

THE CACTUS COMPANION

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

MARCH MEETING: SUNDAY MARCH 27, 1988 AT 1:00 PM
Iacoboni Library Community Room, 5020 Clark Avenue
in Lakewood. Lots of parking. Entrance at rear.

ANNIVERSARY MONTH:

Everybody brings finger foods for feasting. Help celebrate. WE'RE 55 YEARS OLD. Happy Birthday!

PROGRAM: DR. DARYL KOUTNIK WILL SPEAK TO US ABOUT:

SUCCULENTS OF
SOUTH AFRICA

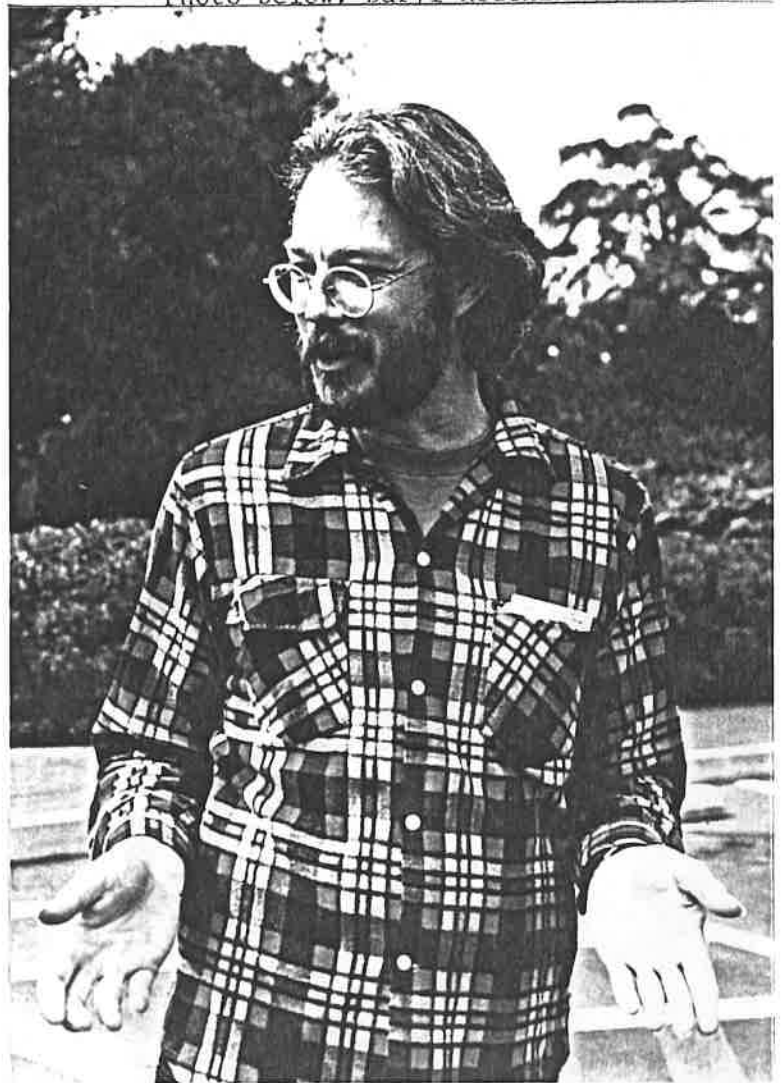
PLANT OF THE MONTH:
MAMMILLARIA (single head)
EUPHORBIA!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- Barbeque THIS Saturday the 19th.
- Inter-City Show Picture Report.
- Cacto-Dressing for Success! AND
- LBCC FIELD TRIP TO THE EAST MOJAVE.



Photo below: Daryl Koutnik



NOTE: REGULAR MEETING IS NOT
THIS SUNDAY — IT'S THE 27th.

