

*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 2008
Newsletter**

Program: Friday, March 7, 2008—7:30 PM

**Meeting Hall: Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center
De la Vina and Victoria Streets—entrance on Victoria**

March's Featured Speaker: D. Russell Wagner

Russell is the editor of **the Cactus and Succulent Journal**. The topic will be "Winter Growing Succulents and Their Culture." It will be an open forum—including a demonstration and discussion format.

Mark Your Calendars!

The 31st Annual SBCSS Plant Show & Sale is scheduled for **Sunday, May 4, 2008!** It's too late to pot new seedling for the sale, but if you have plants with strong roots that can be repotted for the sale, we welcome them.

Have you checked out our website lately? Visit www.sbcactus.org and click on the Links & Articles page for two new articles written by our very own Bette Eliason.

Co-Presidents' Message: 2008 will be 366 days long. While the extra day will compensate for the difference between an ordinary year and the astronomical year, it does not seem to have the same catch-up effect upon all the tasks that remain undone. That said, at least we will get to enjoy the exuberance of the blooming ornamental pear trees for an extra day!

March is indeed all about change as our part of the world steadily and purposefully proceeds towards spring and the May 4th Plant Show and Sale. Early preparations are well underway, and the steps involved in publicity deadlines organized. Mean while, continue to pot up your extra succulent plants to supplement those that will be purchased for the sale, and add your names to the sign-up sheets at our March meeting. This is an event that needs us all!

Best, Karen and Bette

The dates for the Plant Buying Trip are Wednesday, April 23, and Thursday, April 24, 2008. The labeling of plants for the sale will take place on April 26.