

July 2004

Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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FLORA & FAUNA OF COSTA RICA

PROGRAM: HANK WARZYBOK, will give a slide lecture on the **FLORA AND FAUNA OF COSTA RICA: PEOPLE, PLACES, PLANTS AND VOLCANOES**. Our globetrekking president's recent visit is featured in a travelog of the country. Costa Rica has a wide diversity of habitats from Pacific and Caribbean beaches to lowland jungle to cloud forests and montane environments on its volcanoes, the highest mountains in Central America (Mt. Irazú is 11,257 feet high). The country's commitment to conservation by designating 10% of its land for national parks has made it a prime destination for the ecotourist.

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, July 25, 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: *Neoporteria/Neochilenia*

Succulent: Caudiciform *Euphorbia* of Africa

This includes *E. stellata*, *micracantha*, *tortirama*, *squarrosa*, *knuthii*, *groenwaldii*, *tuberosa*, etc. (It excludes Madagascan species. Do not bring *E. ambovombensis*, *beharensis*, *cap-saintmariensis*, *eremersi*, *cylindrifolia*, *deearyi*, *francoisii*, *guillemetii*, *hedyotoides*, *morattii*, *neobosseri*, *pedilanthoides*, *platyclada*, *primulifolia*, *quartziticola*, *subapoda*)

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 **J through Q** 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.

NEXT MONTH: No meeting!!! Everyone is encouraged to attend the InterCity Show, August 14-15. That's right: our club's major fund raising event is coming up in less than a month. Get your plants ready for the show. Sign up to help out: volunteers are needed for the information table, the holding area, hospitality, security at the back gate and tabulation during judging. As we team up with the San Gabriel and Los Angeles clubs, let's make this year's event a big success.

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.

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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

(PLEASE VERIFY BEFORE GOING TO THE EVENT.)

- Aug. 14-15** Inter-City 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. 9-10** San Gabriel Valley C&SS Winter Show, LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia CA.

2004 LBCC PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Woody Minnich, Programs (661) 944-2784

Jul. 25	Hank Warzybok	FLORA & FAUNA OF COSTA RICA (Note program change: Harry & Sandy Fletcher are unable to do their staging program this month)
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.

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

MONTH

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

CACTUS

Astrophytum
Mammillaria straight spine
 Opuntioideae
 Crest/monstrose
Stenocactus/Echinofossilocactus
 Favorite Cacti (3)
Neoporteria/Neochilenia
 Inter-City Show & Sale
 LBCC Auction
Parodia/Notocactus
 Miniatures under 3" (3)

SUCCULENT

Agave
Haworthia
Adromischus
 Crest/monstrose
 Bromeliaceae
 Favorite Succulent (3)
 Caudiciform *Euphorbia* of Africa
Pachypodium
 Miniatures under 3" (3)

HOLIDAY PARTY

2004 POM YEAR-TO-DATE STANDINGS THROUGH JUNE

Advanced

1. Fletcher, H.&S 104
 2. Hanna 67
 3. Hulett 37
 4. Duke 35

Intermediate

1. Gillett 89
 2. Miller 66
 3. Jaskulski 63
 4. Pitzer 52

5. Caceres 41
 6. Tan, S. 17

Beginner

1. Luhnnow 114
 2. Ohlinder 66
 3. Tan, K. 37
 4. Crowley 33
 5. Bunnell 1

JUNE PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

Judges: Joey Betzler, John Drake, Skyler Richardson

Cactus - Advanced

1. Gary Duke *Mammillaria microthela*
 2. Gary Duke *Gymnocalycium denudatum*
 3. H. & S. Fletcher *Copiapoa carrizalensis*
 v. gigantea dichotomous
 HM Gary Duke *Mammillaria pringlei*

Cactus - Intermediate

1. John Caceres *Mammillaria formosa*
 2. Dot Miller *Ariocarpus fissuratus*
 3. Bob Gillett *Notocactus scopa*
 HM John Caceres *Mammillaria hahniana*

Cactus - Beginner

1. John Luhnnow *Gymnocalycium sp.*
 2. John Luhnnow *Copiapoa hypogaea*
 3. John Luhnnow *Gymnocalycium bruchii*
 HM Karenn Ohlinder *Mammillaria saboae*

Succulent - Advanced

1. Jim Hanna *Pachypodium 'Arid Lands'*
 2. Jim Hanna *Dorstenia gigas*
 3. H. & S. Fletcher *Agave utahensis v. eborispina*
 HM H. & S. Fletcher *Euphorbia unispina*

Succulent - Intermediate

1. Bob Gillett *Pachypodium rosulatum*
 2. John Caceres *Dyckia 'Toothy' hybrid*
 3. Phyllis Jaskulski *Drimyopsis maculata*
 HM Bob Gillett *Trichodia imiatus*

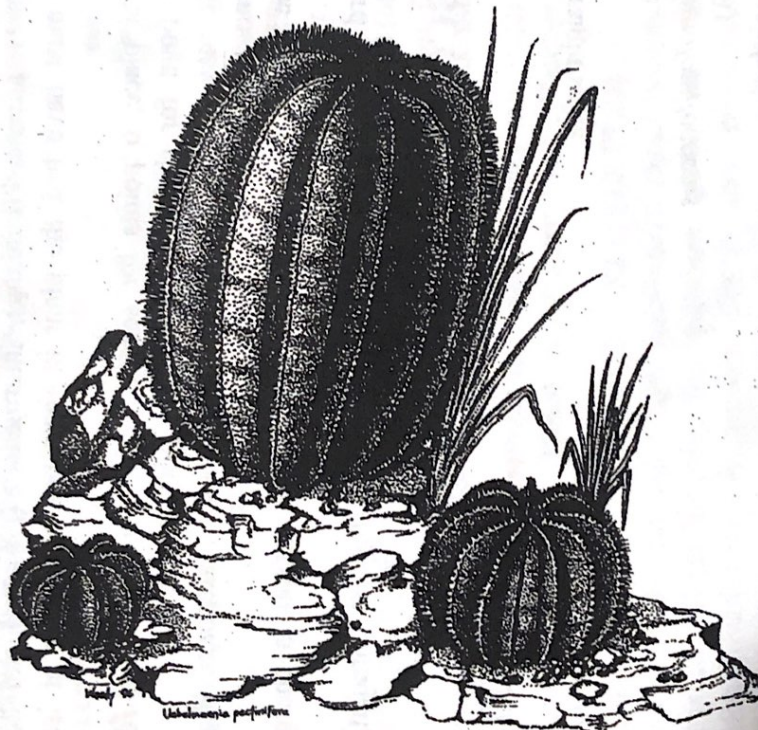
Succulent - Beginner

1. John Luhnnow *Portulacaria afra*
 2. John Luhnnow *Avonia buderiana*
 3. Kimberly Tan *Bursera fagaroides*
 HM Karenn Ohlinder *Euphorbia symmetrica*

19th Annual Inter-city Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale

Sat. and Sun. August 14 & 15, 2004 9 to 5

Los Angeles Arboretum and Botanic Garden
301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, CA



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