

February 2012

Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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

PROGRAM: Buck Hemenway and his wife Yvonne are enthusiastic growers of succulent plants. Their one time hobby has turned in to the Prickly Palace nursery, which supplies cacti and succulents to the retail nursery trade. He is President of the San Gabriel C&SS, serves on the Boards of Directors of the Gates Cactus & Succulent Society, CSSA and the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center.

They have traveled to Southern Africa on three separate occasions, most recently visiting southwest Namibia as well as the Karoos in South Africa. Join them for a look at “Places You’ve Never Heard of, Plants You’ve Never Seen, an Adventure in Southern Africa.”

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, February 26, 2012 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: Echinocereus
Succulent: Haworthia/Astroloba

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 **M through R** 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.

Special opportunities and announcements– **2012 dues are due.**

We are planning on working in the garden after the meeting.

LBCC MEETING DATES 2012

	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Feb 26	Buck & Yvonne Hemenway	Places You've Never Heard of, Plants You've Never Seen, An Adventure in Southern Africa
Mar 25	TimHarvey	Micro Propagation
Apr 22	Greg DeChirico	Peru
May 27	Kelly Griffin	Madagascar
Jun 24	Todd Masilko	Pachycauls
Jul 22	Tom Knapik	Geometric Geophytes
Aug 26	Woody Minnich	Namibia
Sept 23	Annual LBCC Auction at the Adobe	

Oct 28	Doug Dawson	South Africa
Nov 18	Mike Buckner	Landscaping with Succulents
Dec ??	Holiday Party?	

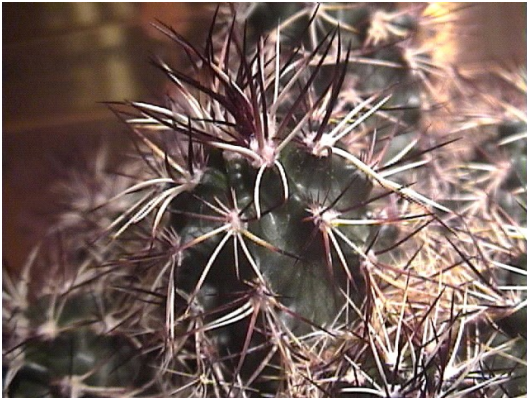
**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012
UPDATED 12/14/2011**

- MAR 23 & 24** **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS & SUCCULENT SPRING SHOW AND SALE 9am-5pm**
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
CONTACT VINCE BASTA 714-267-4329
- APR 7 & 8** **SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE AT SOUTH COAST
BOTANIC GARDENS 26300 CRENSHAW BL., PALOS VERDES, CA INFO. 310-832-2262**
- APR 14 & 15** **GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE—AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM**
1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831
- May 5 & 6** **SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 6** **SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm**
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS - INFORMATION CALL-310-833-6823
- MAY 13** **HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD
ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-2160**
- MAY 18-19** **GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm**
JURUPA MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTER, 7621 GRANITE HILL DRIVE
GLEN AVON, CA INFO. 951-360-8802
- MAY 26-27** **CENTRAL COAST CASTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY**
ANNUAL SHOW & SALE (10-4PM), LUDWICK CENTER, 864 SANTA ROSA
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – INFO. 805-237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org
- JUNE 2 & 3** **SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –SUMMER SHOW AND 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 11th 9-5, 12th
9-3:30 SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD. ENCINO, CA INFO.
E-MAIL LACSS.Contact@gmail.com**
- JUNE 29-JULY 1** **CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE – HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS**
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
626-405-2160 or 2277 PLANTS SALES START JUNE 29TH THRU JULY 1ST
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 30TH THRU JULY 1ST FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 27-28** **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE.**
FRIDAY JULY 27TH Noon until 7pm, SATURDAY JULY 28TH 9am to 5pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
CONTACT VINCE BASTA 714-267-4329
- AUG. 11-12** **27th 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 MATTHEWS 661-297-5364
- SEPT. 1** **HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM**
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 23** **LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION**
18127 SOUTH ALAMEDA ST., RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA----12 PM
- NOV. 3-4** **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY**
SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE.
- NOV. 9-10** **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS & SUCCULENT WINTER SHOW AND SALE 9am-5pm**
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
CONTACT VINCE BASTA 714-267-4329

Long Beach Cactus Club

Cactus of the Month February 2012 - *Echinocereus*

Echinocereus is one of the earliest recognized genera of Cacti; first described in 1848 by George Engelmann from a plant collected in 1846 in what is now New Mexico. The type species (the first one found, and after which the genus is named) is *Echinocereus viridiflorus*, a widespread species with a distribution that ranges from Southern Wyoming, South Dakota, and Kansas to Eastern New Mexico. As the name suggests, it has brilliant green flowers.



