

*July 2021*

# ROADRUNNER NEWS

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



**MEETING PRESENTATION:** Russel Ray uses the Fibonacci sequence of numbers to look at the shape of plants, the number of plant ribs, the number of spines in areoles, golden angles, phyllotaxis (the divergence angle), golden triangles, Fibonacci triangles, golden squares, golden rectangles, circles, fractals, and, most fascinating to him, golden spirals. He brings a selection of live succulents showing nature's geometry and will have copies for sale of his book, "Nature's Geometry: Succulents" a soft-cover book with over 600 pictures in 174 pages, discounted to \$25 at the meeting.

Russel is from Kingsville, Texas, where he was born and raised by his paternal grandmother, and has lived in the San Diego area since April 1993. He has been self-employed his entire life, mostly as a "serial entrepreneur" specializing in getting companies through startup and growth phases. He has owned businesses in grocery export, antique restoration, roofing, landscaping, international & wireless telecommunications, heating & cooling, computer sales, writing & editing, typing & desktop publishing, construction, real estate agent, real estate investing & renovating, project management, business consultant, home inspector, photographer, and author.

## Message from the President

Hello Long Beach,

With so much going on I'm going to keep this column short. It will sure be nice to see all of you again and I'm looking forward to our first in-person meeting in some time.

Well we've made it through this far and restrictions have been eased to the point where we can start having in-person meetings. More about that in a separate email. The board voted to keep this first meeting as a members meeting. A chance for us to reconnect and settle in at our new place. All meetings after this will be open like all meetings before.

Our speaker this month is member Russel Ray. I guarantee, after his presentation, you will look at all plants a little differently, I know I do. I mean I really look at them.

The Inter-City Show is right around the corner August 7th and 8th, in preparation for that, we have changed the POM. It will be Favorites (again). It will be a chance for members who that have not shown plants in the past, to bring in plants that they are thinking about taking to the Inter-City. A good time for you to ask for advice or suggestions to prepare plants for the show. And for those who have entered plants, to give members a preview of what they might see. Remember, there is a category for Novice entries so if you haven't shown your plants before, you won't be competing with long time growers. Bring in some plants and get rid of the jitters. You will realize that you were worried about something you didn't have to be.

Inter-City Show and Sale volunteers are still needed. For questions about entering plants or volunteering, contact Crystal Eckman, our Inter-City Show Chair. Crystal's contact information is in this newsletter.

Don't forget to get/order your tee shirts. The design, printing, ordering, and distribution of the tees is being taken care of by our own Nelson Hernandez, aka @contrabando.la . He has even set up online ordering. More on that in this newsletter. The design is classic and is available in two colors. I have ordered one of each color for myself.

Stay safe and take care,

James

## Long Beach Cactus Club 2021 Plants of the Months

MONTH	CACTI	SUCCULENTS
January	Hooked spine Mammillaria	Tylecodon & Cotyledon
February	Copiapoa & Matucana	Crassula
March	Gymnocalycium	Aeonium
April	Melocactus	Echeveria
May	Cereus	African Euphorbia
June	Favorites (3)	Favorites (3)
July	Favorites (3)	Favorites (3)
August	Opuntia & Tephrocactus	Sansevieria
September		AUCTION
October	Ariocarpus	Agave
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December		HOLIDAY PARTY

## Information about the 2021 Inter-City Cactus Show & Sale

- **Location:** [Los Angeles Arboretum](#) 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia CA 91007
- **Dates:**
  1. The sale dates are Friday August 6th - Sunday August 8th
    - 1.1. Registers open at 9:00 AM each day but arboretum members can start shopping as early as 7:30 AM
  2. The show will only be open Saturday August 7th and Sunday August 8th
- **New Changes:**
  1. The arboretum has made a rule that only 150 non arboretum members will be allowed to enter per hour. For this, reservations will need to be purchased in advance and can be made on the arboretum website.
    - 1.1. Ticket reservation and price information can be [found here](#)
    - 1.2. July 6<sup>th</sup> is the first day you can reserve tickets for Friday August 6<sup>th</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup> for Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup>, and July 8<sup>th</sup> for August 8<sup>th</sup>.
    - 1.3. Once you enter you can stay as long as you would like, you are not limited only to the hour your reserve.
    - 1.4. Entry for non-arboretum members starts at **11:00 AM**
    - 1.5. The requirement to purchase a reservation in advance applies to **EVERYONE**, excluding volunteers the day they volunteer and exhibitors for the day they bring their plants.
  2. A reservation is **NOT REQUIRED for arboretum members**. Additionally, arboretum members are allowed earlier admission starting at 7:30 AM. If you are dying to get to the sale early or want a guaranteed time to attend, you might want to consider purchasing an arboretum membership ([Link to sign up](#))
- **Volunteers**
  1. You will **not** need to make an online reservation to volunteer.
  2. Please email me ([eckmancrystal@gmail.com](mailto:eckmancrystal@gmail.com)) if you can no longer volunteer due to the date changes or need to modify the dates/times you signed up for.
- **Exhibitors**
  1. You will **not** need to make an online reservation Wednesday-Friday when you are bringing your plants, or Sunday at 5:00 PM for pickup
  2. If you want to come to check on your plants anytime Saturday and Sunday, you do not have to make an advance reservation. There will be a sign in process to allow you to enter.
  3. Plant tags will be provided at the July club meeting to allow you to fill out information ahead of time for quicker placement of plants
  4. Plants can be brought at the following times:
    - 4.1. Wednesday August 4th, from 1 to 5PM
    - 4.2. Thursday August 5th, 8 AM to 9PM
    - 4.3. Friday August 6th, 7:30AM to 4PM

Inter-City show shirts will be available at the next club meeting for those who preordered and a limited supply for all others. Shirt prices are the following:

### **Long Sleeve**

S - XL \$ 12

XXL \$ 14

### **Short Sleeve**

S - XL \$ 10

2XL - 12

3 XL \$ 13







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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)

