

January 2004

Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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

RANCHO TOUR

PROGRAM: In a very special meeting we are going to have our own guided tour of the Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum led by trained docents. A brief history of the Rancho is included inside this newsletter. The Rancho provides us with a view of life in old California but this is not all. There is a special section devoted to the 1910 Dominguez Air Meet. The Dominguez family donated the land for the first such meet in America. It attracted fliers from all over the world including aviation pioneers Louis Paulhan, Glenn Curtiss and Paul Willard. Over 175,000 people paid to attend the week-long event which is represented in the museum by contemporary photographs, memorabilia and a diorama. You won't want to miss this.

The tour will start at 1:00 p.m., not 1:30. After the tour we will meet in the cafeteria for refreshments, Plant-of-the-Month and the plant raffle.

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. For the tour we will assemble by the rose garden.

TIME: Sunday, January 25, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Tour at 1:00 p.m. Setup in cafeteria after the tour.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH: Cactus: *Astrophytum*
Succulent: *Agave*

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 **E through J** 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.

HUNTINGTON SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM REPORT: Harry and Sandy Fletcher, winners of our drawing for free admission, will give their report on what they learned at the 2003 Symposium.

BOARD MEETING: After the regular meeting (around 4:30 p.m.) there will be a board meeting in our room at the Rancho. Officers, board and committee members are all invited.

NEXT MEETING: February 22, 2004. Program to be announced

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2004

PRESIDENT	Hank Warzybok (562) 429-7110	SECRETARY	Lisa Smith (562) 439-8056
VICE-PRESIDENT	Gary Duke (714) 840-0505	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	NEWSLETTER	Lisa Smith
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HISTORIAN	Laverne Pitzer	PUBLICITY - SHOWS	Dick Hulett
INTER-CITY SHOW CHAIRMAN	Harry Fletcher	REFRESHMENTS	Edwina Caceres
LIBRARY	Carol Causey	SHOW & TELL TABLE	Frances Gillett
MEMBERSHIP	Sandra Fletcher	SUNSHINE	Carol Causey
			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

- Feb. 14** San Diego C&SS Winter Show, 101 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego.
- Apr. 10-11** South Coast C&SS Show & Sale, South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes.
- May 16** Huntington Botanical Garden Spring Sale, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA.
- Jul. 1-3** CSSA Show and Sale, Huntington Botanical Garden, San Marino, CA.
- 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
- Sep. 26** Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Auction, Dominguez Adobe.
- 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	

2003 POM YEAR-TO-DATE STANDINGS THROUGH NOVEMBER

<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Beginner</u>
1. Fletcher, H.&S. 204	1. Pitzer 159	5. Williams 16
2. Hanna 97	2. Miller 117	1. Gillett 180
3. Hulett 53	3. Warzybok 70	2. Jaskulski 104
4. Duke 37	4. Caceres 36	3. Krulik 33
		4. Crowley 22
		5. Luhnnow 18
		6. Tan, S. 6
		5. Wagner 18
		6. Tan, K 15
		7. Ohlinder 3

NOVEMBER PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

Judges: Woody Minnch, Dick Hulett, Forrest Richardson

Cactus - Advanced

1. Dick Hulett *Mammillaria coahuilensis minnichii*
2. Dick Hulett *Mammillaria pectinifera*
3. Dick Hulett *Mammillaria sanchez-mejoradaei*

Succulent - Advanced

1. H. & S. Fletcher *Dioscorea elephantipes*
2. Jim Hanna *Operculicarya decaryi*
3. Jim Hanna *Euphorbia ambovombensis*

Cactus - Intermediate

1. Laverne Pitzer *Opuntia* sp.
2. John Caceres *Copiapoa tenuissima*
3. John Caceres *Copiapoa tenuissima*

Succulent - Intermediate

1. John Caceres *Gasteria* sp.
2. John Caceres *Agave ferdinandi-regis*
3. Laverne Pitzer *Agave* sp.

Cactus - Beginner

1. Gary Krulik *Mammillaria sanchez-mejoradaei*
2. Bob Gillett *Opuntia* sp.
3. Gary Krulik *Lophophora fricii*

Succulent - Beginner

1. John Luhnnow *Delosperma* sp.
2. John Luhnnow *Sedum* sp.
3. John Luhnnow *Gasteria* sp.
3. Gary Krulik *Tylecodon pearsonii*

DOMINGUEZ RANCHO ADOBE MUSEUM

A Brief History



California's history and growth are intimately bound up in the unique institution, "The Rancho".

