

# July 2013

## Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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

**PROGRAM:** Woody Minnich will give a presentation “Great American Southwest.”

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, July 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:** Mammillaria with hooked spines  
**Succulent:** Pachypodium

**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 **G through L** 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>
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	

## *The Great American Southwest*

No where in the world is there a more dynamic and picturesque region than that of the American southwest. This romantic and historical part of the USA is marked with drama from its indigenous peoples and landscapes, to its grandest plants and creatures. For the purpose of this title we are including the seven most cactus and succulent rich states; Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah.

In these seven states there is a wealth of endemic plants and animals. Along with these plants and animals, one will often encounter some amazing and beautiful scenery. Due to the fact that many of our cacti and succulents are found in these unique environments, their special characteristics are frequently developed for adaptation and survival in these harsh places. The geology in this general region is very often tortured and dramatic, and thus the plants, animals and scenery are frequently nothing short of breath taking!

Each state will be addressed with the cacti and succulents that are primarily found in that state. A fair number of the taxa inhabit more than one state, but many species are often found in a geographically small area located only within a single state. These genera include some of the rarest and most difficult to cultivate cacti and succulents to be found in the trade today. Their environments range from extreme cold regions with blazing sun, to high elevations with meters of snow, and from very arid low deserts with furnace like temperatures to Mediterranean-like coastal niches.

We will not show all the recorded species of each genus but will focus on the most unique and classic representatives of the Cactaceae and the many other succulent genera. These genera will include; *Agave*, *Ancistrocactus*, *Ariocarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Carnegia*, *Coryphantha*, *Dasyilirion*, *Dudleya*, *Echeveria*, *Echinocereus*, *Echinomastus*, *Epithelantha*, *Escobaria*, *Ferocactus*, *Graptopetalum*, *Lophocereus*, *Lophophora*, *Mammillaria*, *Neobesseya*, *Neolloydia*, *Nolina*, *Opuntia*, *Pediocactus*, *Sclerocactus*, *Stenocereus*, *Thelocactus*, and *Yucca*. We will also take a look at some of the old plant names and their places, and stories in history.

Adding to the mystique of the Great American Southwest is a wealth of information, from the places where these plants were found to the people who found them. Names like *Coloradoa*, *Navajoa*, *Toumeyia*, and *Utahia* are just a few of the romantic and descriptive epithets used for some of these prized genera. There are many famous explorers and botanists who spent their entire lives to find these unique plants. These people include such prominent names as; Britton, Rose, Engelmann, Benson, Earle, Gentry and Weniger, just to mention a few.

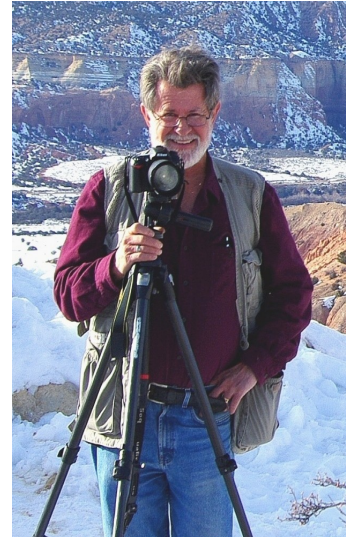
This presentation, *The Great American Southwest*, is an epic story and view of this magic land. Many people from all over the world have been attracted this special region, and for me, I will be sharing over 40 years of my field work in this most incredible part of our country.

Wendell S. (Woody) Minnich 2012

## Brief Biography

Wendell S. (Woody) Minnich 2013

Woody, as he is commonly called, has been in the cactus hobby for some 45 years and has become well known for his participation in many of the cactus and succulent clubs. He is an honorary life member of nine clubs as well as a life member of CSSA (Cactus & Succulent Society of America.) He has served in almost all positions of leadership from president, to newsletter editor, to show chairman and so on. He is also known for his extensive field work studying primarily the cactus family. He has traveled throughout Africa, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Namibia, New Zealand, Peru, Socotra, the United States and Yemen. From these trips he has developed an extensive knowledge of the cactus family as well as many of the other succulent genera.



Woody is also known for his many presentations. His photography is considered to be special and his commentary very entertaining and educational. He is a recognized international speaker and has spoken for plant conventions - organizations all over the USA, as well as in England, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina and Mexico. Woody has also authored a number of articles for various newsletters, the CSSA journal and his photographs are well published. Woody is the creator-originator of the first color version of the CSSA journal "Cacti and Succulents for the Amateur" that also featured show plants, shows and the growers of the pictured plants.

