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# ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club  
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**Program: Guillermo Rivera, “Diversity of Cacti in Central Brazil”**

The presentation will focus on the variety of cacti from Central Brazil, particularly the states of Minas Gerais and Bahia. The habitats of Cerrado, Caatinga, and Atlantic Forest are well represented in these states allowing for a great diversity of many Brazilian genera of cacti: Uebelmannia, Micranthocereus, Melocactus, Pilosocereus, among others. A journey of over 4000 km worth the drive!

Born in Argentina, Guillermo Rivera is owner of Plant Expeditions (former South America Nature Tours), a company dedicated to the organization of tours for the last 17 years, throughout South America (Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador), Mexico and South Africa, Madagascar, and Namibia, with emphasis on plants: bromeliads, orchids, cacti, and other succulents.

He is a former researcher at the University of Cordoba, Argentina. He has a BS degree in Biology University of Cordoba. MS Marine Biology. Northeastern University. PhD in Botany University of Cordoba.



Because of pandemic our tours have been reprogrammed. For 2022, we have Socotra (March), Baja California (April), Namibia (May), Central Brazil (July), South Africa (August), Madagascar (October), and Chile-Argentina (November).

If you wish to be kept informed about our future trips, please send email to Guillermo at [info@plantexpeditions.com](mailto:info@plantexpeditions.com) or [plantexpeditions@gmail.com](mailto:plantexpeditions@gmail.com) or visit website: [www.plantexpeditions.com](http://www.plantexpeditions.com)

Topic: Guillermo Rivera "Diversity of Cactus in Central Brazil"  
Time: Feb 6, 2022 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84890674887?pwd=ZXhhVHhoT1BMcnpzSEhVTFU5Y2pXQT09>

Meeting ID: 848 9067 4887

Passcode: 103418



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## Message from the President

Hello Long Beach,

Well, the January meeting went well. We had a good turnout. About 40 to 50. (Please make sure to sign in when you attend meetings). Thanks for coming.

January brought a few challenges, cold nights, some very strong winds and a power outage. As far as wind damage, lots of branches down on our walk, (Traveler, my lab, and me) and one huge tree down the block was uprooted. I lost a couple plants, literally. My back yard was a mess from the wind and I found two pots that I still haven't found the plants for. The cold claimed a few leaves of some of my Aloes and two Hoya plants but that was the worst of it. Oh well, I put the rest of my yard and plants back together and I'm moving on. I hope your plants are doing well.

So, out of an abundance of caution, the February meeting has been changed to a Zoom. Hopefully we will get back to live meetings in March. We've done well in our meetings at following precautions but aren't throwing caution to the wind. Hope to see you in our Zoom!

### **POM**

We are going to continue with POM competition but we have modified the points just for Zoom meetings. It is a chance for all earn some points towards their year end total. Only photos that are sent to Chris Bucka ([jtreecp@gmail.com](mailto:jtreecp@gmail.com)) are eligible. Late entries won't count. Please have your photos to Chris by Thursday evening so that your photos can earn you points. There will not be judging but there are participation points. You can send in as many plant photos as you like and you can earn a maximum of three points per category (one point per plant). If you send in photos of 6 cacti, you will earn the maximum of 3 points.

Cactus – Parodia/Notocactus  
Succulent - Dudleya

### **Presentation**

We are fortunate to get Guillermo Rivera as this month's Zoom presenter. Please read the article about his presentation and find the link to the Zoom under that article.

The Zoom meeting room will open at around 12:45 or maybe a few minutes before that. We would like to start the meeting promptly at 1:00 with a short hello so that Guillermo can start his presentation a few minutes after that. If you're a little late, that's ok but, you might miss some of his program.

### **In Closing**

We would like to thank you for your patience in these crazy times. We are trying to figure out the new normal for our club. All decisions are made with the well-being of our members as our first priority.

Take care and stay safe,

James

## 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>
January	Echinocereus	Haworthia
February	Notocactus & Parodia	Dudleya
March	Mammillaria clusters	Gasteria
April	Corypanthus & Escobaria	Euphorbia from Madagascar
May	Variegated	Variegated
June	Rebutia & Sulcorebutia	Pachypodium
July	Favorites (3)	Favorites (3)
August	Neoporteria & 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

<b>Advanced</b>		<b>Intermediate</b>		<b>Beginner</b>	
Gary Duke	24	Richard Salcedo	25	Gloria Hansen	10
Jim Hanna	16	James Lemos	13	Julianne Skinner	9
				Sonita Bantad	7
				Gretchen Lewotsky	2
				Laurie Keller	1
				Jeff Preston	1



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**SHOW AND SALE**  
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT

**SALE: MARCH 4-6, 2022**  
**SHOW: MARCH 5-6, 2022**  
**11AM - 5PM**

**ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED**  
**GO TO ARBORETUM.ORG**

**CASH REGISTERS OPEN AT 8:30AM FOR ARBORETUM MEMBERS!**  
**ARBORETUM MEMBERS ARE FREE!** **FACE MASKS REQUIRED**

**LOS ANGELES ARBORETUM**  
301 N BALDWIN AVE ARCADIA, CA 91007 @CITYCYNIC





# The Long Beach Cactus Club

*Est. 1933*

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



## SNACK AND REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LAST NAME STARTS WITH</u>
January	A, B
February	C, D
March	E, F, G
April	H
May	I, J, K
June	L, M
July	N, O
August	P, Q, R
September	Auction
October	S, T, U, V
November	W, X, Y, Z
December	Holiday Party



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## 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)



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