

*August 2022*

# ROADRUNNER NEWS

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

## **PRESENTATION: Dean Karras – Dudleyas and Pachycauls of Baja**

Dean will present a botanical travelogue of his two expeditions to Baja, Mexico. The emphasis of the presentation will be on field observations of succulent plants we know and love, especially pachycauls and the genus dudleya. However, Dean will also discuss how the greater climate, geology, and ecology of the Baja ecoregion collectively shape the unique landscape and the plants that inhabit it.



Dean Karras began collecting and growing cacti from seed as a hobby in 2008. He has been a member of the Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society since 2017, and a member of the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society since 2019, where he now serves as Board

Member and Show Chair. Some of his favorite succulent genera are: aloe, agave, dudleya, trichocereus, echinocereus, astrophytum, and ferocactus. Dean is also partial to mesembs, caudiciforms, and xeric bromeliads, although his passion for plants extends far beyond succulents to include organic gardening & permaculture practices, natives, edibles, and ethnobotanically significant plants. He realized his long-standing dream of owning his own nursery to serve the local community when he opened Gnosis Nursery in July of 2020, which he now runs full-time. When not busy propagating and selling plants, Dean can be found exploring and photographing the Desert Southwest and Baja.



## Message from the President

A quick reminder that our August meeting will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> due to the Intercity Show; please plan accordingly.

Our Auction will be on September 4<sup>th</sup> during our regularly scheduled meeting time. We will showcase 30 plants at our live auction (thank you Peter Walkowiak for agreeing to reprise your auctioneer role), and have a silent auction portion of the event, as well. Come with cash, card, or digital wallet; we'll be ready!

We are still following LA County Covid guidance, which as I write this message remains mask-optional, but may not by the time we meet. Should there be any changes to this prior to the meeting, we will reach out with an update.

### **PRESENTATION**

Viva la Baja! Dean Karras will be teaching us about the Baja ecoregion and taking us with him on a photo tour to view pachycauls and dudleya in habitat.

### **POM**

Succulent: Bromeliaceae

Cactus: Neoporteria & Neochilenia (Eriocyce)

### **SNACKS**

This month Snacks will be brought to you those whose last name begins with letters P, Q, and R.

### **CLUB MEMBERSHIPS**

The membership dues are \$20, and name badges are \$10. Please email Tanisha Herr at [Succsnstufflb@gmail.com](mailto:Succsnstufflb@gmail.com) if you would like to have a nametag by the next meeting or if you have paid for a nametag and have not received it yet.

### **SALES**

Contact me if you would like to be a vendor at our August 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 seeing everyone on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

Stay safe and healthy,

Chris Bucka

## SNACK AND REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

### MONTH

August  
September  
October  
November  
December

### LAST NAME STARTS WITH

P, Q, R  
Auction  
S, T, U, V  
W, X, Y, Z  
Holiday Party

## 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>
August	Neoptereria & 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	140	Richard Salcedo	129	Christine Isham	45
Russel Ray	28	Scott Bunnell	38	Charlie Trailer	38
Jim Hanna	16	James Lemos	14	Shirley Kost	35
Krystoff Przykucki	10	Andrew Lander	10	Will	30
Maria Capaldo	8	Daniel Almanza	9	Gloria Rodriguez	18
Gary James	5	Kathy McNair	3	Chris Bucka	14
		Annie Morgan	2	Crystal Eckman	12
				Gavin Hunn	12
				Jesse Arias	10
				Derrick Cantu	10
				Kelly Eddy	10
				Gloria Hansen	10
				Gretchen Lewotsky	10
				Julianne Skinner	9
				Sonita Bantad	7
				Jenny	6
				Jeff Preston	5
				Nelson H.	2
				Lemona Lott	2
				Laurie Keller	1



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2022

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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)



*Crystal Eckman's Euphorbia obesa, in a very cool, unorthodox pot, at the Inter-City Show*