

July 2022

ROADRUNNER NEWS

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



Two varieties of *Agave utahensis*, photos by Duke Benadon

PRESENTATION: Duke Benadon: *Agave utahensis* - The many forms and varieties of this fascinating species of *Agave* from the deserts of Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and California.

Duke has been involved with several cactus & succulent clubs and is a life member of three. He became a Director for the Cactus & Succulent Society of America (CSSA) in 1990, served as the CSSA's Show Chairman for more than a decade, and as Convention Chairman for six conventions. He served as Vice President and then President for a total of almost ten years, and as Editor of the Cactus & Succulent Journal for just over a year. He is the only recipient of all three of CSSA's top awards, *Superior Service*, *Special Service*, and *Fellow*. He was the author of the long-running CSJ column, *Superb Succulents*, since its inception. He enjoys flora and fauna, seed growing, traveling, photography, and sharing these experiences with others of similar interests.



Kazuko and Duke Benadon

message from the President

Hello Club Members,

Welcome to Summer 2022! This month's (July) meeting and our August meeting will be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month (July 10 and August 14) due to the CSSA Show and the Intercity Show; please plan accordingly.

The Club needs volunteers for the Intercity Show, August 5-8. Please contact Crystal Eckman at eckmancrystal@gmail.com if you are able to help out for a block of time or two during the weekend.

We are still following LA County Covid guidance, which as I write this message remains mask-optional. Should there be any changes to this prior to the meeting, we will reach out with an update.

PRESENTATION

Agave fans, rejoice! Duke Benadon will be our speaker this month, and he will be highlighting Agave Utahensis and its many forms and varieties in the deserts of Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and California.

POM

Favorites!

SNACKS

This month Snacks will be brought to you those whose last name begins with letters N and O.

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

The membership dues are \$20, and name badges are \$10. Please email Tanisha Herr at Sucsnstufflb@gmail.com if you would like to have a nametag by the next meeting or if you have paid for a nametag and have not received it yet.

SALES

Contact me if you would like to be a vendor at our July meeting.

FREE PLANT/CUTTINGS TABLE

Healthy, clean, and pest free plants and cuttings are welcome! There should be no soil on the roots if plants are bare root. Clean-up is crazy when this rule is not followed.

MEETING SET-UP AND TEAR-DOWN

Many thanks to those who show up early and/or stay after our meetings to help with set-up and tear-down. You make a difference! When moving tables, they cannot be slid but need to be lifted. This is an old building and they need our help taking care of their floors.

Looking forward seeing everyone on the 10th!

Stay safe and healthy,

Chris Bucka

SNACK AND REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

MONTH

July
August
September
October
November
December

LAST NAME STARTS WITH

N, O
P, Q, R
Auction
S, T, U, V
W, X, Y, Z
Holiday Party

LBCC PLANT-OF-THE-MONTHS 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.

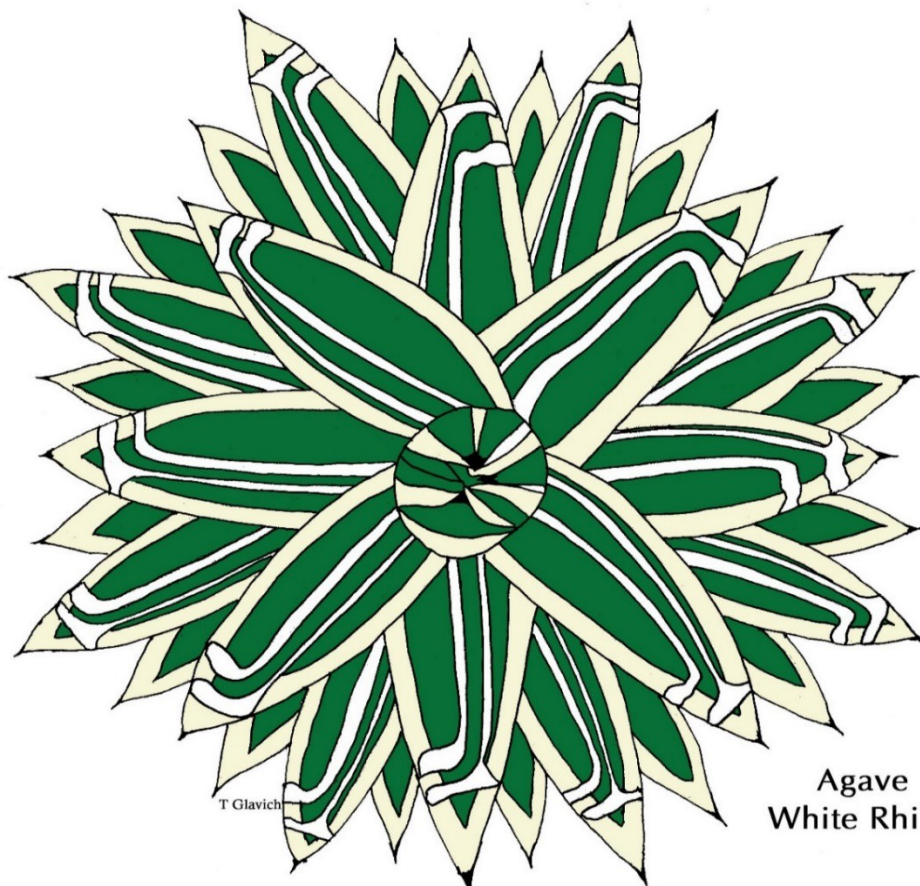
Long Beach Cactus Club 2022 Plants of the Months

