

April 2013

Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

Founded 1933; Affiliate of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc.

PROGRAM: Kelly Griffin will give a presentation “Australian Photo Foray.” Kelly had been invited to speak on Aloes and Agaves at the National Convention of the Australian Cactus and Succulent Society. Following that, he spent three weeks looking for plants in the large Australian states of Victoria and Queensland.

It was a venture to a destination Kelly would not have likely made (no Aloes there!), hence his use of the work foray. Kelly found many fantastic plants like Myrmecodias and Hydnophytums (Ant plants), Cycads, Orchids, Ferns (Platyneriums) and Kelly's favorite group Xanthorrhoeas (Grass trees.) The flora and fauna of Australia is so incredible. Kelly will share a glimpse of what he was able to see.

Kelly has studied plants his whole life and has had the great opportunity to travel to see so many of the worlds plants. Even so, there is so much to see... Kelly is currently plant development manager for the wonderful and well known Altman Plants based in Vista.

We will be working in the garden starting at 11 AM. Bring a lunch if you need to.

LOCATION: Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA 90815. We will meet in the meeting room next to the gift shop. Rancho Los Alamitos is located within Bixby Hill and accessed through the residential security gate at Anaheim and Palo Verde. From the 405 Freeway, exit at Palo Verde Avenue and turn south. From the 605 Freeway, exit at Willow, follow to Palo Verde and turn south.

TIME: Sunday, April 7, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. We will follow this schedule: 1:00 to 1:30 -- setup and refreshments, 1:30 to 3:30 -- general meeting and program, 3:30 to 4:00 – cleanup.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH:

Cactus: Thelocactus/Stenocactus
Succulent: Aloe

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 **M through R** are asked to bring the goodies. Please feel free to bring something even if you don't fall into this group.

DOOR PRIZES, BIRTHDAY PLANTS & PLANT SALES: Free plant for first time visitors.

PLANT RAFFLE: Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. **Members are asked to donate any plants they would like to pass along that they think others would like to buy.** Previous months' raffles have been big successes with several dozen plants available.

LBCC MEETING DATES 2013

	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
April 7	Kelly Griffin	Australian Photo Foray
May 19	Peter Walkowiak	Stage Your Way to the Trophy Table
June 2	Buck Hemenway	Success with Succulents
July 7	Woody Minnich	Great American Southwest
August 4	Ernesto Sandoval	Plant Hormones
September 29	Auction	
October 6	Tom Glavich	Winter Bulbs
November 3	Gary Duke	Columnar Cacti of Peru
December 15	Holiday Party / POM Awards	

CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013 (updated 2/19/2013)

- APR 13 & 14** SOUTH COAST CACTUS AN SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE
SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD.,
PALOS VERDES, CA INFO: 310-832-2262
- APR 20 & 21** GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE—AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM
1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831
- APR 28th** HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL
GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-2160
- MAY 5** SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS
INFORMATION CALL-310-833-6823
- May 4 & 5** SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 17 & 18** GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY
32ND SHOW AND SALE FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm
JURUPA MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTER, 7621 GRANITE HILL DRIVE
GLEN AVON, CA INFO. 951-360-8802
- MAY 19** EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY of AMERICA ANNUAL SHOW & SALE
SUNDAY 9-4PM AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM
301 N. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA—PRESALE ONLY SAT. 18TH 9-4PM
- MAY 25 & 26** CENTRAL COAST CASTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
ANNUAL SHOW & SALE (10-4PM), LUDWICK CENTER, 864 SANTA ROSA
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – INFO. 805-237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org
- JUNE 1 & 2** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –SUMMER SHOW AND SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO: 858-382-1797
- JUNE 8 & 9** LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY
PLANT SHOW AND SALE 8TH 9-5, 9th 9-3:30
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD.
ENCINO, CA INFO. E-MAIL www.lacss-show.com
- JUNE 15-20** CSSA 35TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION, AUSTIN, TX- www.CSSA2013.COM
- JUNE 28-30** CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
626-405-2160 or 2277 PLANTS SALES START JUNE 28TH THRU JUNE 30TH
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 29TH THRU JUNE 30TH FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 26-28** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND
SALE. FRI. JULY 26TH 9am-5pm, SAT JULY 27TH 9am-5pm, SUN 28TH 12-4pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- AUG. 17 & 18** 28th ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE AT THE LA COUNTY ARBORETUM,
9am-5pm daily. 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA.
INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 or JOHN MATTHEWS 661-297-5364
- SEPT 7TH** HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 29** LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615
INFO: 310-922-6090
- NOV. 2 & 3** SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 9am-4pm both days
SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE.

