

April 2019

ROADRUNNER NEWS

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



MEETING PROGRAM: Rob Roy McGregor “Mojave National Preserve”



On the southeastern border of California lies 1.6 million acres that make up the Mojave National Preserve. Of the 4 deserts that exist in North America, 3 are present within this Preserve, the Mojave, the Great Basin, and the Sonoran deserts. Over the course of multiple excursions throughout various seasons I have explored the Mojave Preserve to view succulent plants in habitat. Treks to the Mojave National Preserve are one-day trips that are inexpensive, contain accessible hot spots with a variety of succulent plants and geological phenomena. The intent of my talk is to demonstrate examples of exploring natural habitats in our own backyard that anyone with a day or two could experience, whether it's the Mojave National Preserve or our other desert wonders.

Bio:

I started collecting plants about 20 years ago. At first it was collecting from the local nursery in San Felipe in Baja Norte California so I could plant them around a friend's property in Puertecitos Baja California. Then 15 years ago I bought my home in Riverside and proceeded to remove the grass in my ½ acre backyard and install rocks and cacti. The front yard soon followed, receiving an aloe and rock remodel. After those first couple of years I began to meet people that would change my whole outlook on cacti and succulent plants. It was at this time I ran into a person whom I would later call my mentor. He took the time to instill in me the drive to learn correct terminology and spelling of plants.

He also taught me to take a more scientific approach of gathering information. It was this approach that I call “playing with my plants” which gave me the willingness to do what I have done to plants, in the name of further education.

TIME: Sunday, April 7th, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please arrive at least half an hour early to set up Plants of the Month, buy plants from our vendors, ask questions regarding your plants, or socialize.

LOCATION: Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA. The Rancho is in a gated community, the entrance of which is at the south end of Palo Verde Ave. Tell the guard at the gate that you’re going to the Cactus Club meeting. The meeting will take place downstairs in the Rancho Center’s bullpen room.



REFRESHMENTS: We follow the alphabet to determine who is to bring snacks and finger foods. This month, those with last names starting with the letters **G** through **L** are asked to bring goodies. Please feel free to bring something even if you don’t fall into this group.

PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH: **Cactus:** Copiapoa & Matucana
 Succulent: Madagascan Euphorbia

FREE PLANTS: A selection of plants are given away each month, one each to first time visitors, new members, and members who have a birthday that month. The rest are raffled off to attending members.

Members are encouraged to donate any plants they would like to pass along and bring any others they would like to sell.

Long Beach Cactus Club 2019 Meeting Schedule

Apr. 7	Rob McGregor: “Mojave National Preserve”
Apr. 28	Sandy Chase: “The Sweet, the Foul, the Awesome Asclepiads”
May 18 & 19	LBCC annual Plant Sale
June 2	Peter Breslin: “Cacti of Arizona”
July 7	J. D. Wikert: “The Genus Haworthia”
Aug. 4	Gunnar Eisel – TBA
Aug. 10 & 11	34 th annual Intercity Show and Sale
Sept. 1	Kal Kaminer: “Traversing the Transvaal”
Sept. 15	LBCC annual Auction
Oct. 6	Christian Cummings: “The Cactus Store”
Nov. 3	Jeff Chemnick: The Genera of Cycads”
Dec. 1	Holiday Party

Krystoff's LBCC news:

