

April 2023

ROADRUNNER NEWS

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

PRESENTATION: Gianluca Bacci – *Socotra: Land of Dragons and Bottles*

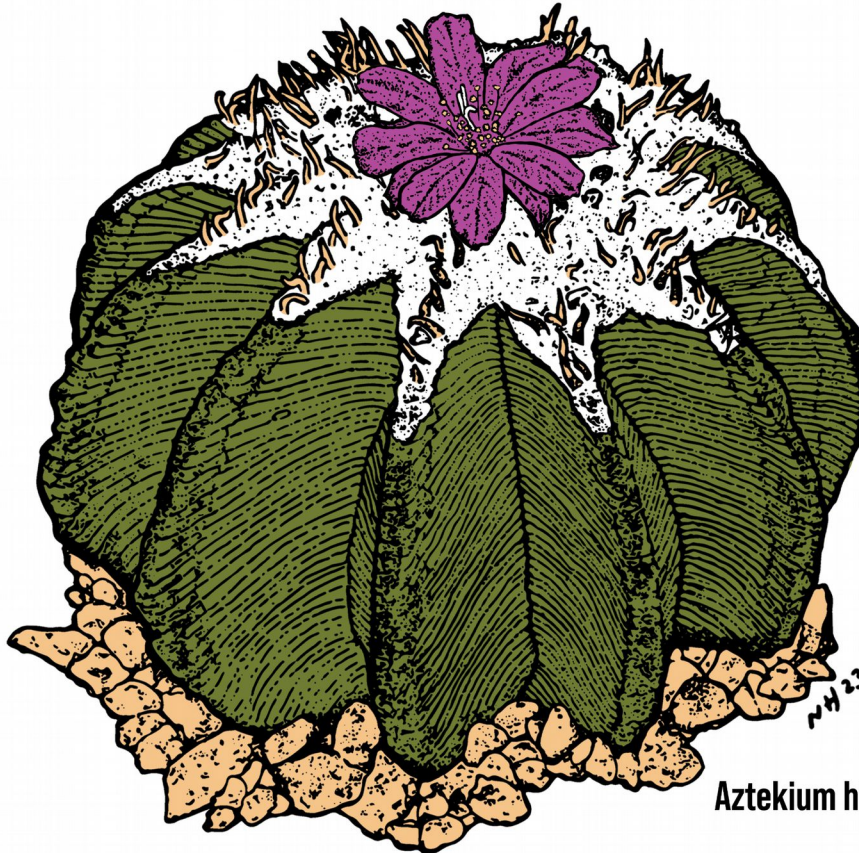


Gianluca Bacci is an avid succulent collector. He has been growing plants for over 15 years, and has worked professionally in the horticultural industry for the past seven. He currently manages and cares for the xeric plant collection at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory, which has well over 2000 species of succulents and cacti. He is also a physics major, and current student at UC Davis.



Gianluca Bacci

37th Annual **Inter-City**
Cactus & Succulent
Show and Sale



Aztekium hintonii

August 4th, 2023 - Sale 8AM-5PM

August 5th & 6th, 2023 - Show & Sale 8AM-5PM

Los Angeles County Arboretum - www.intercityshow.com

Hosted by the Long Beach, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Societies

 **Instagram: @intercityshow**  **Facebook Group: intercityshow**

We encourage you to bring your own box to the sale

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 2023 Plants of the Months

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENTS</u>
April	Mammillaria with straight spines	Agave
May	CLUB SALE	
June	Copiapoa	Sansevieria
July	Crests/Monstrose	Crests/Monstrose
August	Columnar Cereus	Adromischus
September	AUCTION	
October	Lobivia/Echinopsis	Pelargonium/Sarcocaulon
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

2023 POM MINI-SHOW STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	37	Henry Angulo	31	Kelly Eddy	31
Russel Ray	17	Richard Salcedo	28	Derrick Cantu	30
Ken Shaw	6	Amy Angulo	19	Chris Bucka	17
		Charlie Traier	11	Nelson Hernandez	4
		Andrew Lander	3	Dan Papilli	4
		Daniel Almanza	1	Julianne Skinner	3
		Lemmono Lott	1	Nathan Adams	2
				Victoria Bruno	2
				Alan Ronn	2
				M.A. Bjarkman	1
				David Cantu	1
				German R.	1
				Christine	1

Plant of the Month - Succulent

Agave

Agave is a genus of succulent plants that are native to the Americas, particularly to Mexico and the southwestern United States. These plants are known for their distinctive rosette shape and long, pointed leaves, which often have sharp spines along the edges. Agaves typically have a very long lifespan, taking several years or even decades to mature and flower. They are commonly used for ornamental purposes and for the production of various alcoholic beverages, including tequila and mezcal, which are made from the sap of certain species. While most agave species are monocarpic, meaning they die after producing a single bloom stalk, there are a few species that are not. These agaves are known as polycarpic, and they are able to produce multiple bloom stalks over the course of their lifespan.



