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ROADRUNNER NEWS

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

MEETING PROGRAM: Woody Minnich presents “Madagascar, Land of the Giants.” He writes:

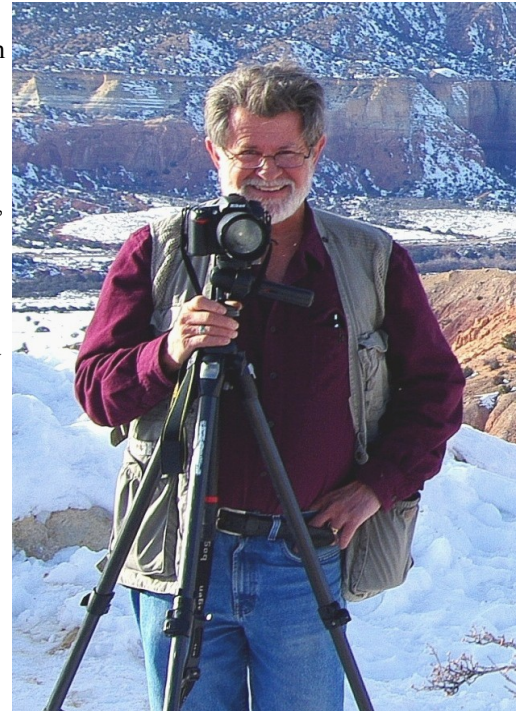
“Madagascar, an amazing island off the southeast coast of Africa! There are three very special islands where plant and animal endemism is most incredible. The Galapagos, Socotra and Madagascar are these islands. We could include Australia, but it being a continent precludes it from island status. On each of these islands the succulent plants we love so much are very well represented. Of these three islands, Madagascar has by far the greatest representation of succulent genera, as well as their gigantism is most pronounced.

“In July-August 2013, I had the pleasure of traveling with some very special friends to the “Red Island,” Madagascar. We spent over three weeks traversing the dry western portions of this large island, roughly the same size as Texas, to see as much as possible of its special plants and animals. Madagascar is an economically poor country and thus, since the French left in the 50’s and 60’s, the conditions of the roads, environments and accommodations leave a great deal to be desired. It is often said, “You had better go to Madagascar now, as it may all be gone tomorrow.” Sadly enough, this statement appears to be true, definitely in respect to the wild natural places where we find oneness with our prized plants and animals.

“Madagascar is well known for its famous Baobab trees. The great majority of the Baobabs, *Adansonia*, are found in Madagascar, but there are a few other species from Africa and Australia. These giants are accompanied by a few other genera that can also become extremely large. These include: *Alluaudia*, *Aloe*, *Chyphostemma*, *Delonix*, *Didieria*, *Euphorbia*, *Moringa* and *Pachypodium*. Only one giant animal, an extinct ostrich like bird, *Aepyornis maximus* once inhabited this unique island. Some of the Chameleons and tortoises get relatively large, but none can compete with the Galapagos tortoises. The one group of animals, not giants, that seem to generate the most attention from nature lovers are the endemic, wide-eyed and cuddly Lemurs. All in all, the plants and animals of Madagascar are considered a real curiosity for the botanical, zoological and tourist worlds.

“Due to Madagascar being such a large and amazing island, this presentation will be just one of three programs I will give to address its overwhelming charm. Madagascar’s people, places and overall plants and animals are so special that the over 7000 photo frames I took can only barely touch its immense uniqueness. To show and tell the story of Madagascar requires that I also tell the stories of: **“Madagascar, the Plants, People and Places”** and **“Madagascar, the Disappearing Island.”** If you are a succulent lover, many of the plants from this island are probably well represented in your collection. In these three presentations, I hope you might find some of the answers or secrets for better cultivating many of these iconic plants.”

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, Madagascar, 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.



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.

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, March 2, 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: Astrophytum

Succulent: Haworthia, Astroloba

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>
March 2	Woody Minnich	“Madagascar, Land of the Giants”
April 6	Buck & Yvonne Hemenway	“Klein Karoo, South Africa”
May 4	Attila Kapitany	“Succulents of Australia”
May 17-18	LBCC Show and Sale	
June 1	Gunnar Eisel	“Photographing Succulents”
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	

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>
March	Astrophytum	Haworthia, Astroloba
April	Notocactus, Parodia	Monadenium, Jatropha
May	Favorite (3)	Favorite (3)
1ST LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB SHOW & SALE		
June	Lobivia, Echinopsis	Sedum, Pachyphytum, Sempervivum
July	Cereus (columnar)	Sanseveria
August	Neochilenia, Neoporteria	Fockea, Raphionacme
September	LBCC Auction	
October	Echinofossulocactus, Stenocactus	Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon
November	Miniature (3) - pots under 3"	Miniature (3) - pots under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	
Plant of the Year	Notocactus leninghausii	

2014 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Jim Hanna	36	Jade Neely	47	Andrew Lander	32
Gary Duke	33	Evelyn Maxwell	40	John Drake	27
Ken Shaw	21			Margaret Lander	4
Peter Walkowiak	12			Manon Robertshaw	2
Gary James	2			Mike Martin	1

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2014

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** Andrew Lander
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 the club treasurer at the meeting.

NEWSLETTER

IF YOU HAVE ANY STORIES, cultivation tips, information about upcoming events, photos, corrections, or news in general about cacti and succulents that might interest our members, please send them in. **Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Remember, this is your newsletter.** Physical address: Andrew Lander, 3041 Roxanne Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808. Cyber address: landruc@gmail.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.

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): _____

ADDRESS: _____ **APT:-** _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** ____ **ZIP CODE:** _____ **HOME PHONE:(**____) ____ - _____

CELL PHONE: (____) ____ - ____ **E-MAIL:** _____

BIRTHDAY MONTH: _____ **FAVORITE CACTI OR SUCCULENT:** _____

**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2014 (updated 11/12/2013)**

- MAR. 28-30** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE.
FRI. AND SAT. MAR. 28-29 9-5PM SUN. MAR. 30th 12-4PM 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA INFORMATION CALL 562-587-3357
- APR 12-13** SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE
SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD.,
PALOS VERDES, CA INFO: 310-378-1953
- APR 12-13** GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE—AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM
1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831
- APR 27th** HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL
GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-2160
- MAY 4** SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS INFORMATION CALL-310-833-6823
- May 3 & 4** SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 16-17** GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 33rd SHOW AND SALE FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm, at LAND
SCAPES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STYLE 450 ALESSANDRO BLVD., RIVERSIDE, CA
INFO. 951-360-8802
- MAY 17-18** LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB PLANT SHOW AND SALE 10AM-5PM
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH
FOR INFO. CALL 310-922-6090—www.lbcss.org
- MAY 24-25** 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
- JUNE 7-8** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –SUMMER SHOW AND SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO: 858-382-1797
- JUNE 14-15** LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY
PLANT SHOW AND SALE 14TH 9-5, 15th 9-3:30
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD.
ENCINO, CA INFO. E-MAIL www.lacss-show.com
- JUNE 27-29th** CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
626-405-2160 or 2277 PLANTS SALES START JUNE 27TH THRU JUNE 29TH
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 28TH THRU JUNE 29TH FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 25-27th** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND
SALE. FRI. JULY 25TH 9am-5pm, SAT JULY 26TH 9am-5pm, SUN 27TH 12-4pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- AUG. 9-10th** 29th 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 30th** HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 7th** LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION -12-5PM
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615
INFO: 310-922-6090
- 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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