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2013

PRESIDENT	John Luhnnow 310-922-6090	SECRETARY	OPEN
VICE-PRESIDENT	Ken Shaw	TREASURER	Jess (Vern) Yandell
DIRECTORS , in alphabetical order, are John Luhnnow and Gary Duke (Past President)			
COMMITTEES:			
AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE	Hank Warzybok	NEWSLETTER	David Quadhamer
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	Hank Warzybok	SHOW & TELL TABLE	OPEN
MEMBERSHIP	John Luhnnow	SUNSHINE	Jade Neely
WEBMASTER	David Quadhamer		

MEMBERSHIP

SEND APPLICATIONS to John Luhnnow, 3340 West 152nd St. Gardena, CA, 90249. **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 club treasurer at the meeting.

NEWSLETTER

IF YOU HAVE ANY STORIES, cultivation tips, information about upcoming calendar events or news in general about cacti and succulents that might interest our members, please send them in or give me a call. **Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Remember, this is your newsletter.** The address is: David Quadhamer, P.O. Box 861, San Pedro, CA 90733-0861. Telephone: (310) 833-3095. Email – davidq@lbcss.org

LIBRARY

WANT TO CONSULT A BOOK ON CACTI AND SUCCULENTS OR A COPY OF THE CSSA JOURNAL? Talk to Hank Warzybok and he will bring the requested items to the next meeting for you to check out.

CSSA CORNER

The 35th Biennial Convention of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America will be held in Austin TX, from June 15 - 20, 2013. All members of the Society are invited to join in the gathering which will feature world renowned authors and experts in the field of Cacti & Succulents. The web site for the Convention is located at <http://cssa2013.com>.

PLANT COLLECTION FOR SALE

Sharon Thoerner is selling her plant collection. Call her at 562-866-1555 for details.

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.

2013 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTUS</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
January	Echinocactus/Ferocactus	Crassula
February	Rebutia/Sulcorebutia	Gasteria
March	Gymnocalycium	Echeveria
April	Thelocactus/Stenocactus	Aloe
May	Favorite (3)	Favorite (3)
June	Copiapoa	Agaves
July	Mammillaria w/ Hooked Spines	Pachypodium
August	Ariocarpus	Asclepiads
September		LBCC Auction
October	Melocactus	Lithops/Conophytums
November	Miniature (3) <3">	Miniature (3) <3">
December		HOLIDAY PARTY
Plant of the Year		Titanopsis calcarea

2013 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	58	Hank Warzybok	29	Jade Neely	84
Ken Shaw	43	Evelyn Maxwell	14	John Drake	20
Jim Hanna	32	John Luhnnow	8	Andrew Lander	14
Gary James	10			Margaret Lander	12

Plant-of-the-Month Winners - March

Cactus – Advanced		Succulent – Advanced	
1. Gary Duke	Gymnocalycium mihanovichii	1. Jim Hanna	Echeveria gibbiflora hybrid
2. Gary Duke	Gymnocalycium bodenbenderianum	2. Jim Hanna	Echeveria agavoides
3. Gary Duke	Gymnocalycium mostii	3. Gary Duke	Echeveria hybrid

Cactus – Intermediate		Succulent – Intermediate	
1		1. Evelyn Maxwell	Echeveria Charles Wright
2		2. Evelyn Maxwell	Echeveria gibbiflora hybrid
3		3	

Cactus – Beginner		Succulent – Beginner	
1. Jade Neely	Gymnocalycium mihanovichii	1. Andrew Lander	Echeveria gibbiflora hybrid
2. Jade Neely	Gymnocalycium sp.	2. Andrew Lander	Echeveria 'topsy-turvy' crest
3. Jade Neely	Gymnocalycium sp.	3. Jade Neely	Echeveria pulidonis
		3. Jade Neely	Echeveria agavoides
		3. John Drake	Echeveria agavoides

