

February 2002

# Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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## ALFRED LAU

**PROGRAM:** We are honored to have world-renowned plant explorer **DR. ALFRED LAU** as our speaker this month. He will present a slide lecture retracing his travels in **Peru and Northern Chile** through the years. Dr. Lau has traveled extensively in Mexico, Central America and South America for the past four decades. His interests include cacti, carnivorous plants, orchids, passionflowers and bromeliads. He has discovered many new species as attested by how frequently his name appears in the plant literature (e.g., *Mammillaria lauii*). For many years he and his wife ran a school in Vera Cruz, Mexico for native Mexican children. Recently, he has been working with and educating villagers in Belize where he built an eco-trail. You can learn more about him at <http://www.geocities.com/floral> lectures. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Dr. Lau and see slides of the incredible plants he has encountered.

**LOCATION:** **Dominguez Adobe**, 18127 South Alameda Street, Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220. Take the 91 Redondo Beach/ Artesia Freeway and exit south on Alameda. Signs for the Adobe are posted on the freeway and on Alameda. Coming from the freeway, the entrance to the Adobe is on the right or west side of Alameda. We will meet in the cafeteria in the northeast of the big building next to the garden.

**TIME:** **Sunday, February 24, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.** Our use of the cafeteria is limited to the hours 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Because of this constraint we will follow this schedule: 1:30 to 2:00 -- setup and refreshments, 2:00 to 4:00 -- general meeting and program, 4:00 to 4:30 -- cleanup.

**PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH:** **Cactus:** *Mammillaria* clusters, hooked spine, 8" pot & under  
**Succulent:** *Tylecodon*

**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 **F through H** 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.

**PLANT RAFFLE:** Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. **Members are asked to donate any plants they would like to pass along that they think others would like to buy.** Previous months' raffles have been big successes with several dozen plants available.

**PLANTS NEEDED FOR THE ADOBE:** Father Pat McPolin is replacing the potted plants around the fountain and building. He would appreciate donations of cacti and succulents for the new twelve inch pots he has ordered. He says they don't have to be prizewinners: "They are all works from the hand of God." See page 5 for more on Father Pat and the Adobe.



## LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2002

PRESIDENT	Hank Warzybok (562) 429-7110	SECRETARY	Lisa Smith (562) 439-8056
VICE-PRESIDENT	Laverne Pitzer (562) 429-3271	TREASURER	Sandra Fletcher (310) 538-4078

DIRECTORS, in alphabetical order, are Petra Crist, Bob Gillett, Jim Hanna, Dick Hulett (Past President), and Dot Miller.

### COMMITTEES:

AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE	Lisa Smith
BIRTHDAY/PRIZE PLANTS	Jim Hanna
GARDEN CURATOR	John Caceres
HISTORIAN	Laverne Pitzer
INTER-CITY SHOW CHAIRMAN	Harry Fletcher
LIBRARY	Carol Causey
MEMBERSHIP	Sandra Fletcher

NEWSLETTER	Lisa Smith
PROGRAMS	Woody Minnich
PUBLICITY - LOCAL	Carol Causey
PUBLICITY - SHOWS	Dick Hulett
REFRESHMENTS	Theresa Davis/ Forrest Richardson
SHOW & TELL TABLE	Carol Causey
SUNSHINE	Dot Miller

### MEMBERSHIP

SEND APPLICATIONS to Sandra Fletcher, (310) 538-4078, P.O. Box 3366, Gardena, CA 90247-7066. Dues are \$10 per year for regular membership, seniors \$7; each associate member (same household) \$2.50 additional. (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 treasurer, Sandra Fletcher, at the meeting.

### NEWSLETTER

IF YOU HAVE ANY STORIES, cultivation tips, information about upcoming calendar events or news in general about cacti and succulents that might interest our members, please send them in or give me a call. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Remember, this is your newsletter. The address is: E. Lisa Smith, 2075 E. Appleton St. #24, Long Beach, CA 90803-6205. Telephone: (562) 439-8056.

### CLARENCE B. WRIGHT MEMORIAL DESERT GARDEN

COME AT 12:00 P.M., AN HOUR BEFORE THE REGULAR MEETING and help John Caceres plant, water and maintain our garden. Call John at (562) 949-7631 to find out other days that a work party might be arranged. Find out what's blooming each month and get ideas for your home garden.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to the CLARETIAN ORDER for allowing us to use the grounds of the DOMINGUEZ SEMINARY for our auction and the cafeteria for our monthly meetings. We appreciate the pleasant setting as well as being able to meet near our garden.