To promote colonization, Spain allowed Land Grants to civil servants and some private citizens. This program began under King Carlos III, and the first one to take advantage of this offer was Juan Jose Dominguez. He was a retired Spanish Soldier who came to California with the Portolá Expedition and Father Junipero Serra in 1769.

Early in 1784, he requested and was given the **First Land Grant** – called **Rancho San Pedro** – a magnificent spread of 75,000 acres south of Los Angeles with an ocean outlet on the west at Redondo Beach and on the south at the site of the entire Los Angeles Harbor.

The land has passed successively to Dominguez heirs who even today maintain ownership through the Carson Estate Company (Victoria Dominguez heirs) and the Watson Industrial Properties (Dolores Dominguez heirs).

To perpetuate the name Dominguez (since Manuel Dominguez had no male heirs) his daughters gave the 17-acre homestead plot and their Adobe home (built in 1826) to the Claretian Fathers in 1922. This has all been restored and is now an historic museum – **California Historical Landmark No. 152** – and since 1976 on the **National Register of Historic places** of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The first Rancho saw the beginning of family life; agriculture, cattle raising,

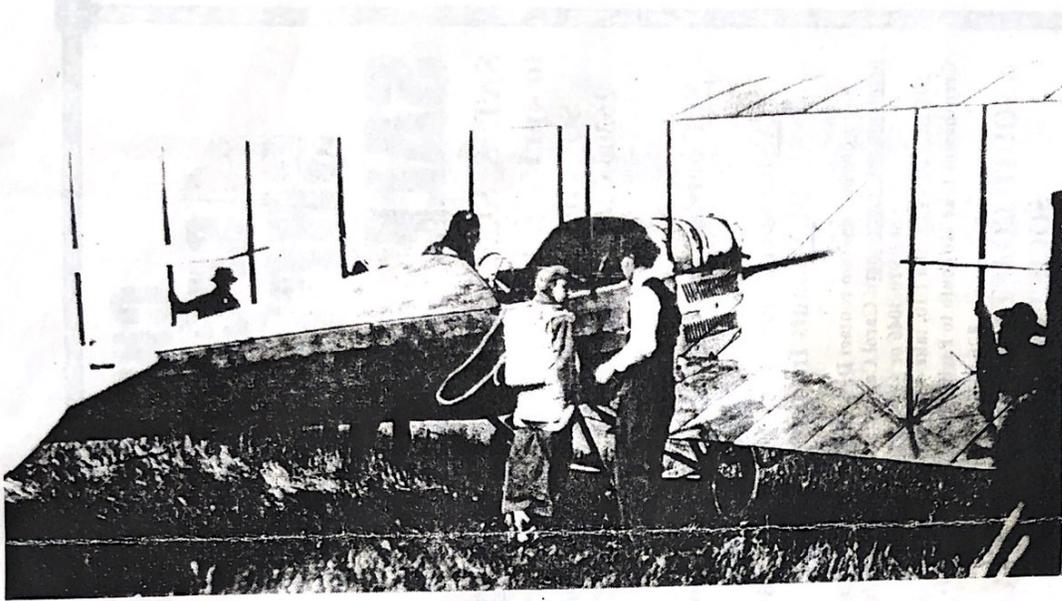
and industry in Southern California. It was the site of the first Air Meet in the United States in 1910, the location of the first manned flight in California and also the home of the Goodyear Blimp. As such, the Rancho has great historical significance to California from cultural as well as industrial standpoints.

The forerunner to today's Alameda Corridor – an express route for trucks and trains carrying products from and to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach – was the Los Angeles San Pedro Railroad (1869). Part of the success was due to the donation Don Manuel Dominguez made of a strip of land through his Rancho.

In 1984, the U.S. Postmaster honored the Dominguez Adobe (the First Rancho's 200th Anniversary) by featuring the Adobe Home on the 1st Government postcard in it's Historic Preservation series.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AIRWAY



Tiny Broadwick.

Tiny Broadwick weighed less than 100 pounds and was four feet one inch tall. But she had proved herself as the leading parachutist in the United States when she appeared at the Air

Meet. Over 175,000 people paid to see her jump from a balloon in the Air Meet which ran from January 10th through January 20th, 1910. She made her home in Long Beach, California.

Long Beach Cactus Club Membership Application

2004 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 10 & 11, 2004, 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 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.

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