



Santa Barbara Cactus & Succulent Society

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 responsible collection, culture, study and conservation of succulent plants; and to provide opportunities for the exchange and exhibition of succulent plants.

General Meeting

February 5th @ 7:30

Louise Lowry Davis Center

Joe Clements – Featured Speaker

Landscaping with Succulents

Joe Clements, co-author of “Dry Climate Gardening” will be the key speaker. Educated at Whittier College and the University of Southern California, Clements received a degree in Geology. He was Curator of the Huntington Desert Garden for 22 years, and for the last five years he has been the director of the Rodman Arboretum at Pitzer College.

Clements has served on the CSSA board for more than 30 years, beginning in 1972. He has been president of the San Gabriel Cactus and Succulent Society several times and co-chairman of that society’s Study Group. For long-standing service in the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Clements has received the CSSA’s Superior Service Award. Clements’ presentation is about “Landscaping with Succulents for Southern California Gardens.”

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2010 Grow-Off

The following two plants were graciously prepared and distributed by John Bleck for the Grow-Off:

Romulea citrina

Iridaceae Family

Namaqualand, South Africa. Winter growing bulb with yellow flowers.

Talinum patens

Portulacaceae Family.

Brazil. Flowering period June - August. Medicinal.

Additional entry contributed by Martin Dent:

Agave vilmoriniana

Agavaceae Family

Mexico. ‘Octopus Century Plant’ Grown from bulbils that form on the flower stock.

Library Notes

Our dedicated librarian, Karen Davidson, would like to thank Joanne Haggard and Jennifer Schwartz for their generous donations of books and journals to the SBCSS Library. They are much appreciated.

Also, we are searching for a copy of the Cactus & Succulent Journal, 1975 #6. Having this issue will enable us to complete CSJ sets 1973/74 and 1975/76 and bound them for inclusion to our lending library.

A list of the books and journals in our library is now available online at our website at <http://www.sbcactus.org/links.html>.

Editor’s Notes

Recent changes to the newsletter are an attempt to improve the readability and reduce production costs. The retro look and feel is a tribute to the SBCSS’s long running history in our community. In fact, the logo in the newsletter masthead came from an early design contest held by the SBCSS. The winning submission made by charter member Diane Dunhill.

SBCSS Website

We are planning and implementing improvements to the website. Upon your next visit you will notice that the newsletter section has been updated to include an expanded archive of past issues. You can find that here:

<http://www.sbcactus.org/newsletters.html>

A Lending Library link has also been included with a detailed list of books and journals available to members. That can be found here:

<http://www.sbcactus.org/links.html>

If you have ideas for helpful links or information to include on our website, please feel free to contact me at [david.burby \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:david.burby@gmail.com).

Links

We will continue the “Links” section for those of you who receive our newsletter by email. This section is designed to showcase websites that might be relevant to our featured speaker, that include expanded information related to newsletter articles and/or other sites of interest.

If you have any websites you would like to share with our readers, please forward the URL to me

via [david.burby \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:david.burby@gmail.com). I will make every attempt to include them in a subsequent newsletter.

The John R. Rodman Arboretum
Pitzer College – Claremont Colleges
<http://www.pitzer.edu/offices/arboretum/>

The Huntington Botanical Gardens
Desert Garden
<http://www.huntington.org/huntingtonlibrary.aspx?id=494>

Succulent Chic by Debra Lee Baldwin
<http://www.succulentchic.net/>

Succulent Container Gardens: some design guidance for low-water landscapes in miniature
http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/home_blog/2010/01/when-author-and-la-at-home-contributor-debra-lee-baldwin-said-i-could-excerpt-part-of-her-new-book-succulent-container-gar.html



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