

*April 2021*

# ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club  
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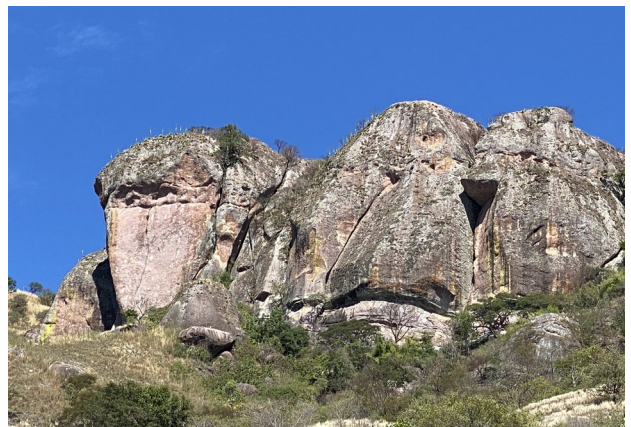
*Agave impressa, photo by Kelly Griffin*

**MEETING PRESENTATION:** Kelly Griffin: Mind blowing Agaves in nature and the wonderful things we have made with them

My last trip just barely pre-COVID was to the Mexican state of Nayarit. We focused on some special habitats of Agaves that we had not previously visited and as it goes the unexpected surprises were truly that. We also did a short trip in April to some cold hardy Agave habitats in the US.

I will show some of the latest and greatest hybrids and selections we have made. These are plants that hopefully in time will make it to patios, greenhouses and gardens.

I look forward to sharing and meeting with you all soon!







*Bursera flower, photo by Kelly Griffin*

Kelly Griffin is recognized for being a succulent plant hybridizer, propagator and avid plant explorer. His interest in plants particularly succulent plants, started at a fairly young age (11). Since then Kelly has traveled to 20+ countries, visiting Madagascar 5 times and Mexico 40+ times covering 28 of the 32 Mexican states. His father worked for United Airlines which allowed for many, many family trips. His mother worked as a florist for a time when Kelly was a kid. When you put the two together, this equals, "Plant Explorer." Besides working at NurseryLand, he had a land-scaping business, worked as the Curator of Succulents at Rancho Soledad Nursery for 11 years and he is currently working for Altman's Plants as Succulent Plant Development Manager.

He has become well known for his hybridizing and is responsible for many hybrids now in the trade, including Aloes, Agaves and Echeverias. His specialty that he is well known for are his Aloe hybrids that are 30 years in the making (Pink Blush, Delta lights, Christmas Sleigh and Coral Fire etc) and some Agave hybrids and selections too (Blue Glow, Snow Glow Cubic, Black and Blue, Dragon toes, Spawn, and Crème Brûlée to name just a few). He is also responsible for obtaining seed from many interesting species and propagating the seed for all to enjoy in cultivation.

Kelly has been a member of the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society since 1992. He has been on the board of Directors for the SDCSS for more than 10 years, 4 of which he was President and 2 years as Vice-President. He was honored to be named a Fellow of the San Diego Society.

He also serves on the board of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America.



*Agaves in habitat, Nayarit Mexico, photo by Kelly Griffin*

## **Long Beach Cactus Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

Topic: Mind blowing Agaves in nature and the wonderful things we have made with them.

Time: Apr 3, 2021 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82969669957?pwd=dXRMUhmd3hpNHhha3lZeU1rY0xFQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 6966 9957

Passcode: 565091

## **Message From the President**

by James Lemos

Hello Long Beach,

I've been doing a lot of repotting lately. This is the time of year where it's pretty safe to repot most winter and summer growers. I intend to take full advantage of that. I have many plants in restrictive pots waiting for shows that never happened. I'll put them in pots that are a little larger so they can grow out. Maybe I'll pull off some offsets, I like clumps but Aloes and Haworthia plants that I would have a hard time replacing will have an offset or two removed and grown for safe keeping.

I hope that you are all well, I'm not local so I don't get to see many of you except at Zoom meetings. I miss you all and I'm anxious to get back to in-person meetings. In-person meetings don't seem so far off as they used to. In anticipation of getting started with in-person meetings, I would like to have a small committee of members that can help plan how we will safely go about starting that up again when it's allowable. Send me an email if you're interested in being part of the club's return to regular meetings.

Speaking of meetings, our April Zoom meeting will be on Saturday April 3 instead of April 4th. Because April 4th is Easter Sunday, the meeting is scheduled for April 3rd. April 11th (the next Sunday) was not used so we could avoid direct conflict with the SDCSS meeting that meets on that date. We will have a special speaker so it's one you won't want to miss.

The club would like to hold an online auction. A Zoom auction is what we discussed. If you would like to be a part of this, we could sure use your help. Since April will be a busy month for plant sales, maybe we could try for May. Send me an email if you are interested in being part of this committee. No experience necessary!

Jim and Roberta Hanna have asked me to pass this along to the membership. Sue Yandell is selling off her husband's collection. If you are interested in older plants, some may need a little weeding, give her a call. She is in Lakewood Country Estates and her phone number is (562) 964-6639. Let her know you are from the club and the Hanna's gave us her contact information.

