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ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club
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Gasteria rawlinsonii, photo by Brian Kemble

MEETING PROGRAM: Brian Kemble – Gasteria: South Africa’s Big Smile

“Why have I called my program on Gasteria ‘South Africa’s Big Smile?’ It’s not because they look amusing, with their plump flowers and tongue-like leaves, but because the distribution of the genus is shaped like a big smile, starting near the Namibia-South Africa border in the northwest, extending down along the west coast and all the way across the southern part of the country, and then up the east coast to the Transvaal in the country’s northeast. There are 24 recognized species, along with a number of subspecies and varieties, and all of them occur in South Africa, with a little spill-over into neighboring countries at either end of the ‘smile.’ The talk will include lots of habitat photos as well as pictures of plants in cultivation.”

Brian Kemble is Vice-President of the San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society, and also Vice-President of the Institute for Aloe Studies (www.aloestudies.org). He is the Curator at the Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek, CA (www.ruthbancroftgarden.org), where he has worked since 1980. He has done presentations on various topics before, but this presentation focuses exclusively on the genus Gasteria. He has been growing these wonderful plants since the 70’s, and has sought them out in his travels in South Africa. Though related to Aloe and Haworthia, the genus Gasteria has a charm all its own, with its dangling, pot-bellied flowers and the great range of textures and markings found in its leaves.

LOCATION: Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA 90815. 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, November 1, 2015 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: Miniature (3) – 3” pots or smaller

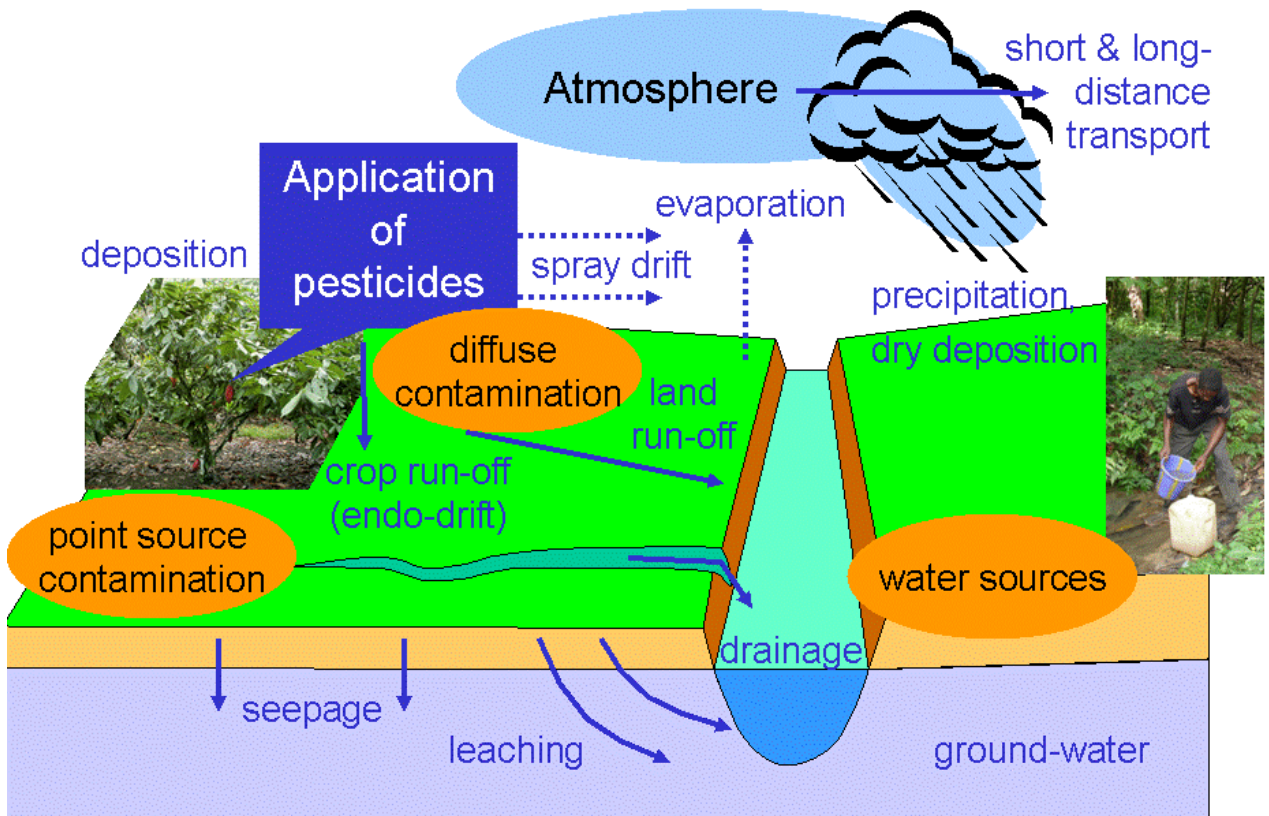
Succulent: Miniature (3) – 3” pots or smaller

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.

Editorial Comment:

Several members expressed concern to me that the use of Monsanto's RoundUp was advocated at October's meeting. In September, the state of California announced that Monsanto must include cancer warnings on RoundUp because scientists at the World Health Organization have found its key ingredient, glyphosate, to be very likely carcinogenic. The U.S. Geological Survey have found widespread glyphosate (and its metabolite aminomethylphosphonic acid) contamination in rivers, lakes, wetlands, groundwater, and even precipitation in 38 states and Washington D.C. Meanwhile, Monsanto has threatened to sue California. So, if you're thinking about using RoundUp, don't – especially if there are children, animals, or food plants on or near your property.



LBCC MEETING DATES 2015

November 1
December 6

Brian Kemble

Gasteria: South Africa's Big Smile

Holiday Party & POM Awards

**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2015 (UPDATED 12/24/2014)**

- OCT. 24-25** **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. 7-8** **SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 9am-4pm BOTH DAYS
SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE**

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: _____

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.

2015 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

MONTH
November
December

CACTI
 Miniature (3) – 3” pots or under

SUCCULENTS
 Miniature (3) – 3” pots or under

HOLIDAY PARTY

2015 Plant of the Year Euphorbia hedyotoides

2015 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	143	Jade Neely	130	Andrew Lander	127
Ken Shaw	122	Evelyn Maxwell	121	Margaret Lander	79
Jim Hanna	58			Mike Martin	77
Gary James	24			Brittany Davis	11
				Scott Burnell	10
				John Drake	3
				Krystoff Przykucki	1

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2015

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	OPEN		

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.

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FIRST CLASS PLEASE