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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.



Peter Walkowiak (center) with former club President Krystoff Przykucki (left) and Hank Warzybok (right) at the 2019 holiday party

MEETING PRESENTATION: Peter Walkowiak – *Staging: The Art of Succulent Plant Presentation*

The art of staging succulent plants is like the Framing of an expensive or prized picture or painting. The frame is the pot, the matting is the top dressing, rocks and other accent pieces and the plant is the painting. There are many aspects to consider when staging a plant, among these is the plant color, form, growth habit, shape, texture. These all determine what pot size, shape and top dressing is best. Color and texture are important on all aspects of a successful framing of your plant. Often the goal is to make it look like it is still in habitat, a little bit of nature in a pot.

In this workshop I will discuss the process of choosing the pot, top dressing and rocks. Included in this discussion will be the reasons for making the choices that were made. Why this color, texture verses another, why one works while another does not.

I graduated in 1985 from Cal Poly Pomona with a B.S. Degree in Ornamental Horticulture. Worked as manager, production manager and section manager for three wholesale nurseries for 14 years. Ran a landscaping business for another 14 years, the last five years of which I specialized in succulent landscapes. During the landscaping part of my life I restarted collecting plants for my collection. This led to propagating plants from seed and thus the seed was sown for the nursery that I now own and run for the last four years.

My interest in succulent plants really got going in college, 1981-82. By the time I graduated my collection had grown to 200 and many are still alive. This collection has grown to more than 2,000 currently. The collection consists of cacti, euphorbias and caudiciforms.

I was the president of the Palomar CSS and was on the board for the San Diego CSS. I am on the Board of Directors of the C.S.S.A. for the last eight years and serve as the Nominations and Sales Chair. I was show chair for Palomar's one and San Diego's two shows and for one more year co-chair for the Intercity Show.

LOCATION: Woman's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St., Bellflower 90706

TIME: 1 PM, August 1st

Message from the President

Hello Long Beach,

We had a strong start to our in-person meetings in July. Just in time to prepare for the Inter-City Show. There were lots of great plants brought in for our mini-show. The drawing was a success, and vendors had brisk sales of plants and pots. Our new venue worked well for us and has room for expansion. We will probably use some of that space in our next meeting.

A special thanks to our "Safe Return Committee", Richard Salcedo, Kelly Eddy, and Joyce Shirado, for their help in preparing a safe return to our in-person meetings.

Our next meeting is August 1, and our speaker will be Peter Walkowiak who will give us a presentation on staging. It's not too late to make changes to your show plants. More on Peter's presentation in this issue. Peter is a veteran judge and is a great resource for us. The Inter-City show is right around the corner, be sure to bring your questions about show related matters to this meeting. Oh, we are still following guidelines so please wear a mask.

If you want to volunteer at the show, there are still spots open, make sure to send Crystal Eckman an email eckmancrystal@gmail.com to sign up or see her at the meeting. In addition, if you are interested in helping take plants to the show for someone that can't make it, also see Crystal.

CLUB AND INTER-CITY TEES

More Club and Inter-City tees will be available at our next meeting. Make sure to purchase a club tee and wear it to the show! Let's do what we did last show and show up as a sea of Long Beach! Both design and production of our club tees is being done by our own Nelson Hernandez, aka [@contrabando.la](https://www.instagram.com/contrabando.la). They are a hit.

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

At our August meeting we will be taking renewals and new memberships for 2022. The membership dues are \$20 and name badges are \$5. Starting with 2022 memberships, all memberships will be individual. So, if you and your partner or spouse both want to be members, your memberships will be two individual memberships at \$20 each. Please be aware of this when you renew. If you think of it, please bring a pen or pencil to fill out your membership form.

SNACKS

Snacks this month will be brought to you by the letters N, O, and P. So, if your last name starts with any of those letters, please bring a snack. Yes, we're going to give it a shot. Please bring snacks that are individually packaged. No coffee yet but bottled water will be available.

POM

Succulent: Sansevieria

Cacti: Opuntia / Tephrocactus

SALES

Confirmed Vendors for the August Meeting are potters Daniel Almanza and Ben Rigney. Plants sales Gary Duke. There is room for more vendors. Contact me if you would like to be a vendor at our August meeting.

FREE PLANT/CUTTINGS TABLE

Healthy, clean, and pest free plants and cuttings are welcome! There should be no soil on the roots if plants are bare root. Clean-up is crazy when this rule is not followed.

MEETING SET-UP AND TEAR-DOWN

Many thanks to those who showed up early and/or stayed after last meeting to help with set-up and tear-down. You made a difference! I learned lots about tear down and I made some mistakes last meeting, but with the guidance of Woman's Club of Bellflower representative Shirley Meyers, the mistakes were corrected and everyone was happy. Because of the larger crowd anticipated we can use your help for both the set up and tear down. I plan on being there around 11:45 to open up and begin set-up. Oh yeah, forgot to tell you about one of the rules. When moving tables, they cannot be slid and need to be lifted. This is an old building and they need our help taking care of their floors.

Let's have another great meeting! Let's post more photos of our meeting on FB and IG this time. We'll show them how we do it!

See you then,

James



**35TH ANNUAL
INTER-CITY
CACTUS & SUCCULENT
SHOW AND SALE**

L.A. Co. Arboretum
301 N. Baldwin
Arcadia CA

Sale August 6 - 8
Show August 7 - 8
1400 Plants on Display
Advance Tickets Required

The 35th annual Inter-City cactus and succulent show & sale is less than two weeks away! Here's a couple reminders to prepare you if you are attending

- Advance tickets are required and can be purchased at the Los Angeles Arboretum website ([Click here](#))
- If you are interested in volunteering you **MUST** sign up with Crystal Eckman eckmancrystal@gmail.com

To protect the health of members and attendees the following Covid-19 guidelines are being followed

- Masks are required inside the show room
- Masks are required to be worn by volunteers
- Volunteers must be vaccinated

Long Beach Cactus Club 2021 Plants of the Months

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENTS</u>
January	Hooked spine Mammillaria	Tylecodon & Cotyledon
February	Copiapoa & Matucana	Crassula
March	Gymnocalycium	Aeonium
April	Melocactus	Echeveria
May	Cereus	African Euphorbia
June	Favorites (3)	Favorites (3)
July	Favorites (3)	Favorites (3)
August	Opuntia & Tephrocactus	Sansevieria
September		AUCTION?
October	Ariocarpus	Agave
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December		HOLIDAY PARTY

SNACK AND REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LAST NAME STARTS WITH</u>
January	A, B
February	C, D
March	E, F, G
April	H
May	I, J, K
June	L
July	M
August	N, O, P
September	Q, R, S
October	T, U, V
November	W, X, Y, Z
December	Holiday Party

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2021

PRESIDENT	James Lemos	SECRETARY	Gavin Hunn
VICE-PRESIDENT	Christopher Bucka	TREASURER	Henry Angulo
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INTER-CITY SHOW	Crystal Eckman	MINI-SHOW	Christopher Bucka
LIBRARIAN	Lisa Weller	X-MAS PARTY	Gary Duke
PHOTOGRAPHER	Alon Ronn	REFRESHMENTS	Amy Angulo
PLANT SALE	Henry Angulo	AUCTION	Gretchen Lewotsky
INSTAGRAM	Gavin Hunn	WEBSITE	Scott Bunnell

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