

February 2003

Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

Founded 1933; Affiliate of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc.

GRAMMER ON STAGING

PROGRAM: LARRY GRAMMER will present a lecture/demonstration on STAGING CACTI AND SUCCULENTS. Larry has been a grower for many years. He was the LBCC Co-Chairman for the Inter-City Show for fifteen years. He is well known for his creative and artistic staging. In recognition of his many contributions to the hobby and to this club he was awarded honorary membership.

This is your chance to get an early start on your preparation for this year's shows. Bring plants to get ideas about staging them or even watch an expert shape them up as part of the demonstration. Even if you aren't planning on showing your plants, this is an opportunity to learn how to enhance the pleasure you get from your cacti and succulents by choosing the right pot, the right rocks, the right pruning techniques. Don't miss out!

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 23, 2003 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: *Rebutia, Sulcorebutia*
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 **H through L** 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.

BOARD MEETING: After the regular meeting (after 4:30 p.m.) there will be a board meeting at Baker's Square, 5520 E. South St., Lakewood, (562) 804-2451. Officers, board and committee members are all invited.

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2003

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 John & Edwina Caceres, Bob Gillett, Dick Hulett (Past President), and Dot Miller.

COMMITTEES:

AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE Lisa Smith
BIRTHDAY/PRIZE PLANTS Jim Hanna
GARDEN CURATOR Open
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 Edwina Caceres
 Frances Gillett
 Carol Causey
 Dot Miller

SHOW & TELL TABLE
SUNSHINE

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 plant, water and maintain our garden. 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.

2003 POM YEAR-TO-DATE STANDINGS THROUGH JANUARY

Advanced

1. Hanna 11
 2. Hulett 10
 3. Fletcher, H.&S. 5

Intermediate

1. Miller 13
 2. Warzybok 10
 3. Pitzer 5

Beginner

1. Wagner 11
 2. Crowley 10
 2. Gillett 10
 3. Larson 5

JANUARY PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

Judges: Dick Hulett, Harry Fletcher, Gloria Crowley

Cactus - Advanced

1. Dick Hulett *Ferocactus chrysacanthus*
 2. H. & S. Fletcher *Ferocactus chrysacanthus*

Cactus - Intermediate

1. Hank Warzybok *Ferocactus covillei*
 2. Dot Miller *Ferocactus latispinus*
 3. Laverne Pitzer *Ferocactus ingens*

Cactus - Beginner

1. Gloria Crowley *Ferocactus glaucescens*
 2. Gloria Crowley *Ferocactus* sp.
 3. Bob Gillett *Ferocactus macrodiscus*

Succulent - Advanced

1. Jim Hanna *Crassula 'Morgan's Beauty'*
 2. Jim Hanna *Crassula 'Claudia'*
 3. Dick Hulett *Crassula socialis*

Succulent - Intermediate

1. Dot Miller *Crassula 'Dorothy'*
 2. Hank Warzybok *Crassula hybrid*
 3. Dot Miller *Crassula ausiensis*

Succulent - Beginner

1. Earlean Wagner *Crassula hottentota*
 2. Bob Gillett *Crassula corymbulosa*
 3. James Larson *Crassula* sp.
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2003 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.

2003 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH (tentative)

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTUS</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
January	<i>Ferocactus</i>	<i>Crassula</i>
February	<i>Rebutia, Sulcorebutia</i>	<i>Aeonium</i>
March	<i>Melocactus</i>	<i>Aloe</i>
April	<i>Gymnocalycium</i>	<i>Haworthia</i>
May	<i>Ariocarpus</i>	<i>Sedum,</i>
June	Favorite Cacti	Favorite Succulent
July	<i>Echinocereus</i>	<i>Gasteria</i>
August	<i>Cereus</i> and other columnars	<i>Echeveria</i>
September	LBCC AUCTION	
October	<i>Mammillaria</i> clusters	Mesembs other than <i>Lithops</i>
November	Miniatures under 3"	Miniatures under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

Long Beach Cactus Club Membership Application

2003 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: _____

CACTUS and SUCCULENT SHOW and SALE



SAT. & SUN. APRIL 12 & 13, 2003, 9am to 4pm
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS
26300 CRENSHAW BLVD. PALOS VERDES PENINSULA

SEE outstanding displays by selected growers!

VOTE for the best!

ASK experts how they grow their plants!

BUY plants from top growers!

For more information contact Dick Hulett at 310-832-2262 (E-mail airobatic@aol.com);
Carol Causey at 310-675-5843; Jim Hanna at 562-920-3046 or alocats1@aol.com.

DIRECTIONS: From I 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.

**A SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
SOCIETY PRESENTATION**