There are a couple members who have plants for sale and would like their information shared with the club.

Gary James - Home: (949) 642-2092. Email: [Gjames@aol.com](mailto:Gjames@aol.com)

Kathy McNair - Email: [jandk@dslextreme.com](mailto:jandk@dslextreme.com).

Please look at the previous email for news on changes for the POM.

Stay safe, smart and healthy,  
James

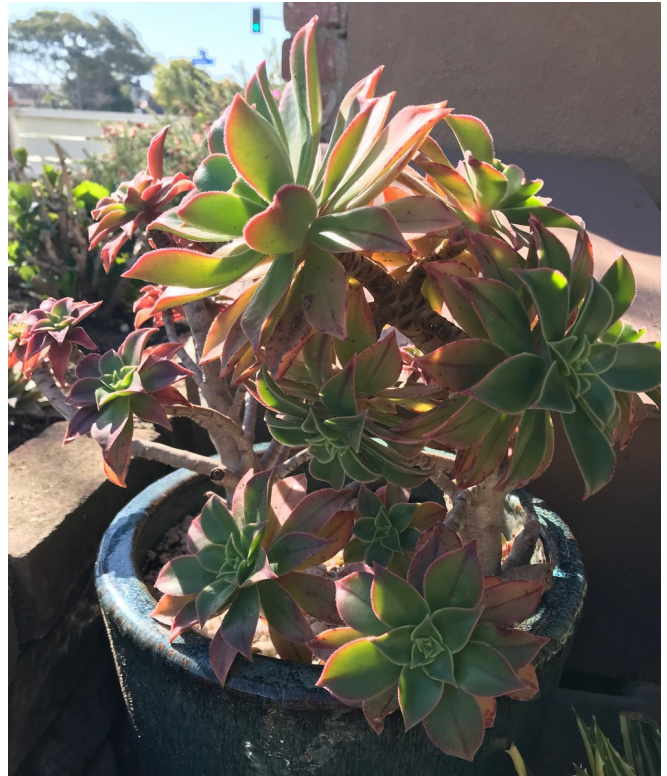


## March Plants of the Month

### Succulents



*1st Place Beginner*  
*Kelly Eddy's Aeonium sedifolium*



*2nd Place Beginner*  
*Kelly Eddy's Aeonium leucoblepharum*



*1st Place Intermediate*  
*Richard Salcedo's*  
*Aeonium arboreum atropurpureum f. cristata*



*3rd Place Beginner*  
*Shirley Kost's*  
*Aeonium castello-paivae*





*2nd Place Intermediate*  
*Richard Salcedo's*  
*Aeonium sunburst cristata*



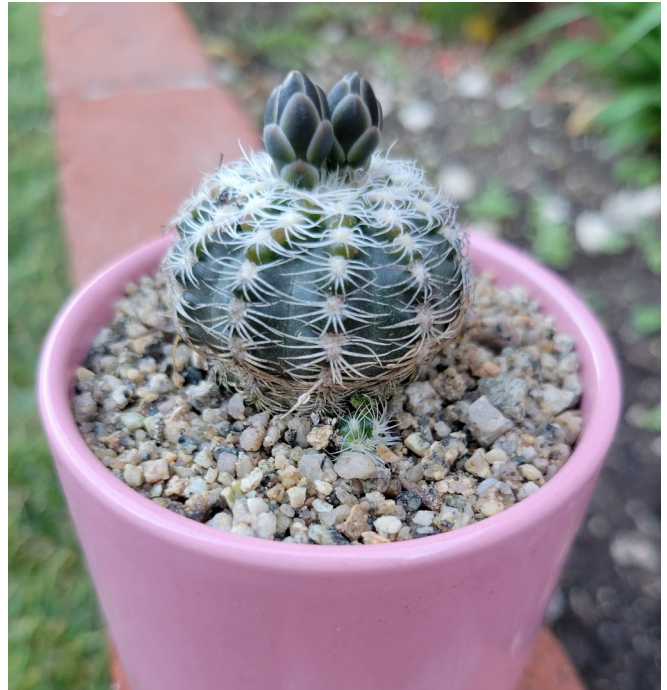
*3rd Place Intermediate*  
*Kathy McNair's Aeonium haworthii Kiwi*



## Cacti



*1st Place Beginner*  
Kevin Kreucher's  
*Gymnocalycium denudatum*



*2nd Place Beginner*  
Chris Bucka's *Gymnocalycium bruchii* v *niveum*



*3rd Place Beginner*  
Chris Bucka's *Gymnocalycium saglionis*





*1st Place Intermediate*  
*Richard Salcedo's Gymnocalycium baldamium*



*2nd Place Intermediate*  
*Richard Salcedo's Gymnocalycium Triacanthum*



*3rd Place Intermediate*  
*Kathy McNair's Gymnocalycium baldianum*

## Long Beach Cactus Club 2021 Plants of the Months

MONTH	CACTI	SUCCULENTS
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	Astrophytum	Fockea & Raphionacme
August	Opuntia & Tephrocactus	Sansevieria
September		AUCTION
October	Ariocarpus	Agave
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December		HOLIDAY PARTY

### LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2021

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### 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)