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ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club
Founded 1933; Affiliate of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc.

Program: Woody Minnich - Peru, *From the Sea to the Sky*

This presentation is my total experiences of four trips into Peru. We will cover most of the regions rich in cactus and succulents, from Cajamarca in the North to Arequipa in the South. I will feature the towns, the people, the animals, and of course, the cacti and succulents of this historically important country. We will also encounter the many amazing plants that survive in the coastal sand dunes as well as the wonderful species that inhabit the highest elevations of the Andes.

We will see many genera of cacti and succulents: *Austrocylindropuntia*, *Haageocereus*, *Armatocereus*, *Melocactus*, *Mila*, *Puya*, *Echeveria*, *Oroya*, *Matucana*, *Lobivia*, *Trichocereus*, *Weberbauerocereus*, *Peperomia*, *Oreocereus*, *Espostoa*, *Corryocactus*, *Cumulopuntia*, *Cleistocactus*, *Browningia*, as well as many of the *Bromeliads*, especially the *Tillandsias*. I will try and give insight into the habitats and the conditions in which most of these plants grow. Hopefully this will allow you to apply their field growing conditions to how you might better cultivate these plants in the green house or garden.

Peru is a very fascinating and romantic country with a turbulent history. It has a very unique culture that has evolved from the time of the Inca to its Spanish conquerors and beyond. As of today, Peru has also developed some very complicated relationships with its neighboring countries of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Columbia and Ecuador. From its coast lines to the Andes and into the Amazonian jungles, Peru has it all! What a wealth of intrigue, from its plants to its animals and of course, the mysterious Nasca lines to the ruins of Machu Picchu.



Puya raimondii (with *Homo sapiens* cv. Minnich)



Woody Minnich on Lake Titicaca, Peru and Bolivia

Woody, as he is commonly known, grew up in the Mojave Desert and has had an attraction to desert plants and animals since the early 1950's. He has been involved with the cactus and succulent world for over 52 years, as a grower, field explorer, club and organization leader, writer, photographer, lecturer and presenter.

Having been a speaker all over the world, Woody is most often associated with giving presentations on his field work from the places he has traveled, such as: Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Madagascar, Mexico, Namibia, New Zealand, Peru, Socotra, South Africa, the United States and Yemen. To date, this makes 128 major trips. He is also recognized for having operated the nursery Cactus Data Plants since 1975. Woody's show quality plants were often considered one of the standards for staging and horticultural achievement. His favorite genera include: Adenium, Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Copiapoa, Cyphostemma, Fouquieria, Gymnocalycium, Lithops, Mammillaria, Melocactus, Pachypodium, Turbinicarpus, Uebelmannia, and Pachycauls in general.

He has published numerous articles and reviews in various journals (CSSA) and his photography is featured in many books including; "The Copiapoa" by Schulz, "The Mammillaria Handbook" by Pilbeam, "The Cactus Lexicon" By Hunt and Charles, as well as many others. As of November 2017, he is featured as the primary photographer in the sold out book "The Xerophile." This book specializes in what the authors call, The Obsessed Field workers from around the world. He is also featured in electronic articles about conservation from "MNN Mother Nature Network" and "The Guardian Newspaper."

Woody and his wife, Kathy, live in Cedar Grove, New Mexico. He is a retired secondary school teacher of 32 years where he taught Graphics, Art and Architecture. In the cactus and succulent hobby, Woody is recognized for his high energy and creative spirit. As an educator, he has become an important part of the hobby and thus is an honorary life member of thirteen C&S societies across the country. He has been president, show and sale chair, newsletter editor, program chair, and plant of the month coordinator. Woody has also served on the CSSA board and numerous societies in many other leadership positions. He is a co-creator, and currently the president, of the Santa Fe Cactus and Succulent Club. With 52 years in the hobby and 64 years in the field (old fart), he has many experiences to share and thousands of photos to show.

Message from the President

Good news. After a one month pause , we are back to live in-person meetings in March. Masks are still required. We are all trying to out how to proceed with these meetings so for now, because of the constant changes in rules and recommendations and until further notice, masks will be required at all meetings. This will change but it is unknown when this change will occur. The health and safety of members is the priority.

March is here and the weather is changing. Some nice and warm days and some very cold. I am repotting some summer growers but, most will wait for end of March. I hope you're having fun with your plants.

