

*January 2022*

# ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club  
Founded 1933; Affiliate of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc.



*Agave inflorescences decorated for Christmas, photo by Andrew Lander*

## Message from the President

Hello Long Beach,

Sunday is our first meeting of 2022. It will be the start of our 89<sup>th</sup> year, one year closer to 90. What better way to welcome the new year than with a presentation from past President Ken Shaw on the history of our club. How did our club get its foundation and who started it? We are the oldest ongoing club in the country, second only to the Cactus and Succulent Society of America which started a couple years before us in 1929. We will be 90 in 2023.

As we bring in the new year, we are still in a place where we need to care for ourselves and those around us. Properly worn masks are still required at meetings regardless of your vaccine status. As new variants come up, cause that's what viruses

do, we'll have to meet the challenges as they present themselves. I'm hoping to not let them interfere with our meetings and we will take precautions as necessary but that said, there is no reason that we should miss a meeting day. Even if we have to cancel in person meetings, they will go on as Zoom meetings. So... I guess what I'm saying is that you're stuck with us! This soon to be 90-year-old club will someday be 100. We need to make sure of it.

It has been a busy time for me in my garden. Lots of potting up long overdue plants. Lots of Aloes have new homes and I'm getting ready to replant some of my Conophytums. I repotted many bulbs as Autumn came and I watched them, haven't lost any from that. Next year, I'll try some of the harder to get bulbs. Trying to "play with my plants."

As some of you know, I am a volunteer at the Huntington Botanical Garden. I help out with various things but right now I am refreshing Echinopsis plants. That means, repotting and trimming roots. To me that is totally counter intuitive, working on cacti during the winter. My take away, don't be afraid of your plants. If something really needs to be done, try it. I would not recommend you experiment on all of your plants, just the ones you feel aren't hard to replace. I won't be doing this on all of my summer growers but I am not afraid to try it if I need to.

This new year of in-person meetings, will bring back our POM. We'll be tracking it. This month's POM:

Cactus: Echinocereus  
Succulent: Haworthia

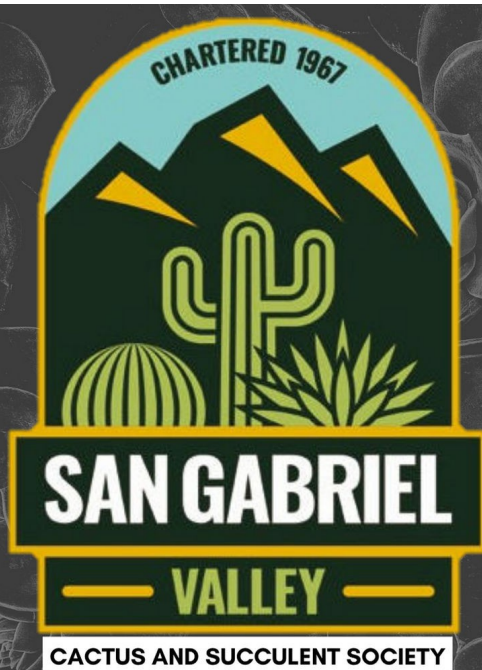
Our Snacks will be brought to us by the letters A and B. So, if your last name starts with an A or B please bring a snack to share. Let's start off this year not wondering if anyone else is going to bring them. Bringing snacks is one way to give back to the club.

There are many great organizations out there, you are probably a part of one or more. As you know, being an active part of an organization helps the organization succeed. A good example is our participation in the Inter-City Show. Our club's participation has increased exponentially the last few years and believe me, people have noticed. There are plenty of things you can do to contribute to this club's success. If you aren't sure how you can do this, ask me. I promise I won't put you in charge of something! I will work with you. Start off easy, like participating in bringing in snacks, bring in a POM each month, volunteer at one or two of our events. Ask a volunteer if they need help with something. Come early and help set up or stay late and help tear down meetings. Any help is appreciated.

Bring stuff to sell if you want. Don't have to ask for this meeting! Come early to help set up.

I hope to see lots of you on Sunday. Take care and stay safe,

James



**SALE: 2/4-2/6**  
**SHOW: 2/5- 2/6**  
**11AM-5PM**

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

## 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	

## 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

## LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2022

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PHOTOGRAPHER	Alon Ronn	REFRESHMENTS	Amy Angulo
PLANT SALE	TBA	AUCTION	Gretchen Lewotsky
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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)