

November 2008

Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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

Socotra

PROGRAM: Todd Masilko will give a presentation on a recent trip to Socotra. Todd has a background in Industrial Design, is a part time Instructor in the Product Design program at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, and has approx 10 years experience working at Disney in Burbank. Todd has been an enthusiastic grower of cacti and succulents for the last 7-8 years. Todd has recently begun to travel to see plants in habitat. In addition to Yemen and Socotra, he has recently traveled to Baja California as well as Central and Southern Mexico. (Oaxaca, Puebla, Morelos, Jalisco, etc...). The trip to Yemen and Socotra was taken in December of 2007 with a group of succulent plant enthusiasts from around Southern California area. The group spent 2 weeks on Socotra and an additional 1 week traveling in Yemen.

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, November 23, 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: Miniature under 3"
Succulent: Miniature under 3"

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.

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.

PREVIOUS MEETING: Thanks to **Buck Hemenway** for his talk on a recent trip to South Africa.

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	14		Annual Holiday party

CACTUS & SUCCULENT EVENTS - 2008

DEC 5th-7th ORANGE COUNTY SHOW AND SALE AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM, 1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA
SHOW AND SALE SAT & SUN 10AM TO 4PM. Sale also FRI 10AM to 4 PM.
INFO 714-870-4887

CACTUS & SUCCULENT EVENTS - 2009

Jan 17 Second Annual Desert Forum at The Huntington Gardens. See notice below.
Jan 31 Aloe Walk. Jarupa Mountains Cultural Center. 9:30 - 11:00 AM.
7621 Granite Hills Drive, Riverside, CA. 951-685-5818
plant sales onsite at Granite Hill Garden Nursery

Special opportunities -

Desert Forum

On Saturday, January 17th 2009, Southern California's CSSA members and all affiliate club members (such as our LBCC) are invited for a free tour of the Huntington's Desert Garden, refreshments, a private nursery sale and speakers. Time (and the possible matter of sign-up sheet) TBA later. This second annual garden tour hosted by the CSSA and the Huntington, will feature the garden's most succulentastic luminaries stationed throughout the beds, conservatory and nurseries. Who knows if former Director Emeritus Myron Kymnach will make another appearance like he did last year? You haven't seen the garden if you haven't seen it lately. The Huntington's Director of the Botanical Gardens, Jim Folsom, will announce more details next month.

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:

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

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

2009 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTUS</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
January	Mammillaria clusters	Crassula
February	Ferocactus	Dudleya
March	Gymnocalycium	Aloe
April	Rebutia/Sulcorebutia	Dorstenia/Ficus
May	Copiapoa	Sedum/Pachyphytum/Sempervivum
June	Lobivia/Echinopsis	Euphorbia(African)
July	Discocactus/Uebelmannia	Echeveria
August	Thelocactus/Stenocactus	Stapelia/Huernia/Carraluma
September	Ariocarpus Miniature under 3"	
October		Adromischus
November		Miniature under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

2008 POM YEAR-TO-DATE STANDINGS THROUGH OCTOBER

Advanced

- | | |
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| 1. G.Duke | 128 |
| 2. J.Hanna | 75 |
| 3. | |

Intermediate

- | | |
|-----------------|----|
| 1. D. Miller | 88 |
| 2. R. Gillett | 88 |
| 3. P. Jaskulski | 39 |

Beginner

- | | |
|---------------|-----|
| 1. K.Ohlinder | 112 |
| 2. S. Bunnell | 2 |
| 3. | |

OCTOBER PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

Cactus – Advanced

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Succulent – Advanced

- | | |
|-------------|----------------------|
| 1. J. Hanna | Monadenium Reflexum |
| 2. J. Hanna | Jatropha Berlandieri |
| 3. J. Hanna | Jatropha species |

Cactus – Intermediate

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Succulent – Intermediate

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1. R. Gillett | Monadenium Elegans |
| 2. R. Gillett | Monadenium Ritchei |
| 3. R. Gillett | Monadenium Stapelioides |

Cactus – Beginner

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Succulent – Beginner

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Thanks to Dale La Forest for the following regarding our upcoming holiday party -

A few years ago our South Coast Club decided to invite the LB club to our Holiday meeting/party -O partly because many people belong to both clubs. The South Coast club meets at the South Coast Botanical Gardens which has a wonderful meeting room and a KITCHEN. The South Coast club provides/buys the entree, drinks and utensils. This year it will be prime rib, honey-baked ham, and possibly fried chicken from Ralph's. Sometimes we charge the members who aren't also South Coast club members on a pro rata basis, but this year we decided to just do it for no charge, as a gift. Members of both clubs are asked to bring a small pot luck dish or dessert enough for 6-8 people. Dishes can be heated or kept cool in the kitchen. We plan to start eating at noon, so people should arrive before that so that the buffet can be set up.

Anyone who wants to participate in a gift exchange should bring a plant related gift of value between \$5-\$10.

"Annual plants" will be judged on a by-club basis. I don't know how the LB club does it, but South Coast awards plants to the ten highest point totals for the year. Woody has promised to ensure next year's succulent will be there and be the same species for both clubs, although he won't be there.

