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# ROADRUNNER NEWS

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

**PRESENTATION:** Dylan Hannon: *Tylecodons for the Collector*

Tylecodon is a genus of succulent plants within the Crassulaceae family known for their striking appearance. Native to Southern Africa, Tylecodon usually have fleshy leaves and a caudex (a swollen stem or base) to help them store water and survive in arid environments. These low-maintenance plants come in a diverse array of shapes, sizes, leaf colors, and growth patterns, making them popular choices for succulent enthusiasts and collectors.

Dylan was raised in Southern California, where he developed an early interest in a wide range of plant groups. Both his mother and grandmother helped nurture an avid appreciation of plants. He has worked for over 25 years in the botanical garden field, starting as a research assistant to Dr. Thomas B. Croat at Missouri Botanical Garden, working on the taxonomy of Araceae (aroids). He spent nine years as Plant Propagator at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont, CA, and has been Curator of Conservatory Collections at The Huntington Botanical Gardens since 2003. In between these posts Dylan worked in the wholesale cactus industry and for consulting firms as a field botanist in the San Diego area. His main interest is the propagation and distribution of cultivated plants, particularly material of known wild origin. These themes run through Dylan's writing, lectures and plant collecting. He is blessed to have his supportive wife Antoinette by his side.



## Cacti of the Month

### Rebutia and Sulcorebutia



Rebutia is a genus of small, globular cacti known for their vibrant flowers and ease of cultivation. These cacti are native to the high-altitude regions of the Andes Mountains in Bolivia and Argentina.

Rebutia species thrive in rocky slopes and high-altitude grasslands. Their natural habitat is characterized by well-draining soils, significant temperature fluctuations between day and night, and periods of heavy rainfall during the growing season.

Sulcorebutia is closely related to Rebutia and shares many characteristics, including a compact, globular shape and striking flowers. These cacti are also native to Bolivia, primarily found in the eastern Andes.

Sulcorebutia species inhabit rocky slopes and high-altitude valleys, similar to Rebutia. They grow in well-draining soils and experience a climate with significant temperature variations and seasonal rainfall.



## **Succulent of the Month**

### **Bromeliaceae**



Bromeliaceae, commonly known as the bromeliad family, is a diverse family of flowering plants that includes over 3,000 species. These plants are native to the tropical and subtropical regions of the Americas, with a few species found in the west African tropics. Bromeliads are known for their striking foliage, vibrant flowers, and unique growth habits, making them popular among plant enthusiasts and horticulturists.

Bromeliads inhabit a wide range of environments, from rainforests to deserts. They can be found growing in the understory of forests, on the forest floor, on rocks, and as epiphytes (growing on other plants, especially trees). These habitats provide them with varying conditions of light, moisture, and nutrients.

Popular genera of bromeliads: Aechmea, Billbergia, Guzmania, Neoregelia, Tillandsia, Vriesea, Dyckia, Cryptanthus, Nidularium, Orthophytum

## 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 2024 Plants of the Months

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENTS</u>
June	Rebutia/Sulcorebutia	Bromeliaceae
July	Opuntia/Tephrocactus	Pchypodium
August	Favorites (3)	Favorites (3)
September	AUCTION	
October	Thelocactus/Stenocactus	Cotyledon/Tylecodon
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

## 2024 POM MINI-SHOW STANDINGS

<b>Advanced</b>		<b>Intermediate</b>		<b>Beginner</b>	
Gary Duke	65	Henry Angulo	57	Dam	28
Maria Capaldo	15	Richard Salcedo	44	Gretchen Lewotsky	27
Krystoff Przykucki	4	Amy Angulo	22	Shirley Kost	24
		Andrew Lander	11	Derrick Cantú	23
		ScottBunnell	4	Kelly Eddy	23
		Lemono Lott	3	Randy Stiver	11
				Raymond	11
				Christian Navarro	10
				Dan Papilli	7
				Nathan Adams	6
				Cole James	2
				Sandra Leier	1
				Erika Villalobos	1
				Clifford Vu	1
				Tom's Bonsia Cacti	1



# The Long Beach Cactus Club

*Est. 1933*

## 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>
June	K, 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 2024

PRESIDENT	Nelson Hernandez	SECRETARY	Kelly Eddy
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MEMBERSHIP	Lawrence Hofman	HISTORIAN	Ken Shaw
INTER-CITY SHOW	Henry Angulo & Scott Bunell	MINI-SHOW	<i>Open</i>
LIBRARIAN	William Ramirez	X-MAS PARTY	<i>Open</i>
PHOTOGRAPHER	Dereck Diaz	REFRESHMENTS	Erika Villalobos
MAY SALE	Henry Angulo	AUCTION	Gretchen Lewotsky
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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)