

July 2014

# ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club  
Founded 1933; Affiliate of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc.

**MEETING PROGRAM:** Kelly Griffin -  
“Mexico”

Kelly Griffin is most recognized with finding and creating new and different plants that can be utilized in garden settings. Some of Kelly’s hybrid aloes are well known in the industry and are collected by enthusiasts.

Griffin will speak on his latest Mexican exploits; a multifaceted trip to central Mexico along with a visit to the Baja and a few seldom seen islands.

Griffin presents some of the strange, beautiful and wonderful plants (mostly succulent) that he has had the good fortune to see in his travels, sharing his passion to observe plants in the wild in order to understand how they grow, and under what conditions. He will share insights into the plants and habitats that are not well known.

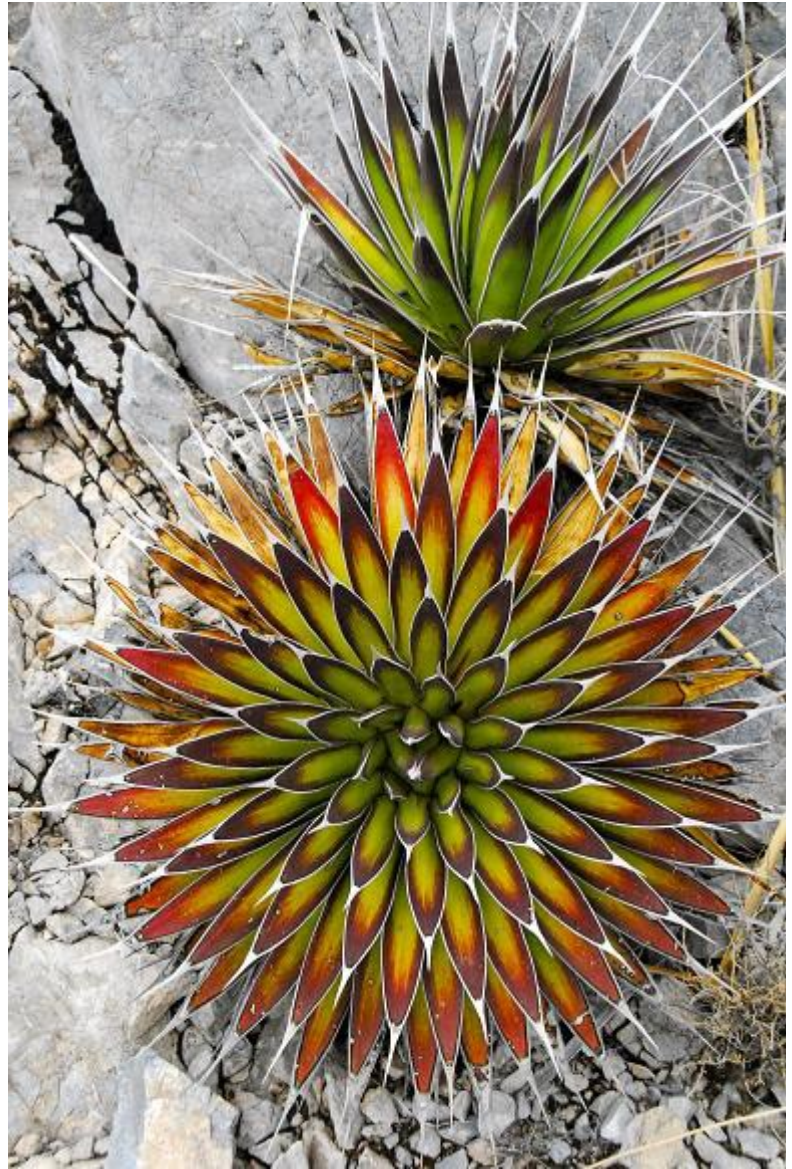
Griffin is manager of Succulent Plant Development for Altman Plants, the largest producer of succulents in the country. His inclination has been towards Agaves, Aloes, Dudleyas and Echeverias, but there are many more plants that have garnered his attention. As part of his life’s work, he has introduced more than 100 succulents and created many cultivars that have been nudging their way into gardens and patios.

Although Griffin’s studies were in applied physics, his love of plants continued to steer him towards horticulture as a career.

Prior to his current position with Altman Plants where he’s a product development Manager, he was curator of Xerophytes at Rancho Soledad Nursery where he was responsible for finding and creating new and different plants that could be utilized in garden settings.

He has traveled extensively worldwide documenting and studying plants and collecting seeds for propagation.

**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.



*Agave pelona (red), photo by Kelly Griffin*

**TIME:** Sunday, July 6, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Setup will be from 12:30 – 1:00.

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

**PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH:**

**Cactus:** Cereus (columnar)  
**Succulent:** Sansevieria

**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, those who have a birthday the month of the meeting, and a raffle for attending members.

**LBCC MEETING DATES 2014**

	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
July 6	Kelly Griffin	"Mexico"
August 3	Tom Glavich	"Mutant Succulents"
September 7	LBCC Annual Auction	
October 5	Irwin Lightstone	"Macro Photography of Cacti & Succulents"
November 2	Bryan Kemble	"To Jalisco and Back"
December 7	Holiday Party / POM Awards	

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**LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**2014 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

### 2014 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTUS</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
<b>July</b>	Cereus (columnar)	Sansevieria
<b>August</b>	Neochilenia, Neoporteria	Fockea, Raphionacme
<b>September</b>	LBCC Auction	
<b>October</b>	Echinofossulocactus, Stenocactus	Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon
<b>November</b>	Miniature (3) - pots under 3"	Miniature (3) - pots under 3"
<b>December</b>	HOLIDAY PARTY	
<b>Plant of the Year</b>	Notocactus leninghausii	

### 2014 POM STANDINGS

<b>Advanced</b>		<b>Intermediate</b>		<b>Beginner</b>	
Gary Duke	110	Evelyn Maxwell	114	Andrew Lander	114
Jim Hanna	64	Jade Neely	107	John Drake	61
Ken Shaw	43	Karenn Ohlinder	14	Margaret Lander	27
Gary James	36			Manon Robertshaw	12
Peter Walkowiak	12			Mike Martin	9



**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT**  
**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2014 (updated 5/25/2014)**

- JULY 25-27<sup>th</sup>** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE. FRI. JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> 9am-5pm, SAT JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> 9am-5pm, SUN 27<sup>TH</sup> 12-4pm  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA  
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- AUG. 9-10<sup>th</sup>** 29<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 661-714-1052
- AUG 30<sup>th</sup>** HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM  
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 7<sup>th</sup>** LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION -12-5PM  
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615  
INFO: 310-922-6090
- OCT. 25-26** PALOMAR SHOW AND SALE -- SAT 9-5, SUN 10-4, SAN DIEGO BONTAIC GARDENS  
230 QUAIL GARDENS RD, ENCINITAS...  
INFO hciservices@gmail.com. 858-382-1797
- NOV. 1 & 2** SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 9am-4pm both days  
SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE

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