

# June 2013

## Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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

**PROGRAM:** Buck Hemenway will give a presentation "Success with Succulents."

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, June 2, 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:** Copiapoa  
**Succulent:** Agaves

**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 **A through F** 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>
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)**

- MAY 25 & 26**      **CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
ANNUAL SHOW & SALE (10-4PM), LUDWICK CENTER, 864 SANTA ROSA  
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – INFO. 805-237-2054, [www.centralcoastcactus.org](http://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 8<sup>TH</sup> 9-5, 9<sup>th</sup> 9-3:30  
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD.  
ENCINO, CA INFO. E-MAIL [www.lacss-show.com](http://www.lacss-show.com)**
- JUNE 15-20**        **CSSA 35<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION, AUSTIN, TX- [www.CSSA2013.COM](http://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 28<sup>TH</sup> THRU JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 29TH 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**
- SEPT 7<sup>TH</sup>**         **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.

### 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>
<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	85	Hank Warzybok	29	Jade Neely	115
Ken Shaw	49	Evelyn Maxwell	29	John Drake	28
Jim Hanna	47	Bob Gillett	24	Andrew Lander	21
Gary James	10	John Luhnnow	8	Margaret Lander	13
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## Plant-of-the-Month Winners - April

Cactus – Advanced		Succulent – Advanced	
1. Gary Duke	Stenocactus crispatus crest	1. Jim Hanna	Aloe x Hybrid (Dark Shadows)
2. Gary Duke	Thelocactus bicolor v. bolensis	2. Jim Hanna	Aloe x Hybrid (K. Griffin)
2. Ken Shaw	Thelocactus macdowellii	3. Gary Duke	Aloe suprafoliata
3. Gary Duke	Stenocactus crispatus Hulzacheform	3. Gary Duke	Aloe Hybrid Aumakua Mano x Sean's Red

Cactus – Intermediate		Succulent – Intermediate	
1. Bob Gillett	Thelocactus setispinus	1. Evelyn Maxwell	Aloe spinosissima
2. Bob Gillett	Turbincarpus pseudomacrolele	2. Evelyn Maxwell	Aloe Crosby's Prolific
3		3. Bob Gillett	Aloe gastrolea
		3. Bob Gillett	Aloe pepe

Cactus – Beginner		Succulent – Beginner	
1. Jade Neely	Thelocactus macdowellii	1. Jade Neely	Aloe 'Pink Blush'
2. Jade Neely	Stenocactus crispatus	2. Andrew Lander	Aloe 'Bright Star'
3. Jade Neely	Stenocactus bicolor	3. Jade Neely	Aloe camperi
		3. John Drake	Aloe 'Lavender Star'

## 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

### Cactus of the Month June 2013 – *Copiapoa*



*Copiapoa humilis* v. *tenuissima*

*Copiapoa* is a unique genus of spectacular plants from the North Coast of Chile. The genus has no close relatives, and is confined to a region of ecological change, becoming steadily drier for the past several hundred years. The Southern limit of *Copiapoa* is where reliable winter rains can be found, while the Northern limit is the tropical region of reliable summer rains. *Copiapoa* live along the coast and through the river valleys cut through the coastal mountains. Some of the species live completely on dense fogs that occur daily for months at a time. They are slow growing.

The hills and valleys of Northern Chile are still not well explored from a botanical point of view, and new species are still being described and additional species will be found

in the future.

Given these extreme conditions, one would expect the cultivation of these plants in Southern California, with our frequent winter rains, fogs, and “June gloom” to be quite a challenge. Fortunately, this is not so, and *Copiapoa* are relatively easy to grow. They respond happily to the same potting mix, watering, and fertilization as most cacti, growing many times faster than they would in habitat. Some species can even be grown in the open ground, as long as the soil is well drained. They do tend to be slower growers than many other genera.

*Copiapoa* are easily propagated from cuttings or division of clumps. Seed is available from the CSSA seed bank, and most cactus seed houses, and germinates quickly in the spring. They should be started in a moist potting soil, and moved to drier surroundings after germination.

*Copiapoa* were first collected in the 1840s, and described as *Echinocactus*, then the home of anything more or less globular. The genus *Copiapoa* was named by Britton and Rose in 1922 in their great work **The Cactaceae**. The name derives from Chilean province of Copiapo, home to many of the species.

All of the *Copiapoa* are worth growing. This is a genus unparalleled in excellent species.

Tom Glavich February 2005

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