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2013 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 or send them to the treasurer:

John Luhnnow, 3340 West 152nd St., Gardena, CA 90249

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: _____

Long Beach Cactus Club

Succulent of the Month April 2013 - *Aloes*

Aloes are native to most of Africa, the Arabian Peninsula and Madagascar. They are naturalized in every Mediterranean environment in the world, as well as some temperate and tropical regions. With only a few exceptions, all Aloes will grow readily in Southern California, either in the ground, or in pots. When in the ground they require minimal care, existing happily on only natural rainfall in most years.



Aloe petricola

The long blooming racemes of brightly colored *Aloe* flowers are attractive to sunbirds in Africa and hummingbirds in the West. When in bloom, hummingbirds will visit every few minutes, going from plant to plant and yard to yard, fertilizing hundreds of flowers as they make their rounds.

Aloes are easily propagated. Cuttings are left to dry for a week or so and placed into a pot or directly into the ground. Seeds of common and rare species are available through several seed houses and the CSSA. Seeds store well and germinate quickly when planted in mid

spring (April is best.) Flowering plants can be produced within two years from seed, for the smaller species and three or four for many of the larger.



Aloe ferox

Aloes grow best with a balanced fertilizer when in active growth. Best growth will occur when given adequate root room, although some smaller species will tolerate considerable crowding.



Aloe capitata

There are only two serious pests of *Aloes*, rust and mites. *Aloe rust*, which produces red ringed spots black or brown spots on the leaves is a fungal disease, and can be controlled with any fungicide. *Aloe galls* are produced by the *Aloe mite*. These nearly invisible insects cause deformed flower stalks or leaves. The plant should be removed from all others, and is best destroyed, although

eventual cure is possible with a heavy dose of systemic insecticide.

Great Aloes

Aloe barberae (bainesii) is a tree aloe, growing to 40 feet. It grows quickly in the ground, reaching 5 feet in just three years from a 4 inch pot if treated well, with long green recurved leaves.

Aloe dichotoma and the closely related *Aloe ramosissima* are smooth barked tree Aloes, with *dichotoma* being single trunked and *ramosissima* being multiple trunked.

Aloe plicatilis has strap shaped leaves in two opposing rows, giving it the name the 'Fan Aloe'. Careful attention to watering is required to keep the ends of the leaves from turning black in the summer.

Aloe lineata will grow to 6 feet. It is single stemmed, and keeps the old dead leaves to shade the trunk. It's a spectacular plant, with straight, narrow dark green lines, on a light green background.

Aloe thraskii is another graceful single stemmed plant with yellow-orange flowers. It grows near the coast in South Africa.

Aloe globuligemma a South African and Zimbabwean species has racemes that branch from a long main stem. Instead of the conical or cylindrical forms that most Aloe racemes have, all of the flowers are in lines along the

upper part of the stem.

Aloe aristata is a dwarf aloe, with heads only a few inches across. The leaves are soft, with thin needle like leaf tips. It's a particularly good pot plant.

Aloe brevifolia is another dwarf, making large clumps of stiff glaucous blue leaves. It does well in the garden as well as being a good show plant.

Aloe variegata has dark leaves hard with a white edge and white spots. It's one of the most spectacular, and easily grown.

Aloe 'Doran Black' is a spectacular hybrid, and has appeared on our raffle table a few times in the past year. It is a complex cross, created By R. Wright. Parentage is unknown.

Aloe 'Tegelberg's Triumph' appears to be a hybrid between *Aloe aristata* and *Aloe erinacea*.

The classical references on *Aloe* are **The Aloes of Tropical Africa and Madagascar** and **The Aloes of South Africa**, both by G.W. Reynolds. In **The Aloes of South Africa**. There are more recent works as well, and the newest species, mostly from the Arabian Peninsula and Northern Tropical Africa are described in the CSSA Journal.

References

G. W. Reynolds, **The Aloes of South Africa**
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