Cacti and Succulent of the Month November 2008 - *Miniatures*

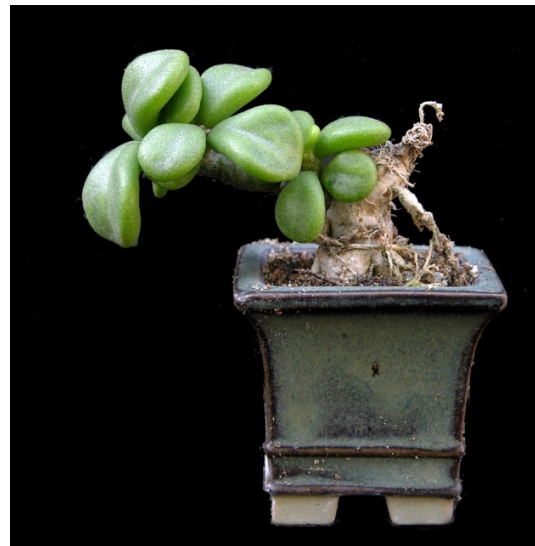
This month, the Cacti and Succulent of the Month are both miniatures. Miniatures are defined differently for different shows. In most cases, the definition is a mature plant in a pot with an inside diameter less than three inches. Some shows define the miniature category as any plant displayed as a miniature. This allows seedlings and young plants to be entered as miniatures. Others require the plant to be the smallest in a genus. We'll use the broad definition for the Plant of the Month.



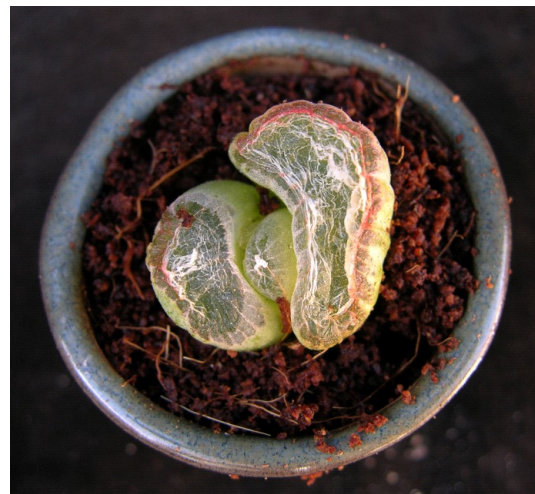
Aloinopsis schoonesii

The miniature category is one of the most popular in our shows, with the number of entrants often one of the largest. The key to success is staging plants. Particular attention must be paid to the relation of the plant to the pot, the top

dressings, and any rocks. The importance of color, geometry, and texture are all magnified in the smaller scale of miniatures.



Tylecodon booliae in a one inch pot



Bulbine mesembryanthemoides

Succulents entered as miniatures include representatives from almost every

family, and a list would be far too long to print. Unusual entries often do well.

With care, species that normally grow large can be kept small, stunted by the lack of root room. Even though small, miniatures need a little fertilizer to keep growth looking fresh, and frequent watering, since there is little storage either in the pot or the body of the plant. The Operculicaria and the Pachypodium shown above have both been in the same pots for many years.

Some Cacti suitable as miniatures:

Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus - the classic entry

Blossfeldia - a genus of miniature cacti from Brazil

Epithelantha micromeris a variable species from Texas and Northern Mexico.



Frailea grahliana in a 3 inch pot

Frailea - a genus of small cacti, some of which clump.

Mammillaria saboae (discovered by club member Kitty Sabo!) and its varieties and forms

Mammillaria herrerae is a small white species from Queretaro. *Mammillaria hernandezii* is a particularly beautiful species from Oaxaca.

Pelecypora asseliformis another classic from Mexico.



Turbinicarpus schmiedickeanus

Turbinicarpus another genus of slow growing, small cacti from Mexico. There are many great species in this genus, all small and all worth growing.

Others can be found in several genera, including *Mammillaria*, *Gymnocalycium*, *Lobivia*, *Rebutia*, etc.

References:

Cullman, Gotz & Groner, The Encyclopedia of Cacti

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Tom Glavich May 2007

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2009 DUES INFORMATION-ONE YEAR

Regular membership	\$15.00
Senior Membership (retired person, age 65 or older)	\$10.00
Associate (same household)	\$ 2.50

Please make out checks to LBCC (Long Beach Cactus Club) and give or send them to :

John Luhnow at 3340 West 152nd Street, Gardena, CA. 90249

NEW MEMBER : _____ RENEWAL : _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____.____ Date: _____

NAME: _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER (S): _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT:- _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ HOME PHONE:(____) ____ - _____

CELL PHONE: (____) ____ - _____ E-MAIL: _____

BIRTHDAY MONTH: _____ FAVORITE CACTI OR SUCCULENT: _____

Membership dues are due in January. The sooner dues are paid the sooner a roster can be generated.

There are a lot of open positions in the club. Please call John Luhnow as **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU.**

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