

January 2003

Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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FLORA AND FAUNA OF SOUTH FLORIDA OR SWIMMING WITH THE MANATEES

PROGRAM: PRESIDENT HANK WARZYBOK will present a slide lecture on **FLORA AND FAUNA OF SOUTH FLORIDA or SWIMMING WITH THE MANATEES**. This past fall Hank took a ten day trip with the Los Angeles Sierra Club to visit the natural parks and wetland reserves of South Florida. Included will be such locales as Key West, Sanibel Island, Everglades National Park, Big Cypress Swamp National Preserve, Homasassa Springs Wildlife Park and Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. We will see many Tillandsias and palms, alligators, anahingas and other unique birds and, of course, have an intimate view of the manatees. Come and find out if you can see why early sailors on long voyages often confused manatees with mermaids.

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, January 26, 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: *Ferocactus*
Succulent: *Crassula*

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 **A through G** 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 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:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE | Lisa Smith | NEWSLETTER | Lisa Smith |
| BIRTHDAY/PRIZE PLANTS | Jim Hanna | PROGRAMS | Woody Minnich |
| GARDEN CURATOR | Open | PUBLICITY - LOCAL | Carol Causey |
| HISTORIAN | Laverne Pitzer | PUBLICITY - SHOWS | Dick Hulett |
| INTER-CITY SHOW CHAIRMAN | Harry Fletcher | REFRESHMENTS | Frances Gillett/ Dot Miller |
| LIBRARY | Carol Causey | SHOW & TELL TABLE | Carol Causey |
| MEMBERSHIP | Sandra Fletcher | 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.

2002 POM FINAL STANDINGS

| <u>Advanced</u> | <u>Intermediate</u> | <u>Beginner</u> | | | |
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| 1. Fletcher, H.&S. 107 | 1. Pitzer 96 | 1. Gillett 102 | 5. Bunnell 6 | | |
| 2. Hanna 59 | 2. Miller 90 | 2. Jaskulski 53 | 5. Krulik 6 | | |
| 3. Hulett 51 | 3. Williams 27 | 3. Wagner 33 | 5. Richardson/Davis 6 | | |
| 4. Duke 32 | 4. Caceres 12 | 4. Krill 25 | 6. Tan 2 | | |
| 5. Causey 24 | | | | | |
| 6. Wujcik 4 | | | | | |

NOVEMBER PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

Judge - Leo Martin, Bob Gillett, C.J. Lam

Cactus - Advanced

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| 1. Gary Duke | <i>Epithelantha micromeris</i> crest |
| 2. Dick Hulett | <i>Wilcoxia samolii</i> crest |
| 3. H. & S. Fletcher | <i>Sulcorebutia</i> sp. Crest |

Cactus - Intermediate

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|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Laverne Pitzer | <i>Stenocereus</i> sp. crest |
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Cactus - Beginner

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| 1. Bob Gillett | <i>Epithelantha micromeris</i> crest |
| 2. Bob Gillett | <i>Opuntia</i> sp. crest |

Succulent - Advanced

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| 1. Jim Hanna | <i>Haworthia cymbiformis</i> |
| 2. H. & S. Fletcher | <i>Agave</i> sp. variegata |
| 3. Jim Hanna | <i>Agave victoria regina</i> v. <i>alba marginata</i> |

Succulent - Intermediate

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|-------------------|---|
| 1. Laverne Pitzer | <i>Euphorbia lactea</i> variegata-crest |
| 2. Dot Miller | <i>Aloe subfasciata</i> variegata |
| 3. Dot Miller | <i>Haworthia retusa</i> variegata |

Succulent - Beginner

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| 1. Bob Gillett | <i>Haworthia limifolia</i> |
| 2. Bob Gillett | <i>Furcraea</i> |

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 | INTER-CITY SHOW | |
| 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:

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| 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: _____

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES, 2002

About thirty-five people attended our year-end party and lunch on December 15, 2002 at Baker's Square in Lakewood. The new panel of officers and directors for 2003 (see page 2) was introduced. The Top Ten cumulative point holders for **Plant-of-the-Month** in 2002 (see page 2) received their **award plants** which were provided by **Woody Minnich's** Cactus Data Plants. New and renewing members received free plants which were brought by **Jim Hanna**

The **Christmas plants** from past years were judged by Gary James. Congratulations to all who have kept their plants alive and growing. This year's new plant is *Gerardanthus macrorhizus* a member of the cucumber family with a round caudex and vine-like foliage. Petra Crist explained that this plant can be left outside and produces a creamy yellow flower with a dark center. In the summer it likes lots of water. The caudex should be kept out of the sun although exposing the leaves is acceptable. We will see how everyone has done with this specimen at our 2003 party.

The show ready the plants for our **mini-auction** were provided by **Petra Crist, Larry Grammer, Dick Hulett** and **Woody Minnich**. Woody was the auctioneer. Bidding was spirited and enthusiastic.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in making 2002 a success. We hope to see you in 2003!

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FIRST CLASS PLEASE

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2003 ?

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