1988 OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

President: Rowena Thompson (213) 835-0393
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 Programs - Audrey Tucker " " "
 Refreshments - Kathi Reyes (213) 591-7330
 Show Chairman - Larry Grammer (213) 599-0856
 Sunshine - Laverne Pitzer (213) 429-3271
 To the above and those chairpersons we don't have room to list, THANK YOU!

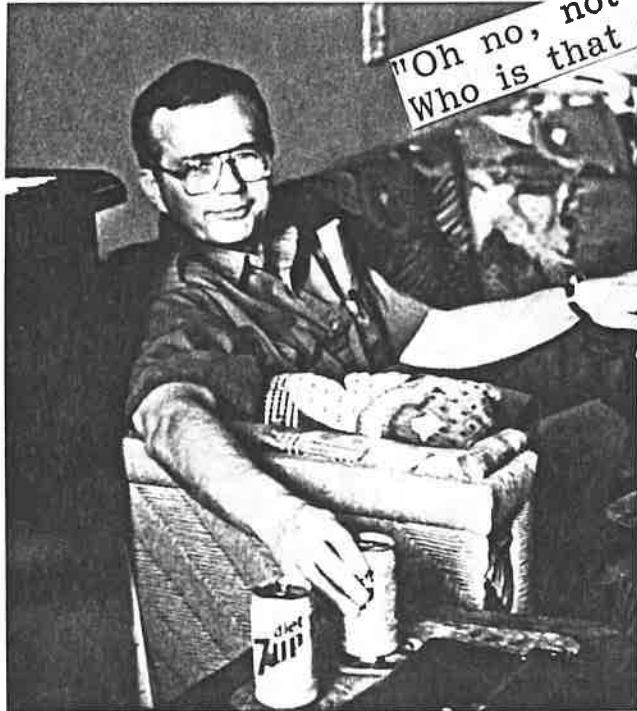
Dues: Regular membership is \$8, senior membership is \$5, and each same home membership is \$1.50. Please contact your membership chairmen: Marge Snyder 199009-308 Laurel Park Rd., Dominguez Hills, CA 90220, or Terry Dew, 5328 Carita, Long Beach CA 90808.

 Newsletter: Carol Wujcik (714) 963-3146, 10860 El Mar Ave., Fountain Valley, CA 92708.



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

*"Oh no, not another photo!
 Who is that camera-crazed woman?"*



THANK YOU TO LILLIAN DE TISNE for loaning me her photo - there'll be another from her in the next issue. In fact it's hoped to include several more photos next time - and not just of the Inter-City meeting.

Although a copier cannot do a really good job with these photos, pictures can still help remind everyone of the club's good times and they let our long-distance members participate as well. Plus new members can start to link names with faces. It's hoped imagination can fill in where the copier fails to give a detailed image. - Carol