- Despite the highly unpredictable weather on March 3rd, 59 members & guests showed up for Woody Minnich's outstanding presentation on Copiapoas, making it perhaps best attended meeting in LBCC history! Some drove from as far as San Diego.
- We learned about the unique Camanchacas and a great deal more from Woody, who by the way, happens to be the oldest LBCC member: 50 years! Woody joined our club in 1969 and for many years served as its president.
- Given his deep knowledge and experience, Woody continues to be our Program Director; he urged us to shoot him an e-mail evaluating the Speakers: cactusdata@msn.com
- Woody also happens to be the original co-founder of the Inter-City Show—the largest Succulent Exhibition of its kind in the world—and one of the main reasons LBCC still co-chairs that show.
- If you are planning to donate your time (a great way to learn about plants) or show your collection (you may win some ribbons & bragging rights) at this year's Inter-City Show—August 10th-11th at the Los Angeles County Arboretum—please contact James Lemos, the Committee Chair at: 626-201-5519, jameslemos@yahoo.com
- At the last meeting I was wearing two different nametags, both with the Roadrunner logo; most members seem to have liked Tanisha's new design better (photos below). If you'd like to purchase your name-tag too (\$5) or pay your membership dues, please contact Tanisha Herr, Membership Director: 562-805-6228, succsnstufflb@gmail.com
- Our LBCC nametags get you free admission to the Huntington Botanical Garden twice year: The Desert Forum in January & Succulent Symposium in September, both worth \$50/person.
- Amy Angulo (Publicity) is now taking orders for her LBCC beautiful T-shirts (photos below); if you'd like to purchase one, please contact her at: 562-843-9783, Aangulo19@gmail.com
- So far 23 members have participated in our Plant-of-the-Month this year, so we now need a Clerk to move plants around the Mini-Show tables (some categories are more popular) just like it's done at the Inter-City Show; a Clerk would also be in charge of the Yellow (Beginners), Pink (Intermediate), and Blue (Advance) tags & pens. If you'd like to help out, please text me: 310-647-7300.
- Please take a photo of your favorite plant and post it either on Instagram with a hashtag #longbeachcactusclub, or Facebook #The Long Beach Cactus Club; if you're not on Social Media, please e-mail your photos to me & Andrew Lander (Newsletter) 562-249-9501, landruc@gmail.com as well as Scott Bunnell (Vice-President) 562-355-7554, bulbil321@gmail.com to post them on our web site: longbeachcactusclub.org
- All members are welcome to bring plants & pots for sale; however, you need to contact me ahead of time to set up a table for you or bring your own: 310-647-7300, mamathemovie@gmail.com
- As you may already know, Kim Hartwig (Librarian) is selling her house but we have not yet found another place to store our library of rare and out-of-print books. Would you be interested to take over our library for a year? For more information please text Scott Bunnell, 562-355-7554, who along with Henry Angulo and Lisa Weeler are prepared to transport it and help you set it up.
- 33 members are now regularly contributing to the club, ranging from volunteering at the Rancho garden to posting photos on Social Media. You may want to join one of our 10 Committees too.
- 59 members now communicate with me on a regular basis either via text, e-mail or social media. Please feel free to express your ideas too, what works for you and what doesn't.



Photo by Rose Bank

On the Agenda for the April 7th meeting:

- Ambyr Hardy—Rancho's Volunteer Coordinator—will offer an Orientation for the Volunteers right after our meeting (see attached flier). If you are interested to volunteer at the historical Cactus Garden please also contact Mike Martin, the Garden Committee Chair: 562-743-7801, martinslb@verizon.net
- In just 2 months, LBCC will host one of our biggest events: May Plant Show & Sale; Henry Angulo, the Committee Chair, will need 16 volunteers; if interested, you may contact at: 562-249-9501, Hangulo111@gmail.com
- Please bring cuttings from your garden; what's trash to you may actually be a treasure to others! And in exchange you will get a free plant before the raffle, too!
- **Please continue arriving no later than 10:30AM!**

The Succulent Bliss

Photos by Krystoff Przykucki



Hank Warzybok

LBCC member since 1992

Focus: Landscaping with succulents.

Quote: 'Real men grow opuntias.'



David S J Hodgson

LBCC member since 2018

Focus: Aloes & agaves.

Quote: 'If you think your potted succulent needs watering, wait a week and check again.'

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.

