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# ROADRUNNER NEWS

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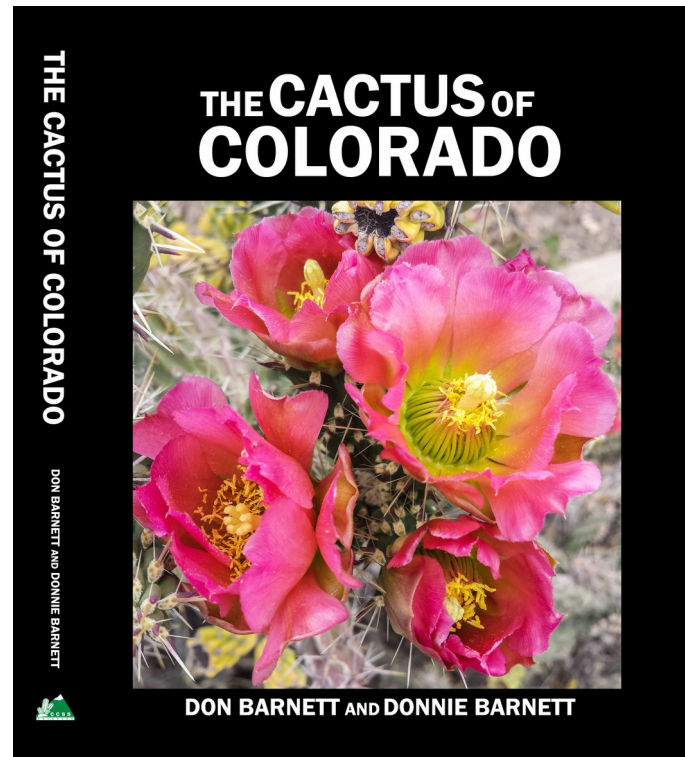
*Pediocactus, photo by Donnie Barnett*

## **MEETING PRESENTATION: Donnie & Don Barnett "The Cacti of Colorado"**

Colorado is known as a mountainous state with an average elevation of 6,800ft. But it has large areas of desert and semi-arid plains and mesas that support many species of cacti. The Cactus of Colorado is a virtual presentation of our book. "The Cactus of Colorado" is a complete guide to the Cactus flora of Colorado. 24 species and varieties, including 2 new species with range maps and taxonomic keys. Over 270 pictures and diagrams including technical taxonomic species comparisons with text and photos. History of Colorado botanist, vegetation, overview of ecological regions and life zones. Where to view cactus in protected public lands. Cultural uses and history of cactus uses. Biological controls including insects and fungal diseases.

Don Barnett Jr. grew up on the mesas and mountains of Southern Colorado and has lived in Colorado most of his adult life. At a young age, he was introduced to the natural world by his father, an avid outdoorsman, who took him on many hunting and fishing adventures. He developed an appreciation for the natural world especially for the flora and fauna of the Desert Southwest of the US. This led him to the University of Southern Colorado (now CSU-Pueblo) where he studied Field Biology and earned a B.S. degree. He has created a large xeric landscape in the front yard of his Pueblo home that Panayoti Keladis of the Denver Botanic Gardens has called one of the most artistic and elegant xeric gardens in Colorado and beyond. The garden contains over 1000 cacti with well over 100 species from the American southwest represented. Additionally, there are numerous species of Agave, Yucca, Penstemon, and many other southwestern native plants found in the landscape. Panayoti urged Don to write a book about cacti which led to the book, *The Cactus of Colorado*, which was published in November of 2016. The 331 page book, has over 260 color photographs and outlines the 24 species of Cactaceae found in the state, including the description of two new hybrid species. Don has been a member of the CCSS for about 15 years and served as president of the Walking Stick chapter of the CCSS for four years.

Donnie Barnett is a Biologist from Pueblo, Colorado and has a B.S. degree in Biology from Brigham Young University. In his early career he ran a restoration nursery at the Las Vegas Springs Preserve. After, he worked as an Environmental Biologist for Southern Nevada Water Authority at Warm Springs Natural Area, working on restoration projects in efforts to improve Moapa Dace populations. Donnie also has a sideline career in photography being published in several field books but also in more interesting publications of Playboy and GQ magazine. More recently, Donnie has been working on a sustainable, ethical and environmentally friendly Cactus and Succulent nursery called Ethical Desert (Ethicaldesert.com). The nursery specializes in cold hardy species as well as general uncommon or bizarre species. Donnie's over all specialty include plant taxonomy of southwest US flora, cactus, *Agave*, *Yucca*, desert fish and restoration ecology. Donnie co-authored *The Cactus of Colorado*, also composed and formatted the book. He worked extensively on the *Opuntia*, *Cylindropuntia* and other genera within the title.



