

February 2004

Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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

STAGING WINTER GROWING SUCCULENTS

PROGRAM: KAREN OSTER, will present a program on staging winter growing succulents. She will show slides, present example plants and talk about their care. The selection of plants include Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon, Avonia, Anacampseros, Lithops, Conophytum, Sedum, Sedum, Cheirodopsis, Ornithogallum to name a few. She says, "I never met a plant I didn't like. Is it green? Does it grow? I like that!" As well as cacti and succulents she has raised orchids, African violets, and roses. She has raised from seed lilies and bulbs, a *Dracena australis* that is now twenty feet tall, Lithops, saguaro, *Strelitzia regina* (bird of paradise) and an *Aloe bainesii* that is now ten feet tall though still in a pot. She became active in the C&S scene in the mid eighties when the Inter-City Show began. She is a knowledgeable and joyously enthusiastic speaker.

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 22, 2004 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* straight spine
Succulent: *Haworthia*

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 **K through P** 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.

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2004

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DIRECTORS, in alphabetical order, are John & Edwina Caceres, Bob Gillett, Dick Hulett (Past President), and Dot Miller.

COMMITTEES:

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		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 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.

Southern California Cactus and Succulent Events - 2004

- Apr. 10-11** South Coast C&SS Show & Sale, South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes. (310) 832-2262
- Apr.** South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale, South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes. (310) 831-1209
- Apr. 24-25** Green Scene Plant Sale, Fullerton Arboretum
- May 1-2** Sunset Succulent Society Show & Sale, Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA. (310) 822-1783.
- May 16** Huntington Botanical Garden Spring Sale, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. 10 to 5. (626) 405-2160.
- Jul. 1-3** CSSA Show and Sale, Huntington Botanical Garden, San Marino, CA. Plant sales only on the 1st (free admission day). (626) 405-2160 or 2277.
- Aug. 14-15** Intercity Cactus and Succulent Show, LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA.
- Sep. 4** 21st Huntington Succulent Symposium, Huntington Botanical Gardens, San Marino
- Oct. 16-17** San Gabriel Valley C&SS Winter Show, LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia CA.

2004 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.

2004 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTUS</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
January	<i>Astrophytum</i>	<i>Agave</i>
February	<i>Mammillaria</i> straight spine	<i>Haworthia</i>
March	Opuntioideae	<i>Adromischus</i>
April	Crest/monstrose	Crest/monstrose
May	<i>Stenocactus/Echinofossilocactus</i>	Bromeliaceae
June	Favorite Cacti (3)	Favorite Succulent (3)
July	<i>Neoporteria/Neochilenia</i>	Caudiciform <i>Euphorbia</i> of Africa
August	Inter-City Show & Sale	
September	LBCC Auction	
October	<i>Parodia/Notocactus</i>	<i>Pachypodium</i>
November	Miniatures under 3" (3)	Miniatures under 3" (3)
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

2004 POM YEAR-TO-DATE STANDINGS THROUGH JANUARY

<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Beginner</u>
1. Hulett 19	1. Jaskulski 20	1. Gillett 20
2. Hanna 13	2. Pitzer 14	1. Ohlinder 20
2. Fletcher, H.&S. 13	3. Miller 13	2. Luhnnow 12
3. Duke 6	4. Tan, S. 1	3. Crowley 8
		4. Tan, K 1

JANUARY PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

Judges: Gary Duke, Dick Hulett, Gary James

Cactus - Advanced

1. Dick Hulett *Astrophytum ornatum*
2. Dick Hulett *Astrophytum asterias*
3. Dick Hulett *Astrophytum capricorne*

Cactus - Intermediate

1. Laverne Pitzer *Astrophytum ornatum*
2. Phyllis Jaskulski *Astrophytum asterias*
3. Dot Miller *Astrophytum sp.*

Cactus - Beginner

1. Bob Gillett *Astrophytum myriostigma*
2. Karenn Ohlinder *Astrophytum capricorne*
3. Karenn Ohlinder *Astrophytum myriostigma*

Succulent - Advanced

1. Jim Hanna *Agave patonii* dwarf
2. H. & S. Fletcher *Agave utahensis v. eborispina*
3. Jim Hanna *Agave x 'Kissygokan'* dwarf
3. H. & S. Fletcher *Agave neopolii*
- HM H. & S. Fletcher *Agave victoriae-reginae*

Succulent - Intermediate

1. Phyllis Jaskulski *Agave victoriae-reginae*
2. Dot Miller *Agave potatorum* dwarf
3. Phyllis Jaskulski *Agave toumeyana*
3. Laverne Pitzer *Agave sp.*

Succulent - Beginner

1. Bob Gillett *Agave victoriae-reginae*
2. Gloria Crowley *Agave victoriae-reginae*
3. John Luhnnow *Agave potatorum*
3. John Luhnnow *Agave stricta 'Nana'*
3. John Luhnnow *Agave - common Utah century*
3. Karenn Ohlinder *Agave stricta 'Nana'*
3. Karenn Ohlinder *Agave sp.*

CSSA Promotional Article (2004 #1)

There have been some changes recently with respect to CSSA publications as a number of you may already be aware. **Russell Wagner** is the new editor of the CSSA Journal. **Tom Glavich** has been interim newsletter editor for November/December 2003 and January/February 2004. Our new newsletter editor **Peter Boekenthien** will begin his editorship of *To the Point* with the March/April issue. We are sure that they will continue the high standards set by **Myron Kinnach** and **Carol Clapp**, respectively.