Agave karwinskii - Oaxaca, MX
Photo: Carlos Domínguez-Rodríguez



Agave albopilosa - Nuevo León, MX
Photo: Miguel González Botello



Agave ornithobroma - Nayarit, MX
Photo: Pablo Carrillo-Reyes



Agave titanota FO-076 - Oaxaca, MX
Photo: Online/Unknown

Plant of the Month - Cactus Mammillaria (Straight Spine)

Mammillaria is a genus of cactus that is native to North and South America, with the greatest diversity of species found in Mexico. The morphology of Mammillaria cacti is highly variable, with numerous species and sub-species exhibiting unique adaptations and characteristics that allow them to survive in a range of different environments. However, their small size, rounded tubercles, and spiral arrangement of spines and flowers are hallmarks of this distinctive genus. Most species of Mammillaria have curved or hooked spines, but there are a few species that have straight spines. Many species of Mammillaria are threatened by habitat loss and collection for the ornamental plant trade, and several are listed as endangered or critically endangered.



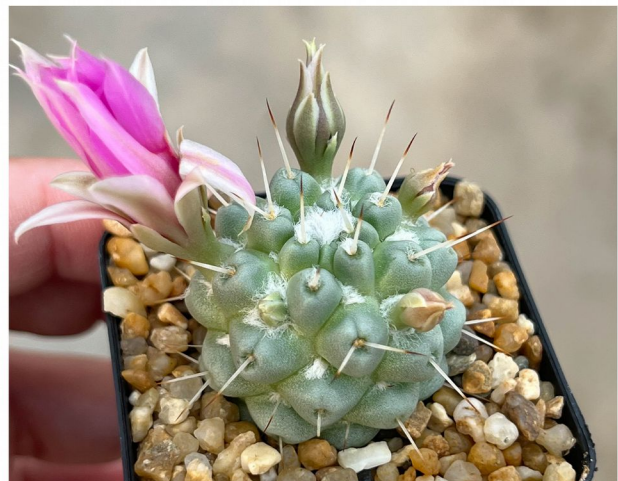
Mammillaria karwinskiana ssp. nejapensis
Oaxaca, Mexico
Photo: arturo-abimael via iNaturalist



Mammillaria perezdelarosae ssp. andersoniana
Zacatecas, Mexico
Photo: P Gonzalez Zamora



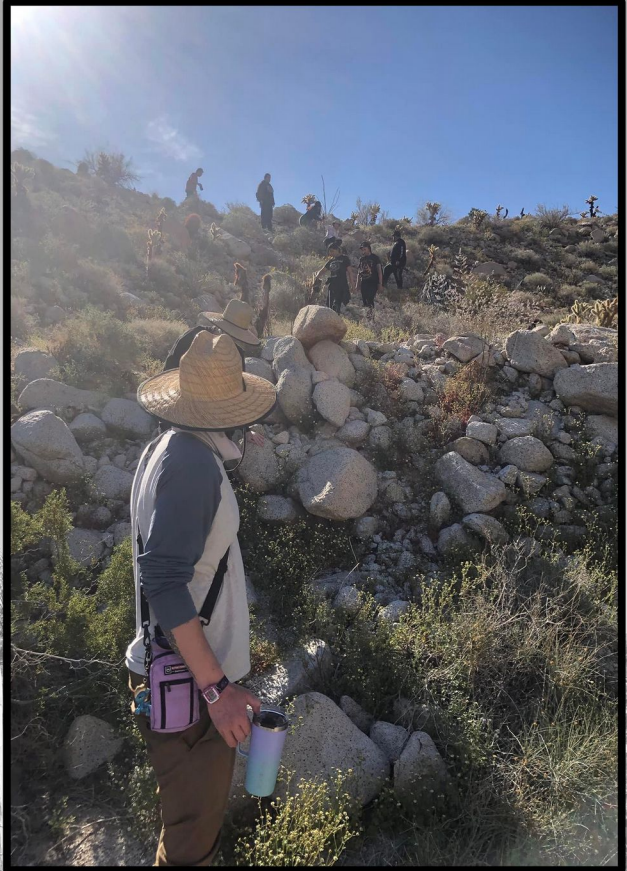
Mammillaria spinosissima ssp. spinosissima
Morelos, Mexico
Photo: Obed Palagot Echavarria



Mammillaria schumannii "Single thorn"
Photo: Online/Unknown

ANZA BORREGO CAMPOUT

OVER THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 17-19TH, THE MCNAIRS HOSTED A CAMPOUT FOR LBCC MEMBERS IN THE ANZA BORREGO DESERT.



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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>
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 2023

PRESIDENT	Nelson Hernandez	SECRETARY	Kelly Eddy
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LIBRARIAN	Lisa Weller	X-MAS PARTY	Gary Duke
PHOTOGRAPHER	Alon Ronn	REFRESHMENTS	Amy Angulo
PLANT SALE	Kelly Eddy	AUCTION	Gretchen Lewotsky
INSTAGRAM	Scott Bunnell & Nelson Hernandez	WEBSITE	German Rivera & 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