WEED & GARDENING PARTY-BARBEQUE THIS SATURDAY

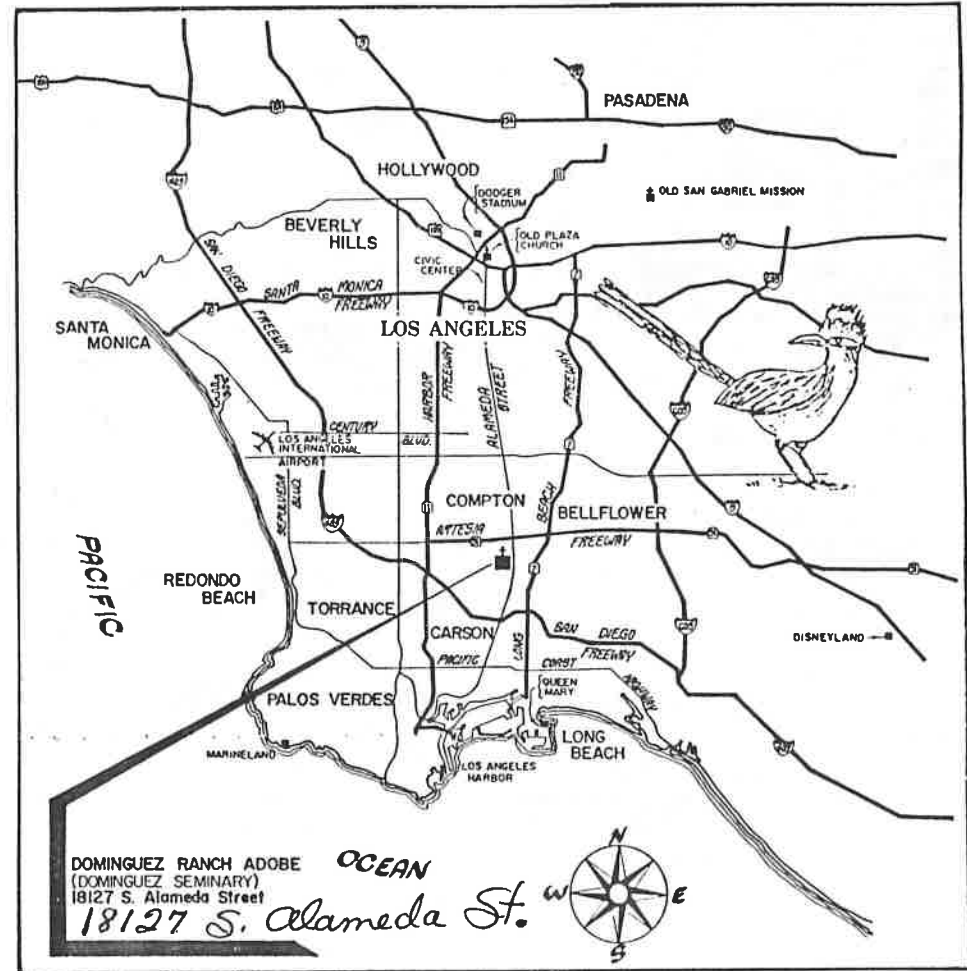
MARCH 19, 1:00 PM

OR WHENEVER YOU CAN COME!

As most of you know, our cactus garden at the Adobe has many fine plants; however it has been a cold, windy winter, plus installation of a new water line caused damage. Now with spring come the weeds.

So this Saturday we want to help Ted do some spring cleanup and planting. Wear work clothes and sun protection. Bring tools. Bring extra donation plants (especially Echeveria), if you have extras.

Bring a potluck dish or chips & dip or whatever is convenient for you, bring your own plates & utensils, bring your family (remember little people may not know about the dangers of cacti & Euphorbia), MOST IMPORTANT, BRING YOU! Map below.





WHICH OF OUR COWGIRLS
IS SMILING FROM THIS
"WOW" PICTURE?!!

This is Lillian de Tisné peeking over the cardboard cutout figure! But in those days there was no de Tisné in her life yet! But it wasn't long before Jacques came along and roped in his lovely lady! Look at Lillian smile! How could Jacques resist! The young roguish Frenchman Jacques won the heart of his cowgirl Lillian, and they were married in 1944. (To see a picture of Jacques in his Cowboy hat, you'll have to look for our March 1986 CACTUS COMPANION. Or look for it at our March meeting. There'll be a copy on the front table.

INTER-CITY SHOW MEETING

Following our regular February meeting featuring a program both entertaining and informative on the genus *Echinocereus* by Woody Minnich, everyone interested in having their say at the Inter-City Show Meeting adjourned to Rowena Thompson's home, where club members from the three clubs informally talked, enjoyed potluck dinner & barbeque, and then got down to the business of planning the greatest show yet.

Sales, publicity, hospitality, and show schedule were all discussed at length. This was to be the last joint planning meeting with all the committees meeting together, so even small details had to be brought forward.

Yet the meeting moved along decisively because of the strong leadership capabilities of Woody Minnich, who kept a delicate balance between letting everyone air his/her concerns and not getting bogged down. All areas of putting on a show were covered. It was a working meeting — which concentrated on fine-tuning rather than congratulations.

