

August 2008

*Roadrunner News*

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

Founded 1933; Affiliate of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc.

## A month in Madagascar

**PROGRAM:** This month we return to Madagascar where **Kelly Griffin** spent an entire month in 2007 with a lot of time in the north. Kelly is Curator of Xerophytic Plants at Rancho Soledad Nursery in north San Diego County where he has planted a beautiful succulent garden along 300 feet of a hillside that your editor was lucky enough to see on the field trip to the San Diego Winter Show on February 9. He has grown succulents since the age of 12 when he bought his first Lithops by mail from grower Ed Storms. At 16 he joined the Gates Cactus and Succulent Society. Kelly has been a member of CSSA since 1991 and contributed an important article to "The Journal" on Dudleya in the recent past. He is currently a member of the San Diego club. Kelly has a degree in physics from UC San Diego. He has been hybridizing Aloes, Agaves and Echeverias for about 15 years. He is also a grower of Tillandsias and has a longstanding passion for scuba diving and photography.

**LOCATION: Dominguez Rancho Adobe,** 18127 South Alameda Street, Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220. Take the 91 Redondo Beach/ Artesia Freeway and exit south on Alameda. Signs for the Adobe are posted on the freeway and on Alameda. Coming from the freeway, the entrance to the Adobe is on the right or west side of Alameda. The meeting will be in the **Carriage House** which is at the south end of the Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum. It is at your right as you turn off the entry road into the parking area.

**TIME: Sunday, August 24, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.** We will follow this schedule: 1:00 to 1:30 -- setup and refreshments, 1:30 to 3:30 -- general meeting and program, 3:30 to 4:00 -- cleanup.

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

**Cactus:** Intercity show

**Succulent:** Intercity show

**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 **S through Z** are asked to bring the goodies. Please feel free to bring something even if you don't fall into this group.

**DOOR PRIZES, BIRTHDAY PLANTS & PLANT SALES:** Free plant for first time visitors.

**PLANT RAFFLE:** Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. **Members are asked to donate any plants they would like to pass along that they think others would like to buy.** Previous months' raffles have been big successes with several dozen plants available.

**Thanks to our previous speaker: Joe Stead on propagation.** I heard some very glowing reports on a wonderful presentation. If you missed it, Joe will be speaking at the San Gabriel club meeting on August 14. A special nod to **Woody** who is also our program chair. The quality of programs at our meetings is second to none!

## LBCC MEETING DATES 2008

		<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jan	27	Hank Warzybok	Yards and Gardens
Feb	24	Paul Klaassen	What I did last Summer
Mar	30	Doug Dawson	Namibia
Apr	27	Guillermo Rivera	Argentina
May	18	Gary Duke	What kind of cactus is it?
Jun	22	Woody Minnich	Socotra, an island in the Arabian Sea
Jul	27	Joe Stead	Propagation
Aug	24	Kelly Griffin	A month in Madagascar
Sep	28		Annual auction
Oct	26	Buck Hemenway	South Africa
Nov	23	Todd Masilko	Socotra
Dec	??		Annual Holiday party

## CACTUS & SUCCULENT EVENTS - 2008

- AUG. 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE-LA COUNTY ARBORETUM  
301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA. INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH  
AT 626-798-2430 or BARBARA HALL AT 818-368-6914  
SHOW AND SALE SAT AND SUN 9AM TO 5PM
- AUG. 30<sup>th</sup> HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM. ALL DAY AT  
THE HUNTINGTON.  
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO CA.
- NOV. 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM, ARCADIA, CA., INFO: 310-670-8148
- DEC 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> ORANGE COUNTY SHOW AND SALE AT THE FULLERTON  
ARBORETUM, 1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA  
SHOW AND SALE SAT & SUN 10AM TO 4PM  
INFO 714-870-4887

## Special opportunities -

1. Matt Maggio – moving sale - large cactus & succulents for sale  
818-782-2075
2. Glen Carlzen – moving sale – 600+ cactus & a few succulents  
562-696-7853  
[colenyx2@yahoo.com](mailto:colenyx2@yahoo.com)
3. cactus & succulents in the ground, new owner doesn't want them  
626-303-5203

## LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2008

**PRESIDENT** Eunice Thompson (562) 419-9646 **SECRETARY(TEMP)** Cindy Arakaki  
**VICE-PRESIDENT** John Luhnnow **TREASURER** Cindy Arakaki (323) 269-6111  
**DIRECTORS**, in alphabetical order, are John & Edwina Caceres, John Luhnnow, Dot Miller and Gary Duke (Past President)

### COMMITTEES:

<b>AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE</b>	Hank Warzybok	<b>NEWSLETTER</b>	John Matthews
<b>BIRTHDAY/PRIZE PLANTS</b>	Jim Hanna	<b>PROGRAMS</b>	Woody Minnich
<b>GARDEN CURATOR</b>	Jess (Vern) Yandell	<b>PUBLICITY – LOCAL</b>	OPEN
<b>HISTORIAN</b>	Laverne Pitzer	<b>PUBLICITY – SHOWS</b>	Harry Fletcher
<b>INTER-CITY SHOW CHAIRMAN</b>	Harry Fletcher	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	OPEN
<b>LIBRARY</b>	Edwina Caceres	<b>SHOW &amp; TELL TABLE</b>	Carol Causey
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	OPEN	<b>SUNSHINE</b>	Dot Miller

### MEMBERSHIP

SEND APPLICATIONS to Cindy Arakaki (323) 269-6111, 8238 Bleeker St., So San Gabriel, CA, 91770. **Dues** are \$15 per year for regular membership, seniors \$10; each associate member (same household) \$2.50 additional. (Senior membership is for retired persons, 65 and older.) Checks should be made out to **LBCC**.

**IF FOUR OR FIVE OR MORE MEMBERS** are interested they may order **official Long Beach Cactus Club member badges**. The cost is \$6.50 per person. Please see treasurer, Cindy Arakaki, at the meeting.

### NEWSLETTER

**IF YOU HAVE ANY STORIES**, cultivation tips, information about upcoming calendar events or news in general about cacti and succulents that might interest our members, please send them in or give me a call. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Remember, this is your newsletter. The address is: John Matthews, 23221 Redbud Ridge, Santa Clarita, CA 91354. Telephone: (661) 297-5364. Email – jgmplants@aol.com

### CLARENCE B. WRIGHT MEMORIAL DESERT GARDEN

COME AT **12:00 P.M.**, AN HOUR BEFORE THE REGULAR MEETING and help plant, water and maintain our garden. Find out what's blooming each month and get ideas for your home garden.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to **RANCHO SAN PEDRO** and the **DOMINGUEZ RANCHO ADOBE MUSEUM** for allowing us to use the grounds for our auction and the site for our monthly meetings. We appreciate the pleasant setting as well as being able to meet near our garden.

### LIBRARY

**WANT TO CONSULT A BOOK ON CACTI AND SUCCULENTS OR A COPY OF THE CSSA JOURNAL?** Call librarian Edwina Caceres at (209) 564-2677 and she will bring the requested items to the next meeting for you to check out.

## **2008 LBCC PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH 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.

## **2008 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH**

<b><u>MONTH</u></b>	<b><u>CACTUS</u></b>	<b><u>SUCCULENT</u></b>
<b>January</b>	Echinocereus	Gasteria
<b>February</b>	Parodia & Notocactus	Aeonium, Sedum & Sempervivum
<b>March</b>	Neoporteria & Neochilenea	Sansevieria
<b>April</b>	Cereus(columnar cactus)	Euphorbia(Madagascar)
<b>May</b>	Melocactus	Mesembs other than Lithops
<b>June</b>	Variegates	Variegates
<b>July</b>	Favorite cacti(3)	Favorite succulent(3)
<b>August</b>	Inter-City Show & Sale LBCC Auction	
<b>September</b>		
<b>October</b>	Epiphytic cacti	Monadenium & Jatropha
<b>November</b>	Miniature under 3"	Miniature under 3"
<b>December</b>	HOLIDAY PARTY	

