

December 2019

ROADRUNNER NEWS

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



Photo by Jean Dare

Holiday party and Plant of the Month awards

LOCATION: The home of Sue Burch

4010 Pine Ave,
Long Beach, CA 90807

TIME: Sunday, December 1st. Set up begins at 10:30, festivities begins at 11.

REFRESHMENTS: The luncheon is a pot luck. Beverages will be provided by the club.

2019 PLANT OF THE YEAR: If you received a *Haworthia truncata* at last year's holiday party, please bring it to show and compare. Plants of previous Years are also welcome.

LBCC news by Krystoff:

- This is my last edition of this column; hopefully, the incoming leadership will continue LBCC NEWS next year, too. By the way, it's been a great pleasure to be serving as your president. Thank you for giving me that opportunity.



- On November 3rd—our last meeting at the Rancho in 2019—was attended by 60 LBCC members & their guests.
- Although most of the LBCC members may have just been into cacti & succulents, **Jeff Chemnick**'s gripping presentation on De-mystifying Cycads, made many of us wanting to expand our collections to include those fascinating remnants from the time of the dinosaurs.





- Female cycad (fat cone): *Encephalartos trispinosus*



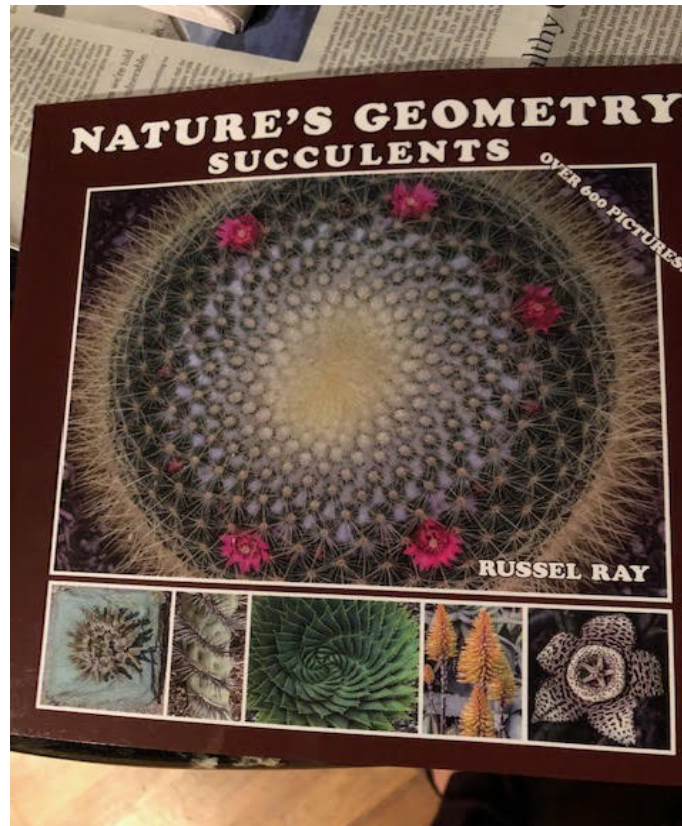
Male cycad (slim cones): *Encephalartos lehmannii*



- Jeff owns the Aloes-in-Wonderland, a nursery & botanical garden. And his tours are often full of infectious humor too.



- Jeff's Aloes-in-Wonderland is open to the public by appointment only. Besides—Lotusland, where he often works as a Cycad consultant—his own place is often visited by many Succulent Tour Guides in Santa Barbara as well.
- With the aid of **Nan Halbert** and **Maria Capaldo**, the Speaker also judged the mini-show and the winners were announced.
- Since the last election, 2 positions are still un-filled for next year: the LBCC Secretary & the Mini-Show Photographer. Please let **James Lemos**, the incoming president, know if you are interested: 626-201-5519, jameslemos@yahoo.com
- **Kathy & Jeff McNair** will host another camp out at their Anza Borego Desert property: March 7th-8th, 2020. LBCC members only! 714-264-6407, kathymcnair@dslextrême.com
- Our annual Christmas Party this year will be hosted by **Sue Burch** at 11AM: 4010 Pine Ave, Long Beach CA 90807. Please arrive on time and bring a dish too, it's a potluck! Beer, wine & soft drinks will be provided by the club. Finding parking may not be easy, so plan accordingly.



