**Kenya, Land of Tropical Succulents**

Kenya is a small country in tropical east Africa bisected by the equator. Weather conditions are uniformly warm (70°-90°) and humid along the sandy plains bordering the Indian Ocean. Temperatures are cooler on the higher elevation savannas in the central area (55°-77°), and hot (75°-95°) on the arid northern plains.

In these warm areas there is a great abundance of succulents, many of which are common in enthusiasts’ collections – and the weather conditions found here give an important insight into their successful cultivation.

The Great Rift Valley cuts through the country north to south, with many major volcanic features associated with it – these areas can have a much higher elevation (Mt Kenya is 17,057’) and range from temperate to very cold.

There are two well-defined wet (monsoon) seasons; October through late November, and late March to early June.

Along with Tanzania to the south, Kenya is well known for its many world-class wildlife reserves and national parks, but wild animals are not limited to these areas and can often be seen throughout the country.

This month’s program will be presented by Rob Skillin and feature habitat photos of the succulents of Kenya from a wide variety of plant families.