, rare succulents and other exotics. He studies a wide range of natural history related topics including, insects, reptiles, shells, fossils, minerals, artifacts, 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 received his bachelor's degree in biology from California State University at Los Angeles his master's degree in evolutionary biology specializing in entomology from U.C.L.A. He has 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. The first trip to the Toluca area was to find Tillandsia superinsignis and to Michoacan to find Hectia glauca. He also has written several articles of a botanical nature in various journals, written a book on cycad culture and gives 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 in Los Angeles and his two Power Point presentations, "The Science and Art of Growing Plants," was given at the 2005 CSSA Convention in Phoenix. 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.

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### **Co-Presidents' Message from Bette Eliason and Karen Davidson**

**We are returning to the Davis Center for the March 2 meeting!** Negotiations are finally over and we have achieved the hoped-for deal. We will pay for only the hours we use the Center, rather than for the whole weekend as the City first insisted upon. We are grateful to our Secretary, Delia Smith, whose dedicated and tireless work brought this about. Davis Center has better parking and safer access and entry. Ability to see the slides will no longer depend upon having a front row seat. We think an upgrade in chair softness will also be appreciated.

**Preparations and plans are being made for our May 6, 2007 Show and Sale.** We need your help to have a successful Show and Sale. In addition to raising the year's operating funds, we have this opportunity to exhibit some of our own favorite and best plants. Please look for the sign-up sheets and choose as many jobs and times slots as your time and energy will bear. We welcome your suggestions, ideas and opinions before, during and after meetings.

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# Taft Ranch Botanical Garden Tour

Saturday, March 10, 2007

Meet at 10:30 am outside the entrance to Lake Casitas.

Please leave surplus cars there and carpool to the gardens.

We must all convoy up together!

Laurence Nicklin has kindly agreed to lead a tour around these wonderful gardens comprised mainly of South African, Australian, native Californian and other Mediterranean zone plants. This is a good time of year to see the gardens. The society visited once before, many years ago, but the garden has been closed to the general public for some time now due to zoning problems and complaints from the neighbors. We are lucky to again have the opportunity to visit. No charge. Rain cancels. Bring picnic lunch if you like. Arrange your carpooling at the next general meeting. For additional information, please contact Martin Dent.