- **Russel Ray's** fascinating book, *Nature's Geometry: Succulents*, will be on sale at the party. Discount for members. A perfect Holiday gift.
- Please bring money to pay your annual membership dues. **Tanisha Herr**—Membership Director—will accept all forms of payment (cash, checks, credit cards). For more info: 562-805-6228, succsnstufflb@gmail.com
- Please arrive at **11am!** Or earlier, if you'd like to help out setting it up. And dress appropriately, too; we might be sitting outdoors in Sue's lovely garden. If you're lost, please text me: 310-647-7300.
- Next year's calendar was agreed upon with the Rancho Executive Director—**Pam Young**—and is as follows:
 - January 5th
 - February 2nd
 - March 1st
 - April 5th
 - May 3rd
 - June 7th
 - July 5th
 - Aug 2nd
 - Sep 6th
 - Oct 4th
 - Nov 1st
 - Dec 6th (Christmas Party, not at the Rancho)
- All meetings next year will start half an hour earlier, at 10:30AM; the set up will commence half an hour earlier too, especially the mini-Show.

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.

2019 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLANT</u>
December	HOLIDAY PARTY, POM AWARDS	Bring your Plants of the Years, this year's and past years'

2019 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	166	Richard Salcedo	168	Amy Angulo	157
Jim Hanna	88	Krystoff Przykucki	120	Henry Angulo	117
Gary James	71	Andrew Lander	68	Alden Norris	83
Russel Ray	7	Regina Fernandez	58	Coni Nettles	66
Hank Warzybok	3	Kathy McNair	50	Jim Tanner	35
Ken Shaw	2	Mike Martin	42	Shirley Kost	32
		Scott Bunnell	18	Chris Bucka	30
		Jade Neely	10	Linda Pruden	24
		Jeff McNair	8	The Prestons	22
		Annie Morgan	3	Tanisha Herr	15
		Karenn Ohlinder	1	Crystal Eckman	14
				M.A. Bjarkman	12
				Dean Woehrman	11
				Aaron Goldstien	10
				Angela Clubb	8
				Kelly Eddy	8
				Lisa Weller	8
				Julianne Skinner	6
				Judy Leong	5
				Nancy Halbert	4
				Alan Ronn	4
				Margot Taub	4
				Loyd Wilcox	3
				James Lemos	2
				Pat Blevins	1
				Jean Dare	1
				Ivan Garibaldo	1
				Katrina Mosher	1
				Charina Tanaka	1

The Succulent Bliss

by Krystoff Przykucki, LBCC President



Nancy Halbert

Member since 2017

Focus: Eclectic

Trivia: LBCC Secretary, in charge of the Board's Minutes.

Nancy's *Senecio jacobsenii*, widespread in the highlands of Kenya & Tanzania.



Nancy's various cacti & succulents, including a California native: *Opuntia Polyacantha* ssp. *erinacea*, aka, *Opuntia Snow* (center) from the White Mountains, about 3h drive N from Long Beach.

Nancy's cacti & euphorbias, including *Pachycereus marginatus* (center) from Central Mexico where its called *Malinche* and often used as a living fence.



Nancy's *Albuca spiralis*, a winter-growing geophyte, native to W Cape province of South Africa.



Senecio rowleyanus, probably much better known as the *String-of-Pearls*, native to the winter-rain region of W South Africa and S Namibia.



Ada Bosnjak

Member since 2007

Focus: Eclectic

Trivia: might compete in our mini-show next year.



Ada's *Echeveria agavoides* *Lipstick*,
luckily still a fairly common plant
throughout its native Central Mexico.



