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ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club
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Graptoveria "Fred Ives" or "Douglas Huth," photo by Andrew Lander

MEETING PROGRAM: Peter Walkowiak will be speaking on hybridizing euphorbias. He writes:

“Seed propagation offers many advantages over cuttings, divisions and tissue culture. If your goal is to produce an improved type or new strain of plant, then hybridizing or careful plant selection is the best method to make this happen through seed propagation. It is very interesting to see what happens when you cross two closely allied species or even genera. It is often very surprising to see what results when you are successful. Little changes like which plant is the seed or pollen parent will affect your outcome. The seed parent has dominance on the expressed traits that you will obtain. Hybridizing offers fast results and selected plants of that cross that have desired or interesting traits can be crossed the enhance the desirable characteristics. The one draw back to hybrids is that they can be sterile, creating a dead end. If these plants are of good quality you can propagate them by the other methods of cuttings, divisions or tissue culture.

“Plant selection requires a good eye, a goal for what you want to achieve and a willingness to go in totally different directions when the opportunity presents itself. This is a slower way of getting results while staying within a species or clonal type. It takes a number of generations and many, many plants to arrive at your goal. Each seed batch must be grown to a size where the true character of the plant is expressed, selecting those that show promise, crossing these with each other then repeating the process until your goal is met.

“In this presentation you will be shown many of my hybrids, plants that have gone through the selection process and those that are complete surprises, or freaks. Many are works in progress, some are near completion and others that are at dead ends. On some of the dead ends there is just one sex present, usually just males on some of the dioecious Euphorbias for example. These dead ends are often some of the most interesting and intriguing plants.

“My background is a B.S. degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Cal Poly University, Pomona in 1985. Have worked in the nursery and landscape industries since my graduation. My long time dream to have my own nursery started ten years ago and became official two years ago. My interest in succulent plants started at Cal Poly when a friend of mine showed me his Bombax. I fell in love with caudiciform plants and went out and bought many of the plants that are now large specimens that you now see at shows. I got started in the Succulent Societies 12 years ago when I experienced my first show put on by the San Diego CSS in Balboa Park. I joined that day. Currently I am on the board of directors for the San Diego CSS and the CSSA, president of the Palomar CSS, the San Diego North County Club, show chair for all three San Diego shows and co-chair for the Inter-city show.”

LOCATION: Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA 90815. We will meet in the meeting room next to the gift shop. Rancho Los Alamitos is located within Bixby Hill and accessed through the residential security gate at Anaheim and Palo Verde. From the 405 Freeway, exit at Palo Verde Avenue and turn south. From the 605 Freeway, exit at Willow, follow to Palo Verde and turn south.

TIME: Sunday, February 2, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Setup will be from 12:30 – 1:00.

Members will be working in the garden starting at 11 AM. Bring a lunch if you need to.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH:

Cactus: Echinocereus
Succulent: Aeonium

REFRESHMENTS: We will follow the alphabet to determine who is to bring the snacks and finger foods. This month, those with last names starting with the letters **S through Z** are asked to bring the goodies. Please feel free to bring something even if you don't fall into this group.

DOOR PRIZES, BIRTHDAY PLANTS & PLANT SALES: Free plant for first time visitors, those who have a birthday the month of the meeting (No cheating. We probably have your applications somewhere!), and a raffle for attending members.

LBCC MEETING DATES 2014

	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
February 2	Peter Walkowiak	Hybridizing Euphorbias
March 2	TBA	
April 6	TBA	
May 4	TBA	
May 17-18	LBCC Show and Sale	
June 1	TBA	
July 6	TBA	
August 3	TBA	
September 7	LBCC Annual Auction	
October 5	TBA	
November 2	TBA	
December 7	Holiday Party / POM Awards	

LBCC PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH 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.

2014 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTUS</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
January	Mammillaria clusters	Mesembs other than Conophytum or Lithops
February	Echinocereus	Aeonium
March	Astrophytum	Haworthia, Astroloba
April	Notocactus, Parodia	Monadenium, Jatropha
May	Favorite (3)	Favorite (3)
1ST LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB SHOW & SALE		
June	Lobivia, Echinopsis	Sedum, Pachyphytum, Sempervivum
July	Cereus (columnar)	Sanseveria
August	Neochilenia, Neoporteria	Fockea, Raphionacme
September	LBCC Auction	
October	Echinofossulocactus, Stenocactus	Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon
November	Miniature (3) - pots under 3"	Miniature (3) - pots under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	
Plant of the Year	Notocactus leninghausii	

2014 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Jim Hanna	20	Jade Neely	24	John Drake	18
Ken Shaw	18	Evelyn Maxwell	23	Andrew Lander	14
Gary Duke	17			Margaret Lander	4
Gary James	2			Manon Robertshaw	2
				Mike Martin	1