Echinocereus davisii entered in the 2003 CSSA show by Lillian Pickoff

Echinocereus species can be found throughout the Western United States, and the range of species stretches through the American west and through Northern and Central Mexico to about Mexico City. As might be expected from a genus covering such a large range, *Echinocereus* are extremely varied in form, ranging from nearly spineless green balls such as *E. knippelianus*, to very spiny short columnar species such as *E. engelmannii*, to pencil thin sticks such a *E. poselgeri*.

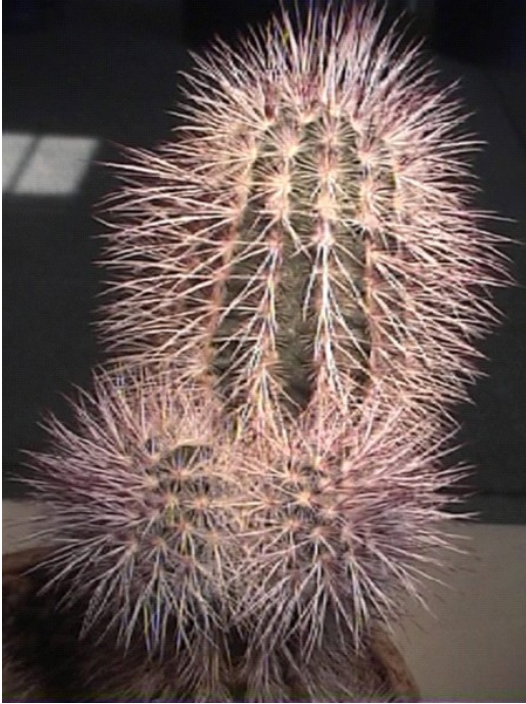
In general, *Echinocereus* is an under appreciated genus. Most growers have one or two, but having killed a few in their early collecting days, usually because of over

watering, concentrate on other genera. Most of the species are in fact easy to grow. Many are quite variable, and exhibit different spination and flower colors depending on the local environment. As a result, a large number of species were named. These are being reduced to a more conservative 30 to 50, but the number of collectable forms remains very high. The varieties and local growth forms provide an enormous range of interesting plants to grow.

Most *Echinocereus* have spectacular flowers, giving rise to such common names as Claret Cup, Strawberry Cactus, Calico Cactus. These common names are often attached to more than one species. *Echinocereus* flowers erupt through the skin, leaving scars. Offsets also erupt through the skin.

Almost all the species need bright light and warm temperatures to grow well and flower. Some are quite easy, but most have somewhat fragile root systems that are prone to rot. They often benefit from being slightly underpotted. Good drainage is a must.

Propagation from seed is fairly easy. Seed germinates in a few days to about two weeks in warm weather, as long as soil mixture is kept moist. Once germination occurs, the seedlings need to be moved to an environment with moving air. They need to be kept damp until they have hardened off.



Echinocereus chloranthus v. neocapillus
entered in the 2003 CSSA Show by Pat and
Mindy Fusaro

Propagation from cuttings is relatively easy, but attention needs to cleanliness is important. Use of Rootone, or another rooting compound containing a fungicide helps ensure success.

Excellent Echinocereus

Echinocereus delaetii - spines are reduced to white hairs. Flowers are pink to purple, with a very obvious green stigma. One of the more difficult to grow. (from Coahuila, Mexico)

Echinocereus engelmannii - from the Southwestern United States and Northern Mexico. A clumping species with stems 2 to 3 inches thick with generally light tan spines and rose like flowers.

Echinocereus knippelianus - dark green body, with slightly lighter ridges, nearly spineless, clustering, and slow. Lots of pale pink flowers. Sensitive to over watering. (from Coahuila, Mexico)

Echinocereus nivosus has dense white needle like spines, with a dark green body. It clumps freely, and has large pink flowers, with bright green stamens. If this plant wasn't natural, it would be in bad taste. (from Coahuila, Mexico)

Echinocereus poselgeri was formally *Wilcoxia poselgeri*, and is one of several tuberous rooted species that have above ground pencil thin stems. They have bright pink flowers, and make an odd sight and an interesting addition to any collection. (from Texas, Coahuila, Mexico)

Echinocereus rigidissimus - columnar, with bands of red, pink and cream spines. A classic, and a frequent show winner. Every collection ends up with one sooner or later. (from Arizona, New Mexico, Northern Mexico)

Echinocereus sharpii, discovered in 1971 by club member Peter Sharp near La Asencion in Nuevo Leon, is one of the more difficult to grow, and infrequently seen in cultivation.

