



April 2008 Newsletter

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.

Program: Friday, April 4, 2008—7:30 PM

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

April's Featured Speaker: Rob Skillin
Rob is from the Central Coast Club. He will give a presentation on Namibia.

SHOW AND SALE INFORMATION!

Mark Your Calendars!

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

DEDICATION

The Board has decided to dedicate this year's Show and Sale to our late member, Dr. David Davidson. Dr. Davidson was our librarian, and was involved in selecting and purchasing the plants and helping in several capacities at the Show and Sale last year. Tragically, he became ill in June, just a month after the Show and Sale, and passed away one month later. We will miss David's cheerful presence and help as we remember him.

Message from Co-President Bette Eliason

With the long awaited arrival of spring, we are in the midst of planning our Annual Show and Sale on Sunday, May 4, 10 AM to 3 PM, at the MacKenzie Clubhouse in MacKenzie Park. We hope you are all as excited as we are as you prepare extra plants to bring for sale. Some of you will be choosing which specimen plants of your own you'd like to put into the show. Charles Varni will be there with his custom made pots for sale. We plan potting demonstrations. This year should offer many very exciting succulents and cacti chosen from 4 or 5 top growers in Southern California. Come early for the best choices, and wear your badge for membership identity for participation in early purchases between 9:30 and 10 AM, before the sale opens to the public. See you there.

Next Board Meeting: Sunday, April 20, 2008, 6 PM at Karen Davidson's house. Members helping with the Show and Sale are welcome to come.

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.