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2014

PRESIDENT John Luhnnow: 310-922-6090 **SECRETARY** **OPEN**
VICE-PRESIDENT Ken Shaw **TREASURER** Jess (Vern) Yandell
DIRECTORS, in alphabetical order, are John Luhnnow and Gary Duke (Past President)

COMMITTEES:

AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE	Hank Warzybok	NEWSLETTER	Andrew Lander
BIRTHDAY/PRIZE PLANTS	Jim Hanna	PROGRAMS	Woody Minnich
GARDEN CURATOR	OPEN	PUBLICITY – LOCAL	OPEN
HISTORIAN	Ken Shaw	PUBLICITY – SHOWS	Peter Walkowiak
INTER-CITY SHOW CHAIRMAN	Peter Walkowiak	REFRESHMENTS	OPEN
LIBRARY	Hank Warzybok	SHOW & TELL TABLE	OPEN
MEMBERSHIP	John Luhnnow	SUNSHINE	Jade Neely
WEBMASTER	David Quadhamer		

MEMBERSHIP

SEND APPLICATIONS to John Luhnnow, 3340 West 152nd St. Gardena, CA, 90249. **Dues** are \$15 per year for regular membership, seniors \$10. (Senior membership is for retired persons, 65 and older.) Checks should be made out to **LBCC**.

IF FOUR OR FIVE OR MORE MEMBERS are interested they may order **official Long Beach Cactus Club member badges**. The cost is \$6.50 per person. Please see the club treasurer at the meeting.

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.

LIBRARY

WANT TO CONSULT A BOOK ON CACTI AND SUCCULENTS OR A COPY OF THE CSSA JOURNAL? Talk to Hank Warzybok and he will bring the requested items to the next meeting for you to check out.

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2014 DUES INFORMATION-ONE YEAR

Regular membership \$15.00
Senior Membership (retired person, age 65 or older) \$10.00

Please make out checks to LBCC (Long Beach Cactus Club) and give or send them to the treasurer:

John Luhnnow, 3340 West 152nd St., Gardena, CA 90249

NEW MEMBER : ____ RENEWAL : ____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ ____ . ____** Date: _____

NAME: _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT:- _____

CITY: _____ STATE: ____ ZIP CODE: _____ HOME PHONE:(____) ____ - _____

CELL PHONE: (____) ____ - _____ E-MAIL: _____

BIRTHDAY MONTH: _____ FAVORITE CACTI OR SUCCULENT: _____

**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2014 (updated 11/12/2013)**

- FEB 8** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY, SPRING SHOW AND SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA—INFO 858-382-1797
- MAR. 28-30** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE.
FRI. AND SAT. MAR. 28-29 9-5PM SUN. MAR. 30th 12-4PM 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United
Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA INFORMATION CALL 562-587-3357
- APR 12-13** SOUTH COAST CACTUS AN SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE
SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD.,
PALOS VERDES, CA INFO: 310-378-1953
- APR 19-20** GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE—AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM
1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831
- APR 27th** HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL
GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-2160
- MAY 4** SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS INFORMATION CALL-310-833-6823
- May 3 & 4** SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 16-17** GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 33rd SHOW AND SALE FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm, at LAND
SCAPES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STYLE 450 ALESSANDRO BLVD., RIVERSIDE, CA
INFO. 951-360-8802
- MAY 17-18** LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB PLANT SHOW AND SALE 10AM-5PM
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH
FOR INFO. CALL 310-922-6090—www.lbcss.org
- MAY 24-25** CENTRAL COAST CASTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
ANNUAL SHOW & SALE (10-4PM), LUDWICK CENTER, 864 SANTA ROSA
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – INFO. 805-237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org
- JUNE 7-8** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –SUMMER SHOW AND SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO: 858-382-1797
- JUNE 14-15** LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY
PLANT SHOW AND SALE 14TH 9-5, 15th 9-3:30
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD.
ENCINO, CA INFO. E-MAIL www.lacss-show.com
- JUNE 27-29th** CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
626-405-2160 or 2277 PLANTS SALES START JUNE 27TH THRU JUNE 29TH
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 28TH THRU JUNE 29TH FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 25-27th** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND
SALE. FRI. JULY 25TH 9am-5pm, SAT JULY 26TH 9am-5pm, SUN 27TH 12-4pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- AUG. 9-10th** 29th ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE AT THE LA COUNTY ARBORETUM,
9am-5pm daily. 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA.
INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 or JOHN MATTHEWS 661-714-1052
- AUG 30th** HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 7th** LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION -12-5PM
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615
INFO: 310-922-6090
- NOV. 1 & 2** SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 9am-4pm both days
SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE

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FIRST CLASS PLEASE