

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.



**October 2008
Newsletter**

Program: Friday, September 5, 2008—7:30 PM
Meeting Hall: Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center
De la Vina and Victoria Streets—entrance on Victoria

Message from Co-President Karen Davidson

The nominating committee was elected (inducted? coerced?) during our September meeting. Rob Hofberg (chair-person), Keene Gallup and Sandy Russel have agreed to work on a slate of officers for 2009. The open positions include President or Co-Presidents, and Newsletter Editor, and Secretary. We are also in need of a Refreshment Czar, who will be in charge of the associated "durable goods" and monthly coffee/tea making. The elections for these "Selective Service" positions is scheduled for November, so now is the time to volunteer your own services or suggest other nominees to the committee.

September 22, 2008 was the autumnal equinox, the day when the sun is above the equator and day and night are of approximately equal length. Our cool, moist (hopefully) winter weather is approaching, and will activate the winter-growing succulents. These winter growers include plants in the genera of Aeonium, Conophytum, Pelargonium, Bulbine, Tylecodon, some Aloes and Euphorbias as well as a host of South African bulbs. If you find your plants too crowded for optimal growth, this would be a fine time to pot up your surplus, in preparation for our Spring Sale in May, 2009. Once again, in the words (at least some of the words) of JFK: "Ask not what the SBCSS can do for you, but what you can do for the SBCSS"!

Meeting Speaker:

Don Cravalho

He will give a presentation on Epiphyllum cactus. Don works Regan Nursery, a big rose nursery in Fremont, California.

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to the entire volunteer
board of the SBCSS for
your dedication to this
organization and its
members! You are
appreciated!*