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# Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

Founded 1933; Affiliate of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc.

**NO MEETING IN AUGUST!**

**ATTEND THE 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL**

## **INTERCITY CACTUS & SUCCULENT SHOW**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 19-20**

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM**

You are encouraged to attend and participate in the **INTER-CITY SHOW**, at the LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia CA. Our club is a co-sponsor. Call **Harry Fletcher** at (310) 538-4078 for details on how you can sign up to help. Remember, this is our major fund raising event.

### **WALKS AND TALKS**

#### **SATURDAY AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>**

11:00 AM

#### **Desert Gardens**

Joe Clements of Pitzer Arboretum will give a talk on growing succulents in your home garden.

12:00 PM

#### **Trophy Table Tour**

Michael Buckner explain why these plants won a trophy.

1:00 PM

#### **Basic Cultivation**

Learn to keep the plants you just bought alive and well. One of our most popular talks; don't miss this one!  
Presented by Bill Hagblom.

2:00 PM

#### **Staging Plants**

A demonstration on how to best display a plant.  
TBD

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>**

12:00 PM

#### **Arboretum Succulent Garden Tour**

Tour the new Arboretum Succulent Garden, just a few feet from Ayres hall. Learn techniques you can use in your own garden

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#### **Succulent Bonsai**

Gene Oster will present a demonstration on Bonsai techniques applies to Succulent plants. Learn some of the techniques that the best staggers use to show off their plants.  
Presented by Gene Oster

Note: Speakers, Times and Subjects are subject to change

### **HELP NEEDED**

You are needed! Lots of help is needed for setup on Wednesday morning, teardown on Sunday and for clerking Friday night - let your show chairman know. Those of you have struggled lifting the 110 tables we rent every year will be happy to know that the rental company will do the set-up. We just need to push them into the right positions. Most of the backbreaking work will be done by others.

Same for the sales, tabulations, holding area, etc. Sales and holding area need help during the show, and everyone is needed to greet the public. Wear your club badges! A good crowd in the room makes for a better show. This is a great time to meet people from the other clubs and to spend more quality time with the plants you love. No previous ex-perience and no plant expertise (although you have more than you think) is required.

### **SET-UP AND TAKE-OUT TIMES**

Set-up times are from 1:00 to 7:00 on Wednesday August 17, 9:00 to 9:00 on Thursday August 18 and 9:00 to 4:00 on Friday August 19. All plants must be in place before 5 PM to allow start of judg-ing. Take-out starts at 5:00 on Sunday August 21st. All plants must be removed on Sunday evening.

**Next Month: LBCC Auction is September 24 at the Rancho. Save the date!**

21ST INTER-CITY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT  
SHOW AND SALE

AUGUST 19-20 9-5  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
ARBORETUM  
301 WALDWIN AVE  
ARCADIA



2006 SHOW THEME - THE PORTABLE DESERT

The theme for the 2006 Intercity Show is "The Portable Desert". This year's show will bring hundreds of pieces of the desert into the Arboretum.

This year's theme is meant to encourage creative staging. Use the theme to show your interpretation or memory of the desert. Add some rocks or a good top dressing to show off your plants.

The most portable property of all the desert wonders are the desert plants themselves. They have been propagated through generations of seeds and seedlings, and cuttings of collected plants, and travel far from their original habitats. Rocks from South Africa or South America or even Central Mexico rarely make it into our show, but rare Cacti, Aloes, Haworthias, Euphorbias and all the other wonderful and collect-

able plants have been propagated and appear not only on the display but the sales and auction tables as well.

The last three Intercity Shows have had less plants than in previous years. Some of the early shows had well over 2000 plants. We are now averaging about 1600. The size of the plants has grown, so we are filling about the same number of tables, down a few from peak years.

The intercity show is a major income source for all three clubs, and one of the primary sources of new members for all the Cactus and Succulent Societies in Southern California and beyond. We need your support at the show, we need more plants and we need most of all more plant people attending and helping.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET  
AND AUCTION

The Saturday night Banquet and Auction has been a show tradition from the start. It's a great time to argue the fine points of showing and judging, and meet many fine people from the other clubs and out of town.

A feature of each of the Banquets has been an auction of spectacular plants (and most surprisingly affordable) from some of the best growers and shippers. There are always ones that appear on the trophy table in years to come. Last year's auction was the best in recent memory, but we hope to do even better this year.

Same great location as last year: Coco's Restaurant Oak Tree Room 1150 Colorado Blvd. Arcadia, at the SE corner at Michellinda. Social hour starts at 5:30 and dinner served at 6:30. The dinner will be Prime Rib, Fresh Salmon Filet or Honey Chicken Dijon with vegetables, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, and assorted desserts coffee, tea, milk or soft drinks.

The cost of the meal is \$28.00 for Adults and \$12.00 for children from 5 to 10 years, including tax and tip. Please contact our Show treasurer, Sandra Fletcher for further information 310-538-4078. Make checks payable to ICCSS c/o Sandra Fletcher P.O. Box 3366 Gardena, CA 90246-7066.

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SHOW YOUR PLANTS!  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

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