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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.



Pachycereus pringlei or *Carnegiea gigantea*?

different species in his private collection and enjoys propagating them. One can view some plants in his collection on his Instagram site: garyduke53. He frequently gives slide presentations throughout southern California, including being invited to speak at the Huntington Botanical Gardens and at the Denver Cactus and Succulent Society. He has traveled to Aruba, Peru, Baja Mexico, Bolivia, Argentina and Chile to see cacti and succulents in habitat.

TIME: April 3rd 2022, 1 P.M.

LOCATION: Bellflower Women's Club, 9402 Oak St., Bellflower CA, 90706

Program: Gary Duke: "What kind of cactus is it?"

Gary Duke is an incumbent on the Board of Directors to the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. He currently assists with auditing the CSSA finances each year and also is a member of the Honors Committee. He has been collecting cacti and succulents for over 50 years. He's an avid collector of cacti and also collects Tylecodons and Dudleyas. He is a retired Air Force officer with a doctoral degree in physics. During his military career, he moved his original and ever expanding collection of less than about 30 plants from Illinois, where he grew up, to Omaha, NE, Dayton, OH (where he started their first C&S Society, which is now defunct), San Pedro, CA, Montgomery, AL and Albuquerque, NM where he had been show chairman. He has also been President of the South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society and the Long Beach Cactus Society. Following his military career, he worked as a program manager for Boeing for 16 years. He has over 1000



Message from the President

Hello Club Members,

It has been two years since our lives were turned upside-down by the COVID-19 pandemic, and many of us have been either directly affected, or have had friends or family members affected by the virus. This will leave a lasting impression on all of us, and has significantly impacted the way in which our club has operated since the end of our March 2020 meeting. I'm happy to say that we are officially back.

As of our April meeting, and based on both County guidance and my observations of the direct behavioral response of our members in attendance last meeting, we will be moving to mask-optional status. I want to commend our membership for taking precautions and following all of the protocols, making the best individual decisions to protect yourselves and remain active in the community to this point. While many of us are relieved to be able to see the beaming smiles on others' faces, we must respect and understand the decisions of those who are not yet ready to remove their mask. Everyone's story is different, and we respect everyone's choice regarding their mask decision while keeping County guidance in mind.

In anticipation of a return to "normalcy," we will have a LOT of club business to discuss, including our May plant sale, the resurrection and reinvigoration of our various committees, and a vote for our next Vice President. If you would like to be considered, please let us know and please try to be at the meeting for discussion and vote!

PRESENTATION

Our presenter for March will be Gary Duke, and he will present "What kind of cactus is it?" You won't want to miss Gary's great ID insights!

POM

Succulent: Euphorbia from Madagascar

Cactus: Coryphanthus & Escobaria

SNACKS

This month Snacks will be brought to you those whose last name begins with letter H.

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

The membership dues are \$20. Due to having to look for a new vendor, our name badges are now \$10.

SALES

Contact me if you would like to be a vendor at our April 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 show up early and/or stay after our meetings to help with set-up and tear-down. You make a difference! When moving tables, they cannot be slid but need to be lifted. This is an old building and they need our help taking care of their floors.

Looking forward to a great meeting!

Stay safe and healthy.

Chris Bucka

LBCC PLANT-OF-THE-MONTHS 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.

Long Beach Cactus Club 2022 Plants of the Months

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENTS</u>
January	Echinocereus	Haworthia
February	Notocactus & Parodia	Dudleya
March	Mammillaria clusters	Gasteria
April	Corypanthus & Escobaria	Euphorbia from Madagascar
May	Variegated	Variegated
June	Rebutia & Sulcorebutia	Pachypodium
July	Favorites (3)	Favorites (3)
August	Neoporteria & Neochilenia	Bromeliaceae
September	AUCTION	
October	Echinocactus & Ferocactus	Lithops & Conophytum
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

2018 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	58	Richard Salcedo	25	Charlie	20
Jim Hanna	16	Scott Bunnell	14	Shirley Kost	19
Krystoff Przykucki	10	James Lemos	14	Christine Isham	12
		Daniel Almanza	9	Kelly Eddy	10
		Kathy McNair	3	Gloria Hansen	10
				Julianne Skinner	9
				Sonita Bantad	7
				Jesse Arias	6
				Gavin Hunn	6
				Chris Bucka	5
				Jeff Preston	5
				Nelson H.	2
				Gretchen Lewotsky	2
				Lemona Lott	2
				Laurie Keller	1

Greetings CSSA Affiliate Organizations,



It is time to get out your cell phones, cameras or other photography devices. The Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) is holding its first ever national photo contest. All CSSA members are eligible to participate.

Photo credit Irwin Lightstone

CSSA Photo Contest

To celebrate and contemplate the plants we love, the CSSA is holding a photo contest open to CSSA members and the minor children of CSSA members. For the theme of “**The Artistry of Cacti and Succulents,**” you are invited to enter up to three images.

There are two divisions; adult (16 years and older), and youth (younger than 16 years). Prizes will be awarded in each of the divisions.

- ☐ First Place: \$100.00 Gift Certificate from B&H Photo - Video, publication of the image in ‘To the Point’, and an 8 x 10 inch (approximate) print of the image.
- ☐ Second Place: \$25.00 credit toward purchase at the CSSA Seed Depot, publication of the image in ‘To the Point’, and an 8 x 10 inch (approximate) print of the image.
- ☐ Third Place: Publication of the image in ‘To the Point’, and an 8 x 10 inch (approximate) print of the image.
- ☐ Honorable Mention: Publication of the image in ‘To the Point’.

Deadline for entries is midnight PST, May 1, 2022. As there are no entry fees, you have nothing to lose! For more information about entry and the specific contest rules please visit the CSSA website home page.

http://cactusandsucculentsociety.org/photo_contest.html



The Long Beach Cactus Club

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Meeting Highlights:

- Monthly programs led by plant experts from around the world
- Mini shows each month with different categories of cacti & succulents
- Vendors selling plants, pots, tools, and more
- Monthly raffles
- Advice from members for plant identification and care

Meeting Information:

1st Sunday of each month

1:00 pm

Woman's Club of Bellflower 9402 Oak St, Bellflower, CA

Member Sign Up

\$20.00 per year, per membership

\$10.00 for engraved name badge (optional)

☐ Cash or ☐ Check - Made out to the Long Beach Cactus Club

Membership year: _____ Amount paid: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address (for mailing purposes): _____

Phone number: _____

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, M
July	N, O
August	P, Q, R
September	Auction
October	S, T, U, V
November	W, X, Y, Z
December	Holiday Party

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2022

PRESIDENT	Christopher Bucka	SECRETARY	Gavin Hunn
VICE-PRESIDENT	TBD	TREASURER	Nelson Hernandez
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Scott Bunell, Kelly Eddy, Ed Hansen, Jennyfer Ibarra, James Lemos		
CSSA LIAISON	M. A. Bjarkman	NEWSLETTER	Andrew Lander
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MEMBERSHIP	Tanisha Herr	HISTORIAN	Nelson Hernandez
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	Kelly Eddy	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