But many thank you's are in order — the co-chairmen — Larry, Fred & Woody have been at work for months — phoning, dealing with the Arboretum, talking with the committee chairs — plus Woody had exercised his artistic talents, and as early as last fall had designed and executed an Inter-City T-shirt & sweatshirt design featuring our logo. Created through a silkscreen process, these T's sell at \$5 (cost) through the clubs who vote for them. The work involved is considerable. Woody has also completed our show flyer! (continued on the page after next.)

From left to right: Woody Minnich, Rowena Thompson (our hostess for the meeting and barbeque), and Victor Turecek smile for the camera



INTER-CITY SHOW MEETING (and BARBEQUE!)



From left to right: Victor Turecek, Jim Hanna, Rowena Thompson & Fred Hutflesz are engrossed in conversation and of course — plants.

BARBEQUE

INTER-CITY MEETING - CONTINUED

The Sales Committee led by Jim Hanna reviewed sales procedures and there was much discussion. More will appear in the newsletter at a later date, as there is much of interest to sellers and buyers.

Hospitality is represented by Roberta Hanna, Camille Rutkowski, and Sandy Chase, who will do the same fine job this year. Possible minor changes were discussed.

Publicity is one of our most important functions in a show, and the Inter-City Show is most fortunate to have Laverne Pitzer heading a committee which includes Walt Wegner and Fred (doing double duty). Laverne's work is well underway, and she has sent out a dynamite press release. Follow-up is another of her great strengths, so we'll have the best publicity possible. See her picture to the right.

It was a productive meeting. It was also FUN! And that has been a major goal of the show organizers from the beginning. If it's not fun, why do it? Those who put in hours of work should enjoy themselves. And that's where our barbeque came in, as you can see!



SLINGING HAMBURGERS!

CHEF KATHI REYES SHOWS HOW ITS DONE WHILE JOE WUJCIK LOOKS ON, MOUTH WATERING. THE BURGERS WERE EXCELLENT.

THANKS TO ROWENA FOR BEING OUR HOSTESS!



LAVERNE PITZER: PUBLICITY LADY!



A FINAL THANK YOU, this time from Rowena, who hosted the barbeque. She asked that a thank you be included in the newsletter telling everybody that despite the wet muddy weather, there was no mud tracked in, and considering the number of people going in & outdoors, that's remarkable. She said to tell everyone that they were fine guests. It's clear also that everyone enjoyed themselves.

TIME TO READY YOUR PLANTS — Showtime is awhile off for our clubs, but repotting is a good thing to do for your plants show or not. For one thing it lets you inspect the roots. DON'T DELAY, REPOT TODAY

REED PITZER



CACTO-FASHION '88 !

