

January 2013

Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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

PROGRAM: Steve Martinez will present a program “Baja North to Central, Road Kill to Rarity.”

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, January 6, 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: Echinocactus/Ferocactus
Succulent: Crassula

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.

LBCC MEETING DATES 2013

	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
January 6	Steve Martinez	Baja North to Central, Road Kill to Rarity
February 3		
March 3	Ken Shaw	History of the LBCC
April 7		
May 19		
June 2		
July 7		
August 4		
September 22	Auction	
October 6		
November 3		
December 1	Holiday Party / POM Awards	

CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013 (updated 10/21/2012)

- FEB 9TH SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –WINTER SHOW AND SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO. 858-382-1797
- MAR. 22-24 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE.
FRI. MAR. 22ND 9am-5pm, SAT. MAR. 23RD 9am-5pm, SUN. 24TH 12-4pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFORMATION CALL 562-587-3357
- APR 13 & 14 SOUTH COAST CACTUS AN SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE
SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD.,
PALOS VERDES, CA INFO: 310-832-2262
- APR 20 & 21 GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE—AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM
1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831
- APR 27TH SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS
INFORMATION CALL-310-833-6823
- APR 28TH HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5 HUNTINGTON BOTANICALGARDENS,
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-2160
- May 4 & 5 SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 17 & 18 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 32ND 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 25 & 26 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 1 & 2 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –SUMMER SHOW AND SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO: 858-382-1797
- JUNE 8 & 9 LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY
PLANT SHOW AND SALE 8TH 9-5, 9TH 9-3:30
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD.
ENCINO, CA INFO. E-MAIL LACSS.Contact@gmail.com
- JUNE 15-20 CSSA 35TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION, AUSTIN, TX- www.CSSA2013.COM
- JUNE 28-30 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
626-405-2160 or 2277 PLANTS SALES START JUNE 28TH THRU JUNE 30TH
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 29TH THRU JUNE 30TH FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- 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
- SEPT 7TH HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 22ND 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 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2013

PRESIDENT John Luhnnow 310-922-6090
VICE-PRESIDENT Ken Shaw
SECRETARY(TEMP) **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	Hank Warzybok	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

LIBRARY

WANT TO CONSULT A BOOK ON CACTI AND SUCCULENTS OR A COPY OF THE **CSSA JOURNAL**? Talk to Hank Warzybok 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!

Thanks to Ken Shaw for filling the vacant Vice-President position.

If you didn't pick up the Plant of the Year in December, you can pick it up in January.

Dues are due in January.

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

2012 FINAL POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Ken Shaw	157	Bob Gillett	158	Jade Neely	208
Gary Duke	139	John Luhnnow	34	Evelyn Maxwell	101
Jim Hanna	137	Karenn Ohlinder	12	John Drake	49
Hank Warzybok	40			David Quadhamer	12
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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: _____

Succulent of the Month - *Crassula*

The genus *Crassula* is a mostly African member of the *Crassulaceae* family. *Crassula* is distinguished from the rest of the family by having as many stamens as petals, and having opposite leaves. Other African members of the *Crassulaceae* have twice as many stamens as petals.



Crassula cv. Tom Thumb

The genus runs the gamut from beginner plants that are virtually indestructible to difficult winter growers that are intolerant of water in the summer, but at the same time prone to drying up if insufficient moisture isn't provided.

Many cultivars have been developed and are available at shows and even many local garden centers. First quality cultivars can sometimes be found at home centers.

Almost all the *Crassula* are winter growers. They start growth in October, grow until the days get too short, sit out the worst of the winter, and then grow again until the weather warms in the early summer. Most are dormant during the summer, or would prefer to be.

Propagation of almost all *Crassula* species is most easily done by vegetative offsets. Cuttings should be taken when the plants are in active growth, early spring being best, left to dry for a day or two, and then simply potted in the same mix as the original plant. Rooting is

almost always rapid and new growth appears in a week or two.

Propagation from seed is possible. But surprisingly difficult, with the seed planted in October or November. Germination is sporadic, and keeping the young seedlings alive is often a challenge.

Crassulas to Crave

Crassula alstonii a wonderful miniature species with tight hemispherical leaves piling on one another. A species from the Huntington Library conservatory is shown below.



Crassula alstonii

Crassula ausiensis from Namibia is a clumping species, one of many that closely resembles a mesemb as much as a *Crassula*.

Crassula barbata from South Africa, only an inch and a half when fully grown is a ciliate (hairy) rosette. It offsets as old head die.

Crassula falcata, more often a garden subject than a pot plant can grow to several feet high and across. It has spectacular heads of bright red flowers, often in August when this color is often missing from the succulent garden.

Crassula hemisphaerica from Namibia and South Africa, matches its name.



Crassula hirtipes

Crassula hirtipes shown above in a one inch pot is one of the classic miniatures. It propagates readily from stem cuttings

Crassula suzannae another of the small clumping species, looks much like a mesemb, and very sensitive to watering at the wrong time of year.

Crassula tecta has many forms and cultivars. White spotted and patterned leaves make this a choice species.

Great cultivars include:

Crassula Tom Thumb, shown above forms a dense mat of small leaves. The leaves color quickly with red edges setting off the green centers.



Crassula cv. Morgan's Beauty

Crassula Morgan's Beauty, shown above has wonderful gray leaves, with a blush of blue and pink. A classic hybrid between *C. falcata* and *C. mesembryanthemopsis*, its flowers match the beauty of the leaves.

Finally, no discussion of *Crassulas* would be complete without the wonderful garden plants, *Crassula arborescens*, *Crassula ovata*, and their various cultivars and hybrids.

References

Jacobsen, H. **A Handbook of Succulent Plants**

Court, D. **Succulent Flora of Southern Africa**

Folsom, D. et. **All Dry Climate Gardening with Succulents**

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