### MEMBER UPDATE

**Stella Davis** is home from the hospital but she is receiving chemotherapy. You may send cards to her home at 9454 Ramona St., Bellflower, CA 90706.

**Virginia Martin** is still recovering from a fall. She appreciates the many cards and valentines she has received. She has left the hospital and is now receiving therapy at Huntington Drive Skilled Nursing Center, 400 W. Huntington Dr., Arcadia CA 91007. You may also call her at (626) 445-2039.

### BRITISH CACTUS JOURNALS FOR SALE

Shirley Berry of the San Diego C&SS would like to announce that she has for sale a complete set of the *National Cactus and Succulent Journal* Vols. 1-37, 1946-1982, with indexes, unbound, in excellent condition. Also, of the same journal, Vols. 32-37, 1977-1982, professionally bound in tan buckram cases with gold lettering. In addition, there is the *Cactus and Succulent Journal of Great Britain* Vols. 29-44, 1967-1982 bound in tan buckram cases with gold lettering. Also from this journal a single from 1982 is available. She may be reached at P.O. Box 1811, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067 or (858) 756-3659.



## 2002 PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH RULES

At the November, 1996 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 6 points for first place, 4 points for second place, 2 points for third place 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.

## 2002 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

### MONTH

### CACTUS

### SUCCULENT

January

*Mammillaria*, hooked spine

*Aloe*

February

*Mammillaria* clusters, straight spine - under 8" pot

*Tylecodon*

## 2002 POM YEAR-TO-DATE STANDINGS THROUGH JANUARY

<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Beginner</u>
1. Fletcher, H.&S. 13	1. Pitzer 20	1. Gillett 12
2. Hulett 12	2. Miller 9	2. Krill 7
3. Hanna 8		3. Bunnell 6
4. Causey 3		3. Jaskulski, 6
		3. Richardson/Davis 6

## JANUARY PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

Judges - Jim Hanna, Gary James, Harry Fletcher, Theresa Richardson

### Cactus - Advanced

1. H. & S. Fletcher	<i>Mammillaria grahamii</i>
2. H. & S. Fletcher	<i>Mammillaria magnifica</i>
3. Dick Hulett	<i>Mammillaria perezdelarosae</i>

### Succulent - Advanced

1. Dick Hulett	<i>Aloe erinacea</i>
2. Jim Hanna	<i>Aloe</i> x 'Hi-Vana'
3. Jim Hanna	<i>Aloe descoingsii</i>
3. Jim Hanna	<i>Aloe</i> 'Warren'

### Cactus - Intermediate

1. Laverne Pitzer	<i>Mammillaria bombycina</i>
2. Dot Miller	<i>Mammillaria bombycina</i>
3. Laverne Pitzer	<i>Mammillaria bombycina densum</i>

### Succulent - Intermediate

1. Laverne Pitzer	<i>Aloe</i> sp.
2. Laverne Pitzer	<i>Aloe deltoideodonta</i>
3. Dot Miller	<i>Aloe</i> 'Winter Day'
3. Dot Miller	<i>Aloe jucunda</i>

### Cactus - Beginner

1. Bob Gillett	<i>Mammillaria bombycina</i>
2. Ken Krill	<i>Mammillaria bombycina</i>
3. Ken Krill	<i>Mammillaria occidentalis</i>

### Succulent - Beginner

1. Scott Bunnell	<i>Aloe plicatilis</i>
2. Bob Gillett	<i>Aloe</i> 'Green Gold'
2. Richardson/Davis	<i>Aloe fratenis</i>
3. Phyllis Jaskulski	<i>Aloe vera</i>



**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT  
CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS  
FOR 2002**