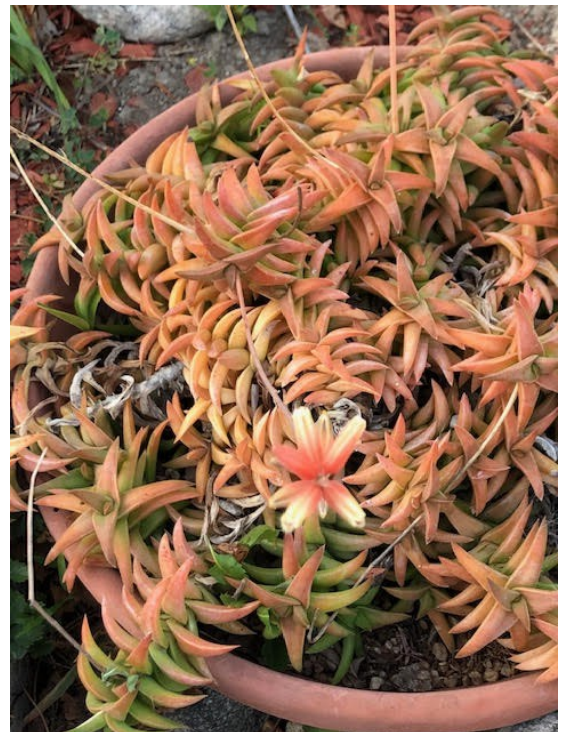
Ada's *Euphorbia polygona*,
native to E Cape Province in South Africa.

Ada's *Faucaria felina*, a South African endemic much better known as *Tiger Jaws*.



Ada's mature *Kumara plicatilis*, probably still much better known by its old name: *Aloe plicatilis*. Its native Fynbos ecosystem is quite similar to our California's Chaparral.

Ada was not sure what species this is; frankly, I was not quite sure either, but given its inflorescence, it might be a *Peolnitzia rubriflora*—often labeled as *Astroloba rubriflora*—from the Robertson Karoo in W Cape Province, South Africa. It just might!





Kelly Eddy

Member since 2019

Focus: Miniatures with matching pots.

Trivia: volunteered at the Inter-City Show.



Kelly's rather bizarre *Myrtillocactus geometrizans monstrose* *Cauliflower*, an odd form of a very common cactus in Mexico.

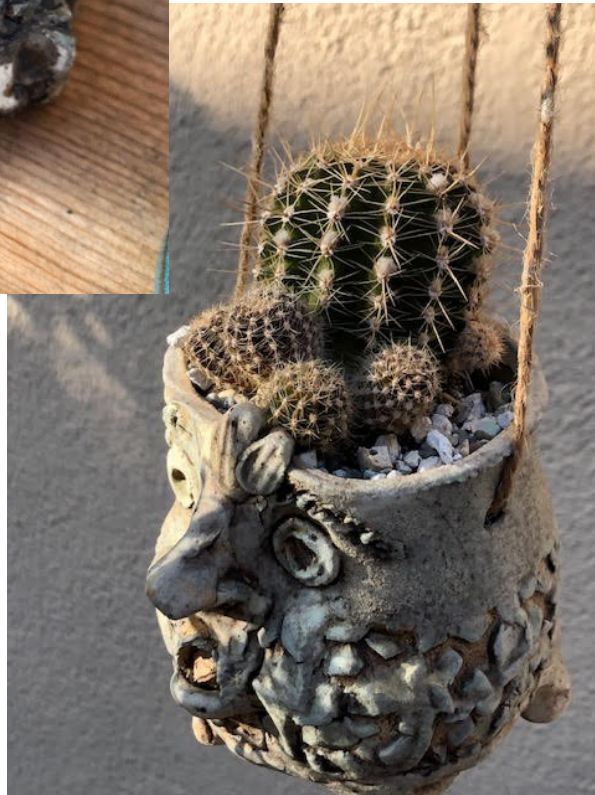
Kelly's *Othonna capensis*, aka *Ruby Necklace*—the Drakensberg Mountains endemic in South Africa—just finishing its blooming season.



Kelly's *Rebutia heliosa*, native to The Andes near Tarija in S Bolivia.