Join us for our February ZOOM Meeting

Topic: **Donnie & Don Barnett - Cactus of Colorado**

Time: Feb 7, 2021 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81289047290?pwd=RVlyK2M2c2RpL2NuN0dwMWd4SWQvUT09>

Meeting ID: 812 8904 7290

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# Message From the President

by James Lemos

Hello Long Beach,

I hope you are doing well. Every month that goes by, I listen and hope for news that will allow us to start in-person meetings again. While I wait, I tend to my plants as best I can. Many of my plants were damaged in December when it hailed; I was out of town and couldn't get to my plants to protect them. They took a pretty bad hit. But, they will survive. I'm tending to them now and hoping the damage will be gone in a couple years. They are resilient and will make it, kinda like us and our club. We will make it through this.

I am repotting many of my plants now to bigger pots. My summer growers will have to wait. I see many others repotting their summer growers and it probably wouldn't hurt my plants if I did it now but I'll wait.

I saw that a local club had a Zoom plant auction. I think this would be a fun thing to do for our club. Maybe we can have a meeting during the middle of the month (February) to discuss our options.

For now, let's raise the number of entries for the POM. Try and get at least one photo to Chris Buca ( [jtreecp@gmail.com](mailto:jtreecp@gmail.com) ) for entry into our POM contest on Facebook. I think we all have one plant in the below Genera.

## POM

Cactus – Copiapoa/Matucana

Succulent – Crassula

I hope to see you at the next Zoom meeting February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00. Andrew has inserted the information into this newsletter. Take care and keep hanging in there.

Sincerely,  
James

## 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

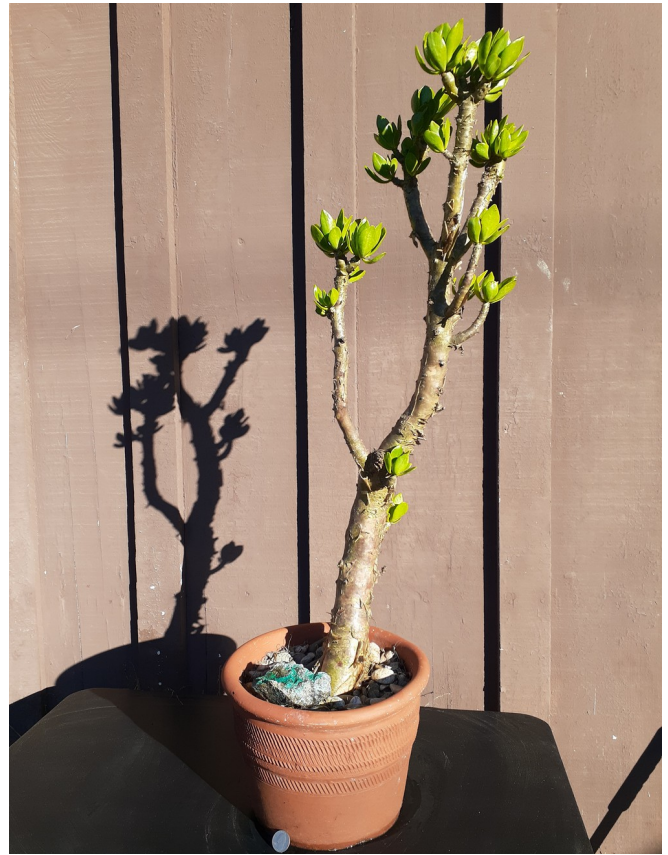


## January Plants of the Month

### Succulents



*1st Place Intermediate: Andrew Lander's  
Tylecodon wallichii*



*2nd Place Intermediate: Andrew Lander's  
Tylecodon paniculatus*



*1st Place Advanced: Maria Capaldo's Tylecodon  
schaeferianus*



*2nd Place Advanced: Maria Capaldo's Tylecodon  
wallichii*



## Cacti



*1st Place Beginners: Kelly Eddy's Mammillaria  
Tenango del Valle*



*2nd Place Beginners: Kelly Eddy's Mammillaria  
bombycina*



*3rd Place Beginners: Crystal Eckman's  
Mammillaria bombycina*



*1st Place Intermediate: Kathy McNair's  
Mammillaria Perez de la Rosa*





*2nd Place Intermediate: Kathy McNair's  
Mammillaria zeilmanniana*



*3rd Place Intermediate: Kathy McNair's  
Mammillaria bombycina*



*1st Place Advanced: Maria Capaldo's Mammillaria senilis*



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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)



*Echinocereus mojavensis fma. inermis*, photo by Donnie Barnett