- JAN. 12**            **SAN DIEGO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY WINTER SHOW  
AND SALE, BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA.  
INFO. CALL #619-477-4779**
- APR. 13 & 14**      **SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW &  
SALE AT SO. COAST BOTONICAL GARDENS  
26300 CRENSHAW BL., PALOS VERDES, CA. #310-832-22**
- APR. 26 & 27**      **GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM**
- MAY 4 & 5**        **SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM  
4117 OVERLAND AVE. CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. #310-822-1783**
- MAY 18 & 19**      **GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 27th SHOW AND  
SALE—SAT. 1 TO 5    SUN. 10 TO 5 ———SAT. SALE STARTS AT 10 am  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM, 2024 ORANGE TREE LANE  
REDLANDS,CA.**
- JUN. 1 & 2**        **SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY —SHOW AND SALE  
BALBOA PARK    ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO.—#619-477-4779**
- JUN. pending**      **LA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
116633 MAGNOLIA BL. ENCINO—INFO. 818-892-1669    STEVE FRIEZE**
- JULY 6 & 7**        **CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE —HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL  
GARDENS    AT 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.  
626-405-2160 or 2277**
- AUG. 24 & 25**      **16th ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE—LA COUNTY ARBORETUM  
301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA,CA. INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH  
AT 626-798-2430 or GENE OSTER AT 818-998-9306**
- AUG. 31**            **HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM  
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON.**
- SEPT. 22**          **LONG BEACH CLUB ANNUAL AUCTION AT DOMINGEUZ ADOBE  
18127 SO. ALAMEDA ST. COMPTON (DOMINGUEZ HILLS) CA.**
- OCT. 12 & 13**      **ORANGE COUNTY SHOW SALE TO BE HELD AT THE FULLERTON  
ARBORETUM**
- OCT. 19 & 20**      **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SHOW AND SALE— LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE.**



## AWARDS FOR REED PITZER AND FATHER PAT

An plaque for **Exceptional Member Service** was awarded to **Reed Pitzer** for his many, many hours of hard work for the club. Thank you, Reed!

An award of **Life Time Membership** was made to **Father Pat McPolin** for his gracious and loyal support of our club through the years. Father Pat filled us in on events at the Adobe:

### ALAMEDA CORRIDOR

Street lights on Alameda are on again after nearly four years. Work on the **Alameda Corridor** is nearly finished. It will open on time and on budget at this location on April 15. Father Pat closely monitored the construction, wearing his hardhat with the "El Jefe" label. Due to his efforts trees will be planted every ten feet and the middle divider of the road will be paved with concrete cobblestones rather than asphalt. A fifteen foot high, graffiti-proof sound wall will separate the railroad tracks from the road.

### REFURBISHING THE ADOBE

The **Adobe** has been closed for refurbishing four months and will be closed for another four. Repairing termite damage has cost \$120,000. The heirs of the Dominguez family have been helping; the building now has all new hardwood floors, but all new drapery is also needed. The county insists on earthquake retrofitting which is costing \$250,000. The exterior plaster is complete and looks magnificent. The stolen gates are being replaced. September is the target date when the Adobe, with everything first class, will reopen for tours. As noted on page 1, Father Pat would appreciate **donations of cacti and succulents** for the pots around the fountain and building.

Father Pat concluded, "Long live the Long Beach Cactus Club and God bless all of you!"

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## Long Beach Cactus Club Membership Application

2002 DUES INFORMATION -- ONE YEAR:

Regular Membership	\$ 10.00
Senior Membership (retired person, age 65 or older)	7.00
Associate (same household)	2.50

Please make out checks to LBCC (Long Beach Cactus Club) and give or send them to Treasurer, Sandra Fletcher, P.O. Box 3366, Gardena, CA 90247-7066

Renew or join on or before the Holiday Party to receive a free plant as a thank you from the club. These will be distributed at the party or in January.

NEW MEMBER  RENEWAL  TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSOCIATE MEMBER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_ TWO MOST FAVORITE CACTI OR SUCCULENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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CACTUS &  
**SUCCULENT  
SHOW & SALE**

*PRESENTED BY THE SOUTH COAST  
CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY*

SAT. & SUN. APRIL 13 & 14, 2002, 9am to 4pm.

SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS  
26300 CRENSHAW BLVD. PALOS VERDES PENINSULA  
OUTSTANDING DISPLAYS BY SELECTED GROWERS  
INDIVIDUALS AND LOCAL CLUBS

*TWO PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN ON SUNDAY FOR THE  
BEST EDUCATIONAL AND ARTISTIC DISPLAY. TROPHIES DESIGNED  
BY SANDRA W. COOPER.*

For more information contact Dick Hulett at 310-832-2262 or E-mail at [airobatic@aol.com](mailto:airobatic@aol.com)  
, Carol Causey at 310-675-5843; Jim Hanna at 562-920-3046 or [aloccats1@aol.com](mailto:aloccats1@aol.com).

**DIRECTIONS:** Coming from the 10, take 405 south to Crenshaw, go south on  
Crenshaw or take 110 south to Pacific Coast Hwy., go west to Crenshaw and turn left.

The cactus in this picture is *Melocactus warasii*, called a "Turk's Cap," because it flowers  
the dense "cap" of spines at its crown. Come and see more! Or, Come and learn more!



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