



## May 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, May 2, 2008—7:30 PM**

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

### May's Featured Speaker—Guillermo Rivera

He is from Argentina and operates a company called "Cactus Adventures." This company leads groups around South America on bird watching and cactus trips. His talk will be "Cactus of the Minas Gerais and Bahia states of Brazil."

### Message from Co-President Karen Davidson

Sunday, May 4, 2008 is our 31<sup>st</sup> Plant Show and Sale! You would think that we all would be experts in this endeavor by now, but we are all still learning...or forgetting...depending upon your point of view! For those in the latter category, our Annual Show and Plant Sale will take place on the first Sunday in May, at MacKenzie Park, and is open to the public from 10am until 3pm. Table set up begins at 7:30 am, and the peak times for volunteers are at set up, (7:30 am to 10 am), during the first hours of the sale (10 am to 12:30 pm), and finally at 3 pm for clean up. **Only members have the privilege of early plant purchase, beginning at 9:30 am, so be sure wear your club name badges, be current in your dues, and display your enthusiasm throughout the day for all to see.** We are grateful to those who have committed themselves to tasks/times on the sign-up sheets, but we continue to need more volunteers. There are many positions which do not require physical prowess, such as providing inside security for the show plants as well as outside security for purchased plants. So please sign up at our May 2 meeting!

On the morning of the sale, we need members to bring a large supply of small and mid-sized boxes for people to transport their newly acquired plants. Members are also encouraged to bring refreshments for fellow volunteers, who might otherwise go hungry! In addition to our member-grown plants, and local donations, we will offer a selection of other exotic (and not so exotic) plants from the cactus/succulent nurseries in Vista, San Diego County. Don't forget to choose your own plant(s) to add to the club-display tables, in order to stimulate those less familiar with the wonderful and weird possibilities of our plants. We will also again vote for the "grandest" plant and the most "aesthetically-challenged" plant. Bring your entries, for prizes will be given this year! David Tufenkian, an impressive Santa Barbara cactus and succulent collector/propagator, whose enthusiasm is infectious, will also present a hands-on demonstration.

The day will be fun, and include bargains, sharing, learning, and good will between our members and the community: there will be something for everyone!

Mark Your Calendars!  
The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual SBCSS Show & Sale is  
scheduled for this **Sunday, May 4, 2008!**

Visit the photo gallery on our website to see  
photos from the April 23 Plant Buying Trip in  
San Diego County.  
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