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# ROADRUNNER NEWS

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*Agave montana, photo by Greg Starr*

**MEETING PROGRAM:** Greg Starr – “Agaves of Mexico”

Greg Starr has been asked to speak at Succulenticon 2018 in Perth, Australia and he has put together a brand-new program that he would like to preview before the September convention. This presentation provides the audience with the basics of agaves beginning with the history of names and finishing with a flourish of cultural notes. He promises that it is not as boring as it sounds. There will be a lot of pretty pictures, myths will be busted, and even good information about these amazing plants. If you have an interest in succulent plants, and Greg suspects that you do since you are a member of a cactus and succulent club, then come on out and learn just one thing about this fascinating genus of plants.

Greg was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona, and has grown to love the desert and its flora and fauna. He graduated from the University of Arizona in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture, and after working in the landscape industry he went back to the University to study Botany and further his education in horticulture. Greg worked for Warren Jones (co-author of *Plants for Dry Climates* and *Landscape Plants for Dry Regions*) and Dr. Charles Mason at the University of Arizona herbarium. Greg made his first foray into the world of collecting in 1979 when he traveled with Warren and Bill Kinneson to Texas where he saw firsthand, in habitat, the many plants he had only experienced

in the nursery or landscapes. He emerged from the University in 1985 with a Master of Science in Horticulture with a special emphasis on botany.

He opened Starr Nursery in the summer of 1985, and has specialized in low water use plants for landscaping in southern Arizona. Greg has traveled extensively in Mexico and the southwestern United States to study the plants for their potential landscape use in desert regions of the world. He has also traveled to South Africa and recently to Madagascar in search of juicy succulents.

Greg has written several horticultural articles for the journal *Desert Plants*. Topics have covered various groups of plants as well as botanizing in South Africa. He has also described two new species and a subspecies of *Agave*, three new species of *Hesperaloe*, and revised the genus *Hesperaloe* in a monograph published in the journal *Madroño*. The first *Agave* species Greg described was *Agave ovatifolia*. He worked with Dr. Jose Angel Villarreal in describing this amazing plant which has been dubbed Whale's Tongue Agave, a reflection of the incredibly wide leaves that sometimes double as water harvesting vessels. He and Dr. Tom Van Devender described *Agave parviflora* subsp. *densiflora* a new find from the Sierra Madre Occidental in eastern Sonora. Greg's first book, *Cool Plants for Hot Gardens*, was released at the end of April 2009 and is currently out of print. His second book, titled *Agaves: Living Sculptures for Landscapes and Containers*, was released in early May of 2012. He was a co-author for the recently released Field Guide to the Cacti and Other Succulents of Arizona. He has taught Plant Biology and Plant Materials classes at The Art Center Design College in Tucson for their program of Landscape Architecture. Since 2010, Greg has focused intensively on the Agaves of Baja California and he and Bob Webb described *Agave azurea*, a new species from the Picachos de Santa Clara, and submitted a revision for the genus on the Baja California peninsula to the journal *Haseltonia* which came out in January 2015. He recently described *Agave cremnophila* from southern Oaxaca and is busy researching the rest of the agaves found down there.

Greg spends most of his days tapping at the computer hoping another book will take shape, preparing PowerPoint presentations and tending to Starr Nursery, specializing in Agaves and related plants as well as other succulents and new introductions of perennials, flowering shrubs, and small trees from arid and semi-arid regions around the world.

**LOCATION:** Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA 90815. We will meet in the meeting room next to the gift shop. Rancho Los Alamitos is located within Bixby Hill and accessed through the residential security gate at Anaheim and Palo Verde. From the 405 Freeway, exit at Palo Verde Avenue and turn south. From the 605 Freeway, exit at Willow, follow to Palo Verde and turn south.

**TIME:** Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. Setup will be from 12:30 – 1:30. Members will be working in the garden starting at 11 AM. Bring a lunch if you need to.

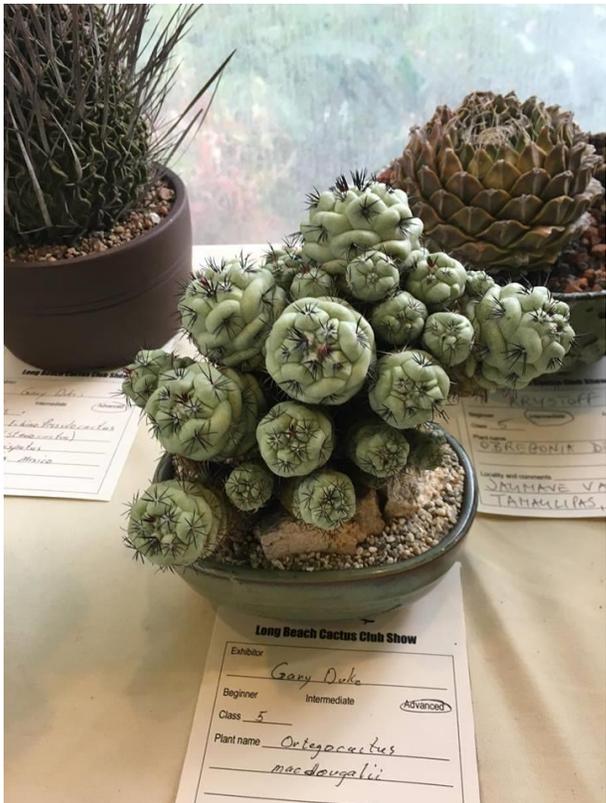
**REFRESHMENTS:** We will follow the alphabet to determine who is to bring the snacks and finger foods. This month, those with last names starting with the letters **G through L** are asked to bring the goodies. Please feel free to bring something even if you don't fall into this group.

**PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH:**

**Cactus:** Opuntias, Tephrocactus

**Succulent:** African Euphorbias

# The 2018 Long Beach Cactus Club Show and Sale



Photos 1, 2, and 3 by Scott Bunnell, photo 4 by Tanisha Herr

## LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2018

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NEWSLETTER: Andrew Lander, Margaret Lander

**The Garden Committee** meets every Tuesday at 10 am for 2 hours in the Cactus Garden at Rancho Los Alamitos. This committee is headed by Mike Martin of LBCC and consists of any members willing to volunteer by raking leaves or helping out with other gardening chores. The gardens consist of 4 acres, one of which is the Cactus Garden, so there is plenty to do for anyone interested in helping out. Barrels and rakes are provided and it is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in the garden among the large, majestic specimens and experience the rare peace and quiet within. Please remember to bring gloves and wear protection. Contact Mike if you are interested.

### 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)

### Long Beach Cactus Club 2018 Meeting Schedule

June 3	Greg Starr: "Agaves of Mexico"
July 1	Roxie Esterle: "Desperately Seeking Succulents in Baja CA"
Aug. 5	Gunnar Eisel: "From the Windowsill to the Poor house"
Aug. 11-12	Annual Inter-City Show
Sept. 2	Jeremy Spath: "Agaves of Oaxaca, Mexico"
Sept. 15	Annual Long Beach Cactus Club Auction
Oct. 7	Tim Harvey: "Understanding & Growing Plants from Winter Rainfall Regions"
Nov. 4	Jeff Moore: "Soft Succulents"
Dec. 9	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.

### 2018 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

MONTH	CACTI	SUCCULENTS
June	Opuntias, Tephrocactus	African Euphorbias
July	Lobivia, Echinopsis	Pachypodium
August	Thelocactus, Stenocactus	Asclepiads
September	Coryphantha, Ecobaria	Fockea, Raphionacme
October	Neoporteria, Neochilenia	Cotyledon, Tylecodon
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

2018 PLANT OF THE YEAR: ***Thelocactus bicolor* v. Parras**

### 2018 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	95	Krystoff Przykucki	81	Henry Angulo	66
Ken Shaw	85	Andrew Lander	42	Nan Halbert	40
Jim Hanna	25	Mike Martin	42	Alden Norris	31
Gary James	6	Jade Neely	33	Amy Angulo	17
		Scott Bunnell	15	M. A. Bjarkman	17
		Margaret Lander	15	T. Wang	17
		Kathy McNair	11	Rose Bank	14
		Karenn Ohlinder	10	Jim Tanner	8
				Dean Woehrman	6
				Shirley Kost	2
				Evelyn Murtaugh	2
				The Prestons	1

## 2018 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- JUNE 2-3** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY—SUMMER SHOW & SALE  
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA INFO. 858-382-1797
- JUNE 9-10** LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY PLANT SHOW AND SALE  
JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, 9-4--10th 9-3, SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD., ENCINO, CA.  
INFO. [www.lacactus.com](http://www.lacactus.com)
- JUN 29-JUL 1** CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE  
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.  
PLANT SALES START JUNE 29TH THROUGH JULY 1st 10am to 5pm  
SHOW OPENS June 30th THUR JULY 1st 10am-5pm INFO. 626-405-3504
- JULY 19-21** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE  
THURS. 19TH 6-9pm FRI. JULY 20th 9am-7pm SAT. 21st 9-5pm  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA  
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- AUG. 11-12** **33rd ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE AT THE LA COUNTY ARBORETUM**  
**9am-5pm daily, 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA.**  
**INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 or JOHN MARTINEZ 805-390-2139**
- SEPT. 1** HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM  
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON 626-405-3504
- SEPT 15** **LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION**  
**12-5PM, RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615**  
**INFO. 562-631-5876**
- Oct. 13-14** BAKERSFIELD CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SHOW & SALE SAT. 10-5---SUN. 11-3 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 2216 17th STREET  
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304 FREE ADDMISSION & PARKING, INFO 661-8318488
- OCT. 27-28** PALOMAR CACTUS &SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SHOW AND SALE  
SAT 10-5, SUN 10-3, SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDENS  
230 QUAIL GARDENS ROAD, ENCINITAS, CA  
INFO [brita\\_miller@yahoo.com](mailto:brita_miller@yahoo.com) ph.858-776-7216
- NOV. 3-4** SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
9am-4pm BOTH DAYS, LA COUNTY ARBORETUM 310 NO. BALDWIN, ARCADIA, CA  
MANNY RIVERA 626-780-6957 or JOHN MATTHEWS 661-714-1052