2018 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENTS</u>
April	Copiapoa & Matucana	Madagascan Euphorbia
May	Gymnocalycium	Sansevieria
June	Favorites (3)	Favorites (3)
July	Ariocarpus	Agave
August	Melocactus & Buiningia	Mesembs other than Lithops
September	Crests, monstrose, & variegates	Crests, monstrose, & variegates
October	Epiphytic cacti	Pelargonium & Sarcocaulon
November	Miniatures (pots under 3")	Miniatures (pots under 3")
December	HOLIDAY PARTY, POM AWARDS	

2019 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary James	36	Regina Fernandez	37	Amy Angulo	66
Gary Duke	32	Krystoff Przykucki	37	Coni Nettles	36
Jim Hanna	24	Andrew Lander	24	Henry Angulo	24
Russel Ray	4	Mike Martin	21	Alden Norris	23
		Scott Bunnell	18	Jim Tanner	20
		Kathy McNair	18	Tanisha Herr	17
		Jade Neely	10	The Prestons	14
		Karenn Ohlinder	1	M.A. Bjarkman	12
				Shirley Kost	12
				Dean Woehrman	11
				Lisa Weller	5
				Nancy Halbert	4
				Chris Bucka	3
				James Lema	2
				Judy Leong	1

2019 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- APR. 6-7 SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE
9 to 4 pm
SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD., PALOS VERDES, CA
<http://www.southcoastcss.org>
- APR. 13 CONEJO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY PLANT SALE
9am TO 3pm
ELKS LODGE, 158 N. CONEJO SCHOOL ROAD, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91362
INFO: conejocss@hotmail.com
- APR. 28 HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE
10 to 5pm
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
626-405-3504
- MAY 4-5 SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, 4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA.
INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 5 SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
9am to 4pm
SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS
INFO. 310-833-6823
- MAY 10-11 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
FRI & SAT 9 to 4:00 pm
REDLANDS CHURCH OF NAZARENE, 1307 E. CITRUS AVE., REDLANDS, CA
INFO: 909-910-9195 or www.gatesscss.com
- MAY 18-19 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB PLANT SHOW AND SALE**
INFO. 310-647-7300
- MAY 25-26 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 1-2 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW & SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA
INFO. 858-382-1797
- JUNE 8-9 LOS ANGELES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANT FESTIVAL
JUNE 8TH 9 to 4pm, JUNE 9th 9 to 3pm
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD., ENCINO, CA.
INFO. www.lacactus.com
- JUN 28-30 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE**
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
PLANTS SALES START JUNE 28TH THRU JUN. 30TH, 10am to 5pm
SHOW OPENS JUNE 29th THUR JUNE, 30th 10am to 5pm
INFO. 626-405-3504
- JULY 17-20 CSSA CONVENTION**
INFO gunnar.eisel@gmail.com
- JULY 26-27 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE.
FRI. JULY 26th Noon to 8pm, SAT. 27TH 9 to 7pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417

- AUG. 10-11 34TH ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE**
9am-5pm daily
LA COUNTY ARBORETUM, 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA.
INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 or JOHN MARTINEZ 805-390-2139
- AUG. 31 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM
 ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
 626-405-3504
- SEPT. 14 LOS ANGELES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SALE
 9-4pm
 SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD., ENCINO, CA.
 INFO. www.lacactus.com
- SEPT. 15 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION**
11-1pm
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615
INFO. 562-631-5876
- OCT. 12-13 BAKERSFIELD CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE
 SAT. 10 to 5pm, SUN. 11 to 3pm
 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 2216 17th STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
 FREE ADDMISSION & PARKING
 INFO 661-8318488
- OCT. 25-27 HUNTINGTON FALL PLANT SALE
 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA
 INFO 626-405-3504
- OCT. 26-27 PALOMAR CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SHOW AND SALE
 SAT 9 to 5pm, SUN 10 to 3pm
 SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN, 230 QUAIL GARDENS DRIVE, ENCINITAS, CA
 INFO: EventCoordinator@PalomarCactus.org

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2019

PRESIDENT	Krystoff Przykucki [310-647-7300]	SECRETARY	Nancy Halbert
VICE-PRESIDENTS	Scott Bunnell, Ken Shaw	TREASURER	Henry Angulo
CSSA LIAISON	M. A. Bjarkman	NEWSLETTER	Andrew Lander
VENDORS/PRIZES	Jim Hanna	PROGRAMS	Woody Minnich
MEMBERSHIP	Tanisha Herr	HISTORIAN	Ken Shaw
INTER-CITY SHOW CO-CHAIR	James Lemos	MINI-SHOW	Karenn Ohlinder
LIBRARIAN	Kim Hartwig	X-MAS PARTY	Gary Duke
PHOTOGRAPHER	Rose Bank	REFRESHMENTS	Amy Angulo

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB COMMITTEES:

Executive Committee:

Task: to set up the club for each meeting.

