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ROADRUNNER NEWS

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Photo by Ernesto Sandoval

MEETING PROGRAM: Ernesto Sandoval – Hardy Aloes

Ernesto has been experimenting with a greater diversity of aloes in Northern California and he'd like to share his experience with growing and propagating a variety of aloes beyond some of the common species such as *A. comosa*, *melanacantha*, *peglerae*, *hereroensis* and other cool/wet tolerant aloes. He'll touch on the more and less available Aloes. Although his talk is focused for Northern California conditions, he'll touch on those that are even more suitable for Southern California. As always, he'll bring a selection of uncommon succulents, Aloes, and other plants for your collection and gardens and to help the Botanical Conservatory's programs.

Ernesto Sandoval has been wondering and seeking questions to why plants grow and look the way that they do for a long time. Now he explains and interprets the world of plants to a variety of ages and experiences from K-12 to professionals and master gardeners. He regularly lectures to a variety of western garden clubs throughout the year and particularly to succulent clubs throughout the state and elsewhere, since that group of plants is his particular passion within his general passion for plants. He describes himself as a "Jose of All Plants, Master of None." Ernesto thoroughly enjoys helping others, and gardeners in particular, to understand why and how plants do what they do.

When he was about 13 he asked his dad why one tree was pruned a particular way and another tree another way. His dad answered bluntly "because that's the way you do it." Since then he's been learning and teaching himself the answers to those and many other questions by getting a degree at UC Davis in botany and working from student weeder and waterer to Director over the last 25 years at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory. He's long left the "mow blow and go" monoculture landscape gardening world and has immersed himself in the world of polyculture and biodiversity by growing several thousand types of plants at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory, many of them

succulents. Several of his favorite garden projects involved converting lawns and or water loving landscapes to drought tolerant and diversity filled gardens. He likes to promote plant liberation by encouraging gardeners of all sorts to grow more plants in the ground when possible. He loves the technical language of botany but prefers to relate information in more understandable methods of communication. By helping people to understand the workings of plants he hopes to help us better understand how to and why our plants do what they do and how we can maximize their growth with less effort.

LOCATION: Gary Duke's house: 4660 Rio Ave. Long Beach, CA 90805

TIME: Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. Setup will be from 12:30 – 1:30. Members will be working in the garden starting at 11 AM. Bring a lunch if you need to.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH:

Cactus: Miniatures (3) - pots under 3”

Succulent: Miniatures (3) - pots under 3”

REFRESHMENTS: We will follow the alphabet to determine who is to bring the snacks and finger foods. This month, those with last names starting with the letters **S through Z** are asked to bring the goodies. Please feel free to bring something even if you don't fall into this group.

LBCC PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH RULES

At the April, 2003 meeting, the following rules were adopted for the Plant-of-the-Month (POM) competition:

- A maximum of three plants may be entered in each category (cactus and succulent).
- There will be three classes for entrants: advanced (blue tag), intermediate (pink tag) and beginner (yellow tag).
- Advanced and intermediate entrants must have had the plant in their possession for at least six months, beginners for three months.
- Entrants will receive 8 points for first place, 6 points for second place, 4 points for third place, 2 points for show/honorable mention (HM) and 1 point for showing a plant that does not place.
- At the discretion of the judges there may be up to three third places in a category. If plants are not deemed to be of sufficient quality, no third place will be awarded.
- For an entrant to receive points, the entry tags must be collected by the person in charge of record keeping for POM.
- At the annual Christmas party, award plants will be presented to the ten highest cumulative point holders regardless of class.

2016 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

MONTH
November
December

CACTI
 Miniatures (3) - pots under 3”
 HOLIDAY PARTY

SUCCULENTS
 Miniatures (3) - pots under 3”

2015 Plant of the Year Mammillaria zeilmanniana

2016 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	168	Mike Martin	121	Krystoff Przykucki	148
Ken Shaw	151	Jade Neely	77	Andrew Lander	133
Jim Hanna	109	Karenn Ohlinder	41	Margaret Lander	59
Gary James	10	Evelyn Maxwell	21	Scott Burnell	56
Peter Walkowiak	5	John Luhnnow	5	Anita Sinclair	25
Cliff & Linda Meng	2			M. A. Bjarkman	16
				John Drake	10
				Claudia Kaneshiro	6
				Alden Norris	3

**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016**

NOV. 5-6 **SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 9am-4pm BOTH DAYS
SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM 310 NO. BALDWIN, ARCADIA, CA
MANNY RIVERA 626-780-6957 or JOHN MATTHEWS 661-714-1052**

LBCC MEETING DATES 2016

	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
November 6	Ernesto Sandoval	Hardy Aloes
December 3	Holiday Party & POM Awards	

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2016 DUES INFORMATION-ONE YEAR

Regular membership \$15.00
Senior Membership (retired person, age 65 or older) \$10.00

Please make out checks to LBCC (Long Beach Cactus Club) and give them to the treasurer or send them to:

Long Beach Cactus Club, 3429 Paseo del Campo, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274-1037

NEW MEMBER : _____ RENEWAL : _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____.** Date: _____

NAME: _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT:- _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ HOME PHONE:(____) _____ - _____

CELL PHONE: (____) _____ - _____ E-MAIL: _____

BIRTHDAY MONTH: _____ FAVORITE CACTI OR SUCCULENT: _____

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2016

PRESIDENT	Ken Shaw [562-631-5876]	SECRETARY	OPEN
VICE-PRESIDENT	John Luhnnow	TREASURER	Jade Neely
DIRECTORS: Gary Duke, Jim Hanna, John Luhnnow, Ken Shaw, and Hank Warzybok			
COMMITTEES:			
AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE	Hank Warzybok	NEWSLETTER	Andrew Lander
BIRTHDAY/PRIZE PLANTS	Jim Hanna	PROGRAMS	Woody Minnich
GARDEN CURATOR	OPEN	PUBLICITY – LOCAL	OPEN
HISTORIAN	Ken Shaw	PUBLICITY – SHOWS	Peter Walkowiak
INTER-CITY SHOW CHAIRMAN	Peter Walkowiak	REFRESHMENTS	OPEN
LIBRARY	OPEN	SHOW & TELL TABLE	OPEN
MEMBERSHIP	John Luhnnow	SUNSHINE	Kim Hartwig
WEBMASTER	OPEN		

MEMBERSHIP

SEND APPLICATIONS to: Long Beach Cactus Club, 3429 Paseo del Campo, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274-1037. Dues are \$15 per year for regular membership, seniors \$10. (Senior membership is for retired persons, 65 and older.) Checks should be made out to **LBCC**.

IF FOUR OR FIVE OR MORE MEMBERS are interested they may order **official Long Beach Cactus Club member badges**. The cost is \$6.50 per person. Please see the club treasurer at the meeting.

NEWSLETTER

IF YOU HAVE ANY STORIES, cultivation tips, information about upcoming events, photos, corrections, or news in general about cacti and succulents that might interest our members, please send them in. **Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Remember, this is your newsletter.** Physical address: [Andrew Lander](#), 3041 Roxanne Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808. Cyber address: landruc@gmail.com.

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