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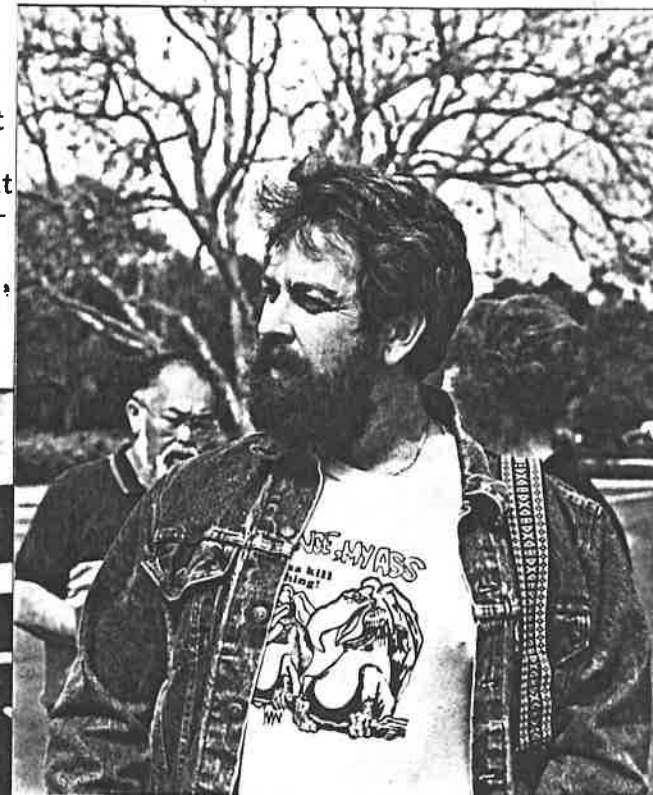
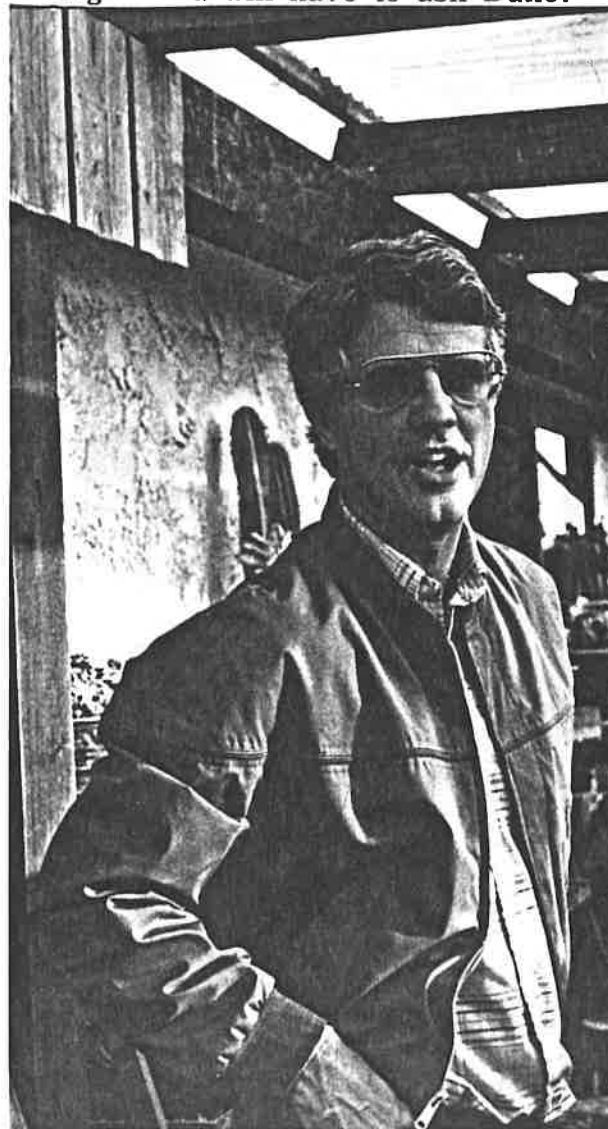
WHAT THE WELL-DRESSED INTER-CITY SHOW CACTOPHILE WILL WEAR THIS YEAR!

Our four handsome models are turned out in the latest dress-for-success cactofashion for men & women. Bill Hagblom illustrates the youthful cactophile-on-the-go. Inter-City Show T-shirt, 2 club badges, Nikes, cactus book & show papers under one arm - and shades for sun protection! Bill is a co-chair. of the GO-GETTUM SALES COMMITTEE!



SUPER-SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY: DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS FABULOUS OFFER! You too can wear the latest Inter-City Cactofashion! But hurry -- limited time only! We must order at this meeting. If you're willing to part with a paltry five bucks payable on delivery, we can order these colorful cactofashion T-shirts at our March meeting. T-shirts are white with burgandy or gold arm and neck bands, with Super Cactus emblazoned on center, with blue-green body, gold-brown spines, and wine-rose cactus flower! ALL ARE LOVINGLY SILK-SCREENED BY NOTED ARTIST AND CACTOPHILE WOODY MINNICH, WHO HAS DONATED HIS TIME AND TALENTS FOR THE CAUSE! Be a part of it! Order small, medium, large or extra-large. (Club must approve purchase unless we pre-pay). STILL UNCONVINCED? Bill has promised to model his T-shirt (and even wash it first!). See photo above.

