

## Minutes for the Long Beach Cactus Club – June 2, 2019

The June meeting of the Long Beach Cactus Club was called to order at 11:00am by President **Krystoff Przykucki** at Rancho Los Alamitos, CA and he welcomed 60 members and guests as well as the attending LBCC board members.

**Scott Bunnell**, VP/Social Media  
**Henry Angulo**, Treasurer  
**Andrew Lander**, Newsletter/ Scorekeeper  
**Tanisha Herr**, Membership  
**Regina Fernandez**, Social Media/Publicity  
**Karenn Ohlinder**, Mini-Show Chair

**Nan Halbert**, Secretary  
**Amelia Angulo**, Social Media/Publicity  
**James Lemos**, Inter-City Show Chair  
**Rose Bank**, Social Media/Publicity  
**Jim Hanna**, Prize Plants  
**Gary Duke**, X-mas Party Chair

In attendance was **Gary Duke**, our speaker and board member, and the author of The Landscaping & Micro-Climates for Small Yards.

**Amelia Angulo**, designer of our Long Beach Cactus Club t-shirt offered shirts in all sizes and two different colors for \$15 each.

### The Agenda:

First, our speaker **Gary Duke** with plants and books available, then Krystoff recognized five members for saving the club from extinction: **Hank Warzybok, Jim Hanna, John Luhnnow, Gary Duke** and **Gary James**. Although the club is thriving now, about a decade ago it was down to just those 5 members that kept LBCC going. Both Hank and Jim already received their Lifetime Membership nametags, the other three at the next meeting.

Board members will have a quick meeting after the membership meeting.

Fourteen guests, mostly intrigued by our Show & Sale, got their free plant as a welcome gesture.

June is the month you can get in the Huntington Botanical Gardens for free as a member with a special pass and your badge.

Birthdays and new members received a plant along with **Lloyd Wilcox** who donated the proceeds of his plants from the sale to the club. Remaining plants are raffled to club members.

August 10-11 is the Inter-City Show at the LA Arboretum. **James Lemos** is the Inter-City Show Chair and will be looking for members to volunteer at the show.

Plants are accepted Wed or Thurs and pickup will be on Sunday. Members can learn by being a clerk and shopping at the plant sale before the public is admitted for club members. Security and clerking are a learning experience and are recommended by **Gary Duke**. Shifts and sign-up are available through **James Lemos**. LBCC will receive one third of the proceeds from this show to cover expenses for our club throughout the year.

**Gary Duke** with 60 years of experience and one quarter an acre in Long Beach will speak about microclimates in your yard with swaths of color. How do you do things in small areas? Sun consideration and a time frame are critical as plants must have some shade. Shade varies by 9 feet to 7 inches in as little as 6 months and can even reflect from windows. Accent plants and building a color scheme when you are developing your yard and starting with mounds and plants to lead the person's gaze to the front door can have a dramatic effect. Hiding gutters, walls and sprinkler systems, arrangement and symmetry, building your focal point with color and design and research on plant growth patterns should all be part of a well-planned yard.

Plants and rocks providing shade and moisture for other plants, building access in a wall, slabs which help capture moisture, site preparation, budget, mound shape and plant placement all are important aspects when creating micro-climates.

There will be an Open House at **Gary Duke's** house, June 22nd and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019  
10-4pm 4660 Rio Drive, Long Beach, Ca 90805 Phone 310-947-9803

This information will be in the newsletter. A swimming pool noodle, carpet strips and newspapers for handling cactus were suggested by members. Thank you Gary.

**Karenn Ohlinder** announced the winners of the "Favorites" Mini Show.

Novice:

1<sup>st</sup> place winners: **Henry Angulo** and **Aaron Goldstein**

Intermediate:

1<sup>st</sup> placed winner in both categories: **Kathy McNair**

Advanced:

1<sup>st</sup> place winner in both categories: **Gary Duke**

Meeting is adjourned and Krystoff thanks all members.

## **Board Meeting**

A short board meeting after the regular membership meeting attended by **Krystoff Przykucki, Tanisha Herr, James Lemos, Nan Halbert, Rose Bank, Gary Duke, Henry Angulo, Jim Hanna, Regina Fernandez, Amelia Angulo, Scott Burnell** and **Andrew Lander**.

Despite parking and a few other problems, the May Plant Show and Sale netted over \$20k with about \$2700 profit which was triple the profit of last year. There were \$300 more in expenses which included tablecloths, ribbons, tables, food for vendors, etc. A big “Thank you” to **Henry Angulo** for all of his hard work and time spent making the sale a huge success.

Other topics discussed were adequate security and parking for an alternate venue, possible expanding the sale in May, a second sale in November of this year on a Saturday possibly at a recreation center, church or women’s club. Krystoff requested that members take the time to look for possible places for the sale. These subjects are tabled for further discussion and the board meeting is adjourned.

**Ken Shaw** will be conducting the meeting in July as Krystoff will be out of town.

Respectfully submitted,

**Nan Halbert**  
LBCC Secretary