Kelly's rare *Graptopetalum pachyphyllum*—native to the shady cliffs of Guanajuato & Hidalgo, Mexico.



Possibly a *Rebutia* species.



Beautifully matching: an unidentified *Echeveria* species & a handmade pot. The plant might be a hybrid.



Photos in this section by Keonimana Przykucki

Krystoff Przykucki

Member since 2015

Focus: Blue cacti, red aloes & white xerophytes.

Trivia: outgoing LBCC President.



Although a relative novice, Krystoff now grows over 800 species of plants.



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	James Lemos	MINI-SHOW	Karenn Ohlinder
LIBRARIAN	Lisa Weller	X-MAS PARTY	Gary Duke
PHOTOGRAPHER	Rose Bank	REFRESHMENTS	Amy Angulo

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB COMMITTEES:

Executive Committee:

Task: monthly meetings.

Members: Henry Angulo (Treasury), Tanisha Herr (Membership), Nan Halbert (Minutes), Amy Angulo (Supplies), Woody Minnich (programming speakers), MA Bjarkman (speakers bios), Scott Bunnell (website), Andrew Lander (newsletter), Jim Hanna (prize plants).

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

Rancho Garden Committee:

Task: gardening at the Rancho's historical Cactus Garden.

Members: Alden Norris, Loyd Wilcox, Jeff Preston, Nan Halbert, John Drake, Rose Bank, Kitty Guzman, Art Guzman, Scott Bunnell.

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

Publicity Committee:

Task: Publicity on the web, Facebook & Instagram.

Members: Scott Bunnell, Andrew Lander, Rose Bank, Kelly Eddy, Jim Hanna, Amy Angulo, Aaron Goldstein, Alden Norris, Jean Dare, Tanisha Herr, James Lemos, Henry Angulo, Russel Ray, Chris Bucka, Richard Salcedo, Tammi Wildman, Shirely Kost, Ivan Rus Garibaldo, Shirley Kost, Laurie Keller.

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

May Plant Sale & Show Committee:

Task: 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, James Lemos, Kelly Eddy, Laverne Pitzer, Annette Hadjimarkos, Kathy McNair, Gary James.

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

Inter-City Show Committee:

Task: volunteers & plant participation on August 10th-11th

Members: Krystoff Przykucki, Tanisha Herr, Henry Angulo, Amelia Angulo, MA Bjarkman, John Luhnnow, Karenn Ohlinder, Nelson Hernandez, Rus Garibaldo, Gretchen Lewotsky, Richard Salcedo, Gary Duke, Gary James, Jim & Roberta Hanna, Peter Walkowiak, Nancy Halbert, Russel Ray, Woody Minnich, Angela Clubb, Shirley Kost, Laurie Keller, Alden Norris, Annette Hadjimarkos, Tom Wang, Tim Jones, Lisa Weller, Crystal Eckman, Chris Bucka, Kelly Eddy, Rose Bank, Scott Bunnell, Lauren Lozano, Mike Martin, Joyce Shirado, Andrew Lander & Christine Isham.

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

Auction Committee:

Task: revenue for the club.

Members: Woody Minnich, Gary Duke, Henry Angulo.

Chair: Gretchen Lewotsky, 310-283-0677, glew123glew@gmail.com

Mini-Show Committee:

Task: Plant-of-the-Month.

Members: Jim Hanna, Karenn Ohlinder, Rose Bank, Regina Fernandez, Andrew Lander, Coni Nettles, Scott Bunnell, Aaron Goldstein, MA Bjarkman.

Chair: Christopher Bucka, 310-845-6306, jtreeCP@gmail.com

Christmas Party Committee:

Task: annual holiday party.

Members: Tanisha Herr, Gary Duke, Jim Hanna, Henry Angulo.

Chair: Sue Burch, 562-552-4995, bezoarb@icloud.com

Archive Committee:

Task: documentation.

Members: MA Bjarkman, Krystoff Przykucki, Andrew Lander, Scott Bunnell.

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

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