Two CSSA sponsored overseas field trips are scheduled for 2004, a **Madagascar trip** with **John Lavranos** as tour leader in May and a trip to **Chile** to visit *Copiapoas*, etc., in habitat scheduled for October/November. Being able to participate in these trips is one of the many benefits of CSSA membership. Yet another benefit of membership is access to our **Seed Depot**, which makes available to members seeds of rare succulents at very reasonable prices. This benefit should appeal to all you seed growing aficionados out there. Attendance at our **biennial conventions** is yet another membership benefit and our 2005 convention in **Phoenix** in the heart of cactus country, promises to be one of the best ever. More details will appear in subsequent articles as convention plans develop. The CSSA website will also provide updates. For a complete list of other CSSA services to members, see the listing in any issue of the CSSA newsletter, *To the Point* or go to the CSSA website <http://www.cssainc.org>. Membership information is available at both the above-mentioned sites.

The administration of the CSSA continues to be concerned about membership numbers which have been fairly stagnant in recent years. We are far from the only organization facing this problem. We now have a **Membership Committee** whose task it is to address this issue. As I have mentioned before, the more members we have the more benefits we can offer our membership. In the coming months the committee will be kicking around a number of ideas for increasing our membership and we are certainly open to any suggestions that might occur to readers of this article. I would definitely appreciate any feedback on the issue of CSSA membership and ways to increase it. Please feel free to contact me by E-mail (b.barth@mail.utexas.edu) or snail mail (602 Terrace Mountain Drive, Austin, Texas 78746).

Thanking you in advance for any input, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Bob Barth
Publicity Chair
CSSA Board of Directors

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Bush gave his state of the union message in January so I'm a little late with mine.

Our club is doing fine! We started 2004 with a very informative tour of the historic adobe. Thanks to Betty Gemelli and Ed Brzezinski for their expertise on this special place in history.

Woody has great programs planned for us as he has in years past. John Caceres and Bob Gillett continue to weed and prune our garden. They can use all the help they can get. Edwina has some new ideas for our library. Jim Hanna keeps us supplied with great birthday plants and door prizes. Our newsletter is always on time thanks to the efforts of Lisa with the help from Alice Richardson. Money is never a problem thanks to all the work of Sandy Fletcher. Thanks to all who continue to make our club a success.

The South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society has graciously and unanimously agreed to let our club join with theirs for the holiday dinner. Gift exchange and plant auction will be part of the event. Details to follow as we get close to the holidays.

News on a more personal note is that I will not be running for president for the 2005 term. I'm letting everyone know early so we can begin thinking of who would like to serve next year. I enjoyed doing these past years and I want to move on to other things.


— Hank Warzybok

PLANT GROWING CONTEST 2004

Each year at the holiday party members receive a special plant to care for during the coming year. This year's plant is the cactus *Discocactus buenekeri* provided by Woody Minnich. It is a true miniature from the Bahia region of Brazil where it grows in moss and on rocks. The quarter size plants do not get any bigger but they offset readily and most specimens had at least three or four pups. The small globes can form sizable clusters but the pups have their own roots and can readily be detached and potted. It has pectinate spines very close to the body which makes it a pettable cactus. After several years a three inch tall flower, pure white and extremely fragrant, develops from the wooly white cephalium. At this year's holiday party we will see will see how much everyone's plant has thrived.

2004 LBCC PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Woody Minnich, Programs (661) 944-2784

Mar	28	Gary Duke	BORREGO SPRINGS.
Apr	25	Kelly Griffin	DUDLEYA.
May	23	Juergen Menzel	COLD HARDY CACTUS OF THE U.S.
Jun.	27	Tom Knapik	CHILE. (Tentative)
Jul.	25	Harry & Sandy Fletcher	STAGING FOR BEGINNERS.
Aug.		NO MEETING	INTERCITY SHOW — Aug. 14-15
Sep.	26	ANNUAL AUCTION	LBCC PLANT AUCTION.
Oct.	24	Woody Minnich	RECENT MINIATURE JEWELS OF MEXICO.
Nov.	21	Phil Favell	YEMEN.
Dec.	12		HOLIDAY FEAST, FESTIVITIES & AUCTION.

CACTUS and SUCCULENT SHOW and SALE

**SAT. & SUN. APRIL 10 & 11, 2004, 9am
to 4pm**

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**For more information contact Dick Hulett at 310-832-2262 (E-mail
petplants@sbcglobal.net); Carol Causey at 310-675-5843; Jim Hanna at
562-920-3046 or aloecats1@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.**

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