

August 2013

Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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

PROGRAM: Ernesto Sandoval will give a presentation “Plant Hormones & Why Our Plants Look the Way They Do!”

Have you ever wondered why your plant has a sudden burst of growth after transplanting? Or how the plant "knows" to grow new parts when pruned or how a cutting knows to make roots? Find answers to these questions and others about why your plants grow the way they do during this informative but not so technical presentation by Ernesto Sandoval, Director of the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory.

Ernesto Sandoval has been wondering and seeking questions to why plants look the way that they do for a long time. 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 gotten answers to those and many other questions by getting a degree at UC Davis in Botany and working from waterer to Director over the last 21 years at the UCD Botanical Conservatory. He's left the "mow blow and go" monoculture landscape gardening world and has immersed himself in the world of polyculture and biodiversity by growing several thousand types of plants at the Conservatory, many of them succulents. 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 but prefers to relate information in more understandable methods of communication! By helping people to understand plant hormones, he hopes to help us better understand how to and why our plants do what they do.

Ernesto will also be bringing a diversity of less common and rare plants for members to buy as part of the “Green for succulent Green” offering to benefit activities at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory! *Dorstenia gigas*, *whitesloana crassa*, *Pseudolithos migiurtinus* and *cubiformis* are just a few of the oddities he'll bring.

We will be working in the garden starting at 11 AM. Bring a lunch if you need to.

LOCATION: Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA 90815. We will meet in the meeting room next to the gift shop. Rancho Los Alamitos is located within Bixby Hill and accessed through the residential security gate at Anaheim and Palo Verde. From the 405 Freeway, exit at Palo Verde Avenue and turn south. From the 605 Freeway, exit at Willow, follow to Palo Verde and turn south.

TIME: Sunday, August 4, 2013 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: *Ariocarpus*

Succulent: *Asclepiads*

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.

LBCC MEETING DATES 2013

	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
August 4	Ernesto Sandoval	Plant Hormones
September 29	Auction	
October 6	Tom Glavich	Winter Bulbs
November 3	Gary Duke	Columnar Cacti of Peru
December 15	Holiday Party / POM Awards	

**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013 (updated 6/2/2013)**

- JULY 26-28** **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE. FRI. JULY 26TH 9am-5pm, SAT JULY 27TH 9am-5pm, SUN 28TH 12-4pm**
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- AUG. 17 & 18** **28th 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
- AUG. 31** **HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM**
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 29** **LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION**
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615
INFO: 310-922-6090
- NOV. 2 & 3** **SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 9am-4pm both days**
SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE.



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.

2013 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTUS</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
January	Echinocactus/Ferocactus	Crassula
February	Rebutia/Sulcorebutia	Gasteria
March	Gymnocalycium	Echeveria
April	Thelocactus/Stenocactus	Aloe
May	Favorite (3)	Favorite (3)
June	Copiapoa	Agaves
July	Mammillaria w/ Hooked Spines	Pachypodium
August	Ariocarpus	Asclepiads
September		LBCC Auction
October	Melocactus	Lithops/Conophytums
November	Miniature (3) <3">	Miniature (3) <3">
December		HOLIDAY PARTY
Plant of the Year		Titanopsis calcarea

2013 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	131	Bob Gillett	56	Jade Neely	172
Ken Shaw	81	Hank Warzybok	46	Andrew Lander	34
Jim Hanna	69	Evelyn Maxwell	29	John Drake	30
Gary James	24	Karenn Ohlinder	20	Margaret Lander	21
		John Luhnnow	16	Manon Robertshaw	1

Plant-of-the-Month Winners - June

Cactus – Advanced		Succulent – Advanced	
1. Ken Shaw	Copiapoa calderana	1. Gary James	Agave victoriae-reginae 'Albomarginata'
2. Gary James	Copiapoa krainziana	2. Gary Duke	Agave titanota
2. Gary Duke	Copiapoa cinerea	2. Gary Duke	Agave utahensis
3. Gary Duke	Copiapoa lauii	3. Jim Hanna	Agave titanota 'Filigree'
3. Ken Shaw	Copiapoa columna-alba	3. Ken Shaw	Agave victoriae-reginae 'Himesanoyuki'
3. Gary Duke	Copiapoa tenuissima		

Cactus – Intermediate		Succulent – Intermediate	
1. Bob Gillett	Copiapoa lauii	1. Bob Gillett	Agave bracteosa
2. Bob Gillett	Copiapoa cinerea	2. Bob Gillett	Agave victoriae
3. Bob Gillett	Copiapoa tenuissima	3	

Cactus – Beginner		Succulent – Beginner	
1. Jade Neely	Copiapoa lauii	1. Jade Neely	Agave polianthiflora
2. Jade Neely	Copiapoa hypogaea	2. Jade Neely	Agave 'Royal Spine'
3. Jade Neely	Copiapoa tenuissima	3. Jade Neely	Agave lophantha

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2013 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: _____

David Quadhamer
Editor, Roadrunner News
P.O. Box 861
San Pedro, CA 90733-0861

FIRST CLASS PLEASE