| <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 | |

2018 POM STANDINGS

| Advanced | | Intermediate | | Beginner | |
|--------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-------------------|----|
| Gary Duke | 126 | Richard Salcedo | 105 | Charlie Trailer | 38 |
| Jim Hanna | 16 | Scott Bunnell | 18 | Christine Isham | 32 |
| Krystoff Przykucki | 10 | James Lemos | 14 | Will | 30 |
| Maria Capaldo | 8 | Daniel Almanza | 9 | Shirley Kost | 27 |
| | | Andrew Lander | 6 | Gloria Rodriguez | 18 |
| | | Kathy McNair | 3 | Gavin Hunn | 12 |
| | | | | Jesse Arias | 10 |
| | | | | Kelly Eddy | 10 |
| | | | | Gloria Hansen | 10 |
| | | | | Julianne Skinner | 9 |
| | | | | Sonita Bantad | 7 |
| | | | | Jenny | 6 |
| | | | | Chris Bucka | 5 |
| | | | | Jeff Preston | 5 |
| | | | | Crystal Eckman | 4 |
| | | | | Nelson H. | 2 |
| | | | | Gretchen Lewotsky | 2 |
| | | | | Lemona Lott | 2 |
| | | | | Laurie Keller | 1 |

Cactus and Succulent Society of America
55th Annual Cactus and Succulent
Show and Sale



T Glavich

Agave
White Rhino

July 1 - 3, 2022

The Huntington

Huntington Hours 10 AM to 5 PM

1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA

INFORMATION 626-405-3504

Open to the public with paid admission or Huntington membership
Advance online timed entry reservations are now required ONLY on weekends for both visitors
& Members. NO WALK-INS. Limited daily capacity. Friday sale reservations strongly
recommended.

Go to the huntington.org website for tickets
See www.cssashow.com for further details.



The Long Beach Cactus Club

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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: _____

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2022

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|--------------------|---|--------------|-------------------|
| PRESIDENT | Christopher Bucka | SECRETARY | Gavin Hunn |
| VICE-PRESIDENT | William Ramirez | TREASURER | Nelson Hernandez |
| BOARD OF DIRECTORS | Scott Bunell, Kelly Eddy, Ed Hansen, Jennyfer Ibarra, James Lemos | | |
| CSSA LIAISON | M. A. Bjarkman | NEWSLETTER | Andrew Lander |
| VENDORS/PRIZES | Jim Hanna | PROGRAMS | James Lemos |
| MEMBERSHIP | Tanisha Herr | HISTORIAN | Ken Shaw |
| INTER-CITY SHOW | Crystal Eckman | MINI-SHOW | Christopher Bucka |
| LIBRARIAN | Lisa Weller | X-MAS PARTY | Gary Duke |
| PHOTOGRAPHER | Alon Ronn | REFRESHMENTS | Amy Angulo |
| PLANT SALE | Kelly Eddy | AUCTION | Gretchen Lewotsky |
| INSTAGRAM | Gavin Hunn | WEBSITE | Scott Bunnell |

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



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