Below, left is Camille Rutkowski, a co-chair. of the HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE. She has layered a muted plaid jacket over her T-Shirt for both warm practicality and a dressier colorful look. To the right the individualist look is demonstrated by Duke Benadom, sales co-chairman. Bearded and nonchalant, his chosen apparel (T-shirt humor) speaks for itself. What is it saying? You will have to ask Duke.



To the left Jim Hanna sports the cactocasual town-and-country look - dressed for special occasions but still relaxed-comfortable. The advantage of this look is that the cactophile can go out among everyday non-cactonut people and still fit right in. Jim is co-chair and head of the GO-GETTUM SHOW SALES COMMITTEE. See Jim, Bill or Duke if you have questions about show sales. They are already at work on this major fundraiser for the clubs.

Specifics on the show sale will be in future newsletters.

LBCC 1988 SHOW CO-CHAIRMAN



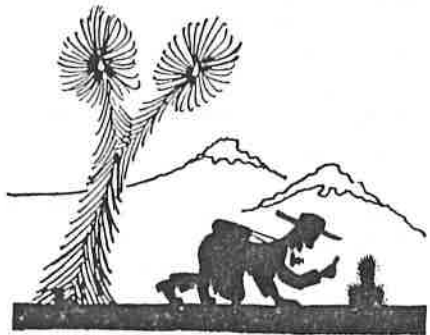
Larry Grammer is one of the guiding forces of our Inter-City Show. In fact, the 1987 show wouldn't have happened without him. He is one of the great communicators. Although not a public speaker, Larry continually keeps everyone informed by phone, well in advance of deadlines.

Next month, Larry will lead a group of Roadrunners into the Wilderness, but not for 40 days (only two) and not for fasting (we will all bring our own food supplies, but dinner Saturday night should be fun.) For more information about our Mojave Desert Adventure, read (and keep) the special insert.

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE MARCH MEETING IF YOU TENTATIVELY PLAN TO GO. You can change your mind later. This will just give Larry an idea as to the number going.

Your 1988 Inter-City Show Co-Chairmen are Larry, Fred Hutflesz & Woody Minnich.

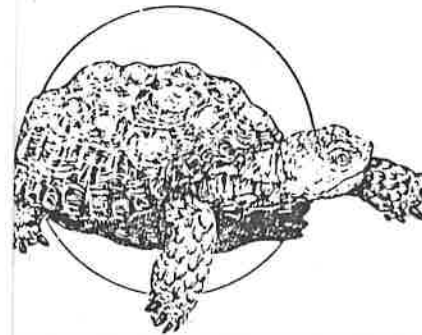
THIS WONDERFUL DRAWING IS FROM A BOOK-PLATE TITLED, "FROM EDWARD S. TAYLOR" alias Ted! That's Ted there exploring with magnifier and camera around his neck. Thanks to Chuck & Jerry of Rainbow Gardens for discovering this in a book and sending it on! THANK YOU!!!!!!



THE CALIFORNIA DESERT: The March issue of SUNSET MAGAZINE has a long article on the California deserts, including the East Mojave which we will visit in April. There is also a page or two on the pending legislation which will affect this region for good or ill in the future. Find out about it; you may wish to voice your opinion.

FILL IN YOUR OWN CAPTION!:

Could it be that Bill is wondering if his own plant could go against this one in competition?