References

- L. di Martino Cactus & Co., **Echinocereus**
- C. Innes and C. Glass, **Cacti**
- J. Pilbeam, **Cacti for the Connoisseur**
- T. Anderson, **The Cactus Family**

Tom Glavich February 2005

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2012

PRESIDENT John Luhnnow 310-922-6090 **SECRETARY(TEMP)** **OPEN**
VICE-PRESIDENT **OPEN** **TREASURER** Jess (Vern) Yandell
DIRECTORS, in alphabetical order, are John & Edwina Caceres, John Luhnnow, Dot Miller and Gary Duke (Past President)

COMMITTEES:

AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE	Hank Warzybok	NEWSLETTER	David Quadhamer
BIRTHDAY/PRIZE PLANTS	Jim Hanna	PROGRAMS	Woody Minnich
GARDEN CURATOR	OPEN	PUBLICITY – LOCAL	Danielle Linden
HISTORIAN	Ken Shaw	PUBLICITY – SHOWS	Peter Walkowiak
INTER-CITY SHOW CHAIRMAN	Peter Walkowiak	REFRESHMENTS	Javier Arroyo
LIBRARY	Ken Shaw	SHOW & TELL TABLE	Carol Causey
MEMBERSHIP	John Luhnnow	SUNSHINE	Dot Miller
WEBMASTER	David Quadhamer		

MEMBERSHIP

SEND APPLICATIONS to John Luhnnow, 3340 West 152nd St. Gardena, CA, 90249. **Dues** are \$15 per year for regular membership, seniors \$10. (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 club treasurer 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: David Quadhamer, P.O. Box 861, San Pedro, CA 90733-0861. Telephone: (310) 833-3095. Email – davidq@lbcss.org

CLARENCE B. WRIGHT MEMORIAL DESERT GARDEN

COME AT **12:00 PM.**, 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 Ken Shaw at (562) 430-1237 or email at kenlbca@earthlink.net and he will bring the requested items to the next meeting for you to check out.

!!!! We still have several open positions in the club. Get involved and volunteer to take a role in YOUR club!

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.

2012 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTUS</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
January	Mammillaria	Aeonium
February	Echinocereus	Haworthia/Astroloba
March	Neochilenia/Neoporteria	Sedum/Pachyphytum
April	Astrophytum	Sansevieria
May	Cereus (Columnar Cactus)	Monadenium/Jatropha
June	Opuntias	Adromischus
July	Notocactus/Parodia	Euphorbia African
August	Favorite (3)	Favorite (3)
September		LBCC Auction
October	Lobivia/Echinopsis	Succulent Bromeliads
November	Miniature (3) Under 3"	Miniature (3) Under 3"
December		HOLIDAY PARTY

2012 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	22	Bob Gillett	32	Evelyn Maxwell	21
Ken Shaw	21			Jade Neely	21
Jim Hanna	14			David Quadhamer	11
				John Drake	1

Plant-of-the-Month Winners - January

Cactus – Advanced		Succulent – Advanced	
1. Gary Duke	Mammillaria chionocephala	1. Jim Hanna	Aeonium 'Bronze Medal'
2. Gary Duke	Mammillaria haageana	2. Jim Hanna	Aeonium 'Ruth Lightfoot'
2. Ken Shaw	Mammillaria parkinsonii	2. Ken Shaw	Aeonium haworthii
3. Gary Duke	Mammillaria compressa	3. Gary Duke	Aeonium 'Kiwi'
3. Ken Shaw	Mammillaria lanata		
3. Ken Shaw	Mammillaria perbella		

Cactus – Intermediate		Succulent – Intermediate	
1. Bob Gillett	Mammillaria lanigera	1. Bob Gillett	Aeonium subplanum
2. Bob Gillett	Mammillaria plumosa	2. Bob Gillett	Aeonium spathulatum
3. Bob Gillett	Mammillaria meiacantha	3	

Cactus – Beginner		Succulent – Beginner	
1. Jade Neely	Mammillaria fragilis	1. Evelyn Maxwell	A. virgineum 'Ballerina'
2. Jade Neely	Mammillaria Bombycina	2. Evelyn Maxwell	Aeonium sp.
2. David Quadhamer	Mammillaria sempervivi	3. Evelyn Maxwell	Aeonium sp.
3. Jade Neely	Mammillaria hahniana		
3. David Quadhamer	Mammillaria hahniana		

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2012 DUES INFORMATION-ONE YEAR

Regular membership \$15.00

Senior Membership (retired person, age 65 or older) \$10.00

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

John Luhnnow, 3340 West 152nd St., 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: _____

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