NOTE – no results for July provided to your editor so no change from last issue

#### 2008 POM YEAR-TO-DATE STANDINGS THROUGH JUNE

##### Advanced

1. G.Duke 128
2. J.Hanna 57
- 3.

##### Intermediate

1. D. Miller 65
2. R. Gillett 54
3. P. Jaskulski 30

##### Beginner

1. K.Ohlinder 76
2. S. Bunnell 2
- 3.

#### MAY PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

##### Cactus – Advanced

1. G. Duke Melocactus species
2. G. Duke Melocactus species
- 3.

##### Succulent - Advanced

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

##### Cactus – Intermediate

1. R. Gillett Melocactus oayacensis
2. R. Gillett Melocactus matanzanus
3. R. Gillett Melocactus warasii

##### Succulent – Intermediate

1. P. Jaskulski Fenestraria rhopaphylla
2. R. Gillett Trichodiadema bulbosum
3. P. Jaskulski Faucaria tigrina

##### Cactus – Beginner

1. K. Ohlinder Melocactus concinnus
2. K. Ohlinder Melocactus glaucescens
3. K. Ohlinder Melocactus matazanus

##### Succulent – Beginner

1. K. Ohlinder Phyllobolus pusillus
2. K. Ohlinder Dinteranthus vanzyloii
3. K. Ohlinder Braunsia apiculata

#### JUNE PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

##### Cactus – Advanced

1. G. Duke Mammillaria compressa
2. G. Duke Buiningia aurea
3. G. Duke Mammillaria species

##### Succulent - Advanced

1. G. Duke Crassula ovata
- 2.
- 3.

##### Cactus – Intermediate

1. R. Gillett Ferocactus latispinus
2. D. Miller Echinocactus platyacanthus
3. R. Gillett Myrtillocactus geometrizans

##### Succulent – Intermediate

1. D. Miller Gasteria 'Green Ice'
  2. R. Gillett Aeonium subplanum
  3. R. Gillett Aloe 'Green Gold'
- HM. D. Miller Agave victoriae-reginae compacta  
HM. D. Miller Agave toumayana

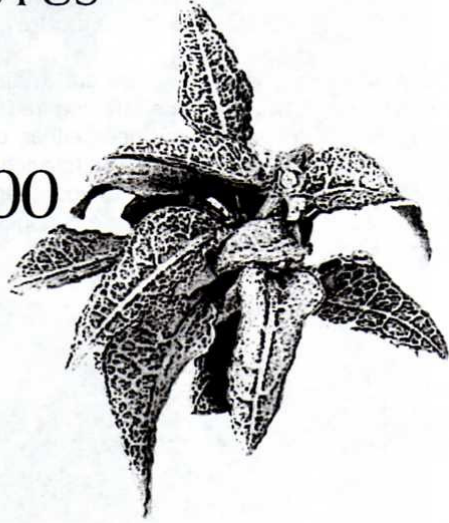
##### Cactus – Beginner

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

##### Succulent – Beginner

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

23RD INTER-CITY CACTUS  
AND SUCCULENT  
SHOW AND SALE  
AUGUST 16-17 9:00 - 5:00  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
ARBORETUM  
301 N BALDWIN AVE  
ARCADIA



## 2008 SHOW THEME DESERT TREASURES

The 23rd Inter-City Show Theme is "Desert Treasures". The theme is open to many interpretations, all meant to challenge your creativity.

The first and most obvious is that of the plants that we most treasure. All of us have plants that stress affordability, or challenge us with their difficult cultivation requirements, but often there is that plant that we got near the beginning of our collecting. It may be common, it may not be the most imposing specimen in your collection, but it is the plant we most want you to bring. It is your true Treasure from the Desert.

The second obvious interpretation is that of the rare, the unusual, and the plant that everyone craves. These are always a big part of our show. The members of the three clubs that spon-

sor the Inter-City Show have some of the best collections in the world. This is the time to share them with the public.

A third interpretation of the theme is the display of the plants themselves, with the pot and top dressing taking the place of the treasure chest and gold fittings that surround the real gems of the collection. This is a great time to show off some of the best of our treasure chests, and to show how some carefully chosen fittings can make the true treasure shine even brighter.

No true treasure display would exist without a nearby bazaar. We will have that as well, with a new set of treasures available for all just outside of the display area.

## ENTRY TAGS & SHOW SCHEDULE

Entry tags and Show Schedules are available at all club meetings. If you are entering from out of town (or just desperate) and need either, contact Tom Glavich at 626-798-2430 or [tglavich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tglavich@sbcglobal.net), and we'll mail them to you. Tags and the schedules will also be available during the set-up days.