He is also known for his cactus and succulent nursery, Cactus Data Plants. CDP was started in 1975 and is still in operation today. Cactus Data Plants specializes in show specimens and rare cacti and other succulents with particular emphasis in *Ariocarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Mammillaria*, *Gymnocalycium*, *Turbinicarpus*, *Melocactus*, *Copiapoa*, *Fouquieria*, *Pachypodium*, *Euphorbia*, *Cyphostemma*, *Adenium* and *Adenia*.

Woody and his wife Kathy now live in the beautiful mountains south of Santa Fe New Mexico in a region called Cedar Grove. He has a small 1,200 sq. ft. greenhouse where he grows his unique plants. He is always on the move and travels frequently to do presentations and shows throughout the western United States. Woody is the proud parent of three children, Leah, Denver and Sarah, all of whom are now grown and out in the big world. Woody is also the proud grandparent of three grandsons, Indiana, Ashton and Logan. He is a retired high school teacher of 32 years and he taught Graphic Arts, Architecture, Art and Health.

**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT  
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013 (updated 6/2/2013)**

- 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 28<sup>TH</sup> THRU JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> THRU JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 26-28**      **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND**  
**SALE. FRI. JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> 9am-5pm, SAT JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> 9am-5pm, SUN 28<sup>TH</sup> 12-4pm**  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA  
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- AUG. 17 & 18**      **28<sup>th</sup> 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
- AUG. 31**            **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  
**VICE-PRESIDENT** Ken Shaw  
**SECRETARY** **OPEN**  
**TREASURER** Jess (Vern) Yandell  
**DIRECTORS**, in alphabetical order, are John Luhnnow and Gary Duke (Past President)

### COMMITTEES:

<b>AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE</b>	Hank Warzybok	<b>NEWSLETTER</b>	David Quadhamer
<b>BIRTHDAY/PRIZE PLANTS</b>	Jim Hanna	<b>PROGRAMS</b>	Woody Minnich
<b>GARDEN CURATOR</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>PUBLICITY – LOCAL</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>HISTORIAN</b>	Ken Shaw	<b>PUBLICITY – SHOWS</b>	Peter Walkowiak
<b>INTER-CITY SHOW CHAIRMAN</b>	Peter Walkowiak	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	Hank Warzybok	<b>SHOW &amp; TELL TABLE</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	John Luhnnow	<b>SUNSHINE</b>	Jade Neely
<b>WEBMASTER</b>	David Quadhamer		

### MEMBERSHIP

SEND APPLICATIONS to John Luhnnow, 3340 West 152<sup>nd</sup> 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 – [dquadhamer@yahoo.com](mailto:dquadhamer@yahoo.com).

### 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.

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

### 2013 POM STANDINGS

<b>Advanced</b>		<b>Intermediate</b>		<b>Beginner</b>	
Gary Duke	131	Bob Gillett	56	Jade Neely	172
Ken Shaw	81	Hank Warzybok	46	Andrew Lander	34
Jim Hanna	69	Evelyn Maxwell	29	John Drake	30
Gary James	24	Karenn Ohlinder	20	Margaret Lander	21
		John Luhnnow	16	Manon Robertshaw	1

## Plant-of-the-Month Winners - June

Cactus – Advanced		Succulent – Advanced	
1. Ken Shaw	Copiapoa calderana	1. Gary James	Agave victoriae-reginae 'Albomarginata'
2. Gary James	Copiapoa krainziana	2. Gary Duke	Agave titanota
2. Gary Duke	Copiapoa cinerea	2. Gary Duke	Agave utahensis
3. Gary Duke	Copiapoa lauii	3. Jim Hanna	Agave titanota 'Filigree'
3. Ken Shaw	Copiapoa columna-alba	3. Ken Shaw	Agave victoriae-reginae 'Himesanoyuki'
3. Gary Duke	Copiapoa tenuissima		

Cactus – Intermediate		Succulent – Intermediate	
1. Bob Gillett	Copiapoa lauii	1. Bob Gillett	Agave bracteosa
2. Bob Gillett	Copiapoa cinerea	2. Bob Gillett	Agave victoriae
3. Bob Gillett	Copiapoa tenuissima	3	

Cactus – Beginner		Succulent – Beginner	
1. Jade Neely	Copiapoa lauii	1. Jade Neely	Agave polianthiflora
2. Jade Neely	Copiapoa hypogaea	2. Jade Neely	Agave 'Royal Spine'
3. Jade Neely	Copiapoa tenuissima	3. Jade Neely	Agave lophantha

## 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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BIRTHDAY MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_ FAVORITE CACTI OR SUCCULENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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