SAN GABRIEL WINTER SHOW AND SALE

The San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale is just around the corner, March 4-6 for the sale and March 5-6 for the show. This year the sale portion will be outdoors. Should be good. Those of you that are members of that club, they are still looking for volunteers. Let me know if you are interested and I will forward your request to their volunteer coordinator for that event.

PRESENTATION

Out presenter for March will be Woody Minnich and he will present "Peru, From the Sea to the Sky". Looks to be a great presentation.

POM

Succulent: Gasteria

Cactus: Mammillaria clusters

SNACKS

This month Snacks will be brought to you by the letters E, F, and G.

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

The membership dues are \$20. Due to having to look for a new vendor, our name badges are now \$10.

SALES

Contact me if you would like to be a vendor at our March meeting.

FREE PLANT/CUTTINGS TABLE

Healthy, clean, and pest free plants and cuttings are welcome! There should be no soil on the roots if plants are bare root. Clean-up is crazy when this rule is not followed.

MEETING SET-UP AND TEAR-DOWN

Many thanks to those who show up early and/or stay after our meetings to help with set-up and tear-down. You make a difference! When moving tables, they cannot be slid but need to be lifted. This is an old building and they need our help taking care of their floors.

Let's have another great meeting! Let's post more photos of our meeting on FB and IG!

Stay safe and healthy.

James

LBCC PLANT-OF-THE-MONTHS 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.

Long Beach Cactus Club 2022 Plants of the Months

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENTS</u>
January	Echinocereus	Haworthia
February	Notocactus & Parodia	Dudleya
March	Mammillaria clusters	Gasteria
April	Corypanthus & Escobaria	Euphorbia from Madagascar
May	Variegated	Variegated
June	Rebutia & Sulcorebutia	Pachypodium
July	Favorites (3)	Favorites (3)
August	Neoporteria & Neochilenia	Bromeliaceae
September	AUCTION	
October	Echinocactus & Ferocactus	Lithops & Conophytum
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

2018 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	30	Richard Salcedo	25	Gloria Hansen	10
Jim Hanna	16	James Lemos	14	Julianne Skinner	9
		Kathy McNair	3	Sonita Bantad	7
				Christine Isham	5
				Chris Bucka	5
				Jeff Preston	4
				Kelly Eddy	2
				Gretchen Lewotsky	2
				Lemona Lott	2
				Jesse Arias	1
				Gavin Hunn	1
				Laurie Keller	1

From the February Zoom Mini-Show



Gary Duke's purple Dudleya hybrid



Jesse Arias's Parodia buiningii



Kathy McNair's Parodia mammillosa



The Long Beach Cactus Club

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Meeting Highlights:

- Monthly programs led by plant experts from around the world
- Mini shows each month with different categories of cacti & succulents
- Vendors selling plants, pots, tools, and more
- Monthly raffles
- Advice from members for plant identification and care

Meeting Information:

1st Sunday of each month

1:00 pm

Woman's Club of Bellflower 9402 Oak St, Bellflower, CA

Member Sign Up

\$20.00 per year, per membership

\$10.00 for engraved name badge (optional)

☐ Cash or ☐ Check - Made out to the Long Beach Cactus Club

Membership year: _____ Amount paid: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address (for mailing purposes): _____

Phone number: _____

SNACK AND REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LAST NAME STARTS WITH</u>
January	A, B
February	C, D
March	E, F, G
April	H
May	I, J, K
June	L, M
July	N, O
August	P, Q, R
September	Auction
October	S, T, U, V
November	W, X, Y, Z
December	Holiday Party



Oreocereus leucotrichos, photo by Woody Minnich

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2022

PRESIDENT	James Lemos	SECRETARY	Gavin Hunn
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PLANT SALE	TBA	AUCTION	Gretchen Lewotsky
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NEWSLETTER

IF YOU HAVE ANY STORIES, cultivation tips, information about upcoming events, photos, corrections, or news in general about cacti and succulents that might interest our members, **please send them in.** **Comments and suggestions are always welcome.** **Remember, this is your newsletter.** Physical address: Andrew Lander, 3041 Roxanne Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808. Cyber address: landruc@gmail.com



Matucana auriflora, photo by Woody Minnich