## VITAL NUMBERS

### Show Co-Chairs

Harry Fletcher	310-538-4078
Barbara Hall	818-368-6914
Tom Glavich	626-798-2430

### Sales Chair:

Jim Hanna	562-920-3046
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### Treasurer:

Sandy Fletcher	310-538-4078
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## YOUR HELP NEEDED!

You are needed! Lots of help is needed for setup on Wednesday morning, teardown on Sunday and for clerking Friday afternoon and night - let your show chairman know. The table rental company will do the set-up. We just need to push the tables into the right positions and add the tablecloths. All of the backbreaking work will be done by others. We need help setting up the sales area. There is shade cloth to attach, and a legion of tents that need to go up.

The same is true for the sales, tabulations, holding area, etc. We particularly need help on Saturday morning when sales are the busiest. Sales and holding area need help during the show, and everyone is needed to greet the public answer questions, and just keep an eye on the plants.

Wear your club badges!

A good crowd in the room makes for a better show. This is a great time to meet people from the other

clubs and to spend more quality time with the plants you love. If you haven't spent time at a show, you will be amazed at the growing tips and advice that are freely given. It is a first class learning opportunity. No previous experience and no plant expertise (although you have more than you think) is required.

## SHOW PHOTOGRAPHER

Many thanks to Tommy Dodson who contributed almost all of the photos in this newsletter.

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 [tglavich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tglavich@sbcglobal.net).

## WEB MASTER AND WEB PAGE

Gunnar Eisel has maintained our Web Page for many years. Access is through <http://www.sgvcss.com/>

## WORKER AND ENTRANT PRE-SALE

The sales area will be open from about 2:00 (or earlier if there is a cashier and a cash register). This is a special pre-sale for workers and entrants. Get the first pick of the sale plants and pots.

## SHOW SCHEDULE CHANGES

The show schedule this year is the same as last, with only minor updates to Rebutia and Sulcorbutia. The show schedule can be found at: <http://www.sgvcss.com>

## SET-UP AND TAKE-OUT TIMES

Set-up times are from 1:00 to 7:00 on Wednesday August 13, 9:00 to 9:00 on Thursday August 14 and 9:00 to 4:00 on Friday August 15. All plants must be in place before 5 PM to allow the start of judging. Take-out starts at 5:00 on Sunday August 17. All plants must be removed on Sunday evening.



## T SHIRTS AND ARTWORK

This year's T Shirt design is *Euphorbia francisii* v. *crassicaule* based on a photo by Tom Glavich. The cost is \$6.00 for medium to XL and a bit more for larger sizes.



## GOLDEN SWEEPS!

Those of you who were part of the early shows remember the Golden Sweeps. These are special pots awarded to those who win a first second and third in a single category in Class 1 (Cacti) or Class 2 (Succulents). They are back, as popular as ever! Bring in those 'extra' plants that will give you a chance at these special awards. Last year we awarded nearly 30 of these awards, almost evenly distributed between Open, Advanced and Novice! It's no secret that these are easiest to win in the Novice class.

## SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET AND AUCTION

The Saturday night Banquet and Auction has been a show tradition from the start. It's a great time to argue the fine points of showing and judging, and meet many fine people from the other clubs and from out of town.

A feature of each of the Banquets has been an auction of spectacular plants (and most surprisingly affordable) from some of the best growers. These are often the ones that appear on the trophy table in years to come. Last year's auction was the best in recent memory, but we hope to do even better this year.

Same great location as last year: Coco's Restaurant Oak Tree Room 1150 Colorado Blvd. Arcadia, at the SE corner at Michellinda. Social hour starts at 5:30 and dinner served at 6:30. The dinner will be an Italian banquet with salad, Chicken Parmesan, pasta, vegetables and assorted desserts, coffee, tea, milk or soft drinks.

The cost of the meal is \$25.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children from 5 to 10 years, including tax and tip. Please contact our Show treasurer, Sandra Fletcher for further information 310-538-4078. Make checks payable to ICCSS c/o Sandra Fletcher P.O. Box 3366 Gardena, CA 90246-7066.

Due to overwhelming numbers of auction plants, we ask that you let one of the chairs know prior to bringing plants. We have a two plant limit, and will limit total numbers of plants.

**Help your club!**  
**Show your plants!**  
**Bring Your Friends!**



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