TORTOISE FANS: The Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee is conducting a campaign to acquire 9½ square miles of private land in the Desert Tortoise Natural Area of the Mojave Desert. The aim of this is to preserve the habitat of these animals. The Committee estimates that the tortoise population has been reduced by 50% by urban sprawl and man's depredations. Address of the Committee: P.O. Box 453, Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

Los Angeles Zoo Annual Plant Sale

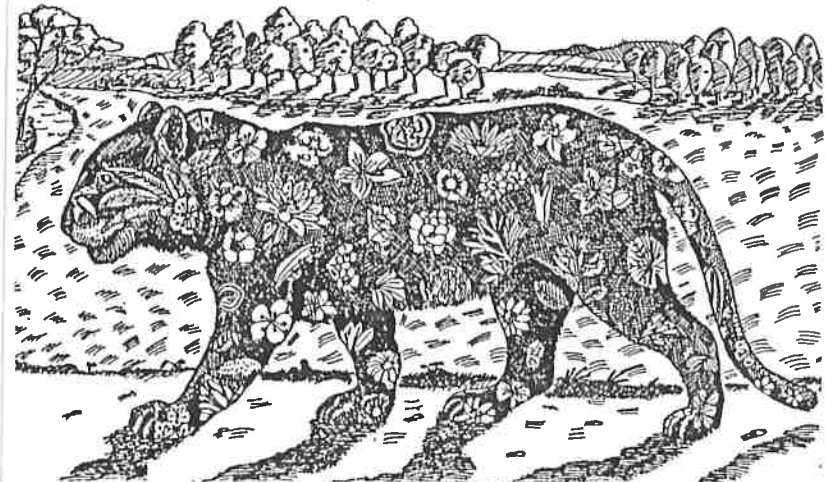
Saturday, April 16 & Sunday, April 17 10 am — 4 pm

COMING IN APRIL:

Located In Griffith Park on Zoo Drive at the junction of the Ventura and the Golden State Freeways.

- Bromeliads
- Epiphyllums
- House Plants
- Topiaries
- Native
- and other
- Cacti
- Fuchsias
- Orchids
- Original Ceramic
- California
- Plants, Shrubs,
- Camellias
- Herbs
- Roses
- Pots
- Plants
- & Trees

VISIT THE L.A. ZOO ANNUAL PLANT SALE — BIGGER THIS YEAR THAN EVER. AND THE LONG BEACH CLUB WILL PARTICIPATE. COME SEE OUR BOOTH AND BUY SOME PLANTS!



For the price of admission you can also see the landscaping, and if you have time, see the animals! (Ted does point out that there are hills — this zoo is not as accessible for the handicapped as some others.)

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB

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March 19, Sat. LBCC BARBEQUE AND WEEDPULL AND GARDENING PARTY at the our Clarence Wright Memorial Cactus Garden at the Dominguez Adobe. 1:00 pm or as soon as you can come. Wear gardening gear and bring a potluck dish. Club provides hamburgers! See inside for more info. and map.

March 27, Sun. OUR LBCC ANNIVERSARY PARTY, PROGRAM AND MEETING at the Library, 1:00 PM. Club provides party cake & we all bring goodies. Program & POM & etc. info. on newsletter cover.

April 16 & 17, ZOO PLANT SALE WITH THE LBCC PARTICIPATING. 10 AM - 4 PM...All kinds of plants for sale including cacti and succulents. There will be delivery of plants purchased to the parking lot from the holding area. After purchasing plants, you'll want to check out the landscaping - Gary Lyons is landscaper at the zoo. The zoo is located at the juncture of the Ventura and Golden State Freeways - Watch for signs. If you wish to participate, see treasurer Jim Hanna. See "Ad" in this newsletter. Map next month.

April 23 & 24, LBCC FIELD TRIP to the East Mojave. More information inside this newsletter. This is an overnight vehicle caravan.

REMINDER FOR THOSE WHO CAN GET AWAY TO THE DESERT: THE LOWER DESERT IS ALREADY IN BLOOM. FOR MORE INFO. CALL THE WILDFLOWER HOTLINE: 818-768-3533.

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HAPPY SPRING TO ALL LBCC ROADRUNNERS!