Members: Henry Angulo, Tanisha Herr, Nan Halbert, Amy Angulo, Jim Hanna (prize plants).

Chair: Krystoff Przykucki 310-647-7300, mamathemovie@gmail.com

Rancho Committee:

Task: to volunteer at the Rancho's historical Cactus Garden.

Members: Alden Norris, Loyd Wilcox, Jeff Preston, Nan Halbert, John Drake, Rose Bank.

Chair: Mike Martin, 562-743-7801, martinslb@verizon.net

Inter-City Show Committee:

Task: to mobilize all members to participate on August 10th-11th

Members: Krystoff Przykucki, Tanisha Herr, Henry Angulo.

Chair: James Lemos, 626-201-5519, jameslemos@yahoo.com

Publicity Committee:

Task: to document & publicize the club.

Members: Scott Bunnell (Facebook & web-site), Andrew Lander (newsletter), Rose Bank (photos), Jim Hanna (flyers), Amy Angulo (Instagram), Aaron Goldstein (Instagram), Alden Norris (Facebook), Jean Dare (Facebook), Tanisha Herr (Facebook), James Lemos (Facebook), Henry Angulo (Facebook), Russel Ray (Facebook), Tammi Wildman (Facebook), Tom Wang (Instagram), Evelyn Murtaugh (Facebook), Shirely Kost (Facebook), Jade Neely (Facebook), Ken Shaw (Facebook).

Chair: Regina Fernandez, 562-673-7660, reginaspottery@gmail.com

May Plant Sale & Show Committee:

Task: to stage a successful Plant Sale & Show on May 18th-19th.

Members: Regina Fernandez, Amy Angulo, MA Bjarkman, Loyd Wilcox, Scott Bunnell, Rose Bank, Jim Hanna, Katrina Mosher, Gretchen Lewotsky, Aaron Goldstein.

Chair: Henry Angulo, 562-852-2576, Hangulo111@gmail.com

Auction Committee:

Task: to stage a successful plant auction on September 15th.

Members: Woody Minnich (auctioneer) & Gary Duke (auctioneer).

Chair: ?

Mini-Show Committee:

Task: to organize Plant-of-the-Month at each meeting.

Members: Karenn Ohlinder (judge), Rose Bank (photos), Regina Fernandez (photos), Andrew Lander (scores).

Chair: ?

Christmas Party Committee:

Task: to stage an enjoyable annual holiday party.

Members: Gary Duke (Party Host), Tanisha Herr (decorations), Kim Hartwig (decorations), Sue Birch (Alternative Host), Jim Hanna (prize plants).

Chair: ?

Archive Committee:

Task: to document meetings & proofread documents.

Members: MA Bjarkman (CSSA Liaison), Krystoff Przykucki (President).

Chair: Nan Halbert (Secretary) 562-230-5853, nancyhalbert@roadrunner.com

Members Collection Committee:

Task: to visit each other's plant collections

Members: Lynn Shaw, Tom Wang, Sue Burch, Krystoff Przykucki, Hank Warzybok, Gary Duke.

Chair: ?

The Garden Committee meets every Tuesday at 10 am for 2 hours in the Cactus Garden at Rancho Los Alamitos. This committee is headed by Mike Martin of LBCC and consists of any members willing to volunteer by raking leaves or helping out with other gardening chores. The gardens consist of 4 acres, one of which is the Cactus Garden; so there is plenty to do for anyone interested in helping out. Barrels and rakes are provided, and it is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in the garden among the large, majestic specimens and experience the rare peace and quiet within. Please remember to bring gloves and wear protection. Contact Mike at 562-743-7801 if you are interested.

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