

*April 2020*

# ROADRUNNER NEWS

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



*2018's Plant of the Year, *Thelocactus bicolor* v. *Parras*, photo by Andrew Lander*

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT**

by James Lemos

Hello LBCC,

I had a few things to attend to but I wanted to be sure to have a newsletter for this month. It is a little late but I did make it before our next meeting would have been.

I hope this finds you and the people you care about safe and healthy. We are taking this pandemic seriously and our decisions on club meetings are based on the health and safety of our members. This may result in an extended suspension of club meetings. I am hoping that June will find the pandemic winding down. With a couple months of physically distancing I'm hoping for a dent in the curve!!! I prefer the term "physical distancing" to social distancing. This time in

history will be something to share with our young children and our grandchildren when they are old enough to understand what we had to do and how this made us feel.

Staying well is top priority. This is real people!! The virus is something that we all have read and seen in the news and hopefully, none of us will be touched by it. A former co-worker of mine (a first responder) is currently in a coma with the virus. Please know this possibility for any of us will weigh heavily when it comes time to vote to resume meetings.

For now, the board has decided to table nominations and election of Directors of the club until meetings resume. But, it is my hope that we will have updated bylaws for the club to vote on by that time. This will all depend on how we are all doing. If the board is tied up, then the bylaws will also have to wait until meetings resume and we have some normalcy back in our lives.

The April Cactus of the Month is/are *Thelocactus*/*Stenocactus*. The April Succulent of the month is *Echeveria*. I know many, if not all of you have at least one of these plants. Show them off on one of our social media accounts. No points, no chances to take, just take a couple of photos and post them. Consider using these social media platforms to keep in touch with other club members.

Facebook:

Make use of our Facebook (FB) group. If you aren't already in the group, please add it and keep in touch that way. The name of the group is "Long Beach Cactus Club". We look forward to seeing you there. Some have already started posting the Plants of the Month. The FB group is a good way to get help with things like, plant IDs, watering, sun advice, or even questions on fertilizing. But remember, there are many ways to do things with these plants. You may get differing advice, so use what you think will work best for your plants.

Instagram:

We have an Instagram (IG) account. IG is not as interactive as FB but it is a great way to share photos of your plants. If you post on your IG make sure to use #longbeachcactusclub and if you are posting an April POM please use #aprilpom.

Stay well and be safe. Practice physical distancing but remain social and stay in touch.

## 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.

## 2020 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner		Rookie	
Russel Ray	59	Kathy McNair	55	Henry Angulo	51	Mike Zepeda	14
Gary Duke	27	Amy Angulo	46	Gloria R. Hansen	16		
Jim Hanna	22	Richard Salcedo	38	Tom Wang	16		
Gary James	7	Mike Martin	30	Alan Ronn	15		
		Andrew Lander	10	Kelly Eddy	15		
		Regina Fernandez	7	Coni Nettles	14		
		Alden Norris	6	James Lemos	11		
		Lemono Lott	4	Sony Bantad	9		
		Scott Bunnell	3	Shirley Kost	9		
		Annie Morgan	1	Angela Clubb	8		
				Tanisha Herr	8		
				Jim Tanner	8		
				Gretchen Lewinsky	7		
				Linda Pruden	6		
				Margot Tamb	6		
				Chris Bucka	5		
				Blake Dempsey	3		
				Nan Halbert	3		
				Christine Isham	3		
				Silvia Ary	2		
				Josephine Balboa	2		
				Lemono Lott	2		
				The Prestons	2		
				Crystal Eckman	2		
				Tim Jones	1		
				Judy Leong	1		
				Katrina Mosher	1		
				Kyle Shirada	1		



## March 2020 Plant of the Month Winners



1st place Advanced Cactus:  
Russel Rey's *Ferocactus pilosus*



1st place Intermediate Cactus:  
Kathy McNair's *Ferocactus fordii*



1st place Intermediate Succulent:  
Amy Angulo's *Kalanchoe humilis*



1st place Beginner Succulent:  
Gloria R. Hansen's *Kalanchoe beharensis* 'Fang'



# How Are You Doing?

## A Call for Photos and Stories

In these unusual and difficult times, many have turned in part to gardening as a way of destressing and being creative. I personally find working with plants to be spiritual, participating in the millions of years old processes of Life which will continue on millions more years after me. Some of our own succulents will outlive us, and I don't mean any of us will catch COVID-19 and die. Some of these plants will live well past a human lifespan.

In this light, the *Roadrunner News* is asking readers to send stories, photos (especially ones that haven't been on social media), and tips on how you are managing physically and psychologically during this pandemic, what you are doing in your garden, and what your plants are doing as Spring progresses. Let us all know how you're doing. Be well. – the Editor



An unidentified Oxalis has been appearing in my patio. Could it actually be a cross between *O. gigantea*, around which it has been sprouting, and *O. pres-caprae*, a nearby common weed?

## LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2020

PRESIDENT	James Lemos	SECRETARY	Gavin Hunn
VICE-PRESIDENTS	Christopher Bucka, Tanisha Herr	TREASURER	Henry Angulo
CSSA LIAISON	M. A. Bjarkman	NEWSLETTER	Andrew Lander
VENDORS/PRIZES	Jim Hanna	PROGRAMS	Woody Minnich
MEMBERSHIP	Tanisha Herr	HISTORIAN	Nelson Hernandez
INTER-CITY SHOW	James Lemos	MINI-SHOW	Christopher Bucka
LIBRARIAN	Lisa Weller	X-MAS PARTY	Gary Duke
PHOTOGRAPHER	Alon Ronn	REFRESHMENTS	Amy Angulo
COMMUNICATIONS	Tanisha Herr	PLANT SALE	Henry Angulo
RANCHO GARDEN CHAIR	Mike Martin	AUCTION	Gretchen Lewotsky
PUBLICITY	Regina Fernandez		

### 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](mailto:landruc@gmail.com)