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ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club
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Photo by Ernesto Sandoval

PRESENTATION:

Ernesto Sandoval: *Feeding Succulents: How Fertilizer, Water pH and Soil Can and Should Be Adjusted!*

Perhaps you've heard that pH is important for plants? Ernesto will summarize why you want your plants to receive slightly acidic water and various ways you can adjust it for your succulents. How is this similar and different than fertilizing "regular" plants? Ernesto will discuss all of this plus the importance of "soils"/container media and the details of how you can maximize the root potential for your plants!

Ernesto Sandoval has been wondering and seeking questions and answers to why plants grow and look the way that they do for nearly 40 years. Now he explains and interprets the world of plants to a variety of ages and from amateur to professional gardeners. He regularly lectures to a variety of western Garden Clubs throughout the year and particularly to Succulent Clubs throughout California. Desert plants are his particular passion within his general passion for plants. He describes himself as a "Jose of All Plants, Master of None" and loves learning from the experiences of others as well as his own. Ernesto thoroughly enjoys helping others, and gardeners in particular, to understand why and how plants do what they do.

When he was about 13 he asked his dad why one tree was pruned a particular way and another tree another way. His dad answered bluntly "because that's the way you do it." Since then he's been learning and teaching himself the answers to those and many other questions by getting a degree at UC Davis in Botany and working from student weeder/waterer to Director/Manager over the last 30 years at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory.

He's long left the "mow blow and go" monoculture landscape gardening world and has immersed himself in the world of horticultural biodiversity by growing several thousand types of plants at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory, many of them succulents! Several of his favorite garden projects involved converting lawns and or water loving landscapes to drought tolerant and diversity filled gardens! He likes to promote plant liberation by encouraging gardeners of all sorts to grow more plants in the ground when possible. He loves the technical language of Botany but prefers to relate information in more understandable methods of communication! By helping people to understand the workings of plants he hopes to help us better understand how to and why our plants do what they do and how we can maximize their growth with less effort.



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Message from the President

Hello Club Members,

So, we did a thing. On May 22, from 10am-4pm at the Bellflower Women's Club, we hosted the first Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Sale in 3 years. The task was daunting. Due to logistical constraints, we only had 1 day available for the sale compared to an historic 2, and could not include a show. We now had a rent expense, something we had not experienced in recent years. And our leadership is in transition. A *huge* deal of thanks and congratulations go out to Nelson Hernandez, Kelly Eddy, and everyone who helped with setup, cleanup, and throughout the day; you helped guide us to \$2,493 in funds raised for the Club in 1 day!

We had a successful silent auction (thank you so much to everyone who participated; you helped us raise over \$400!), and vendors selling everything from cacti, succulents, houseplants, and snakes, to horchata cold-brew and tamales. I believe there were even a few takeaways for additional improvement, but our shift to charging table fees rather than percentage sales seems to have worked out well. Based on the reception, we would like to consider a fall/winter sale in October, as well. This is something that I would like to discuss with the Club at large during the meeting.

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

Our presenter for June will be Ernesto Sandoval, and his presentation will be, "Feeding Succulents: How Fertilizer, Water pH and Sol Can and Should Be Adjusted!" – I'm absolutely taking some personal notes!

POM

Succulent: Pachypodium
Cactus: Rebutia & Sulcorebutia

SNACKS

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

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

The membership dues are \$20, and name badges are \$10.

SALES

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

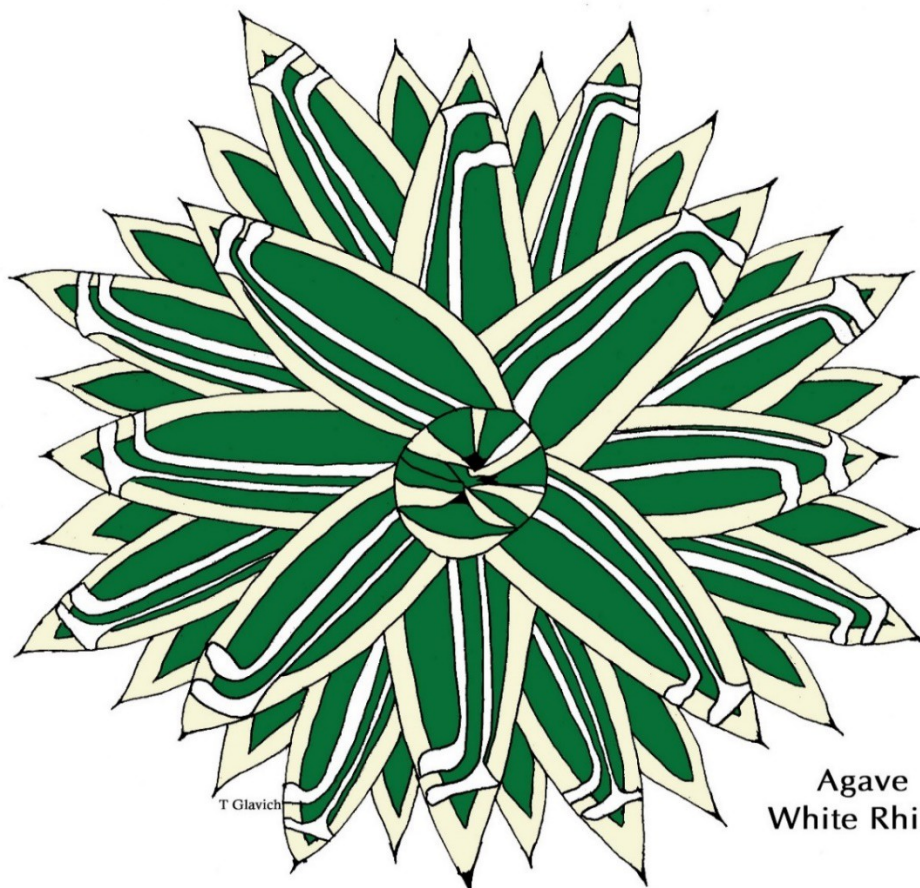
MEETING SET-UP AND TEAR-DOWN

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 5th!

Stay safe and healthy,
Chris Bucka

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](https://www.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: _____

SNACK AND REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LAST NAME STARTS WITH</u>
January	A, B
February	C, D
March	E, F, G
April	H
May	I, J, K
June	L, M
July	N, O
August	P, Q, R
September	Auction
October	S, T, U, V
November	W, X, Y, Z
December	Holiday Party

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2022

PRESIDENT	Christopher Bucka	SECRETARY	Gavin Hunn
VICE-PRESIDENT	William Ramirez	TREASURER	Nelson Hernandez
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PHOTOGRAPHER	Alon Ronn	REFRESHMENTS	Amy Angulo
PLANT SALE	Kelly Eddy	AUCTION	Gretchen Lewotsky
INSTAGRAM	Gavin Hunn	WEBSITE	Scott Bunnell

NEWSLETTER



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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